

UNDERGRADUATE CHECKOUT PATTERNS, Brown University Library.

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Patterns of undergraduate checkout activity may be seen as an indicators of when students are most typically involved in active study and research. The value of library initiatives to serve undergraduates may be enhanced by timing them to correspond with these patterns. The data below was gathered over two academic years, and includes regular and course reserve initial checkouts by undergraduates; renewals are not included.

First year students checkout relatively few items during their first semester. In the second semester checkouts increase. Checkouts plateau during the second and third years, and then increase again during senior year.

Checkouts	4th Yr Undergrads	3rd Yr Undergrads	2nd Yr Undergrads	1st Yr Undergrads
Sep-99	4,648	2,478	2,347	1,161
Oct-99	7,212	4,669	4,197	1,809
Nov-99	7,606	5,312	4,424	2,542
Dec-99	5,648	3,713	3,212	1,951
Jan-00	1,662	596	592	297
Feb-00	5,165	3,043	2,868	2,022
Mar-00	5,647	3,886	3,979	2,573
Apr-00	6,826	5,371	5,719	4,170
May-00	4,043	3,791	3,762	2,469
Jun-00	215	967	729	144
Jul-00	193	839	488	212
Aug-00	107	552	234	79
Sep-00	4,172	2,311	2,050	1,569
Oct-00	6,037	3,638	2,916	2,053
Nov-00	6,732	4,445	4,384	2,980
Dec-00	5,324	2,728	2,546	2,531
Jan-01	1,743	815	682	343
Feb-01	3,813	2,967	2,438	1,443
Mar-01	3,701	3,095	2,649	1,874
Apr-01	5,272	5,428	6,259	4,025
May-01	3,151	3,166	3,560	2,308
Jun-01	219	1,100	624	175
Jul-01	117	1,209	485	

class of 2000
class of 2001
class of 2002
class of 2003
class of 2004

Monthly Checkouts by Undergraduates

