

# Academic Outcomes and Texas' Top Ten Percent Law

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## Abstract

In this paper, I estimate the causal effect of attending a selective college on a student's academic performance. My results differ from previous studies, because I estimate a local effect, identified only for students who enroll in a selective college but would not have been able to without the guaranteed admissions granted to them by Texas' Top Ten Percent Law. Differing from many previous studies, I find significant negative effects of attending a selective college on first semester GPA, sixth semester GPA, probability of completing the sixth semester, and graduation probability.

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