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Highlights

- Men are more likely to drop out of college; women are more likely to switch majors
- Overall, effects offset so there is no gap in major persistence
- In STEM, gender gap in switching swamps drop-out gap
- Conditional on starting in STEM, women are much less likely to persist in STEM
- We find no evidence that women are more responsive to low early-college grades

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