

Valparaiso University Retention and Graduation Rates

Entering Fall Class of First-Time, Full-Time Students

Entering Class	Class Size	First Year		Second Year		Third Year			Fourth Year			Fifth Year			Sixth Year		
		Retained**	Dropped	Retained	Dropped	Retained	Dropped	Graduated	Retained	Dropped	Graduated*	Retained	Dropped	Graduated	Retained	Dropped	Graduated**
1991	616	522 84.7%	94 15.3%	464 75.3%	152 24.7%	438 71.1%	175 28.4%	3 0.5%	106 17.2%	184 29.9%	326 52.9%	12 1.9%	187 30.4%	417 67.7%	5 0.8%	189 30.7%	422 68.5%
1992	602	494 82.1%	108 17.9%	446 74.1%	156 25.9%	421 69.9%	173 28.7%	8 1.3%	99 16.4%	182 30.2%	321 53.3%	9 1.5%	197 32.7%	396 65.8%	2 0.3%	199 33.1%	401 66.6%
1993	487	421 86.4%	66 13.6%	388 79.7%	99 20.3%	370 76.0%	110 22.6%	7 1.4%	88 18.1%	121 24.8%	278 57.1%	4 0.8%	131 26.9%	352 72.3%	2 0.4%	131 26.9%	354 72.7%
1994	484	434 89.7%	50 10.3%	395 81.6%	89 18.4%	372 76.9%	108 22.3%	4 0.8%	96 19.8%	132 27.3%	256 52.9%	12 2.5%	134 27.7%	338 69.8%	4 0.8%	134 27.7%	346 71.5%
1995	673	588 87.4%	85 12.6%	535 79.5%	138 20.5%	516 76.7%	153 22.7%	4 0.6%	103 15.3%	165 24.5%	405 60.2%	12 1.8%	175 26.0%	486 72.2%	1 0.1%	179 26.6%	493 73.3%
1996	655	560 85.5%	95 14.5%	499 76.2%	156 23.8%	484 73.9%	162 24.7%	9 1.4%	103 15.7%	171 26.1%	381 58.2%	7 1.1%	173 26.4%	475 72.5%	3 0.5%	173 26.4%	479 73.1%
1997	702	610 86.9%	92 13.1%	554 78.9%	148 21.1%	529 75.4%	169 24.1%	4 0.6%	99 14.1%	187 26.6%	416 59.3%	12 1.7%	190 27.1%	500 71.2%	3 0.4%	190 27.1%	509 72.5%
1998	685	590 86.1%	95 13.9%	533 77.8%	152 22.2%	499 72.8%	176 25.7%	10 1.5%	102 14.9%	187 27.3%	396 57.8%	6 0.9%	188 27.4%	491 71.7%	3 0.4%	178 26.0%	504 73.6%
1999	730	602 82.5%	128 17.5%	553 75.8%	177 24.2%	519 71.1%	200 27.4%	11 1.5%	94 12.9%	207 28.4%	429 58.8%	8 1.1%	209 28.6%	513 70.3%	2 0.3%	208 28.5%	520 71.2%
2000*	707	609 86.1%	98 13.9%	556 78.6%	151 21.4%	543 76.8%	161 22.8%	3 0.4%	80 11.3%	177 25.0%	450 63.6%	7 1.0%	169 23.9%	531 75.1%	0 0.0%	169 23.9%	538 76.1%
2001*	660	584 88.5%	76 11.5%	549 83.2%	111 16.8%	531 80.5%	124 18.8%	5 0.8%	71 10.8%	147 22.3%	442 67.0%	10 1.5%	143 21.7%	507 76.8%	4 0.6%	146 22.1%	510 77.3%
2002	715	616 86.2%	99 13.8%	566 79.2%	149 20.8%	546 76.4%	165 23.1%	4 0.6%	72 10.1%	189 26.4%	454 63.5%	4 0.6%	183 25.6%	528 73.8%	1 0.1%	181 25.3%	533 74.5%
2003*	790	679 85.9%	111 14.1%	628 79.5%	162 20.5%	611 77.3%	169 21.4%	10 1.3%	99 12.5%	190 24.1%	501 63.4%	10 1.3%	188 23.8%	592 74.9%	1 0.1%	187 23.7%	602 76.2%
2004	746	629 84.3%	117 15.7%	553 74.1%	193 25.9%	528 70.8%	212 28.4%	6 0.8%	83 11.1%	217 29.1%	446 59.8%	9 1.2%	220 29.5%	517 69.3%	5 0.7%	216 29.0%	525 70.4%
2005*	672	546 81.3%	126 18.8%	501 74.6%	171 25.4%	484 72.0%	178 26.5%	10 1.5%	53 7.9%	198 29.5%	421 62.6%	9 1.3%	195 29.0%	468 69.6%	2 0.3%	194 28.9%	476 70.8%
2006	760	645 84.9%	115 15.1%	599 78.8%	161 21.2%	573 75.4%	177 23.3%	10 1.3%	89 11.7%	202 26.6%	469 61.7%	7 0.9%	202 26.6%	551 72.5%	3 0.4%	197 25.9%	560 73.7%
2007	713	604 84.7%	109 15.3%	540 75.7%	173 24.3%	513 71.9%	193 27.1%	7 1.0%	87 12.2%	213 29.9%	413 57.9%	7 1.0%	215 30.2%	491 68.9%	2 0.3%	211 29.6%	500 70.1%
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2011	698	604 86.5%	94 13.5%	552 79.1%	146 20.9%	524 75.1%	167 23.9%	7 1.0%	68 9.7%	194 27.8%	436 62.5%	10 1.4%	196 28.1%	492 70.5%	0 0.0%	194 27.8%	504 72.2%
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2013	876	738 84.2%	138 15.8%	649 74.1%	227 25.9%	626 71.5%	239 27.3%	11 1.3%	78 8.9%	252 28.8%	546 62.3%	9 1.0%	251 28.7%	616 70.3%	0 0.0%	251 28.7%	625 71.3%
2014*	713	585 82.0%	128 18.0%	500 70.1%	213 29.9%	473 66.3%	230 32.3%	10 1.4%	67 9.4%	247 34.6%	399 56.0%	4 0.6%	246 34.5%	463 64.9%	0 0.0%	246 34.5%	467 65.5%
2015*	741	638 86.1%	103 13.9%	582 78.5%	159 21.5%	532 71.8%	179 24.2%	30 4.0%	65 8.8%	194 26.2%	482 65.0%	4 0.5%	189 25.5%	548 74.0%	1 0.1%	189 25.5%	551 74.4%
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2017	807	643 79.7%	164 20.3%	588 72.9%	219 27.1%	530 65.7%	237 29.4%	40 5.0%	59 7.3%	279 34.6%	469 58.1%	7 0.9%	267 33.1%	533 66.0%			
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2020	635	516 81.3%	119 18.7%	454 71.5%	181 28.5%												
2021	600	464 77.3%	136 22.7%														
5-year Average	689	81.1%	18.9%	73.4%	26.6%	66.8%	27.9%	5.2%	8.0%	31.3%	60.7%	0.7%	30.4%	68.9%	0.1%	29.4%	70.5%

Notes:
 1. Students included in this file are first-time, full-time freshmen seeking bachelor's degrees. Transfer students and non-degree-seeking students are not included.
 2. Students who transfer out of VU, even those who transfer and graduate from another university, are counted as if they had dropped.
 3. First year retention is an important metric representing the percentage of students who complete their freshman year and return for their sophomore year.
 4. Starting with the 2015 cohort, students enrolled in the Health Science program can complete the bachelor's degree in three years before enrolling in the Physician Assistant master's program.
 *There is an exclusion to the original cohort
 **Retention and Graduation Rates are calculated according to the federal government definition (IPEDS).