

Valparaiso University Female 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	340	293 86.2%	47 13.8%	262 77.1%	78 22.9%	251 73.8%	87 25.6%	2 0.6%	37 10.9%	91 26.8%	212 62.4%	4 1.2%	92 27.1%	244 71.8%	2 0.6%	93 27.4%	245 72.1%
1992	335	271 80.9%	64 19.1%	249 74.3%	86 25.7%	231 69.0%	97 29.0%	7 2.1%	35 10.4%	101 30.1%	199 59.4%	5 1.5%	105 31.3%	225 67.2%	1 0.3%	107 31.9%	227 67.8%
1993	251	220 87.6%	31 12.4%	205 81.7%	46 18.3%	196 78.1%	50 19.9%	5 2.0%	26 10.4%	56 22.3%	169 67.3%	0 0.0%	57 22.7%	194 77.3%	0 0.0%	57 22.7%	194 77.3%
1994	244	224 91.8%	20 8.2%	211 86.5%	33 13.5%	200 82.0%	42 17.2%	2 0.8%	30 12.3%	56 23.0%	158 64.8%	0 0.0%	57 23.4%	187 76.6%	0 0.0%	57 23.4%	187 76.6%
1995	370	333 90.0%	37 10.0%	309 83.5%	61 16.5%	303 81.9%	65 17.6%	2 0.5%	37 10.0%	69 18.6%	264 71.4%	4 1.1%	72 19.5%	294 79.5%	1 0.3%	73 19.7%	296 80.0%
1996	348	305 87.6%	43 12.4%	277 79.6%	71 20.4%	268 77.0%	74 21.3%	6 1.7%	36 10.3%	80 23.0%	232 66.7%	2 0.6%	80 23.0%	266 76.4%	0 0.0%	80 23.0%	268 77.0%
1997	382	334 87.4%	48 12.6%	304 79.6%	78 20.4%	290 75.9%	89 23.3%	3 0.8%	35 9.2%	94 24.6%	253 66.2%	5 1.3%	94 24.6%	283 74.1%	3 0.8%	94 24.6%	285 74.6%
1998	350	307 87.7%	43 12.3%	283 80.9%	67 19.1%	263 75.1%	81 23.1%	6 1.7%	34 9.7%	82 23.4%	234 66.9%	1 0.3%	82 23.4%	267 76.3%	2 0.6%	75 21.4%	273 78.0%
1999	376	315 83.8%	61 16.2%	288 76.6%	88 23.4%	266 70.7%	101 26.9%	9 2.4%	35 9.3%	104 27.7%	237 63.0%	4 1.1%	103 27.4%	269 71.5%	1 0.3%	102 27.1%	273 72.6%
2000	389	335 86.1%	54 13.9%	310 79.7%	79 20.3%	301 77.4%	86 22.1%	2 0.5%	46 11.8%	81 20.8%	262 67.4%	3 0.8%	88 22.6%	298 76.6%	0 0.0%	88 22.6%	301 77.4%
2001	339	313 92.3%	26 7.7%	294 86.7%	45 13.3%	284 83.8%	50 14.7%	5 1.5%	24 7.1%	60 17.7%	255 75.2%	2 0.6%	56 16.5%	281 82.9%	1 0.3%	57 16.8%	281 82.9%
2002	365	322 88.2%	43 11.8%	297 81.4%	68 18.6%	288 78.9%	73 20.0%	4 1.1%	20 5.5%	88 24.1%	257 70.4%	1 0.3%	80 21.9%	284 77.8%	0 0.0%	79 21.6%	286 78.4%
2003	400	346 86.5%	54 13.5%	324 81.0%	76 19.0%	319 79.8%	77 19.3%	4 1.0%	39 9.8%	89 22.3%	272 68.0%	1 0.3%	88 22.0%	311 77.8%	0 0.0%	88 22.0%	312 78.0%
2004	376	324 86.2%	52 13.8%	291 77.4%	85 22.6%	277 73.7%	96 25.5%	3 0.8%	35 9.3%	96 25.5%	245 65.2%	4 1.1%	97 25.8%	275 73.1%	1 0.3%	96 25.5%	279 74.2%
2005	332	281 84.6%	51 15.4%	263 79.2%	69 20.8%	251 75.6%	72 21.7%	9 2.7%	19 5.7%	75 22.6%	238 71.7%	2 0.6%	77 23.2%	253 76.2%	1 0.3%	76 22.9%	255 76.8%
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2007	370	308 83.2%	62 16.8%	269 72.7%	101 27.3%	254 68.6%	110 29.7%	6 1.6%	34 9.2%	116 31.4%	220 59.5%	3 0.8%	112 30.3%	255 68.9%	2 0.5%	111 30.0%	257 69.5%
2008	336	283 84.2%	53 15.8%	254 75.6%	82 24.4%	240 71.4%	92 27.4%	4 1.2%	19 5.7%	95 28.3%	222 66.1%	1 0.3%	98 29.2%	237 70.5%	0 0.0%	99 29.5%	237 70.5%
2009	330	286 86.7%	44 13.3%	260 78.8%	70 21.2%	250 75.8%	78 23.6%	2 0.6%	28 8.5%	88 26.7%	214 64.8%	1 0.3%	88 26.7%	241 73.0%	1 0.3%	84 25.5%	245 74.2%
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2013	443	373 84.2%	70 15.8%	331 74.7%	112 25.3%	323 72.9%	114 25.7%	6 1.4%	37 8.4%	123 27.8%	283 63.9%	2 0.5%	122 27.5%	319 72.0%	0 0.0%	121 27.3%	322 72.7%
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2016	460	395 85.9%	65 14.1%	365 79.3%	95 20.7%	317 68.9%	105 22.8%	38 8.3%	26 5.7%	117 25.4%	317 68.9%	2 0.4%	115 25.0%	343 74.6%	1 0.2%	113 24.6%	346 75.2%
2017*	419	352 84.0%	67 16.0%	320 76.4%	98 23.4%	284 67.8%	102 24.3%	33 7.9%	31 7.4%	127 30.3%	261 62.3%	5 1.2%	116 27.7%	298 71.1%			
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2019	350	289 82.6%	61 17.4%	262 74.9%	88 25.1%	214 61.1%	101 28.9%	35 10.0%									
2020	359	289 80.5%	70 19.5%	258 71.9%	101 28.1%												
2021	353	272 77.1%	81 22.9%														
5-Year Average	381	82.1%	17.9%	75.9%	24.0%	67.9%	24.1%	8.0%	6.9%	27.2%	65.8%	0.6%	26.0%	73.4%	0.1%	25.5%	74.4%

Notes:

- 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.
 - Students who transfer out of VU, even those who transfer and graduate from another university, are counted the same as if they had dropped.
 - First year retention is an important metric representing the percentage of students who complete their freshman year and return for their sophomore year.
 - Four year graduation rate represents the percentage of students that graduate within the normal time for completion of degree.
 - Six year graduation rate represents the percentage of students that graduate within 150% of the normal time for completion of a degree.
- **Retention and Graduation Rates are calculated according to the federal government definition (IPEDS).
 * One student graduated from the 2017 Cohort in May 2019