

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%	99 23.6%	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%	0 0.0%	115 27.4%	304 72.6%
2018	425	362 85.2%	63 14.8%	323 76.0%	102 24.0%	279 65.6%	111 26.1%	35 8.2%	22 5.2%	121 28.5%	282 66.4%	0 0.0%	119 28.0%	306 72.0%			
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2020	359	289 80.5%	70 19.5%	258 71.9%	101 28.1%	220 61.3%	106 29.5%	33 9.2%									
2021	353	272 77.1%	81 22.9%	244 69.1%	109 30.9%												
2022	347	264 76.1%	83 23.9%														
2023	344																
5-Year Average	351	80.5%	19.5%	73.8%	26.2%	65.3%	26.1%	8.6%	6.5%	27.2%	66.3%	0.5%	26.1%	73.4%	0.1%	25.7%	74.2%

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 the same 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. Four year graduation rate represents the percentage of students that graduate within the normal time for completion of degree.
5. 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