

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	94	464	152	438	175	3	106	184	326	12	187	417	5	189	422
		84.7%	15.3%	75.3%	24.7%	71.1%	28.4%	0.5%	17.2%	29.9%	52.9%	1.9%	30.4%	67.7%	0.8%	30.7%	68.5%
1992	602	494	108	446	156	421	173	8	99	182	321	9	197	396	2	199	401
		82.1%	17.9%	74.1%	25.9%	69.9%	28.7%	1.3%	16.4%	30.2%	53.3%	1.5%	32.7%	65.8%	0.3%	33.1%	66.6%
1993	487	421	66	388	99	370	110	7	88	121	278	4	131	352	2	131	354
		86.4%	13.6%	79.7%	20.3%	76.0%	22.6%	1.4%	18.1%	24.8%	57.1%	0.8%	26.9%	72.3%	0.4%	26.9%	72.7%
1994	484	434	50	395	89	372	108	4	96	132	256	12	134	338	4	134	346
		89.7%	10.3%	81.6%	18.4%	76.9%	22.3%	0.8%	19.8%	27.3%	52.9%	2.5%	27.7%	69.8%	0.8%	27.7%	71.5%
1995	673	588	85	535	138	516	153	4	103	165	405	12	175	486	1	179	493
		87.4%	12.6%	79.5%	20.5%	76.7%	22.7%	0.6%	15.3%	24.5%	60.2%	1.8%	26.0%	72.2%	0.1%	26.6%	73.3%
1996	655	560	95	499	156	484	162	9	103	171	381	7	173	475	3	173	479
		85.5%	14.5%	76.2%	23.8%	73.9%	24.7%	1.4%	15.7%	26.1%	58.2%	1.1%	26.4%	72.5%	0.5%	26.4%	73.1%
1997	702	610	92	554	148	529	169	4	99	187	416	12	190	500	3	190	509
		86.9%	13.1%	78.9%	21.1%	75.4%	24.1%	0.6%	14.1%	26.6%	59.3%	1.7%	27.1%	71.2%	0.4%	27.1%	72.5%
1998	685	590	95	533	152	499	176	10	102	187	396	6	188	491	3	178	504
		86.1%	13.9%	77.8%	22.2%	72.8%	25.7%	1.5%	14.9%	27.3%	57.8%	0.9%	27.4%	71.7%	0.4%	26.0%	73.6%
1999	730	602	128	553	177	519	200	11	94	207	429	8	209	513	2	208	520
		82.5%	17.5%	75.8%	24.2%	71.1%	27.4%	1.5%	12.9%	28.4%	58.8%	1.1%	28.6%	70.3%	0.3%	28.5%	71.2%
2000*	707	609	98	556	151	543	161	3	80	177	450	7	169	531	0	169	538
		86.1%	13.9%	78.6%	21.4%	76.8%	22.8%	0.4%	11.3%	25.0%	63.6%	1.0%	23.9%	75.1%	0.0%	23.9%	76.1%
2001*	660	584	76	549	111	531	124	5	71	147	442	10	143	507	4	146	510
		88.5%	11.5%	83.2%	16.8%	80.5%	18.8%	0.8%	10.8%	22.3%	67.0%	1.5%	21.7%	76.8%	0.6%	22.1%	77.3%
2002	715	616	99	566	149	546	165	4	72	189	454	4	183	528	1	181	533
		86.2%	13.8%	79.2%	20.8%	76.4%	23.1%	0.6%	10.1%	26.4%	63.5%	0.6%	25.6%	73.8%	0.1%	25.3%	74.5%
2003*	790	679	111	628	162	611	169	10	99	190	501	10	188	592	1	187	602
		85.9%	14.1%	79.5%	20.5%	77.3%	21.4%	1.3%	12.5%	24.1%	63.4%	1.3%	23.8%	74.9%	0.1%	23.7%	76.2%
2004	746	629	117	553	193	528	212	6	83	217	446	9	220	517	5	216	525
		84.3%	15.7%	74.1%	25.9%	70.8%	28.4%	0.8%	11.1%	29.1%	59.8%	1.2%	29.5%	69.3%	0.7%	29.0%	70.4%
2005*	672	546	126	501	171	484	178	10	53	198	421	9	195	468	2	194	476
		81.3%	18.8%	74.6%	25.4%	72.0%	26.5%	1.5%	7.9%	29.5%	62.6%	1.3%	29.0%	69.6%	0.3%	28.9%	70.8%
2006	760	645	115	599	161	573	177	10	89	202	469	7	202	551	3	197	560
		84.9%	15.1%	78.8%	21.2%	75.4%	23.3%	1.3%	11.7%	26.6%	61.7%	0.9%	26.6%	72.5%	0.4%	25.9%	73.7%
2007	713	604	109	540	173	513	193	7	87	213	413	7	215	491	2	211	501
		84.7%	15.3%	75.7%	24.3%	71.9%	27.1%	1.0%	12.2%	29.9%	57.9%	1.0%	30.2%	68.9%	0.3%	29.6%	70.1%
2008*	655	543	112	479	176	451	200	4	55	209	391	3	216	436	1	214	440
		82.9%	17.1%	73.1%	26.9%	68.9%	30.5%	0.6%	8.4%	31.9%	59.7%	0.5%	33.0%	66.6%	0.2%	32.7%	67.2%
2009*	670	546	124	488	182	465	199	6	78	221	371	8	226	436	1	222	447
		81.5%	18.5%	72.8%	27.2%	69.4%	29.7%	0.9%	11.6%	33.0%	55.4%	1.2%	33.7%	65.1%	0.1%	33.1%	66.7%
2010*	691	560	131	487	204	461	221	9	73	242	376	6	240	445	1	236	454
		81.0%	19.0%	70.5%	29.5%	66.7%	32.0%	1.3%	10.6%	35.0%	54.4%	0.9%	34.7%	64.4%	0.1%	34.2%	65.7%
2011	698	604	94	552	146	524	167	7	68	194	436	10	196	492	0	194	504
		86.5%	13.5%	79.1%	20.9%	75.1%	23.9%	1.0%	9.7%	27.8%	62.5%	1.4%	28.1%	70.5%	0.0%	27.8%	72.2%
2012*	769	664	105	593	176	551	205	13	68	216	485	6	220	543	2	221	546
		86.3%	13.7%	77.1%	22.9%	71.7%	26.7%	1.7%	8.8%	28.1%	63.1%	0.8%	28.6%	70.6%	0.3%	28.7%	71.0%
2013	876	738	138	649	227	626	239	11	78	252	546	9	251	616	0	251	625
		84.2%	15.8%	74.1%	25.9%	71.5%	27.3%	1.3%	8.9%	28.8%	62.3%	1.0%	28.7%	70.3%	0.0%	28.7%	71.3%
2014*	713	585	128	500	213	473	230	10	67	247	399	4	246	463	0	246	467
		82.0%	18.0%	70.1%	29.9%	66.3%	32.3%	1.4%	9.4%	34.6%	56.0%	0.6%	34.5%	64.9%	0.0%	34.5%	65.5%
2015*	741	638	103	582	159	532	179	30	65	194	482	4	189	548	1	189	551
		86.1%	13.9%	78.5%	21.5%	71.8%	24.2%	4.0%	8.8%	26.2%	65.0%	0.5%	25.5%	74.0%	0.1%	25.5%	74.4%
2016	862	713	149	641	221	576	240	46	61	264	537	5	261	596	1	259	602
		82.7%	17.3%	74.4%	25.6%	66.8%	27.8%	5.3%	7.1%	30.6%	62.3%	0.6%	30.3%	69.1%	0.1%	30.0%	69.8%
2017	807	643	164	588	219	530	237	40	59	279	469	7	267	533	0	266	541
		79.7%	20.3%	72.9%	27.1%	65.7%	29.4%	5.0%	7.3%	34.6%	58.1%	0.9%	33.1%	66.0%	0.0%	33.0%	67.0%
2018	756	638	118	568	188	502	212	42	57	232	467	2	226	528	0	225	531
		84.4%	15.6%	75.1%	24.9%	66.4%	28.0%	5.6%	7.5%	30.7%	61.8%	0.3%	29.9%	69.8%	0.0%	29.8%	70.2%
2019	646	533	113	471	175	407	197	42	48	210	388	7	206	433			
		82.5%	17.5%	72.9%	27.1%	63.0%	30.5%	6.5%	7.4%	32.5%	60.1%	1.1%	31.9%	67.0%			
2020	635	516	119	454	181	393	199	43	28	211	396						
		81.3%	18.7%	71.5%	28.5%	61.9%	31.3%	6.8%	4.4%	33.2%	62.4%						
2021	600	464	136	414	186	353	204	43									
		77.3%	22.7%	69.0%	31.0%	58.8%	34.0%	7.2%									
2022	603	475	128	430	173												
		78.8%	21.2%	71.3%	28.7%												
2023	569	429	140														
		75.4%	24.6%														
5-year Average	611	79.2%	20.8%	72.1%	27.9%	63.4%	30.5%	6.1%	6.8%	32.3%	60.9%	0.7%	30.1%	69.2%	0.1%	30.5%	69.4%

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.
 5. Cohort 2022 includes five VSI students
- *There is an exclusion to the original cohort
 **Retention and Graduation Rates are calculated according to the federal government definition (IPEDS).