STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

Per federal reporting guidelines, SUNY-ESF calculates cohort retention and graduation rates for students who have:

- Enrolled as certificate or degree-seeking students in an undergraduate program of study, and
- Enrolled as full-time students, and
- Enrolled as first-time college students (not as transfer students).

Students who meet these criteria are included in an entering student cohort group for the fall semester of each academic year. Student retention and graduation rate data is reported to the federal government through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) each year, and that data is available for review at http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds. Please note that data provided below may be for a more recent year than data currently available on the IPEDS website.

Student Retention Rate:

The first-year to second-year retention rate for the cohort of students who entered SUNY-ESF in the fall 2016 semester and continued enrollment in fall 2017 was 85 percent.

Student Graduation Rates

The graduation rates listed below are for first-time, full-time, certificate or degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered SUNY-ESF in the fall semester and graduated within six years.

Students Entering Fall 2012:

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Students Entering Fall 2011:

Overall Graduation Rate: 78%
Men: 77%
Women: 79%
American Indian or Alaska Native: N/A
Asian or Pacific Islander: 89%
Black, non-Hispanic: 50%
Hispanic: 60%
White, non-Hispanic: 79%
Nonresident Alien (International): 50%
Federal Pell Grant Recipients %: 82%
Subsidized Student Loan Recipients Who Were Not Pell Grant Recipients %: 82%
Students Without Federal Pell Grants or Subsidized Student Loans %: 76%

Students Entering Fall 2010:

Overall Graduation Rate: 74%
Men: 72%
Women: 77%
American Indian or Alaska Native: 100%
Asian or Pacific Islander: 81%
Black, non-Hispanic: 75%
Hispanic: 63%
White, non-Hispanic: 74%
Nonresident Alien (International): 67%
Federal Pell Grant Recipients: 55%
Subsidized Student Loan Recipients Who Were Not Pell Grant Recipients: 83%
Students Without Federal Pell Grants or Subsidized Student Loans: 72%

Bachelor’s degree-seekers entering Fall 2012:

Six-year graduation rate: 76%
Five-year graduation rate: 75%
Four-year graduation rate: 65%

* *Please note that 4.0 percent of the students in this entering cohort were enrolled in a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture program that requires five years of study for degree completion. The four-year graduation rate for Bachelor of Science programs was 68% for this entering cohort.
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**Reasons for Student Withdrawals**

SUNY-ESF conducts additional retention research (not required for federal reporting) to help identify the primary reasons for student withdrawals. Summary information for two recent entering cohorts is presented below:

**Students entering Fall 2012:**

- Graduated within six years: 77%
- Withdrew due to academic suspension/dismissal: 6%
- Withdrew for personal reasons (including health): 4%
- Withdrew for other or unknown reasons: 13%

**Students entering Fall 2011:**

- Graduated within six years: 78%
- Withdrew due to academic suspension/dismissal: 5%
- Withdrew for personal reasons (including health): 6%
- Withdrew for other or unknown reasons: 10%

**Students entering Fall 2010:**

- Graduated within six years: 74%
- Withdrew due to academic suspension/dismissal: 8%
- Withdrew for personal reasons (including health): 12%
- Withdrew for other or unknown reasons: 6%