



## Undergraduate Student Persistence Quick Reference University Retention Committee - 5/30/2019

*Persistence? The persistence rate measures the percent of students that either return or graduate from one term to another term. Persistence is similar to retention the first few years a student enters the university but differs because it counts those that graduate, not just those that were retained.*

### Persistence Rates (Each Rate Represents an Average from Three Cohorts)

Student Type	Year (Fall to Fall)										Fall to Spring
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1
First-Time-in-College	65%	51%	47%	44%	40%	37%	36%	33%	32%	29%	88%
Full-Time FTIC	66%	53%	48%	45%	41%	38%	36%	34%	33%	32%	89%
Part-Time FTIC	36%	15%	21%	21%	19%	19%	18%	17%	13%	11%	63%
First-Time Transfer	61%	51%	45%	42%	40%	40%	39%	39%	38%	39%	80%
Freshmen	57%	44%	38%	35%	32%	30%	29%	28%	26%	26%	78%
Sophomore	66%	55%	48%	46%	46%	45%	45%	45%	45%	46%	80%
Junior	72%	64%	61%	60%	59%	59%	59%	60%	61%	62%	83%
Senior	81%	80%	79%	79%	79%	78%	78%	79%	80%	82%	87%

### Top Civitas Illume Powerful Predictors of Undergraduate Student Persistence

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial Standing (Current Term)</li> <li>2. Grade Point Average (Prior Term)</li> <li>3. Credits Earned Ratio (Prior Term)</li> <li>4. Sections Failed (Prior Term)</li> <li>5. Major CIP Code</li> <li>6. Average Number of Days Enrolled Before Start (Current Term)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Major ID (Current Term)</li> <li>8. Credits Attempted (Current Term)</li> <li>9. Change in GPA</li> <li>10. Financial Aid (Current Term)</li> <li>11. Grade Point Average (Cumulative)</li> <li>12. Sections Attempted (Current Term)</li> <li>13. Average Credits Earned (Prior Year)</li> </ol> |
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**FTIC Persistence Rates by Gender**

Gender	Year (Fall to Fall)										Fall to Spring
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1
Male	60%	48%	43%	43%	38%	36%	35%	33%	31%	31%	87%
Female	68%	53%	49%	45%	42%	38%	36%	33%	33%	29%	88%

**FTIC Persistence Rates by Ethnicity**

Race/Ethnicity	Year (Fall to Fall)										Fall to Spring
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1
Non-Resident Alien	73%	62%	57%	51%	56%	59%	57%	56%	50%	NA	91%
Hispanic	73%	58%	53%	50%	49%	40%	41%	41%	45%	38%	91%
American Indian	44%	50%	50%	33%	8%	8%	25%	20%	20%	40%	56%
Asian	77%	73%	70%	66%	64%	58%	57%	55%	60%	47%	89%
Black	60%	44%	39%	38%	36%	32%	27%	22%	21%	20%	87%
White	65%	52%	48%	43%	39%	37%	38%	36%	36%	34%	87%
Two or More Races	64%	53%	51%	49%	40%	38%	34%	35%	35%	NA	88%

**Data Resources**

- Trojan Fact Explorer - Student Persistence Dashboard (<https://oir-datahub.ualr.edu/reports/>)
- Trojan Fact Explorer - Course Bottlenecks (<https://oir-datahub.ualr.edu/reports/>)
- SSRS Student Persistence Reports (<https://data.ualr.edu/>)
- Civitas Illume Students (<https://ualr.civitaslearning.com/>)