

Retention and Graduation

Retention and graduation are common measures of success in undergraduate education. The most common statistics are retention after one year and graduation within six years. At the University of Saint Katherine we currently focus on persistence, or the combination of retention and graduation, because six-year graduation data are not yet available.

The Fall 2017 cohort was the first class selected after WSCUC accreditation. Like subsequent cohorts, it included both first-time freshmen and transfers. The one-year persistence rate for Fall 2017 and subsequent cohorts hovers around 70%, with the rate for the Fall 2020 entering class pending finalization when classes restart in Fall 2021. Persistence rates at two and three years show relatively little attrition after the first year.

The Fall 2017 cohort, pending finalization in Fall 2021, has a four-year persistence rate of 61%. This includes 45% who have graduated and another 16% who remain University of Saint Katherine undergraduates nearing the completion of their studies.

Persistence of Full-Time Students by Entering Semester

