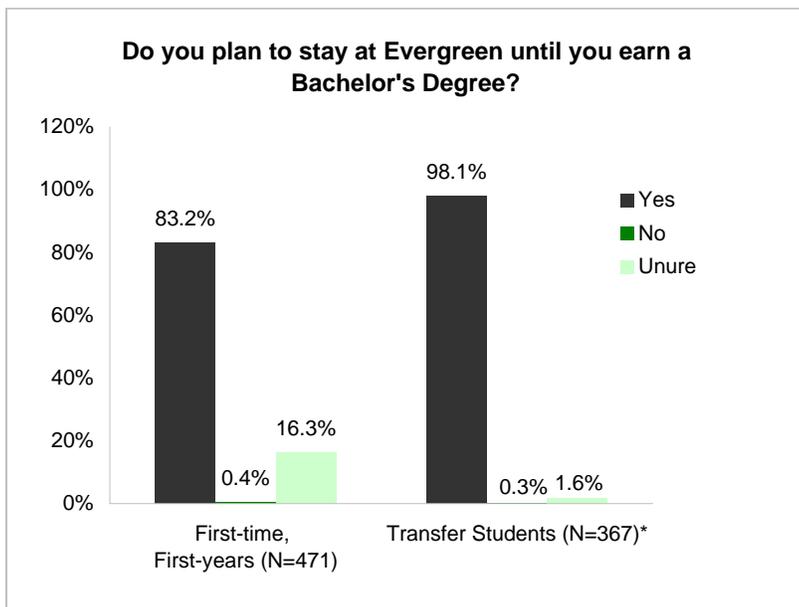


The Evergreen State College
Evergreen New Student Survey 2010
Olympia Campus

Do you plan to stay at Evergreen until you earn a Bachelor's Degree?

Most new students planned to stay at Evergreen until they earn their Bachelor's Degree (83.2% of first-time, first-year students; 98.1% of transfer students), while some were unsure whether they would remain at Evergreen until graduation (16.3% of first-time, first-year students; 1.6% of transfer students). Only 0.4% of first-time, first-year students and 0.3% of transfer students planned to leave Evergreen before earning a Bachelor's Degree. Forty first-time, first-year students who responded "yes" and 16 who responded "unsure" wrote in responses. Forty transfer students who responded "yes" and one who responded "unsure" also wrote in responses. These comments are detailed below.



Do you plan to stay at Evergreen until you earn a Bachelor's Degree?

	First-time, First-years (N=471)	Transfer Students (N=367)*
Yes	83.2%	98.1%
No	0.4%	0.3%
Unsure	16.3%	1.6%

* Does not include one transfer student who skipped the question.

Any Comments?

First-time, First-years

Comments from students who replied "Yes":

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- As well as MIT
- BA + BS
- BA/BS
- Beautiful!

First-time, First-years

Comments from students who replied "Yes" (cont'd):

Can't wait for that day!

Can't wait to attend

Can't wait to get started

Evergreen is the best school I've ever encountered

Hi! :-)

hopefully my advance degrees also

I am a transfer student, so I am aiming to finish my last two years.

I am pursuing Evergreen's Masters in Teaching program

i feel like this is the only school where i will have the freedom to study what i want in order to achieve my career and life goals.

I have interest in other fields such as environmental studies and gender studies.

I hope it will get me a job in my area of focus

I hope to go farther

I intend to get my Master's and Mate's 500 ton license, along with my MIG and TIG certification.

i love evergreen. From what I have learned it is EVERYTHING i could have hoped for in a college...

I really look forward to studying at a school with an interdisciplinary curriculum. Even though I believe I might already know my major, it's great to know that I can discover other interests, and perhaps capitalize on them in the process!

I want my masters in teaching

I want to excel farther than a Bachelor's and I plan on staying longer than 4 years

I wish the classes were compiled into a simple database/table that I was able to sort by subject: alphabetically, instructor name, credit hours, quarter offered, days of classes. That would save me hours of sorting.

I'm going to try to attend summer programs at other universities too.

I'm looking forward to it.

I'm psyched!

I'm really excited! I want to learn!

Interested in a combination on a BS and BA

It's going to work

I've already got my first two years of college done though running start.

Plan to transfer and continue education elsewhere after 4 yrs.

Right now, it seems that Evergreen is the perfect place for me. But I have always wanted to study in the UK, and would like to explore that option while in Olympia.

So far I love this school

Super excited!

The system is excellent, maybe I will get a double-degree

This place is awesome! So excited!

woooooo! (:

WUT?

First-time, First-years

Comments from students who replied "Unsure":

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A degree is not important enough to me to go into debt for it... If you keep paying for me to go here, I will keep going here (eventually resulting in a degree).

Depends on my financial situation in the future.

First-time, First-years

Comments from students who replied "Unsure" (continued):

Don't use tasers please. Or at least punish those officers who use them on non-violent people.

I am coming to learn. Getting a degree is a secondary concern.

I don't know exactly what is required of my feild, but I plan to go as far as I can with Evergreen.

I might transfer after a few years and go to Bastyr College in Seattle Washington

I want to know more about the performing arts

I will take as much education as I need from whatever source I can get it. Whether or not I earn my bachelors is based on how much it suits my purposes.

I would like to better understand how grad schools/med schools view this degree

I'm not entirely sure what this would entail at this point.

Im unsure of what I can get and what that means.

Might transfere depneding on how I am enjoying it

NO GASIFICATION.

Not exactly sure what I want to go into yet but I am intrested in the outdoors and sciences.
probably!

Transfer Students

Comments from students who replied "Yes":

also am trying to get into the maters of social work program at UW after completing my BA

Am super pumped!

And possibly a Masters in Education

At least a Bachelor's; if I'm able to complete more, I WILL.

Can't wait to continue my educational goals at Evergreen!

Concerned about being punished if I express true beliefs about abortion.

Contacting financial aid is very difficult unless you are on campus.

Excited!

excited!!

I am a transfer student. I hope evergreen gives me the opportunity to custom my education.

I am super excited... I'd like to see more photography classes, but i'm happy just the same.

I decided to apply to Evergreen because it's the closest in curriculum, of all the WA colleges, to New College of Florida.

I feel evergreen has got a leading edge on institutionalized education, by allowing students to synthesize interdependent fields of study that common education has divided into redundant career options.

I have studied the web pages of TESC website to learn about various projects, programs, housing, campus life, etc.

One concept stands out most: self-motivation. I will need to know what I want and how to go about getting it. Since I am an older, non-traditional full time student who will live off campus, much of the information is centered toward younger students. Are there services, activities, on campus geared toward students within my age group?

I love evergreen!

I was originally from an Arts College, then transferred here to complete my last 2 years to broaden my area of learning.

I wish Evergreen would re-institute the BA in Education. Also, it seems odd that a liberal arts college does not offer English as a major. Mostly, I am looking forward to attending and being a part of the school.

I wish that some spots would be held for people who get stuck in noon registration slot. It's really really frustrating to not be able to even get on the wait list for your top 3 class choices.

I wish you offered more weekend classes during the summer, especially at the Grays Harbor Campus.

I would stay around for a Masters in Sustainable Design if such a degree were offered!

Transfer Students

Comments from students who replied "Yes" (continued):

If I am able to apply for a Psychology Master's program without a BS, I will do that, because I have graduate credits which do not count toward a BS/BA.

I'm a transfer student who was enrolled in a combined Bachelors/Masters program in [Scientific Field]

I'm happy I can unfold my own course of study, to learn more about my field of study that I have been involved with for 35 years already, from the musician point of view.

Im proud to go Evergreen

I'm super excited to therre for the next 3 years

I'm very excited to be at evergreen!

It would be nice if the class times were posted for fall quarter so I could better plan my scedeule

look forward to it.

looking forward to starting classes!

Looking forward to the breadth of experiences offered by Evergreen State College.

Nervous and excited

Past experience with TESC graduates has been very encouraging. I am hoping to also have a good learning experience and build a strong base of theory and practice that I can use to further my goals regarding advanced degrees. Regarding one of the questions further down this survey: I come from a very diverse background. I am not going to college to learn to appreciate diversity, I consider that just part of llife and something everyone has to learn to do sooner or later, I am going to college to expand my base of knowledge, my analytical capabilities, and to further my professional goals. Diversity happens whether one likes it or not, unless one is hiding under a rock somewhere.

Registering for classes was a bit cumbersome.

TESC accepted my international baccalaureate credits--its a good option as a transfer student

The upside down thing with transfer credits takes people by surprise and prevented me from taking several classes I had hoped to take by classifying me as a sophomore rather than a junior. I will now never be a junior since I will jumped to a senior when those credits load. I think that should be re-visited for adult students. We do not have the luxury of time and are forced to take classes at night and weekends, which are often restricted.

the website can be confusing...it would be nice to put class times in an obvious place for the newbie to find (preferably with the class description!)...navigating to different quarters and or programs is not entirely intuitive.

transfer so haven't taken classes yet but really appreciate the set up of the college.

transferring as a sophomore, i got the latest reg. time, and couldn't even get on the waiting list for any of the 3 programs i wanted. just had to comment on that, because it was unexpected and is making things difficult!

Transferring in as a JR.

very excited to finally be here!

Students who replied "Unsure":

Whether the outside world will take me first I do not know.

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Comparison to Prior Years

Do you plan to stay at Evergreen until you earn a Bachelor's Degree?

Olympia Campus First-time, First-years

	2003	2005	2007	2010
Yes	83.2%	74.4%	78.1%	83.2%
No	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Unsure*	16.5%	25.6%	21.2%	16.3%
Number of Respondents	328	414	539	471

Olympia Campus Transfer Students

	2003	2005	2007	2010
Yes	95.0%	93.0%	95.3%	98.1%
No	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	0.3%
Unsure*	4.2%	5.7%	4.7%	1.6%
Number of Respondents	357	383	362	367

**In 2003 and 2005 survey administrations, this was phrased as "Not Sure."*