

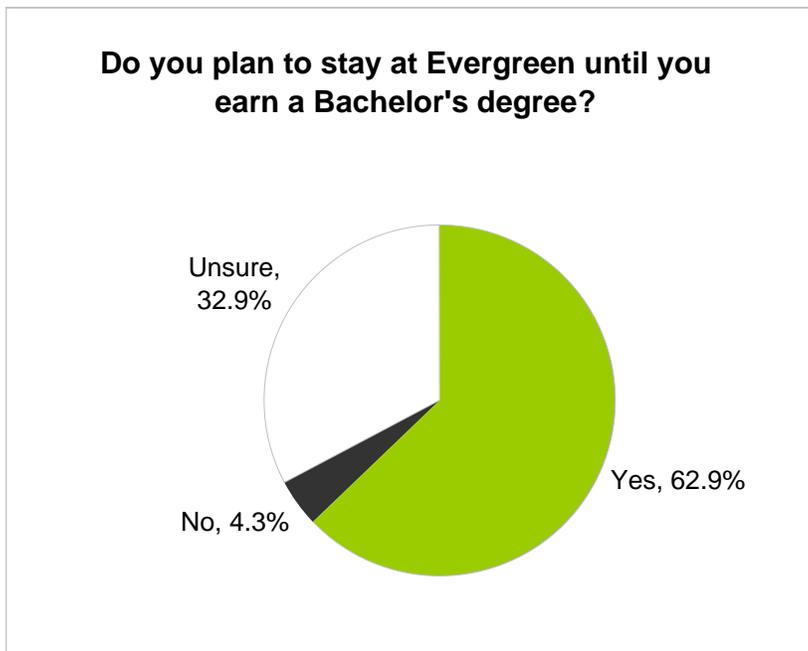
The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2008
Responses of First-Time, First-Year Students

Plans to Stay at Evergreen

Students were asked to indicate whether they planned to stay at Evergreen until earning a Bachelor's Degree. About 63% of first-time, first-year respondents indicated that they planned to stay at Evergreen. Almost 33% of respondents reported that they were unsure whether they would stay at Evergreen and 4.3% said they did not plan to stay at Evergreen.

Do you plan to stay at Evergreen until you earn a Bachelor's degree?
(N=140, 0 skipped question)

Yes	62.9%
No	4.3%
Unsure	32.9%



Respondents who were not planning to stay at Evergreen or who were unsure about staying were asked to mark the items in a list that pertained to their situation. Five of the respondents who indicated that they would not stay at Evergreen indicated that they planned to attend another institution. Two were not satisfied with academics at Evergreen and one said (s)he was not able to continue for financial reasons. Two indicated "Other", and wrote comments explaining their situation (these comments are listed below).

Among respondents who were unsure whether they would stay, almost 59% indicated that they planned to attend another institution, 13.0% stated they were not attending Evergreen to earn a degree, 21.7% were not satisfied with academics, 13.0% would not be able to continue for financial reasons, and 32.4% indicated "Other," many of whom included a comment explaining why they were unsure about whether they would stay (these comments are listed below).

If no or unsure, please mark all that apply to your situation.	Percent of those who indicated do NOT intend to stay at Evergreen (N=6)	Percent of those who indicated are unsure (N=46)
Planning to attend another institution	83.3%	58.7%
Not attending Evergreen to earn a degree	0.0%	13.0%
Not satisfied with academics at Evergreen	33.3%	21.7%
Not able to continue for financial reasons	16.7%	13.0%
Other	33.3%	32.4%

The following are "Other" comments from those students who said that they did not intend to stay at Evergreen:

No matter where you go, College is still college. Evergreen is just like any other college, where you gotta run gauntlets, jump through hoops, and be talked down to by people in the registration office about simple procedures such as getting a transcript.

no engineering department nor [athletic program]; of which I was told there was when I was applying during Fall 2006-2007.

The following are "Other" comments from those students who said that they are unsure whether they would stay at Evergreen:

Evergreen is the most beauraucratic, inefficient, loathesome institution I have EVER had to deal with in my entire life and it is clear to me that the majority of the people working at Evergreen don't give a s**t about the students who attend here.

Exchange

Film courses are quite limited.

I am not sure enough of my future to have absolute plans

I just don't know where my path will take me

i like to keep my options open

Just not positive what the future holds for me yet

Might need a change

More away, on MilitaryService

not sure what I should do yet

The business offerings at Evergreen are limited and may require me to finish at the [another WA state school].

Too many hippies. School is way too dirty, need to clean up its image.

Travel

We will see what I want to do. School in general may not be what I want.