

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2008
Responses of Olympia Campus 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 88% of Olympia campus respondents indicated that they planned to stay at Evergreen. Just over 10% of respondents reported that they were unsure whether they would stay at Evergreen and 1.2% said they did not plan to stay at Evergreen.

Do you plan to stay at Evergreen until you earn a Bachelor's degree?
(N=328, 2 skipped question)

Yes	88.4%
No	1.2%
Unsure	10.4%



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. All of the respondents who indicated that they would not stay at Evergreen indicated that they planned to attend another institution. Seventy-five percent said that they were not satisfied with academics at Evergreen and 25% said they were not able to continue for financial reasons. 75% indicated "Other", and wrote comments explaining their situation (these comments are listed below.)

Among respondents who were unsure whether they would stay, 44.1% indicated that they planned to attend another institution, 8.8% stated they were not attending Evergreen to earn a degree, 17.6% were not satisfied with academics, 17.6% will not be able to continue for financial reasons, and 32.4% indicated "Other," many of whom wrote 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=4)	Percent of those who indicated are unsure (N=34)
Planning to attend another institution	100.0%	44.1%
Not attending Evergreen to earn a degree	0.0%	8.8%
Not satisfied with academics at Evergreen	75.0%	17.6%
Not able to continue for financial reasons	25.0%	17.6%
Other	75.0%	32.4%

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

coming back after a year
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.
Plan to transfer back to graduate after I go to another college

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

Exchange
Film courses are quite limited.
health reasons
I'd like to stay at Evergreen, but I don't feel there are enough courses offered in my area of interest
i don't know what i want to do with my life, i am just going to see what happens
i like to keep my options open
I might try to get a Bachelor's if I don't have to take classes I'm not interested in.
Not sure I need another degree - preparing for grad school - prerequisites in new field.
Not sure if I want to be in school
not sure what I should do yet
upset with institutions lack of accountability