

Graduation Rates and Student Right-to-Know

As we state in our 10-year long-range plan *PLU 2010*, “PLU is unapologetic about its commitment to make an excellent education available to all who matriculate PLU is committed both to cultivating students’ minds and to developing within them a set of dispositions, attitudes, and habits that will equip them for a lifetime of joy, learning, leadership and service;” and PLU emphasizes “the challenges they will face and the hard work that will be required of them and, at the same time, emphasizes the high level of support they will receive as a member of the PLU community.”

During the fall semester of 2001, 579 first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Pacific Lutheran University. After 6 years, as of August 31, 2007, 66% of these students had graduated from our institution or completed their programs. This percentage is based upon all students who start in the status of first-time and full-time and is tracked as a cohort regardless of any legitimate reasons they may have for leaving except military, missionary or foreign service assignment or death. If the students who transfer out of PLU are excluded, the percentage who started in the year 2001 and graduated in four years (by August 30 of 2005) was 75.3% and 96.6% graduated in 4.5 to 5 years.

Pacific Lutheran University offers this information on our institution’s graduation/completion rates in compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The act specifies that the rates reflect the graduation/completion status of students who enrolled in 2001 and for whom 150% of the normal time-to-completion has elapsed.