



How do graduation rates vary by a student's GPA in their first term at UVU?

Key finding Students are most likely to graduate when their first semester GPA is above 3.0.

Method Students entering in the 2011-2012 academic year were examined to determine how many students received a degree from UVU within six and eight years. Additionally, students seeking bachelor's degrees entering in Fall of 2013 were examined to see what percent had earned a bachelor's degree within six years.

Analysis In all cases, those who earned a 2.0 or less (~22% of students) in their first semester had a dramatically lower likelihood of graduating than those receiving a GPA over 3.0 (~55% of students). In the eight-year outcomes measure those earning over a 3.0 were six times more likely to graduate than those earning a 2.0 or less.

