

VENTURA COLLEGE
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Fall 2007 VC Promise Students – Persistence to Spring 2008 by Age Groups

BACKGROUND

This report presents summary information related to the persistence of **fall 2007** students who participated in the **Ventura College Promise** program. Persistence to the **spring 2008** semester for VC Promise students is compared to the persistence of non-VC Promise students.

VENTURA COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS

The Ventura College Promise, a program sponsored by the Ventura College Foundation, pays the first-year VC enrollment fees for students meeting the program's criteria. The student IDs of Ventura College Promise students were provided by the Ventura College Foundation on September 24, 2007. Of **1,151** unique student IDs, **1,077** were matched to **fall 2007** census enrollments records and **1,061** were matched to fall 2007 VC grades records. Of the remaining **16** student IDs (1,077 minus 1,061), **seven** were matched to Moorpark College grade records, **five** were matched to Oxnard College grade records, and **four** were not matched to any grade records.

SUMMARY

Ventura College Promise students averaged more unit enrollments than did non-Promise students – **13.3** units versus **7.4** units, respectively. The percentage of Ventura College Promise students who were full-time was **82%** compared to **27%** for non-Promise students. Course retention was higher for VC Promise students than for non-Promise students: **85%** versus **83%**, respectively. GPA, however, was lower for VC Promise students (**2.50**) than for non-Promise students (**2.67**).

Fall 2007 Student Categories	Number of Students	Number of Courses	Enrolled Units	Average Enrolled Units
All Students	13,240	34,390	105,096	7.9
Non-Promise Students	12,179	30,027	90,057	7.4
VC Promise Students	1,061	4,363	14,139	13.3

Fall 2007 Student Categories	Number of Full-time	Full-Time Percentage	Retention Percentage	Grade Point Average
All Students	4,158	31.4%	83.4%	2.65
Non-Promise Students	3,286	27.0%	83.1%	2.67
VC Promise Students	872	82.2%	85.3%	2.50

In **fall 2007**, the ages of Ventura College Promise students ranged from **16 years** to **24 years** – with **99.5%** (**1,056**) of the students being **17–20** years-of-age and **96.5%** (**1,024**) being **18–19** years of age. The table below presents summary data related to students in the two age groups. Spring 2008 data are based on student enrollments as of January 28, 2008.

Student Age Groups as of Fall 2007	Fall 2007		Spring 2008		
	Full-Time Percentage	Average Units	Persistence Rate	Full-Time Percentage	Average Units
17 – 20 years of age					
Non-Promise Students	46.2%	9.7	67.4%	55.5%	10.8
VC Promise Students	82.2%	13.3	87.6%	80.6%	13.3
18 – 19 years of age					
Non-Promise Students	54.3%	10.6	70.5%	62.6%	11.5
VC Promise Students	82.2%	13.3	87.9%	80.6%	13.3

Tables A to D, on pages 2 and 3, provide more detailed data related to each of the age groups.

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Table A. Fall 2007 – Unit Enrollments by Student Age

Fall 2007 Age	VC Promise Students			Non-VC Promise Students		
	Count	Units	Full-Time	Count	Units	Full-Time
16	1	11.0	-0	266	1,087.0	4
17	9	115.0	7	477	2,163.5	18
18	813	10,894.0	678	847	8,643.0	429
19	211	2,747.0	164	1,419	15,288.0	802
20	23	315.5	19	1,282	12,844.0	609
Sub-total	1,056	14,071.5	868	4,025	38,938.5	1,858
21	3	44.0	3	927	8,012.5	317
22	-0	-0.0	-0	768	6,415.5	237
23	-0	-0.0	-0	540	4,141.0	142
24	1	12.5	1	466	3,429.5	94
Total	1,061	14,139.0	872	6,992	62,024.0	2,652

17 – 20 Years of Age	VC Promise Students	Non-VC Promise Students
Full-Time Percentage:	$(868 \div 1,056) \times 100 = 82.2\%$	$(1,858 \div 4,025) \times 100 = 46.2\%$
Average Units:	$14,071.5 \div 1,056 = 13.33$	$38,938.5 \div 4,025 = 9.67$

Table B. Fall 2007 – Persistence to Spring 2008 by Student Age

Fall 2007 Age	VC Promise Students				Non-VC Promise Students			
	Fall 2007 Count	Spring 2008			Fall 2007 Count	Spring 2008		
		Count	Units	Full-Time		Count	Units	Full-Time
16	1	1	13.0	1	266	136	754.5	6
17	9	8	104.5	6	477	246	1,393.0	17
18	813	710	9,526.0	579	847	570	6,438.0	330
19	211	190	2,436.5	146	1,419	1,027	11,986.0	670
20	23	17	254.5	15	1,282	870	9,572.0	489
Sub-total	1,056	925	12,321.5	746	4,025	2,713	29,389.0	1,506
21	3	3	45.0	3	927	544	5,213.5	229
22	-0	-0	-0.0	-0	768	452	4,260.5	169
23	-0	-0	-0.0	-0	540	295	2,606.5	96
24	1	-0	-0.0	-0	466	239	2,081.0	81
Total	1,061	929	12,379.5	750	6,992	4,379	44,305.0	2,087

17 – 20 Years of Age	VC Promise Students	Non-VC Promise Students
Persistence Rate:	$925 \div 1,056 = 87.6\%$	$2,713 \div 4,025 = 67.4\%$
Full-Time Percentage:	$(746 \div 925) \times 100 = 80.6\%$	$(1,506 \div 2,713) \times 100 = 55.5\%$
Average Units:	$12,321.5 \div 925 = 13.32$	$29,389.0 \div 2,713 = 10.83$

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18 – 19 YEARS OF AGE

Table C. Fall 2007 – Unit Enrollments by Student Age

Fall 2007 Age	VC Promise Students			Non-VC Promise Students		
	Count	Units	Full-Time	Count	Units	Full-Time
16	1	11.0	-0	266	1,087.0	4
17	9	115.0	7	477	2,163.5	18
18	813	10,894.0	678	847	8,643.0	429
19	211	2,747.0	164	1,419	15,288.0	802
Sub-total	1,024	13,641.0	842	2,266	23,931.0	1,231
20	23	315.5	19	1,282	12,844.0	609
21	3	44.0	3	927	8,012.5	317
22	-0	-0.0	-0	768	6,415.5	237
23	-0	-0.0	-0	540	4,141.0	142
24	1	12.5	1	466	3,429.5	94
Total	1,061	14,139.0	872	6,992	62,024.0	2,652

18 or 19 Years of Age	VC Promise Students	Non-VC Promise Students
Full-Time Percentage:	$(842 \div 1,024) \times 100 = \mathbf{82.2\%}$	$(1,231 \div 2,266) \times 100 = \mathbf{54.3\%}$
Average Units:	$13,641.0 \div 1,024 = \mathbf{13.32}$	$23,931.0 \div 2,266 = \mathbf{10.56}$

Table D. Fall 2007 – Persistence to Spring 2008 by Student Age

Fall 2007 Age	VC Promise Students				Non-VC Promise Students			
	Fall 2007 Count	Spring 2008			Fall 2007 Count	Spring 2008		
		Count	Units	Full-Time		Count	Units	Full-Time
16	1	1	13.0	1	266	136	754.5	6
17	9	8	104.5	6	477	246	1,393.0	17
18	813	710	9,526.0	579	847	570	6,438.0	330
19	211	190	2,436.5	146	1,419	1,027	11,986.0	670
Sub-total	1,024	900	11,962.5	725	2,266	1,597	18,424	1,000
20	23	17	254.5	15	1,282	870	9,572.0	489
21	3	3	45.0	3	927	544	5,213.5	229
22	-0	-0	-0.0	-0	768	452	4,260.5	169
23	-0	-0	-0.0	-0	540	295	2,606.5	96
24	1	-0	-0.0	-0	466	239	2,081.0	81
Total	1,061	929	12,379.5	750	6,992	4,379	44,305.0	2,087

18 or 19 Years of Age	VC Promise Students	Non-VC Promise Students
Persistence Rate:	$900 \div 1,024 = \mathbf{87.9\%}$	$1,597 \div 2,266 = \mathbf{70.5\%}$
Full-Time Percentage:	$(725 \div 900) \times 100 = \mathbf{80.6\%}$	$(1,000 \div 1,597) \times 100 = \mathbf{62.6\%}$
Average Units:	$11,962.5 \div 900 = \mathbf{13.29}$	$18,424 \div 1,597 = \mathbf{11.54}$