



**UVU INTEGRATED STUDIES STUDENT SUCCESS REPORT  
BASELINE (2014-2018 DATA)**

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## Introduction

In this student success report, measurements will be taken to assess the ability of students to complete the program. Some of the metrics we will assess include time to graduation, annual retention rate, overall graduation rate, average GPA at graduation, and reasons for failure to complete.

## Methodology

This report makes use of the data provided by the UVU Business Objects Enterprise system, we would like to especially thank the hard and consistent work of Doug Palmer, who is readily available to help us get access to the data we need to understand our program. Crystal report codes used for this document are as follows:

Code	Title	Reason
AAA0147	Change of Major Report	Student Date of Matriculation
AAA0151	Integrated Studies Graduates Report	Number of Graduates, Date of Graduation

In addition IRI provides measurements of average years to graduation which can be found at:  
<https://www.uvu.edu/iri/academicprograms/completions.html>

## Results

### 1) Annual Retention Rate

To measure the annual retention rate, the Integrated Studies program includes:

- Students who are matriculated to the program and have taken courses during the current semester.
- Students who have a registered LOA with an unexpired term covering the current semester.
- Students with only the capstone course remaining who received an "I" grade. within 1 semester.
- Students who have graduated within the last year.

The retention figure does NOT include:

- Students who are not registered for classes during the current semester.
- Students whose LOA terms have expired
- Students who have changed majors to another program on campus.

Year	Retention Rate
2016-2017	55.7%
2017-2018	69.4%

### 2) GPA at Graduation

GPA at graduation data is provided by the IRI program at UVU:

Year	Associates Average GPA	Bachelor's Average GPA
2014	3.31	3.41
2015	3.33	3.37
2016	3.42	3.42
2017	3.27	3.45
2018	3.22	3.55

### 3) Graduation Rate

In order to measure the rate of graduation for the IS program, The Integrated Studies program uses a matriculation report (AAA0147) to assess when a student entered the program and the graduation report (AAA0151) to determine the point at which students graduate. These two reports are compared to determine what portion of students have graduated from each annual cohort of matriculates. This methodology provides us with a range of how many students have graduated to the number who are still on track to graduate (they are actively pursuing the program and have not dropped out or changed majors)

Matriculation Year	Actual Graduation	On Track	Dropped out or Transferred
2007	63%	-	37%
2008	65%	-	35%
2009	37%	-	63%
2010	61%	-	39%
2011	63%	64%	36%
2012	60%	61%	39%
2013	53%	56%	44%
2014	47%	61%	39%
2015	34%	63%	37%
2016	7%	61%	39%

Based on the above data, the average graduation rate for the Integrated Studies Program is a range of 55-61%.

### 4) Time to Graduation

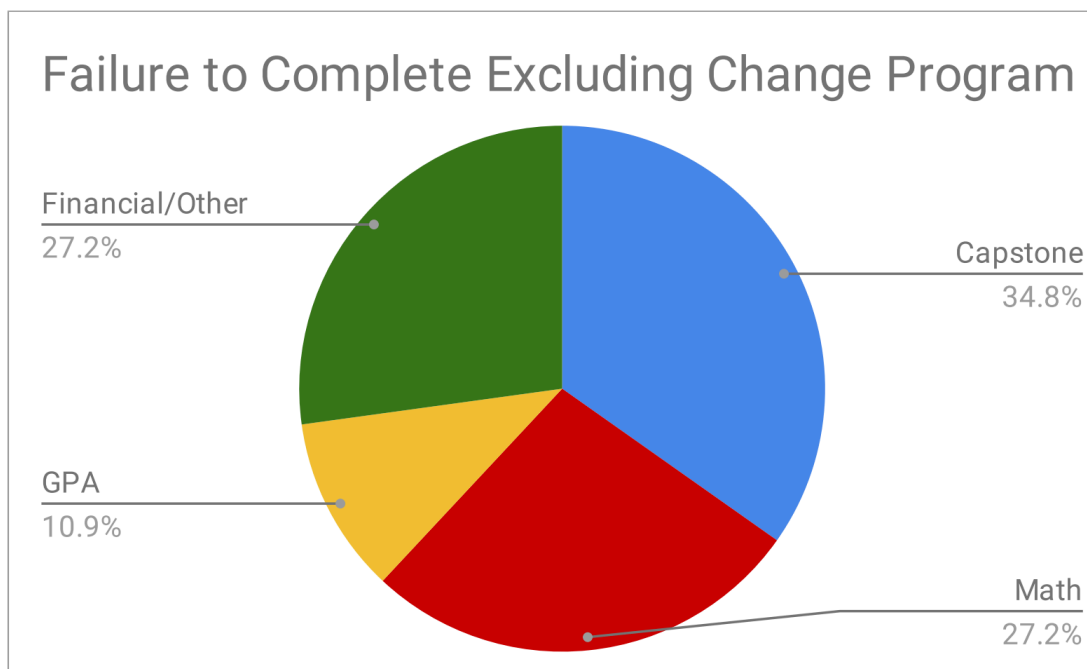
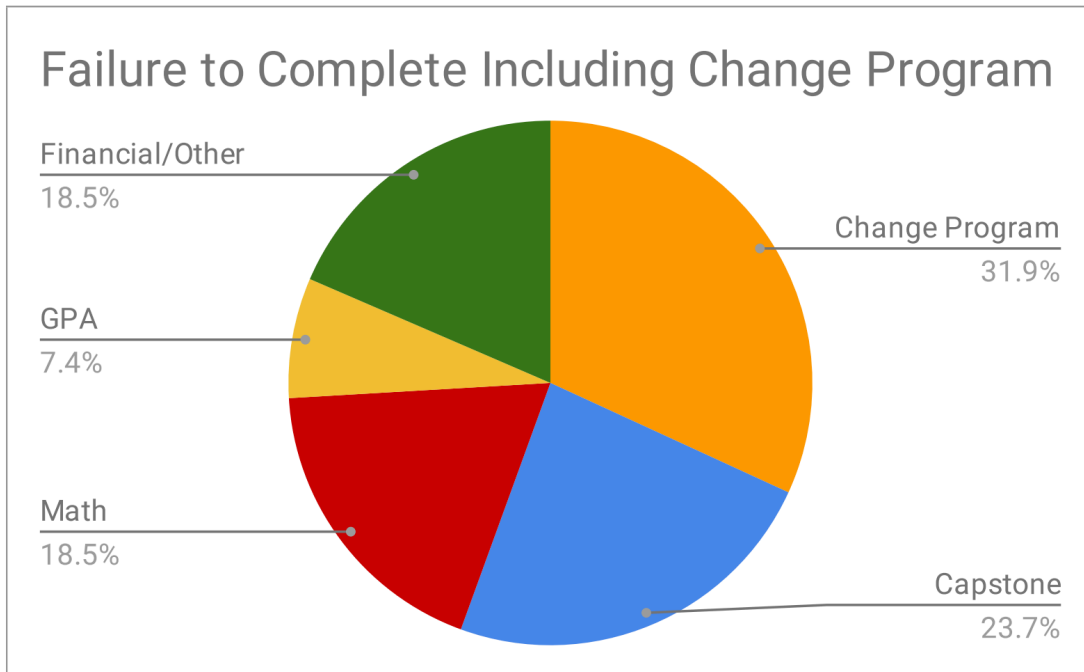
Although the graduation rate above indicates how many IS students graduate, it does not tell us directly how long those students take to complete their degrees. IRI begins their calculation for time to graduation not when a student enters the Integrated Studies program but, instead, when a student begins taking courses at UVU. These figures indicate that students, on average, spend a significant amount of time at UVU before they choose to major in Integrated Studies. This would be expected, as the students who flourish in the program are those who feel hemmed in when sticking to one discipline, they don't want to be limited by a single discipline; students attracted to Integrated Studies might have changed majors several times in the past before finding their niche in the program.

The curriculum for the Associates degree is designed so that a student can complete the degree course requirements within four fifteen-credit semesters, i.e., two years; the Bachelor degree is designed to be complete within eight fifteen-credit semesters (with one eighteen credit semester), i.e., four years. It is expected that an accurate "Years to Graduation" report would more closely reflect the design of the Integrated Studies program. To get a more accurate sense of the program's time to graduation, Crystal reports were run to gather both the matriculation date and the graduation term for each graduate of the program, then the amount of time from matriculation to graduation was calculated.

Year	AA/AS Years from Admission (IRI)	AA/AS Years from Matriculation (BOE)	BA/BS Years from Admission (IRI)	BA/BS Years from Matriculation (BOE)
2014	4.42		5.78	2.2
2015	4.21		5.98	2.3
2016	4.34		6.87	2.4
2017	4.10		7.43	2.4
2018	5.13		5.08	2.4

### 5) Reasons for Failure to Complete

In order to better understand why students fail to complete the IS program, records of students who matriculated between 2007-2011 were reviewed and sorted into various categories based on probable reason for failure to complete. Note that included below are two metrics, one counting students who change programs as a failure to complete, and one which only measures students who dropped out of the Integrated Studies Program (or in some cases may have transferred to another university altogether).



Note: the above measurements are of students who failed to complete the IS program, students who graduated are exempted.