

University of La Verne
Time-to-Degree
Summary Analysis
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This summary analysis presents information about time-to-degree (by year, for graduates from July 1 through June 30) information of degree recipients during academic years 2006-07 through 2009-10. Data were extracted from Banner on 1/7/2011. The breakdown is by gender and level, race/ethnicity and by major. The full data set is available here: http://sites.laverne.edu/institutional-research/files/2011/10/Copy-of-Time-to-Degree_of_Degree_Recipients_2006-07_to_2009-10_University_of_La_Verne.xlsx. The following patterns are observed:

A. By Gender and Level:

- For first-time freshman group, the time-to-degree of the degree recipients was 4.6 in 2009-10, compared to 5.0 in 2006-07. Consistently, CBPM students took the longest time to graduate, although the differences from CAS and CEOL became shorter in the last four years. Male students took about a half-year longer to graduate than female students. The time-to-degree gap between female and male students was larger in CAS than in CBPM and CEOL during the past three year (academic year, July 1-June 30).
- For new transfer undergraduate students, the time-to-degree of the degree recipients was around 3.4-3.5 years in the past four years. CBPM students took the longest to graduate, 3.8 year, followed by CAS 3.5, and then CEOL 2.7 year. Overall, CBPM male and female students took similar amount of time to graduate in the past four years, while CAS male students took 0.3-0.9 year longer than female students in the past three years. No pattern can be generated for CEOL students. In addition, on the Main Campus, CBPM male students took 1.6 and 1.2 years longer than female students to graduate in the past two years. This pattern was not observed on RCA campuses. Off-Campus, CBPM students in Orange County and San Fernando campus took about 1 year longer to graduate than the off-campus average (including CAPA and Online).
- For master students, it generally took them about 3 years to graduate. Male students, on and off campus, generally took longer time to graduate, while it is the opposite for on-Campus CBPM students, and for female students who took longer to graduate than male students. Nevertheless, Main Campus CBPM students took the shortest time, around 2.6-2.2 year in the past four years.
- For doctoral students, it took about 5.3-5.7 years to graduate, with CBPM students taking the longest, 6.0-7.0 years. CBPM female students took about 2 years longer than male students.
- In COL, it took similar time for male and female students to graduate, around 3 years.

B. By Race/Ethnicity

- For first-time freshman group, non-resident alien students (in both CAS and CBPM) took the 3.5 to 5.3 more years to graduate, despite small number of students.
- For new transfer undergraduate students, Black students took 0.4-1 year longer to graduate than overall population, which was true mainly on RCA campuses in CBPM and CEOL.

C. By Major

- For first-time freshman group, in CAS, Computer Science majors consistently took the longest time during the past four years. Biology and Chemistry graduates also tended to take longer. In CBPM, Economics took the longest time, 10.6 years, 8.4 years, 7.7 years, and 3.7 years, respectively, in the past four years.
- Because of small Ns, no other obvious patterns are observed.