## **Survey of Non-Retained Students: 2014**

## Most frequently mentioned factors contributing to decision to leave in each dimension:

In your decision to leave Evergreen, how important were the following academic reasons?		% who said this was a factor	% of respondents rating as very important or a primary factor
Academic	Did not feel like I was learning things that were important to me	50%	28%
Financial	Concern about accumulating debt from educational expenses	50%	30%
Campus Climate	Didn't feel like I fit in at Evergreen	48%	20%
Personal/Family	Needed time off to consider my goals or academic direction	50%	29%
Institutional	Concern about finding a job after graduating from Evergreen	48%	26%

Top 12: Factors with highest percentage of *very important* or *a primary factor* ratings.

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Financial	Concern about accumulating debt from educational expenses	50%	30%
Personal/Family	Needed time off to consider my goals or academic direction	50%	29%
Academic Experience	Did not feel like I was learning things that were important to me	50%	28%
Institutional	Concern about finding a job after graduating from Evergreen	48%	26%
Financial	Personal finances were insufficient to attend any college	47%	25%
Personal/Family	Health-related issue	37%	24%
Financial	Cost associated with acquiring degree is not worth potential benefit	45%	23%
Financial	Cost of attendance at Evergreen was too high	49%	21%
Institutional	Concern Evergreen education would not allow me to meet life-long goals	36%	21%
Institutional	Not able to develop skills and expertise in a specific field	45%	20%
Campus Climate	Didn't feel like I fit in at Evergreen	48%	20%
Academic Experience	My program did not live up to its catalog description	42%	19%