

**Delaware Valley College
PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2003**

Applicants to the Class

Applicants: **1548**
 Acceptances: **1288**
 Enrolled: **438** (includes transfers, re-entries and students who remained freshmen)
 New Freshmen: **326**

Percent Male..... **52%**
 Percent Female..... **48%**
 Percent from minority groups..... **9%**
 Percent receiving financial aid (academic and need based)..... **91%**
 Percent of freshman living on campus..... **80%**

Scholastic Assessment Test Scores

1999 Mean Scores:

National: 505 Verbal; 511 Math	1016 Total
Pennsylvania: 498 Verbal; 495 Math	993 Total
DVC incoming freshmen: 487 Verbal; 486 Math	973 Total

Distribution by SAT Scores:

<u>Score</u>	<u>Verbal (n)</u>	<u>Verbal (%)</u>	<u>Math (n)</u>	<u>Math (%)</u>
700-800	5	1.5%	3	*
650-699	5	1.5%	6	2%
600-649	18	5%	21	6%
550-599	49	14.5%	46	14%
500-549	65	19%	61	18%
450-499	92	27%	86	25%
400-449	55	16%	68	20%
350-399	31	9%	27	8%
300-349	10	3%	12	4%
250-299	0	0	0	0
200-249	0	0	0	0

No score reported: 9 (3%)
 * denotes less than 1 percent

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Mean SAT Scores for DVC Freshmen – 1997, 1998, 1999

Year	Verbal	Math	Total
1997	483	485	968
1998	497	495	993
1999	487	486	973

Distribution by Major

<u>Major</u>	<u>Number of students</u>
Agribusiness	15
Agronomy & Environmental Science	26
Animal Science - Large	39
Animal Science - Small	64
Biology	25
Business Administration	71
Chemistry	4
Choices	37
Computer Information Systems	11
Criminal Justice Administration	23
Education	22
Equine Science	23
English	2
Dairy Science	6
Food Science	7
Horticulture	7
Mathematics	2
Ornamental Horticulture	40
Undeclared	14
Total	438

Learning and Study Skills Inventory (LASSI) Scores

During the student summer orientation sessions, 322 freshmen completed the 1999 LASSI. The LASSI contains ten subscales. Scores below the 50%ile are considered “at risk” and those above the 75%ile are considered exceptionally strong.

1999 LASSI Score Distribution by Subscale										
	ATT	MOT	TMT	ANX	CON	INP	SMI	STA	SFT	TST
Benchmark: 50%ile score	31.5	30.5	22.5	26.3	24.8	26.5	17.5	24.5	24.8	29.7
Benchmark: 75%ile score	34.5	34.5	27.5	30.5	29.2	30.3	19.6	27.9	28.5	32.3
Mean for all students	32.3	29.9	23.2	24.9	25.2	26.8	17.5	25.2	25.4	28

ATT – attitude and interest
MOT – motivation, diligence, self-discipline, and willingness to work hard
TMT – use of time-management principles for academic tasks
ANX – anxiety and worry about school performance
CON – concentration and attention to academic tasks
INP – information processing, acquiring knowledge, and reasoning
SMI – Selecting main ideas and recognizing important information
STA – Use of support techniques and materials
SFT – self testing, reviewing, and preparing for classes
TST – test strategies and preparing for tests

LASSI Score Distribution by Subscale for 1997, 1998, & 1999										
	ATT	MOT	TMT	ANX	CON	INP	SMI	STA	SFT	TST
Benchmark: 50%ile score	31.5	30.5	22.5	26.3	24.8	26.5	17.5	24.5	24.8	29.7
Benchmark: 75%ile score	34.5	34.5	27.5	30.5	29.2	30.3	19.6	27.9	28.5	32.3
Mean for all students—97	32.7	30.1	24.2	27	26.4	27.8	18.9	25.6	26.3	30.1
Mean for all students—98	32.5	30.2	23.9	25.8	26	27.1	17.4	25.5	25.5	28.3
Mean for all students-- 99	32.3	29.9	23.2	24.9	25.2	26.8	17.5	25.2	25.4	28

**Delaware Valley College
1999 Freshman Student Profile
Office of Institutional Research
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Introduction

The 1999 Freshman Student Profile Questionnaire was administered during the first week of the Fall 1999 semester to freshmen who attended the initial dormitory meeting of the semester. The 1999 Freshman Profile therefore, is limited to freshman students who are on-campus dormitory residents.* A total of 202 freshmen (46% of the 1999 Freshman class) completed the questionnaire answering the majority of the questions. Some students did not answer all of the questions.

Student responses to the questionnaire are used to provide a profile of DVC's freshman class. A general profile of the College's 1999 freshman class is presented below. Charts depicting student responses to each of the questions are presented on pages 7 through 13.

1999 Freshman Student Profile

Demographics

- The 1999 freshman class is comprised of individuals who are mostly of White ethnicity; 6 percent of the respondents indicated their ethnic background to be Black and 3 percent said they were of Hispanic background (question 2).
- The majority of DVC's incoming freshmen are no older than 18 years of age (question 1).
- The 1999 freshman class is comprised of 52 percent male and 48 percent female students (data from Registrar's Office).
- All of the freshman student respondents are single individuals who have never been married (Question 3)
- About half of the freshmen are Pennsylvania residents and the majority of their homes are no further than 100 miles away (questions 7 and 11).
- While attending college, the majority of the freshman class is living on-campus (questions 8 and 9).
- The majority of the respondents do not have a working knowledge of a language other than English (question 36).

Socio-Economic and Family Background

- The College's 1999 freshmen primarily come from middle-income families, with the majority of total family incomes being at least \$50,000 annually (question 23).

* This was the only time available and allotted for the administration of this questionnaire.

- The majority of freshman respondents indicated that at least one of their parents is a college graduate (question 19).
- The majority of respondents indicated that they were not the first in their immediate families to attend college (question 20).
- Most of the freshman respondents indicated that they have 1 or 2 siblings (question 21).
- Approximately one-third of the freshmen indicated that they were the oldest sibling and one-third indicated they were the youngest sibling (question 22).

High School Background

- The majority of student respondents attended high school in a suburban setting (question 4).
- Most of the freshmen responded that they attended a public high school whose student population fell between the 500 to 999 or the 1000 to 1500 student ranges (questions 5 and 6).
- The majority of respondents indicated that they participated in extra-curricular activities while in high school (question 12).
- The majority of freshman respondents indicated that they participated in high school athletic varsity teams (question 14).

Selection of Attendance at DVC and Plans for Further Study

- When asked if Delaware Valley College was their first, second, third, fourth or fifth choice for attending college, the majority of freshman respondents answered that it was their first choice (question 17).
- “Major of interest” was the reason chosen by the majority of freshman respondents as the most important factor in deciding to attend DVC (question 18).
- About half of the respondents indicated that they planned to ultimately attain a Master’s or Doctoral degree (question 24).

Extra-curricular Collegiate Activities and On-Campus Weekend Participation

- The majority of freshman respondents anticipate participating in extra-curricular activities while at DVC (question 13).
- Slightly less than one half of the respondents indicated that they would be participating in intercollegiate sports while at DVC (question 15).
- Slightly less than one half of the freshman respondents indicated that they would be participating in intramural sports while at DVC (question 16).
- When asked how often they anticipated going home on the weekends, the majority of the freshman responded that they would probably be going home at least one weekend per month, with a little less than half of the respondents planning on going home 2 to 3 weekends per month (question 10).

- The majority of the College’s freshman plan to hold a job while attending college, with a little over a half of the respondents planning to work between 10 and 20 hours per week (question 25).

Studying Skills and Needs

- The majority of the freshman student respondents indicated they felt that their study skills needed improving (question 29).
- When asked if they would be likely to attend a study skills workshop, slightly less than half of the respondents indicated that they would (question 30).
- The majority of the freshman respondents indicated that they would use the services of the Tutoring Center (question 35).
- A little over half of the student respondents indicated that they preferred to study alone rather than in a group (question 28).
- The majority of the respondents indicated that they would “sometimes” use the library for studying (question 26).
- When asked about their familiarity with using the library for doing research, a little over a half of the freshman respondents indicated that they were “somewhat familiar” and a little over a third of the respondents felt they were “very familiar” (question 27).

Computer Usage

- Almost one third of the freshman respondents felt they were “very familiar” with computers and almost two thirds felt they were “somewhat familiar” (question 31).
- When asked if they would be likely to attend a computer-training workshop, the majority of the freshman respondents answered “no” (question 32).

Use of Other Student Support Services

- When asked if they would use the services of a Students with Disabilities Office, the majority of respondents answered “no” (question 33).
- When asked if they would use the services of the Counseling Center, slightly over half of the respondents answered “yes” (question 34).

**Compilation of Student Responses to the 1999 Freshman Student Profile
Questionnaire**

<i>Question 1: Indicate your age group.</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=202)	Percent of total %
15 to 18 years old	159	79
18 to 25 years of age	43	21
26 to 34 years old	0	0
35 to 45 years old	0	0
Over 45 years old	0	0

<i>Question 2: Indicate your ethnic background.</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Black	13	6
White, non-Hispanic	183	91
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0
Native American	0	0
Hispanic	5	3

<i>Question 3: What is your current marital status?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=202)	Percent of total %
Single	202	100
Married	0	0
Separated	0	0
Divorced	0	0
Widowed	0	0

<i>Question 4: Indicate whether the high school you attended was in an urban, suburban, or rural setting.</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=202)	Percent of total %
Urban	32	16
Suburban	127	63
Rural	43	21

<i>Question 5: What type of high school did you attend?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Public	161	80
Private, non-sectarian	4	2
Private, religious	36	18

<i>Question 6: In terms of school population, how large was your high school?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
1-500 students	38	19
501-999 students	57	28
1000-1500 students	57	28
1501-2000 students	33	16
2000 plus students	16	9

<i>Question 7: Are you a Pennsylvania resident?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=200)	Percent of total %
Yes	101	50
No	99	50

<i>Question 8: While at Delaware Valley College, will you be a resident student or a commuter student?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=202)	Percent of total %
Resident Student	200	99
Commuter Student	2	1

<i>Question 9: If you will you be a resident student, will you be living on-campus or off-campus?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=202)	Percent of total %
On-campus	200	99
Off-campus	2	1

<i>Question 10: If you will be a resident student, how often do you anticipate going home on the weekends?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Every weekend	27	13
2-3 weekends/month	85	42
1 weekend/month	61	31
Less than 1 weekend/month	28	14

<i>Question 11: How far is your home from Delaware Valley College?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Less than 50 miles away	55	27
Between 50 and 100 miles away	76	38
Between 100 and 500 miles away	66	33
Over 500 miles away	4	2

<i>Question 12: Did you participate in extra-curricular activities while in high school?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Yes	176	88
No	25	12

<i>Question 13: Do you anticipate participating in extra-curricular activities while in college?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=195)	Percent of total %
Yes	183	94
No	12	6

<i>Question 14: Did you participate in high school athletic varsity teams?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Yes	121	60
No	80	40

<i>Question 15: Will you be participating in intercollegiate sports?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=195)	Percent of total %
Yes	95	49
No	100	51

<i>Question 16: Will you be participating in intramural sports?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=195)	Percent of total %
Yes	87	45
No	108	55

<i>Question 17: Please indicate if Delaware Valley College was your first, second, third, fourth, or fifth choice for attending college.</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
First	131	65
Second	55	28
Third	9	4
Fourth	2	1
Fifth	4	2

<i>Question 18: What factor was most important in your decision to attend Delaware Valley College?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=195)	Percent of total %
Location of College	37	19
Major of interest	119	61
College reputation	13	7
Tuition assistance	26	13

<i>Question 19: Are either or both of your parents college graduates?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=199)	Percent of total %
One	62	31
Both are	55	28
Neither are	82	41

<i>Question 20: Are you the first in your immediate family to attend college?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=197)	Percent of total %
Yes	79	40
No	118	60

<i>Question 21: How many siblings do you have?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=202)	Percent of total %
0	25	13
1	83	41
2	52	26
3	19	9
4 or more	23	11

<i>Question 22: Are you the oldest, youngest, or middle child?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=200)	Percent of total %
Oldest	71	36
Middle	42	21
Youngest	72	36
Only	15	7

<i>Question 23: What is your total family income range?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=166)	Percent of total %
\$5,000 - \$20,000	13	8
\$20,001 - \$50,000	45	27
\$50,000 - \$75,000	52	31
\$75,000 - \$100,000	31	19
100,001 plus	25	15

<i>Question 24: Level of education you would like to ultimately obtain?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=198)	Percent of total %
Associates	5	3
Bachelors	90	45
Masters	63	32
Doctorate	40	20

<i>Question 25: Do you anticipate holding a job while in college?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=199)	Percent of total %
Do not plan to work	46	23
10-20 hours/week	134	67
20-30 hours/week	16	8
30-40 hours/week	1	1
More than 40 hours/week	2	1

<i>Question 26: Do you plan to use the library for studying?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Often	62	31
Sometimes	135	67
Never	4	2

<i>Question 27: Are you familiar with how to do library research?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=200)	Percent of total %
Very familiar	73	37
Somewhat familiar	113	57
Not familiar	14	7

<i>Question 28: Would you prefer to study in a group rather than alone?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=199)	Percent of total %
Yes	85	43
No	114	57

<i>Question 29: Do you feel that your study skills need improving?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=198)	Percent of total %
Yes	141	71
No	57	29

<i>Question 30: Would you be likely to attend study skills workshops ?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=198)	Percent of total %
Yes	96	48
No	102	52

<i>Question 31: How familiar are you with computers?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Very familiar	62	31
Somewhat familiar	122	61
Not familiar	17	8

<i>Question 32: Would you be likely to attend a computer-training workshop?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=200)	Percent of total %
Yes	72	36
No	128	64

<i>Question 33: Would you use the services of a Students with Disabilities Office?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=199)	Percent of total %
Yes	33	17
No	166	83

<i>Question 34: Would you use the services of the Counseling Center?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Yes	103	51
No	98	49

<i>Question 35: Would you use the services of the Tutoring Center?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=198)	Percent of total %
Yes	158	80
No	40	20

<i>Question 36: Do you have a working ability with a language other than English?</i>		
Response selection	Number responded (n=201)	Percent of total %
Yes	44	22
No	157	78