Prairie View A&M University

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Founded in 1876, Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher learning in the state of Texas. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees in 50 academic majors, 41 master’s degrees and four doctoral degree programs through nine colleges and schools. A member of the Texas A&M University System, the University is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service.

Student Characteristics (Fall 2007)

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<th>Student Level and Enrollment Status</th>
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<td>TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS</td>
<td>8,382</td>
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Undergraduate Success and Progress Rate

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UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

Total 6,118

Gender

Women 3,484 57%
Men 2,634 43%

Race/Ethnicity

African American / Black 5,490 90%
American Indian / Alaskan Native 9 0%
Asian / Pacific Islander 104 2%
Hispanic 253 4%
International 93 2%
White 160 3%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown 9 0%

Geographic Distribution (Degree-Seeking)

Texas 92%
Other US States & Territories 7%
Other Countries 2%

Age (Degree-Seeking)

Average Age 22
Percent of Undergraduates Age 25 or Older 12%

Retention of Fall 2006 First-Time, Full-time Students

Returned for Fall 2007 76%

One of the strengths of U.S. higher education is the broad range of diverse institutions, each with its own distinctive mission. We encourage you to check out college web sites and visit campuses to get a more complete picture of the opportunities available to you!
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Costs of Attendance and Financial Aid

Typical Undergraduate Costs per Year Without Financial Aid for Full-Time, In-State Students (2007-08)

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<td>Tuition (in-state)</td>
<td>$4,350</td>
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<td>Required Fees</td>
<td>$1,668</td>
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<tr>
<td>Room &amp; Board (on campus)</td>
<td>$6,477</td>
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<td>Expenses (books, transportation, etc.)</td>
<td>$4,500</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$17,023</strong></td>
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**CLICK HERE** for typical out-of-state costs and any discipline-specific tuition.

The cost to attend varies based on the individual circumstances of students and may be reduced through grants and scholarships.

Financial Aid Awarded to Undergraduates (Fall 2006)

**Overall Financial Aid**
- 89% of Fall 2006 full-time undergraduates received financial aid of some type including need-based loans, work study, and non need-based scholarships.

**Annual Need-Based Scholarships & Grants**
- 73% of Fall 2006 full-time undergraduates received need-based grants or scholarships; the average award for the year was $4,000.

**Annual Need-Based Loans**
- 73% of Fall 2006 full-time undergraduates received need-based work-study and/or loans (not including parent loans); the average loan for the year was $3,150.

Percent of Fall 2006 First-Time Students Receiving Each Type of Financial Aid

- State Grants: 33%
- Federal Grants: 51%
- Student Loans: 9%
- Institutional Aid/Scholarships: 14%
- Any Type of Financial Aid: 78%

**Click Here** to get a cost estimate for students like you! Note: Student may receive aid from more than one source.

Undergraduate Admissions

Academic Preparation of New Freshman

Test(s) Required for Admission: SAT or ACT

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<th>Test Score Range</th>
<th>ACT</th>
<th>SAT</th>
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<td>Composite</td>
<td>15-19</td>
<td>380-480</td>
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<td>Math</td>
<td>16-19</td>
<td>370-460</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Critical Reading</td>
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50% of admitted students have test scores within the ranges listed, 25% have scores above, and 25% have scores below.

- Percent in top 25% of High School Graduating Class: 19%
- Percent in top 50% of High School Graduating Class: 61%
- Average High School GPA (4-point scale): 2.93

Degrees and Areas of Study

Degrees Awarded at PVAMU in 2006-07

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<th>Degree</th>
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<td>Bachelor's</td>
<td>838</td>
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<td>Master's</td>
<td>737</td>
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<td>Doctoral</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,585</strong></td>
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Areas of Study with the Largest Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded in 2006-07

- Health Professions and related sciences: 16%
- Business/Marketing: 16%
- Engineering: 8%
- Interdisciplinary Studies: 8%
- Security and protective services: 8%
- All other degree areas: 44%

**Click Here** for a list of undergraduate and graduate programs.

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The Panthers Community

The Panther community is enhanced by a wide variety of academic and support services designed to provide the highest quality experience for PVAMU students. Student Affairs programs help prepare students to become productive citizens of a global society and successfully transition from the academy to the world of work. With the assistance of the Student Affairs programs, PVAMU students will be able to meet the challenges of a global society and demonstrate intellectual sophistication, astuteness in acceptable value systems, a keen awareness and appreciation for integrity and morality and a high degree of personal, interpersonal and leadership skills. The University College provides an academically focused, student-centered, supportive, structured environment for the entire campus community with an emphasis on freshmen. The Undergraduate Medical Academy provides students with a unique study opportunity that will enhance the skills needed to enter medical school and experience a rewarding career. Students may also join any number of social organizations, including fraternities and sororities, and an intramural athletic program and various clubs are also available.

Study at PVAMU

Classroom Environment

Students per Faculty
Undergraduate classes with fewer than 30 students
Undergraduate classes with fewer than 50 students

Full-Time Instructional Faculty

Total Faculty
% Women
% from Minority Groups
% with Highest Degree in Field

Carnegie Classification of Institutional Characteristics

Basic Type
Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)

Size and Setting
Medium four-year, highly residential

Enrollment Profile
High undergraduate

Undergraduate Profile
Full-time four-year, inclusive

Undergraduate Instructional Program
Professions plus arts & sciences, some graduate coexistence

Graduate Instructional Program
Postbaccalaureate with arts & sciences (other dominant fields)


Student Housing

75% of new freshmen live on campus
53% of all undergraduates live on campus

Campus Safety

The Department of Public Safety takes the lead in providing a safe environment for the university community by protecting life and property. To achieve this protection, PVAMU DPS maintains patrols to deter and detect crime, report fires and safety hazards, and control traffic on campus. DPS utilizes vehicle, foot and bicycle patrols to ensure the safety of all who work, visit, or attend PVAMU. All police officers have completed their training at a state-approved police academy and have the same authority and power as any other police agency within the State of Texas. Police officers enforce all applicable federal, state, county, and city laws as well as university

Future Plans of Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Data used to build graph are not yet available

# Student Experiences and Perceptions

Students who are actively involved in their own learning and development are more likely to be successful in college. Colleges and universities offer students a wide variety of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom to become engaged with new ideas, people, and experiences. Institutions measure the effectiveness of these opportunities in a variety of ways to better understand what types of activities and programs students find the most helpful.

[Click here](#) for examples of how PVAMU evaluates the experiences of its students.

In addition, institutions participating in the VSA program measure student involvement on campus using one of four national surveys. Results from the one survey are reported for a common set of questions selected as part of VSA. Following are the selected results from the 2006-07 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). The questions have been grouped together in categories that are known to contribute to student learning and development. The results reported below are based on the responses of seniors who participated in the survey.

[Click here](#) for information on the NSSE survey.

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<th>Group Learning Experiences</th>
<th>Student Satisfaction</th>
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<td>99% percent of seniors worked with classmates on assignments outside of class.</td>
<td>75% of seniors would attend this institution if they started over again.</td>
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<td>66% of seniors tutored or taught other students</td>
<td>81% of seniors rated their entire educational experience as good or excellent.</td>
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<td>76% of seniors spent at least 6 hours per week participating in co-curricular activities such as student organizations and intramural sports</td>
<td>70% of seniors reported that other students were friendly or supportive.</td>
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<th>Active Learning Experiences</th>
<th>Student Interaction with Campus Faculty and Staff</th>
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<td>82% of seniors spent at least 6 hours per week preparing for class.</td>
<td>55% of seniors believed that the campus staff were helpful, considerate, or flexible.</td>
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<td>23% of seniors worked on a research project with a faculty member.</td>
<td>66% of seniors believed that faculty are available, helpful, or sympathetic.</td>
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<td>49% of seniors participated in an internship, practicum, or field experience.</td>
<td>98% of seniors reported that faculty members provided prompt feedback on their academic performance.</td>
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<td>72% of seniors participated in community service or volunteer work.</td>
<td>91% of seniors discussed readings or ideas with faculty members outside of class.</td>
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<td>9% of seniors participated in study abroad.</td>
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<td>100% of seniors made at least one class presentation last year.</td>
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<th>Institutional Commitment to Student Learning and Success</th>
<th>Experiences with Diverse Groups of People and Ideas</th>
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<td>93% of seniors believe this institution provides support for student success.</td>
<td>71% of seniors reported that they often tried to understand someone else's point of view.</td>
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<td>73% of seniors rated the quality of academic advising at this institution as good or excellent.</td>
<td>93% of seniors reported their experience at this institution contributed to their understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds.</td>
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<td>72% of seniors reported that this institution provided help in coping with work, family and other non-academic responsibilities.</td>
<td>59% of seniors often had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity.</td>
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<td>98% of seniors reported working harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations.</td>
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Student Learning Outcomes

All colleges and universities use multiple approaches to measure student learning. Many of these are specific to particular disciplines, many are coordinated with accrediting agencies, and many are based on outcomes after students have graduated. In addition, those institutions participating in the VSA measure increases in critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and written communication using one of three tests.

Student Learning Assessment at PVAMU

PVAMU serves both the college ready student who is frequently a member of the legacy generation and the first generation college student lacking proficiency in the areas represented in the core curriculum. Student learning outcomes in reading, writing, mathematics/critical thinking skills are measured through course imbedded assessment, administration of national examinations (MAPP), and evaluation of progress in gatekeeper courses. Additionally, the state requires pre- and post-testing to determine improved proficiency in students who enter and complete developmental education courses. As students progress, direct measures of learning outcomes include performance on national major fields examinations, capstone course performance, and retention and graduation rates. Indirect measures include the National Survey of Student Engagement, the Non-Cognitive Questionnaire, and job placement rates. The University Academic Council and Faculty Senate assess measurements of learning outcomes and how to provide feedback on effective teaching and learning strategies.

CLICK HERE for examples of student learning assessment and outcomes at PVAMU

Pilot Project to Measure Core Learning Outcomes

As a pilot project, VSA participants measure critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and written communication using one of three tests. Following are the 2006-07 results from the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP). The MAPP measures critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and written communication and reports separate scores on critical thinking and written communication.

CLICK HERE for a description of the MAPP test.

Learning Gains between Freshman Year and Senior Year

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<th>Critical Thinking</th>
<th>Average Institutional Scores</th>
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<td>Freshman Score</td>
<td>Senior Score</td>
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<tr>
<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>108</td>
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<td>Written Communication</td>
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MAPP Score Range: 100 to 130

The increase in learning on the performance task is what would be expected at an institution with students of similar academic abilities.