Fall to Fall Graduate Retention Rates Footnotes
New, Full-Time/Part-Time Graduate Students in Master's and Doctoral Programs

[1] The original cohort reflects the first fall count of new full-time and part-time master's and doctoral students based on primary plan. Graduate students are considered new when entering a degree level (e.g., master's) for the first time.

[2] Exclusions reflect the count of students removed from the original cohort. Students who completed a program at the same degree level and with the same CIP code prior to the second fall are removed from the original cohort, as are deceased students.

[3] The adjusted cohort reflects the count of students who remain after removing exclusions from the original cohort. The adjusted cohort is used as the denominator when calculating retention rate.

[4] The retained count reflects the number of students who remained at the University at the same degree level (e.g., master's to master's) for the second fall, regardless of CIP code. It is used as the numerator when calculating retention rate.

[5] Data are subject to change. Unlike undergraduate retention rates, a standard methodology for calculating graduate retention rates is not available as of fall 2023 at either the federal or state level. Methodological changes may be necessary once a best practice has been established, and data that have already been reported may be adjusted.

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	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Original Cohort[1]	599	693	648	593	702
Graduated	*15*	*14*	*16*	*13*	*29*
Deceased	*-*	*-*	*1*	*1*	*-*
Total Exclusions[2]	*15*	*14*	*17*	*14*	*29*
Adjusted Cohort[3]	584	679	631	579	673
Retained Count[4]	522	618	527	511	573
Retention Rate[5]	**89.4%**	**91.0%**	**83.5%**	**88.3%**	**85.1%**

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