Fall 2025 Retention and Graduation Rates for All New Doctorate Degree-Seeking Student Cohorts (Full- and Part-Time): University Wide

| Fall Cohort | Initial Cohort | Initial Cohort after IPEDS Exclusions for 2nd Fall*** | 2nd Fall | | 3rd Fall | | 4th Fall | | | | | 5th Fall | | | | | 6th Fall | | | | | 7th Fall | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| | | | Cohort Retained | | Cohort Retained | | Cumulative Graduated within 3 yrs | | Cohort Retained T | | TRR** | * Cumulative Graduated within 4 yrs* | | Cohort Retained | | TRR** | Cumulative Graduated within 5 yrs | | Cohort Retained | | TRR** | Cumulative Graduated within 6 yrs | | Cohort Retained | | TRR** |
| | | | n | % 1F | n | % 1F | n | % 1F | n | % 1F | % 1F | n | % 1F | n | % 1F | % 1F | n | % 1F | n | % 1F | % 1F | n | % 1F | n | % 1F | % 1F |
| 2015 | 38 | 38 | 28 | 73.7 | 15 | 39.5 | 14 | 36.8 | 3 | 7.9 | 44.7 | 15 | 39.5 | 2 | 5.3 | 44.7 | 18 | 47.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 47.4 | 19 | 50.0 | 1 | 2.63158 | 52.6 |
| 2016 | 74 | 74 | 63 | 85.1 | 40 | 54.8 | 32 | 43.8 | 19 | 26.0 | 69.9 | 37 | 50.7 | 8 | 11.0 | 61.6 | 42 | 57.5 | 10 | 13.7 | 71.2 | 46 | 63.0 | 8 | 10.9589 | 74.0 |
| 2017 | 69 | 69 | 43 | 62.3 | 42 | 60.9 | 19 | 27.5 | 19 | 27.5 | 55.1 | 26 | 37.7 | 18 | 26.1 | 63.8 | 43 | 62.3 | 2 | 2.9 | 65.2 | 43 | 62.3 | 1 | 1.4 | 63.8 |
| 2018 | 71 | 71 | 57 | 80.3 | 53 | 74.6 | 25 | 35.7 | 25 | 35.7 | 71.4 | 32 | 45.7 | 16 | 22.9 | 68.6 | 42 | 60.0 | 5 | 7.1 | 67.1 | 47 | 67.1 | 2 | 2.9 | 70.0 |
| 2019 | 60 | 60 | 49 | 81.7 | 42 | 70.0 | 26 | 43.3 | 14 | 23.3 | 66.7 | 33 | 55.0 | 11 | 18.3 | 73.3 | 39 | 65.0 | 4 | 6.7 | 71.7 | 42 | 70.0 | 2 | 3.3 | 73.3 |
| 2020 | 75 | 75 | 63 | 84.0 | 57 | 76.0 | 32 | 42.7 | 26 | 34.7 | 77.3 | 38.0 | 50.7 | 21 | 28.0 | 78.7 | 52 | 69.3 | 4 | 5.3 | 74.7 | | | | | |
| 2021 | 79 | 79 | 62 | 78.5 | 58 | 73.4 | 30 | 38.0 | 25 | 31.6 | 69.6 | 37 | 46.8 | 16 | 20.3 | 67.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | 75 | 75 | 66 | 88.0 | 63 | 84.0 | 35 | 46.7 | 24 | 32.0 | 78.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2023 | 81 | 81 | 64 | 79.0 | 63 | 77.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2024 | 88 | 88 | 76 | 86.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2025 | 88 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^{*}Number and percent of original cohort who have graduated within 4 years (before 5th fall).

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With degree sweeps and IPEDS exclusions through 10/2025.

^{**}TRR: Total Retention Rate. The total number of students from the original cohort that have graduated or are still enrolled.

^{***}Cohort number is adjusted for IPEDS exclusions in the year the exclusion occurred