

RETENTION RATES

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	Fall 2013 Cohort	Fall 2014 Cohort	Fall 2015 Cohort	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020* Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
Original cohort	555	541	582	506	543	621	502	547*	601	552	555
<i>Adjusted cohort</i>	554	540	582	505	541	620	502	547	601	552	554
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											10-year average
US Students of Color	93	93	92	89	97	94	94	95	92	96	94
US White students	95	97	93	94	95	93	88	96	91	94	94
International	95	92	95	97	97	94	93	94	91	95	94
All students	94	95	93	93	96	93	90**	96	91	95	94
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											9-year average
US Students of Color	92	90	90	84	95	89	94	87	87		90
US White students	92	95	91	91	91	80	91	89	86		90
International	89	92	92	89	96	84	97	93	86		91
All students	92	93	91	89	92	83*	92	89	86		90
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											8-year average
US Students of Color	91	86	89	83	92	90	91	86			89
US White students	91	94	88	90	86	87	90	90			89
International	88	88	90	88	86	84	93	88			88
All students	90	92	89	88	87*	87	90	88			89

*In 2020, 14 new first-year students deferred their start term until Spring 2021. They are not included in the Fall 2020 first-time full-time cohort.

**Indicates retention rates for the fall 2020 term, which were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Fall 2020 retention rates were affected by the increase in students taking a leave of absence during the COVID-19 pandemic. In fall 2020, 108 students took a leave of absence, compared to an average of 47 students during each of the prior four fall terms.

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Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
US Students of color	108	124	117	122	159	186	144	199	194	188	154
Asian	37	33	35	42	40	65	27	56	41	39	42
Black	15	13	14	17	26	19	31	26	36	36	23
Hispanic	28	45	32	37	58	52	44	70	61	62	49
Native American	1	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	1
Pacific Islander	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Two or more races	27	32	35	23	35	47	38	45	54	51	39
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											10-year average
US Students of Color	93	93	92	89	97	94	94	95	92	96	94
Asian	95	97	86	86	98	97	93	96	90	97	94
Black	93	85	100	88	96	95	87	100	92	100	94
Hispanic	93	91	94	89	97	94	95	93	90	94	93
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	92	94	94	96	100	89	97	96	94	94	95
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											9-year average
US Students of Color	92	90	90	84	95	89	94	87	87		90
Asian	95	94	83	83	93	88	93	89	88		90
Black	87	92	100	82	96	100	90	88	89		92
Hispanic	89	87	94	84	97	90	95	84	89		90
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	92	88	89	96	94	83	95	89	83		90
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											8-year average
US Students of Color	91	86	89	83	92	90	91	86			89
Asian	92	91	86	81	88	88	89	89			88
Black	93	92	100	71	96	100	90	88			91
Hispanic	93	80	81	86	93	90	91	86			88
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	85	88	94	96	94	87	92	84			90

*Fewer than 5 persons are in this category.

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Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
Original cohort	514	478	534	555	541	582	506	543	621	502	538
Adjusted cohort*	514	478	534	554	540	582	505	541	620	502	537
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											10-year average
US Students of Color	78	82	88	85	84	81	79	87	77	80	82
US White students	86	85	83	86	90	85	85	79	74	82	84
International	88	86	89	82	85	88	83	76	68	82	83
Total	84	85	85	86	88	85	83	81	74	81	83
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Five Years											9-year average
US Students of Color	80	84	90	89	88	86	83	90	85		86
US White students	89	87	88	91	94	88	88	88	87		89
International	95	88	91	89	89	90	87	93	88		90
Total	87	87	89	90	91	88	87	89	86		88
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											8-year average
US Students of Color	83	84	90	89	88	87	83	92			87
US White students	89	87	89	92	95	90	89	89			90
International	95	91	93	89	91	92	91	95			92
Total	88	87	90	91	93	90	88	90			90

*Cohorts may only be adjusted in specific circumstances, such as if a student leaves college for military service or is deceased. The adjusted cohort is used to calculate graduation rates.

NOTE: Graduates for a given academic year include persons who completed their degrees in December, January, May, or August.



The six-year graduation rate for the fall 2017 cohort is 90%.

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Number of Students in Original Cohort***											10-year average
US Students of color	122	103	104	108	124	117	121	158	185	144	120
Asian	28	31	44	37	33	35	42	40	64	27	36
Black	21	12	6	15	13	14	17	25	19	31	15
Hispanic	40	32	28	28	45	32	36	58	52	44	37
Native American	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	3	1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Two or more races	31	27	26	26	32	35	23	35	47	38	29
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											10-year average
US Students of Color	78	82	88	85	84	81	79	87	77	81	83
Asian	79	84	95	86	94	77	76	88	77	74	85
Black	67	92	67	87	69	86	76	92	74	74	80
Hispanic	88	81	82	86	78	78	81	88	83	86	83
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	74	78	88	85	88	86	91	83	70	87	83
Percent of Cohort Who Graduated within Five Years											9-year average
US Students of Color	80	84	90	89	88	86	83	90	85		86
Asian	79	87	95	86	94	83	81	90	85		87
Black	67	92	83	93	77	93	76	92	89		85
Hispanic	90	88	86	89	84	84	86	91	85		87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	81	78	88	88	88	89	96	86	81		86
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											8-year average
US Students of Color	83	84	90	89	88	87	83	92			87
Asian	79	87	95	86	94	86	81	93			88
Black	71	92	83	93	77	93	76	96			85
Hispanic	90	88	86	89	84	84	86	91			87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	87	78	88	88	91	89	96	89			88

*Less than 5 persons are in this category. **This category was first utilized in 2009.

***Persons are removed from the original cohort if they are deceased.

TRANSFER STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

	Fall 2013 Transfers	Fall 2014 Transfers	Fall 2015 Transfers	Fall 2016 Transfers	Fall 2017 Transfers	Fall 2018 Transfers	Fall 2019* Transfers	Fall 2020 Transfers	Fall 2021 Transfers	Fall 2022 Transfers
Number of Transfers										
New Transfers	13	18	6	16	5	2	12	19	4	7
Percent of Transfers who Returned for Second Year										
US Citizens	92	94	100	100	80	100	82	93	67	100
International Students	100	100	100	-	-	-	100	80	100	100
Total	92	94	100	100	80	100	83	89	75	100
Percent of Transfers who Graduated within Four Years of Entering Macalester										
US Citizens	92	100	100	94	80	100	91	NC	NC	NC
International Students	100	100	100	-	-	-	100	NC	NC	NC
Total	92	100	100	94	80	100	92	NC	NC	NC

NC = Not yet calculated.

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The second-year retention rate for transfers averages 91% for the past decade.