

RETENTION RATES

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	Fall 2011 Cohort	Fall 2012 Cohort	Fall 2013 Cohort	Fall 2014 Cohort	Fall 2015 Cohort	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020** Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
Original cohort	478	534	555	541	582	506	543	621	502	547**	541
<i>Adjusted cohort</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>534</i>	<i>554</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>582</i>	<i>505</i>	<i>541</i>	<i>620</i>	<i>502</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>540</i>
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											10-year average
US Students of Color	97	95	93	93	92	89	97	94	94	95	94
US White students	93	94	95	97	93	94	95	93	88	96	94
International	92	99	95	92	95	97	97	94	93	94	95
All students	94	95	94	95	93	93	96	93	90*	96	94
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											9-year average
US Students of Color	91	91	92	90	90	84	95	89	94		91
US White students	89	90	92	95	91	91	91	80	91		90
International	88	97	89	92	92	89	96	84	97		92
All students	90	91	92	93	91	89	92	83*	92		90
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											8-year average
US Students of Color	87	91	91	86	89	83	92	90			89
US White students	88	89	91	94	88	90	86	87			89
International	92	96	88	88	90	88	86	84			89
All students	89	90	90	92	89	88	87*	87			89

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

** 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.



*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	103	104	108	124	117	122	159	186	144	199	137
Asian	31	44	37	33	35	42	40	65	27	56	41
Black	12	6	15	13	14	17	26	19	31	26	18
Hispanic	32	28	28	45	32	37	58	52	44	70	43
Native American	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Two or more races	27	26	27	32	35	23	35	47	38	45	34
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											10-year average
US Students of Color	97	95	93	93	92	89	97	94	94	95	94
Asian	100	98	95	97	86	86	98	97	93	96	95
Black	100	100	93	85	100	88	96	95	87	100	94
Hispanic	97	93	93	91	94	89	97	94	95	93	94
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	93	92	92	94	94	96	100	89	97	96	94
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											9-year average
US Students of Color	91	91	92	90	90	84	95	89	94		91
Asian	97	95	95	94	83	83	93	88	93		91
Black	100	83	87	92	100	82	96	100	90		92
Hispanic	88	86	89	87	94	84	97	90	95		90
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	89	92	92	88	89	96	94	83	95		91
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											8-year average
US Students of Color	87	91	91	86	89	83	92	90			89
Asian	94	95	92	91	86	81	88	88			89
Black	100	83	93	92	100	71	96	100			92
Hispanic	84	89	93	80	81	86	93	90			87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	81	88	85	88	94	96	94	87			89

*Fewer than 5 persons are in this category.

GRADUATION RATES

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	Fall 2008 Cohort	Fall 2009 Cohort	Fall 2010 Cohort	Fall 2011 Cohort	Fall 2012 Cohort	Fall 2013 Cohort	Fall 2014 Cohort	Fall 2015 Cohort	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
Original cohort	479	565	514	478	534	555	541	582	506	543	530
Adjusted cohort*	478	564	514	478	534	554	540	582	505	541	529
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											10-year average
US Students of Color	76	82	78	82	88	85	84	81	79	87	82
US White students	87	87	86	85	83	86	90	85	85	79	85
International	85	85	88	86	89	82	85	88	83	76	85
Total	85	86	84	85	85	86	88	85	83	81	85
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Five Years											9-year average
US Students of Color	82	88	80	84	90	89	88	86	83		86
US White students	91	89	89	87	88	91	94	88	88		89
International	91	89	95	88	91	89	89	90	87		90
Total	89	89	87	87	89	90	91	88	87		89
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											8-year average
US Students of Color	86	88	83	84	90	89	88	87			87
US White students	91	90	89	87	89	92	95	90			90
International	91	89	95	91	93	89	91	92			91
Total	90	90	88	87	90	91	93	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 2015 cohort is 90%.

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Number of Students in Original Cohort***											10-year average
US Students of color	85	100	122	103	104	108	124	117	121	158	114
Asian	40	46	28	31	44	37	33	35	42	40	38
Black	12	24	21	12	6	15	13	14	17	25	16
Hispanic	27	26	40	32	28	28	45	32	36	58	35
Native American	6	4	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2
Pacific Islander	**	**	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	na
Two or more races	**	**	31	27	26	26	32	35	23	29	na
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											10-year average
US Students of Color	76	82	78	82	88	85	84	81	79	87	82
Asian	75	80	79	84	95	86	94	77	76	88	83
Black	50	79	67	92	67	87	69	86	76	92	77
Hispanic	85	88	88	81	82	86	78	78	81	88	84
Native American	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	na
Pacific Islander	**	**	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	na
Two or more races	**	**	74	78	88	85	88	86	91	83	na
Percent of Cohort Who Graduated within Five Years											9-year average
US Students of Color	82	88	80	84	90	89	88	86	83		86
Asian	85	83	79	87	95	86	94	83	81		86
Black	58	92	67	92	83	93	77	93	76		81
Hispanic	85	96	90	88	86	89	84	84	86		88
Native American	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		na
Pacific Islander	**	**	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		na
Two or more races	**	**	81	78	88	88	88	89	96		na
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											8-year average
US Students of Color	86	88	83	84	90	89	88	87			87
Asian	85	83	79	87	95	86	94	86			87
Black	67	92	71	92	83	93	77	93			84
Hispanic	93	96	90	88	86	89	84	84			89
Native American	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			na
Pacific Islander	**	**	*	*	*	*	*	*			na
Two or more races	**	**	87	78	88	88	91	89			na

*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 2011 Transfers	Fall 2012 Transfers	Fall 2013 Transfers	Fall 2014 Transfers	Fall 2015 Transfers	Fall 2016 Transfers	Fall 2017 Transfers	Fall 2018 Transfers	Fall 2019* Transfers	Fall 2020 Transfers
Number of Transfers										
New Transfers	19	13	13	18	6	16	5	2	12	19
Percent of Transfers who Returned for Second Year										
US Citizens	89	100	92	94	100	100	80	100	82	93
International Students	100	100	100	100	100	-	-	-	100	80
Total	90	100	92	94	100	100	80	100	83	89
Percent of Transfers who Graduated within Four Years of Entering Macalester										
US Citizens	89	100	92	100	100	94	80	NC	NC	NC
International Students	100	100	100	100	100	-	-	NC	NC	NC
Total	89	100	92	100	100	94	80	NC	NC	NC

NC = Not yet calculated.

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The second-year retention rate for transfers averages 93% for the past decade.