



Student Success

Additional Data Detail

Retention Rates

Retention rates are reported by cohort year; cohorts are constructed of first-time full-time entering freshmen for the respective year. Retention tracks how many of those cohort students returned the following fall semester for a second year.

Retention rate trends for the last five cohorts are:

Cohort	Fall 2015	Fall 2014	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
Base Year - Number of Students in the Cohort	182	187	163	173	141
Number of Students that Returned the Following Fall	148	153	137	137	116
First-Year Retention Rate	81%	82%	84%	79%	82%

Graduation Rates

Graduation rates track how many students from the original first-time full-time cohort complete their degree within a certain time frame.

Graduation rate trends for the last five years are:

Cohort	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
Base Year - Number of Students in the Cohort	147	196	198	194	187
Completers in 4 years	77	115	103	105	122
4-Year Graduation Rate	52%	59%	52%	54%	65%
Completers in 6 years	98	126	113	128	136
6-Year Graduation Rate	67%	64%	57%	66%	73%
Total number of transfers-out within 150% of normal time	n/a	54	59	55	42
Transfer-out Rate	n/a	28%	30%	28%	22%

Retention and Graduation Rates are reported each year to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), a branch of the National Center for Education Statistics. To view additional data that is reported for College of Our Lady of The Elms, you may view our page on College Navigator: [College of Our Lady of the Elms on College Navigator \(click here\)](#)

Where Are They Now?

Following commencement each year, the Career Center distributes the Outcomes Survey to learn what our graduates are doing. Graduates are asked to identify their employment status (whether they are working full-time or part-time, continuing education, seeking continuing education, or unemployed). Data presented is a combination of graduate entered responses and administratively entered responses. “Knowledge rate” refers to the overall response rate as a combination of graduate entered responses and admin-entered responses.

Overall outcomes for all students are shown as well as a breakdown of bachelor’s only, master’s only, and doctor’s only.

All Students (Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctor’s Combined)	Class 2017	Class 2018	Class 2019
Employed or Continuing Education	98%	95%	92%
Employed Full-Time	89%	84%	78%
Employed Part-Time	5%	4%	7%
Continuing Education	3%	7%	7%
Seeking Continuing Education	1%	2%	3%
Unemployed/Not Seeking Cont. Ed.	2%	3%	5%
<i>Knowledge Rate</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>73%</i>
Bachelor’s Only	Class 2017	Class 2018	Class 2019
Employed or Continuing Education	97%	92%	90%
Employed Full-Time	87%	79%	71%
Employed Part-Time	4%	4%	9%
Continuing Education	4%	9%	9%
Seeking Continuing Education	1%	3%	4%
Unemployed/Not Seeking Cont. Ed.	2%	5%	6%
<i>Knowledge Rate</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>71%</i>
Master’s Only	Class 2017	Class 2018	Class 2019
Employed or Continuing Education	100%	99%	93%
Employed Full-Time	97%	95%	86%
Employed Part-Time	3%	3%	4%
Continuing Education	0%	1%	3%
Seeking Continuing Education	0%	1%	3%
Unemployed/Not Seeking Cont. Ed.	0%	0%	4%
<i>Knowledge Rate</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>78%</i>
Doctor’s Only	Class 2017	Class 2018	Class 2019
Employed or Continuing Education	100%	100%	92%
Employed Full-Time	85%	80%	78%
Employed Part-Time	15%	13%	7%
Continuing Education	0%	7%	7%
Seeking Continuing Education	0%	0%	3%
Unemployed/Not Seeking Cont. Ed.	0%	0%	5%
<i>Knowledge Rate</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>73%</i>