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Retention of Graduate Students Fall 2022 to Fall 2023

Executive Summary

This report tracks the enrollment patterns of graduate students enrolled in the Fall 2022 term to see how many persisted to the Fall 2023 term. Using the Banner system, students were classified as enrolled, not enrolled, or graduated for Fall 2023. Those classified as graduated received their degrees in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023.

Main Report

This report tracks the enrollment patterns of the 1,406 graduate students enrolled in Fall 2022. Using the Banner system, students were classified as enrolled, not enrolled, or graduated for Fall 2023. Those classified as graduated received their degrees in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023.

Retention percentages for the various cohorts for Fall 2022 to Fall 2023 are below.

Cohort	Fall 2022 to Fall 2023	Fall 2021 to Fall 2022	Fall 2020 to Fall 2021	Fall 2019 to Fall 2020	Fall 2018 to Fall 2019
Graduate Students	69.4%	73.1%	69.1%	72.2%	72.4%
Main Campus	67.7%	74.8%	71.4%	74.2%	73.7%
Online	70.7%	71.3%	65.4%	67.9%	64.4%
New Graduate	62.7%	72.3%	68.9%	70.7%	75.1%
Main Campus	62.7%	74.1%	69.8%	72.4%	77.3%
Online	62.8%	70.9%	67.5%	67.4%	68.4%
Continuing Graduate	74.8%	74.0%	69.6%	75.1%	70.8%
Main Campus	71.8%	75.4%	73.0%	77.5%	72.1%
Online	77.1%	72.0%	63.2%	69.4%	60.5%

Of the 1,406 graduate students enrolled in Fall 2022:

- 373 (26.5%) graduated in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023
- 303 (21.6%) did not return for Fall 2023
- 730 (51.9%) reenrolled for Fall 2023

After adjusting for graduating students, the overall graduate retention rate was 70.7%. See Section 1 for more details. Further analysis of the full graduate cohort shows: Main campus retention rate: 74.7%, Online retention rate: 67.8%.

	Fall	2022			Fall	2023				
Tatal by Campus	Enrolled		Enro	olled	Not Er	rolled	Grad	uated		
Total by Campus	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
HCU Main Campus	597	42	324	54.3	110	18.4	163	27.3	434	74.7
Online	809	58	406	50.2	193	23.9	210	26.0	599	67.8
All	1,406	100	730	51.9	303	21.6	373	26.5	1,033	70.7

HCU Main Campus Fall	Fall :	2022 olled	Enro	olled	Fall :		Gradi	uated		
Enrollee Type	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Graduate Student	222	37	157	70.7	57	25.7	8	3.6	214	73.4
Continuing	375	63	167	44.5	53	14.1	155	41.3	220	75.9
All	597	100	324	54.3	110	18.4	163	27.3	434	74.7

	Fall	2022			Fall	2023				
HCU Main Campus Minority	Enro	olled	Enro	Enrolled		rolled	Gradı	uated		
Status	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Minority	411	69	225	54.7	75	18.2	111	27.0	300	75.0
Non-Minority	186	31	99	53.2	35	18.8	52	28.0	134	73.9
All	597	100	324	54.3	110	18.4	163	27.3	434	74.7

HCU Main Campus Full/Part		2022 olled	Enr	olled	Fall :		Gradi	uated		
Time		Jileu	Eiii	Enrolled		liolled	Grau	uateu	Cohort	
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Part-Time	438	73	235	53.7	90	20.5	113	25.8	325	72.3
Full-Time	159	27	89	56.0	20	12.6	50	31.4	109	81.7
All	597	100	324	54.3	110	18.4	163	27.3	434	74.7

		Fall	2022			Fal	I 2023				
		Enr	olled	Enr	olled	Not E	nrolled	Grad	uated		
HCU	Main Campus Major	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Doctor of Education	Exec. Educational Leadership	36	6	28	77.8	4	11.1	4	11.1	32	87.5
	Exec. Mental Health/Human Serv	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
	Special Education Leadership	15	3	10	66.7	3	20.0	2	13.3	13	76.9
	All	52	9	39	75.0	7	13.5	6	11.5	46	84.8
Doctor of Ministry											
	Ministry	18	3	11	61.1	7	38.9			18	61.1
	All	18	3	11	61.1	7	38.9			18	61.1
Master of Arts											
	Apologetics	10	2	4	40.0	1	10.0	5	50.0	5	80.0
	Biblical Languages	11	2	5	45.5	4	36.4	2	18.2	9	55.6
	Classics & Early Christianity	3	1	2	66.7			1	33.3	2	100.0
	Christian Counseling	17	3	11	64.7	4	23.5	2	11.8	15	73.3
	Christian Leadership	9	2	5	55.6	1	11.1	3	33.3	6	83.3
	Clinical Mental Health Counsel	98	16	62	63.3	14	14.3	22	22.4	76	81.6
	Christian Psychological Studie	2	0	1	50.0			1	50.0	1	100.0
	Christian Psychology	6	1	6	100.0					6	100.0
	History	6	1	2	33.3	1	16.7	3	50.0	3	66.7
	Human Services	1	0			1	100.0			1	0.0
	Marriage and Family Therapy	17	3	10	58.8	2	11.8	5	29.4	12	83.3
	Philosophy	8	1	4	50.0	1	12.5	3	37.5	5	80.0
	Psychology	123	21	78	63.4	18	14.6	27	22.0	96	81.3
	Theological Studies	14	2	7	50.0	3	21.4	4	28.6	10	70.0
	All	325	54	197	60.6	50	15.4	78	24.0	247	79.8
Master of Business Admin.											
	Business Administration	54	9	22	40.7	14	25.9	18	33.3	36	61.1
	Data Analytics	23	4	8	34.8	6	26.1	9	39.1	14	57.1
	Marketing	1	0		-	1	100.0			1	0.0
	All	78	13	30	38.5	21	26.9	27	34.6	51	58.8

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		Fall	2022			Fal	II 2023				
		Enr	olled	Eni	olled	Not E	nrolled	Grad	uated		
HCU	Main Campus Major	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Master of Divinity											
	Divinity	18	3	9	50.0	5	27.8	4	22.2	14	64.3
	All	18	3	9	50.0	5	27.8	4	22.2	14	64.3
Master of Education											
	Curriculum and Instruction	8	1	4	50.0	1	12.5	3	37.5	5	80.0
	Curriculum and Instruc.w/Cert.	24	4	7	29.2	7	29.2	10	41.7	14	50.0
	Educational Administration	1	0			1	100.0			1	0.0
	Educational Diagnostician	6	1	5	83.3			1	16.7	5	100.0
	Higher Education	1	0					1	100.0	0	
	Prof. School Counseling	6	1	4	66.7			2	33.3	4	100.0
	Reading	1	0					1	100.0	0	
	All	47	8	20	42.6	9	19.1	18	38.3	29	69.0
Master of Fine Arts											
	Studio Art	24	4	9	37.5	3	12.5	12	50.0	12	75.0
	Creative Writing	13	2	6	46.2	1	7.7	6	46.2	7	85.7
	Screenwriting	5	1			2	40.0	3	60.0	2	0.0
	All	42	7	15	35.7	6	14.3	21	50.0	21	71.4
Master of Liberal Arts											
	Liberal Arts	6	1	2	33.3	1	16.7	3	50.0	3	66.7
	All	6	1	2	33.3	1	16.7	3	50.0	3	66.7
Master of Science											
	Human Resources Management	6	1	1	16.7	2	33.3	3	50.0	3	33.3
	Kinesiology-Sport Management	4	1			2	50.0	2	50.0	2	0.0
	Management & Entrepreneurship	1	0					1	100.0	0	
	All	11	2	1	9.1	4	36.4	6	54.5	5	20.0
All		597	100	324	54.3	110	18.4	163	27.3	434	74.7

HCU M	ain Campus Sex and		2022 olled	Enre	olled	Fall :		Gradi	uated		
	Ethnicity	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Sex	Ethnicity										
Male	African American/Black	55	9	26	47.3	14	25.5	15	27.3	40	65.0
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
	Asian	12	2	3	25.0	3	25.0	6	50.0	6	50.0
	Hispanic	29	5	17	58.6	6	20.7	6	20.7	23	73.9
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
	White	56	9	26	46.4	11	19.6	19	33.9	37	70.3
	Two or More Races	5	1	3	60.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	4	75.0
	Ethnicity Unknown	10	2	4	40.0	6	60.0			10	40.0
Female	African American/Black	168	28	90	53.6	29	17.3	49	29.2	119	75.6
	Asian	24	4	15	62.5	2	8.3	7	29.2	17	88.2
	Hispanic	109	18	64	58.7	19	17.4	26	23.9	83	77.1
	White	105	18	61	58.1	11	10.5	33	31.4	72	84.7
	Two or More Races	7	1	5	71.4	1	14.3	1	14.3	6	83.3
	Ethnicity Unknown	15	3	8	53.3	7	46.7			15	53.3
All		597	100	324	54.3	110	18.4	163	27.3	434	74.7

	Fall	2022			Fall	2023				
Online Fell Ferrelles Toma	Enro	olled	Enro	olled	lled Not En		Graduated			
Online Fall Enrollee Type	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Graduate Student	275	34	179	65.1	84	30.5	12	4.4	263	68.1
Continuing	534	66	227	42.5	109	20.4	198	37.1	336	67.6
All	809	100	406	50.2	193	23.9	210	26.0	599	67.8

	Fall 2022				Fall	2023						
Online Minerity Status	Enrolled		Enrolled		Enro	Enrolled		rolled	Graduated			
Online Minority Status	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate		
Minority	553	68	286	51.7	133	24.1	134	24.2	419	68.3		
Non-Minority	256	32	120	46.9	60	23.4	76	29.7	180	66.7		
All	809	100	406	50.2	193	23.9	210	26.0	599	67.8		

	Fall 2022				Fall	2023						
Online Full/Part Time	Enrolled		Enrolled		Enro	Enrolled		Not Enrolled		uated		
Online Full/Part Time	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate		
Part-Time	779	96	393	50.4	184	23.6	202	25.9	577	68.1		
Full-Time	30	4	13	43.3	9	30.0	8	26.7	22	59.1		
All	809	100	406	50.2	193	23.9	210	26.0	599	67.8		

		Fall	2022			Fal	I 2023				
	Online Major	Enr	olled	Enr	olled		lot olled	Grad	uated		
	Cimile majo.	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Doctor of Education	Exec. Educational Leadership	64	8	42	65.6	15	23.4	7	10.9	57	73.7
	Exec. Mental Health/Human Serv	66	8	48	72.7	17	25.8	1	1.5	65	73.8
	All	130	16	90	69.2	32	24.6	8	6.2	122	73.8
Master of Arts											
	Apologetics	31	4	12	38.7	11	35.5	8	25.8	23	52.2
	Christian Leadership	4	0	3	75.0	1	25.0			4	75.0
	Clinical Mental Health Counsel	195	24	111	56.9	43	22.1	41	21.0	154	72.1
	Human Services	17	2	5	29.4	5	29.4	7	41.2	10	50.0
	Human Services Counseling	5	1	1	20.0	3	60.0	1	20.0	4	25.0
	Marriage and Family Therapy	49	6	35	71.4	8	16.3	6	12.2	43	81.4
	Theological Studies	38	5	19	50.0	8	21.1	11	28.9	27	70.4
	All	339	42	186	54.9	79	23.3	74	21.8	265	70.2
Master of Business Admin.											
	Business Administration	56	7	25	44.6	16	28.6	15	26.8	41	61.0
	All	56	7	25	44.6	16	28.6	15	26.8	41	61.0
Master of Divinity											
	Divinity	13	2	8	61.5	4	30.8	1	7.7	12	66.7
	All	13	2	8	61.5	4	30.8	1	7.7	12	66.7
Master of Education											
	Curriculum and Instruction	27	3	10	37.0	7	25.9	10	37.0	17	58.8
	Educational Administration	15	2	4	26.7	3	20.0	8	53.3	7	57.1
	Higher Education	12	1	3	25.0	5	41.7	4	33.3	8	37.5
	All	54	7	17	31.5	15	27.8	22	40.7	32	53.1
Master of Science											
	Human Resources Management	15	2	6	40.0	2	13.3	7	46.7	8	75.0
	Kinesiology-Sport Management	12	1	9	75.0	2	16.7	1	8.3	11	81.8
	Learning, Technology & Design	18	2	9	50.0	5	27.8	4	22.2	14	64.3
	Management & Entrepreneurship	16	2	9	56.3	2	12.5	5	31.3	11	81.8
	Nursing	156	19	47	30.1	36	23.1	73	46.8	83	56.6

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		Fall 2022		Fall 2023							
Online Major		Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled		Graduated			
		N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Master of Science	All	217	27	80	36.9	47	21.7	90	41.5	127	63.0
All		809	100	406	50.2	193	23.9	210	26.0	599	67.8

Online Sex and Ethnicity		Fall	Fall 2022								
		Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled		Graduated			
		N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Sex	Ethnicity										
Male	African American/Black	69	9	34	49.3	22	31.9	13	18.8	56	60.7
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
	Asian	4	0	2	50.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	3	66.7
	Hispanic	22	3	8	36.4	9	40.9	5	22.7	17	47.1
	White	61	8	27	44.3	18	29.5	16	26.2	45	60.0
	Two or More Races	7	1	3	42.9	3	42.9	1	14.3	6	50.0
	Ethnicity Unknown	4	0	3	75.0			1	25.0	3	100.0
Female	African American/Black	275	34	151	54.9	57	20.7	67	24.4	208	72.6
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	0			1	100.0			1	0.0
	Asian	21	3	14	66.7	2	9.5	5	23.8	16	87.5
	Hispanic	144	18	68	47.2	35	24.3	41	28.5	103	66.0
	White	164	20	75	45.7	37	22.6	52	31.7	112	67.0
	Two or More Races	9	1	5	55.6	3	33.3	1	11.1	8	62.5
	Ethnicity Unknown	27	3	15	55.6	5	18.5	7	25.9	20	75.0
All		809	100	406	50.2	193	23.9	210	26.0	599	67.8