



Claflin University

Graduation and Retention Rate Highlights

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Introduction

Claflin University (CU) uses graduation and retention rates to measure the academic success of Claflin students. Both graduation and retention rates are affected by behavioral, environmental characteristics, institutional choices and programs requirements.

Graduation Rate: A graduation rate is the percentage of students of a known cohort who graduates within a specified period of time. (Graduation rates are generally measured over these periods: 4 years, 5 years and 6 years.)

Formula:

Number of students graduated over the specified period divided by ($\div$) Number of students from the known cohort multiplied by ($\times$) 100

Retention Rate is the percentage of students in a known cohort who enrolled at the institution for a specific semester (fall) and returned to the institution the following semester (fall).

Formula:

Number of students enrolled form the cohort who returned to the institution the next academic year divided by ($\div$) Number of students from the established cohort who enrolled at the institution the previous academic year multiplied by ($\times$) 100

Note: For retention graduation rates, the definitions of the cohort may vary depending on the subject of interest. The most common cohort studied at the institution is the first-time/full-time, degree-seeking freshman students.

