

NGU UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMPLETION METRICS

RETENTION RATES

The **threshold of acceptability** for retention is 70%. The **goal** for retention is 75%. The criteria for the establishment of the threshold of acceptability and the goals to achieve are set by past history (as illustrated in the charts) and by the admissions procedures of the university that provides an opportunity for a wide range of students, some who, while given the opportunity, still do not persist beyond a year or two. Thus, the expectations are realistic and provide a reasonable "goal" to lead to increased success on the part of the university and the individual student.

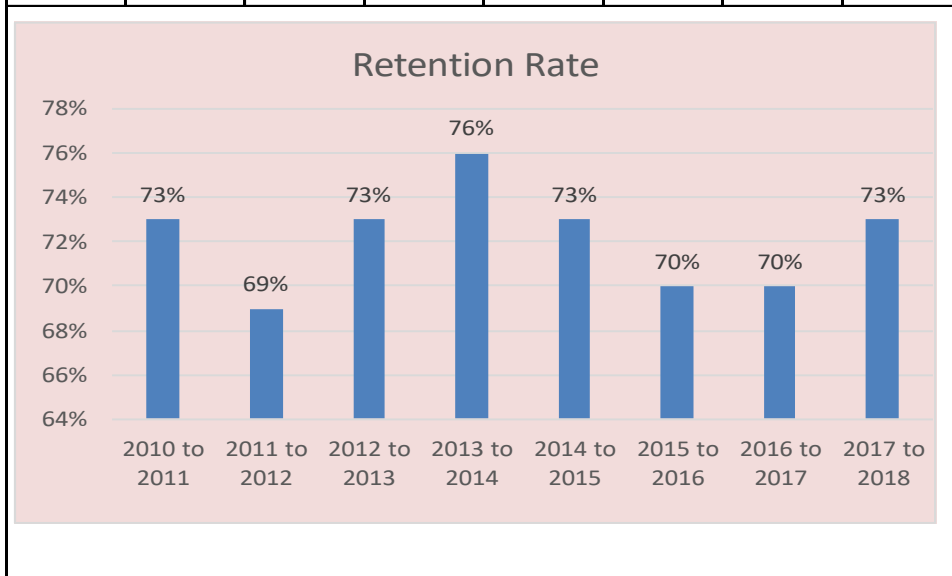
NGU Retention Rates: Freshmen to Sophomore Year

(FTFT) Cohorts for 8 years - 2010 TO 2018

Freshmen Fall Term	FTFT Cohort #	Sophomore Fall Term	Returning Cohort #	Retention Rate
2017	530	2018	388	73%
2016	466	2017	328	70%
2015	528	2016	370	70%
2014	583	2015	428	73%
2013	504	2014	381	76%
2012	521	2013	382	73%
2011	538	2012	369	69%
2010	481	2011	352	73%

RETENTION RATE CHART

2010 to 2011	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014	2014 to 2015	2015 to 2016	2016 to 2017	2017 to 2018
73%	69%	73%	76%	73%	70%	70%	73%



* Data taken from IPEDS annual reporting

TIME TO DEGREE (GRADUATION RATE)

The undergraduate student completion metric shown on the chart uses data submitted to IPEDS over the past five years. This metric indicates an increase in the graduation rate of NGU students and shows that the four-year rate has increased slightly. The addition of the two incentives 1) First Year Experience program and 2) the Student Success Center (website: <https://www.ngu.edu/css.php>) that provide more assistance to our students not only influenced retention but also graduation rates.

The **graduation rates** for the institution have fluctuated a little over the past five (5) academic years (AY) but generally have been increasing. Particularly significant is the increase in the percentage of students who have graduated within five (5) years – an increase from 48% to 53%; and within six (6) years - from 50% to up a high of 57%. (See Chart below)

NGU Undergraduate Graduation Rates by Cohorts - 2008 to 2012													
COHORT YEAR	COHORT NUMBER -(FTFT)			GRADUATION RATES (cummulative each year)									
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MEN			WOMEN		TOTAL				
4 YRS				5 YRS	6 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	6 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	6 YRS		
2012	272	249	521	#	107	139	142	105	136	140	212	275	282
				%	39%	51%	52%	42%	55%	56%	41%	53%	54%
2011	263	275	538	#	81	114	123	126	152	152	207	266	275
				%	31%	43%	47%	46%	55%	55%	38%	49%	51%
2010	248	233	481	#	96	125	132	115	139	143	211	264	275
				%	39%	50%	53%	49%	60%	61%	44%	55%	57%
2009	261	230	491	#	80	114	119	123	148	153	203	262	272
				%	31%	44%	46%	53%	64%	67%	41%	53%	55%
2008	245	255	500	#	78	102	108	120	139	144	198	241	252
				%	32%	42%	44%	47%	55%	56%	40%	48%	50%

* Data taken from annual IPEDS Graduation Rates Reporting

The graduation rate **goal(s)** for NGU are: 44% in four (4) years; 56% in five (5) years; 58% in six (6) years.

The national benchmark, as determined by the 2017 **ACT National Collegiate Retention and Persistence to Degree Rates (Table 8, p. 10)**, is 41.7% within four (4) years and 52.4% within five (5) years. The threshold of acceptability for graduation in six years is 50%.

National Persistence-to-Degree Rates:

Four-Year Private Institutions by Level of Selectivity & Degrees Offered

Admissions Selectivity	Offering Bachelor's, Master's & Doctoral Degrees		
	In 4 Years	In 5 Years	In 6 Years
N	102	102	105
Mean (%)	41.7	52.4	55.2
SD	14.2	12.7	11.7

STATE LICENSING EXAMS FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

The **goal** for passing the Praxis II Exam is 100%.

JOB PLACEMENT

The **goal** for job placement (with no distinction between in field and out-of-field) for undergraduate students who earn a degree is 75%.

Because our mission is to “glorify God by cultivating graduates who are equipped to serve as transformational leaders for church and society,” we recognize many of our students are being educated for leadership roles outside their programs of study.