

Student Achievement Goals and Outcomes

In accordance with the requirements of ACU's institutional accreditor, SACSCOC, ACU provides the following student achievement data, which it updates annually each fall unless otherwise noted. Achievement goals are not minimums but goals for future achievement based on the most recent benchmark comparisons with aspirational peers and/or ACU historical trend data based on past performance. The definitions used are consistent with the national Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) including gender, ethnic, and Pell/NonPell status. Questions related to this report can be directed to Chris Riley, SACSCOC Liaison.

Measure Cohort (Methodology)	Achievement Goal	Outcome
Retention and Graduation Rates		
First-Year Retention Rate Fall 2021-24 (Four-year average for the cohort of full-time, first-time bachelor's degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in the Fall (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at ACU as of the official enrollment the following Fall.)	85%	80.1
Graduation Rate (5 year) Students Beginning Fall 2020 (Percentage of full-time, first-time bachelor -seeking undergraduate students completion status at 100% to 125% of the normal time to complete all requirements of their program of study at ACU.)	70%	61%
IPEDS "New" Outcome Measure Entering 2016-17 (Percentage of all entering undergraduate students (i.e., Full-time, first-time entering; Part-time, first-time entering; Full-time, non-first-time entering; Part-time, non-first-time) awarded a certificate, associate's or bachelor's over an 8-year period)	70%	61%

Job Placement		
First Destination Placement Graduates – Dec. 24 - May 25 (Percentage of Abilene undergraduate students obtaining their first destination goal (employed, accepted to graduate school, serving in military, serving in long-term missions, or not seeking employment) within 6 months of graduation as self-reported on internal First-Destination Survey)	95%	92%
Degrees Conferred		
Total Degrees Conferred July 1, 2023 to Jun 30, 2024 Total number of certificates or associate, bachelor's and master's degrees conferred	1380 (FY 2020) 2142 (FY 2025)	1254 (FY 2020) 1367