

SD Mines MS Graduation Rates and Student Outcomes

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MS Program 2-, 3-, 5-, and 6-year Graduation Rates

Graduation rates for graduate students are determined based on the Fiscal Year (FY) which begins on July 1. For example, FY 2016 includes graduates from these academic terms: Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016.

Master's Students		Percent of all MS student graduated*				
Cohort (year started)	Cohort Size	2-year	3-year	4-year	5-year	6-year
FY2010	47	47%	70%	79%	83%	83%
FY2011	82	72%	82%	87%	87%	89%
FY2012	102	70%	76%	78%	81%	81%
FY2013	124	65%	74%	77%	78%	79%
FY2014	114	65%	76%	81%	82%	82%
FY2015	112	64%	78%	81%	83%	
FY2016	131	57%	67%	69%		
FY2017	133	62%	70%			
FY2018	115	63%				

* Percentages are cumulative. This means, for example, that the percentage of all students who have graduated after the passage of three years include those who graduated after the passage of two years.

Data on MS student success in programs of study are on the following page.

MS Program Student Outcomes

Student outcomes (i.e., the result of study in a program) have been reliably tracked in a Graduate Office database since Fiscal Year 2010. Note that recent cohorts naturally have more students in progress and fewer students graduated.

- “In progress” includes students actively working on the degree.
- “Inactive” includes students on an approved Leave of Absence or who are no longer actively pursuing the degree.
- “Terminated” includes students dropped from the program for academic insufficiency.
- “Transferred” includes students who transferred to a different graduate degree program within South Dakota Mines.

Cohort (year started)	Cohort Size	Percent in Category				
		Completed	In Progress	Inactive	Terminated	Transferred
FY2010	47	87%	0%	11%	0%	2%
FY2011	82	90%	0%	9%	1%	0%
FY2012	102	81%	0%	16%	1%	2%
FY2013	124	79%	1%	17%	2%	1%
FY2014	114	82%	0%	15%	0%	3%
FY2015	112	83%	1%	14%	1%	1%
FY2016	131	69%	3%	23%	1%	4%
FY2017	133	75%	4%	20%	0%	2%
FY2018	115	72%	7%	18%	0%	3%
FY2019	106	61%	19%	13%	2%	5%
FY2020	101	28%	58%	8%	1%	5%