

**SD Mines Ph.D. Graduation Rates and Student Outcomes**  
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**Ph.D. Program 3-year to 10-year Graduation Rates**

NOTE: Graduation rates by degree were tabulated based on the university database for Academic Years (AY) AY2006-07 through AY2009-10, but these reports only counted students matriculating in the Fall, so the cohort sizes are incomplete. Graduate rates for these cohorts are likely representative but not verified.

Beginning in AY2010-11, complete cohorts are tracked using a Graduate Office database. These data are more reliable and provide the most accurate picture of persistence and graduation rates for PhD. students.

Percent of all Ph.D. Students Graduated \*

Cohort (year started)	Cohort Size	3-year	4-year	5-year	6-year	7-year	8-year	9-year	10- year
AY2006-07	6	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	67%	67%	67%
AY2007-08	4	0%	25%	25%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%
AY2008-09	18	17%	33%	67%	67%	78%	78%	78%	
AY2009-10	24	8%	46%	50%	63%	83%	83%		
AY2010-11	15	7%	20%	27%	33%	40%			
AY2011-12	11	0%	9%	36%	64%				
AY2012-13	13	0%	8%	31%					
AY2013-14	27	0%	11%						
AY2014-15	25	8%							

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

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

### Ph.D. Program Success

Student outcomes (success in achieving the degree) have been reliably tracked in a Graduate Office database since AY2010-11. 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 SD Mines.

Percent of students in each Category

Cohort (year started)	Cohort Size	Graduated	In Progress	Inactive	Terminated	Transferred
AY2010-11	15	40%	40%	13%	0%	7%
AY2011-12	11	64%	18%	18%	0%	0%
AY2012-13	13	31%	31%	38%	0%	0%
AY2013-14	27	11%	63%	19%	0%	7%
AY2014-15	25	8%	72%	20%	0%	0%
AY2015-16	31	0%	77%	19%	0%	3%
AY2016-17	24	0%	83%	4%	0%	13%