The Federal Student-Right-To-Know law requires that institutions assess and report student retention and completion rates to the public. Monitoring retention and completion rates over time can help assess the effectiveness of both academic and student life programs as well as innovative programs such as the first year experience program aimed at increasing freshmen retention. The graduation rate as established by the United States Department of Education to meet current Student-Right-To-Know requirements calls for the Cohort group to be those first-time, full-time freshmen students who enrolled at the University during Summer or Fall six years prior to the reporting year and graduated before Fall of the reporting year.

**Report for 2006 (Cohort Graduates through Summer 2005)**

**FALL 1999 COHORT**

- **TOTAL OVERALL GRADUATION RATE FOR ALL STUDENTS:** 50%
- **TOTAL OVERALL GRADUATION RATE FOR ATHLETES:** 52%

**SOURCE:** IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey  
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