DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCREDITING COMMISSION
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DISCLOSURE FOR THE PUBLIC

DEAC accredited institutions offer a broad array of instructional programs and student support services to meet varied educational and professional goals of a highly diverse student population. Institutions determine appropriate performance criteria to measure the success of their students in achieving their goals in the context of the institution's specific mission and scope. You will find below (1) a summary of how this institution measures student achievement in the context of the institution's mission and educational programs, and (2) student achievement metrics which the institution believes best reflect student and program performance. For more information about DEAC standards and requirements, please visit **www.deac.org**.

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Summary of Institution Mission and Student Achievement

Columbia Southern University is a private institution that provides diverse learning experiences and affordable, flexible distance education programs at the certificate, undergraduate, and graduate levels to a global student body, delivered by qualified, student-centered faculty committed to teaching and student learning. The university offers quality academic programs from the vantage point of diverse learning options such as Term, LifePace Learning, and Veterans Flexible Enrollment which accommodate the widest range of adult learning preferences and educational needs.

CSU evaluates student achievement by monitoring performance measures, which include graduation rates, graduation rates for transfer students, completion rates for certificate programs, retention rates, job employment rates, employer satisfaction, and student satisfaction. For the Distance Education and Accrediting Commission's student achievement disclosure for the public, the university provides overall graduation and retention rates below. For all student achievement data reported by the university visit: https://www.columbiasouthern.edu/downloads/pdf/disclosure/outcomes-assessment

Aggregated Institutional Data on Student Achievement

2018 Graduation Rates
Graduation rates were calculated within 150% normal completion time based on student cohorts tracked over time.
Student cohorts include full-time and part-time students as well as first-time and non-first-time. 150% of CSU's normal completion time for an associate degree is 4.5 years, a bachelor degree is 7.5 years, a master degree is 4.5 years, and a doctoral degree is 7.5 years.

Degree Level	Students in Cohort	2018 Graduates	Overall Graduation Rate	Goal
Associate	3669	1958	53%	32%
Bachelor	7201	3626	50%	43%
Master	3192	1777	56%	54%
DBA	143	13	9%	40%

2018 Student Retention Rates
Retention rate includes students actively enrolled Fall of one year and continued their studies in Fall of the following year.

Base Cohort	Retention Rate	Retained Dates
08/01/2017-10/31/2017	71.86%	08/01/2018-01/31/2019