
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

Catholic Distance University's mission is to communicate the mind and heart of the Church in a digital world. Using distance education, the university educates teachers and learners worldwide in Catholic theology, the liberal arts, and faith development for the growth of faith, ecclesial service, and leadership for the New Evangelization. CDU measures Student Achievement in the context of both mission and educational programs. In regard to mission, preparation to teach the faith in the context of a parish, school or diocese is an important measure of CDU's success in equipping students for ecclesial service and leadership for the New Evangelization. According to alumni program exit survey data, 90% surveyed from 2014-2019 serve the Church through ministry. In 2019, 100% of alumni surveyed feel confident in their ability to teach the faith following their education at CDU. To measure Student Achievement within educational programs, targeted assignments are used to assess mastery of course and program goals. Also tracked and reviewed are persistence through courses, satisfactory course completions, program retention and graduation rates, and various surveys soliciting feedback, including end of course and program surveys, employee surveys, and student services surveys.

Aggregated Institutional Data on Student Achievement

Graduation rates, satisfactory course completion rates, alumni program exit surveys, and the use of targeted assignments to measure mastery of program goals provide important metrics of Student Achievement. The data provided below are from 2019.

Graduation Rates are based on cohorts of students who enrolled in the programs below and completed them within 150% of the program duration time. CDU's graduation rates were 85% for the BA program, and 67% for the MA programs.

Alumni program-exit survey respondents expressed 100% satisfaction with programs, and 100% were confident in their ability to teach the Faith.

The annual review of satisfactory course completion indicates that in 2019, 90.84% of undergraduate students satisfactorily completed their courses, and 95.93% of graduate students satisfactorily completed their courses. The GPA requirement for the BA degree program is 2.0; the GPA requirement for the MA programs is 3.0.