

**Georgia Southern University  
Faculty Senate - Request for Information**

1. For each of the ten most recent GSU graduation ceremonies (i.e., since December 2009), what number of **participants and what proportion of participants** failed to complete their degree requirements in the semester of the ceremony? (Please provide data for each ceremony, not participants failed to complete their degree requirements in the just in aggregate.)

Graduation Term Ceremony	Participants*^	In Absentia (Did Not Participate)**		Degrees Awarded ^	Actual Participants Did Not Complete by Graduation Term	
		Actual Participants			Graduation Term	%
Fall 2009	1373	238	1135	1025	110	9.7%
Spring/Summer 2010	2857	432	2425	2389	36	1.5%
Fall 2010	1498	329	1169	1027	142	12.1%
Spring/Summer 2011	3174	540	2634	2587	47	1.8%
Fall 2011	1342	271	1071	1038	33	3.1%
Spring/Summer 2012	3143	493	2650	2638	12	0.5%
Fall 2012	1620	307	1313	1157	156	11.9%
Spring/Summer2013	3286	501	2785	2689	96	3.4%
Fall 2013	1736	418	1318	1165	153	11.6%
Spring/Summer 2014	3457	521	2936	2813	123	4.2%

\*Number of participants includes candidates that did not attend (IA - in absentia).

\*\*In Absentia includes students who noted would not attend and students brought forward from prior terms who did not complete. Current policy allows for graduation candidates to be retained for up to three future term listings (if they have unresolved academic issues, "holds", or I/IP grades) unless they confirm they do not plan to graduate; this allows them to pay the graduation fee only once during those three terms.

^ Summer participants attend the Spring ceremony, therefore the number of degrees awarded for Spring includes Summer.

Columns in yellow added to clarify on actual participants

2. For the five most recent May graduation ceremonies, what number of **participants and what proportion of participants** failed to complete their degree requirements in the subsequent summer term? (Please provide data for each ceremony, not just in aggregate.)

Graduation Term Ceremony	Participants*^	In Absentia (Did Not Participate)**		Degrees Awarded for Spring	Degrees Awarded for Summer	Actual Participants Did Not Complete by Graduation Term	
		Actual Participants				Graduation Term	%
Spring/Summer 2010	2857	432	2425	1458	931	36	1.5%
Spring/Summer 2011	3174	540	2634	1601	986	47	1.8%
Spring/Summer 2012	3143	493	2650	1651	987	12	0.5%
Spring/Summer 2013	3286	501	2785	1703	986	96	3.4%
Spring/Summer 2014	3457	521	2936	1682	1131	123	4.2%

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