

MTSU Student Academic Attainment

The Middle Tennessee State University [Academic Master Plan 2015-2025, The Reach to Distinction](#), states that “Middle Tennessee State University will increase student academic attainment and encourage students to engage in life-long learning” with specific objectives ‘to increase retention rates and increase graduation rates’. Information about MTSU student attainment follows.

Fall to Fall First-Time Retention for Freshmen One-Year Retention Rates (Full-Time)

Years	Retained/Graduated		Not Retained		Total
2021 - 2022	2,059	76.1%	648	23.9%	2,707
2020 - 2021	2,268	74.7%	767	25.3%	3,035
2019 - 2020	2,577	78.5%	705	21.5%	3,282
2018 - 2019	2,158	75.4%	704	24.6%	2,862
2017 - 2018	2,256	75.8%	720	24.2%	2,976
2016 - 2017	2,202	76.8%	665	23.2%	2,867
2015 - 2016	2,129	76.2%	664	23.8%	2,793
2014 - 2015	2,251	74.2%	783	25.8%	3,034

Source: MTSU Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Research

Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) Official Graduation Rates for MTSU

Academic Year	Graduation Rate
2022	59.8%
2021	59.2%
2020	57.4%
2019	53.3%
2018	51.6%
2017	49.7%
2016	50.2%
2015	51.1%

A university’s graduation rate, as specified by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), is the percentage of students that graduate from the university or from another public Tennessee university within six years of the initial enrollment term.

Source: <http://tn.gov/thec/topic/funding-formula-resources>