

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 Retention for Full-Time Freshmen

Years	Retained/Graduated		Not Retained		Total
2022 - 2023	2,584	75.03%	860	24.97%	3,444
2021 - 2022	2,511	71.97%	978	28.03%	3,489
2020 - 2021	2,747	71.30%	1,106	28.70%	3,853
2019 - 2020	3,132	76.48%	963	23.52%	4,095
2018 - 2019	2,824	73.73%	1,006	26.27%	3,830
2017 - 2018	3,000	73.46%	1,084	26.54%	4,084
2016 - 2017	3,011	74.86%	1,011	25.14%	4,022
2015 - 2016	3,102	74.03%	1,088	25.97%	4,190
2014 - 2015	3,214	72.63%	1,211	27.37%	4,425

Source: MTSU Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Research

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

Academic Year	Graduation Rate
2023	58.4%
2022	59.9%
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: <https://www.tn.gov/thec/data-research-reports/reports-studies-pub/fact-book.html>