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VCU Summary of the National Science Foundation Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities 2014

• 58.2% of Ph.D. recipients at VCU were female while 41.8% were male
  • In contrast females made up only 44.0% of Ph.D. recipients at very high research institutions and 46.0% at all institutions

• The percentage of doctoral recipients that are black or African American was 10.5% at VCU
  • Compared to 4.7% at very high research institutions in the United States and 6.4% at all institutions

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- 78.8% of PhD graduates at VCU are U.S. citizens or permanent visa holders
  - Compared to approximately 67% of doctoral graduates at very high research institutions and all institutions.

- 21.2% of PhD graduates at VCU hold temporary visas
  - Compared to approximately 33% of doctoral graduates at very high research institutions and all institutions.
The percentage of PhDs in Life Sciences awarded by VCU are considerably higher (42.8%) than other institutions (23%).

A higher percentage of doctorates in the life sciences at VCU (39.7%) reported that they conducted interdisciplinary dissertation research than other institutions (27%).
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• Time to degree for Ph.D. graduates at VCU of 5.5 years was similar to that of other institutions (5.7 years)

• PhD graduation rate of 67% at VCU is greater than the national average of 56%

Fall Doctoral Cohort Graduation Rates

Years

% Graduated

Fall 2003
Fall 2004
Fall 2005
Fall 2006
Fall 2007
Fall 2008
Fall 2009
Fall 2010
Fall 2011

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Postgraduate Plans

- 23.7% post doctoral fellowship
- 32.8% employment
  - 46.6% academe
  - 53.4% government, industry, business, nonprofit
- Seeking position 37.9%
- Other 5.6%

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• 33.5% of VCU doctoral recipients that graduate with more than $30,000 of debt
  • while only 21.5% of Ph.D. recipients at very high research institutions have that level of student debt and 25% at all institutions

• 23% of VCU PhD graduates leave with debts less than $30,000
  • virtually identical to the national average

• 43.5% of VCU PhD graduates leave with no debt
  • 55.2% graduate from very high research universities and 52.3 at all institutions

VCU Graduate Student Takes Second Place in Regional Three Minute Thesis Competition

The VCU 3MT® competition, sponsored by the VCU chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda Graduate student Honor society and Graduate School was held fall semester.

Kemper, presenting his research entitled Rape, Sperm & Antibodies: Solving a Growing Crisis won the VCU 3MT® competition and advanced to the CSGS competition.

Thirty-eight graduate students from universities across the conference competed in the regional competition. Eight students advanced to the final round. Kemper’s outstanding presentation earned him a second place finish with a $500 award.
Graduate Admissions

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SREB
Tuition at Candidacy
Title IX Training

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Graduate School
• SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program

“The Doctoral Scholars Program provides multiple layers of support including financial assistance, academic/research funding, career counseling and job postings, scholar counseling and advocacy, a scholar directory for networking and recruiting, invitation to the annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, and continued early career support”.

• The SREB Doctoral Scholars Program New Institutional Partnerships

• Ansley Abraham
  • Program Director
  • April 27, 2016
Tuition at Candidacy

Schools/College must submit list of expected doctoral degree candidates by the dates indicated below for upcoming semesters:
- Fall – July 15, 2016
- Spring – December 1, 2016
- Summer – April 15, 2017

The Graduate School will provide 1/3 university tuition only (not fees) for doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy and are being funded as a graduate assistant. The school/department/grant must provide 2/3 tuition support.
Title IX Training
Online Forms

Rochelle Jordan, Technology
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Awards

Upcoming Events

Lori Floyd-Miller
Coordinator, Graduate Student Services
Graduate School
Thesis and Dissertation Awards
Support Staff Awards
3 Minute Thesis Award
Grad Fest – Library
April 11th, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Cabell Library

Graduate Symposium and Graduate Education Day
April 19th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Student Commons
Graduation Checkout Process-Degree Works

Kristin Smith
Degree Audit Office
Using Degree Works for the Graduation Application Process (Graduate Programs)

Office of Records and Registration
Division of Strategic Strategic Enrollment Management
Connect to Degree Works through eServices.

Not sure how to do this?
Tutorials available at
http://rar.vcu.edu/degree-works/video.html
or email us at degreeaudit@vcu.edu
Freezing Audits in Degree Works for Graduation (Graduate Programs)

What does “freezing an audit” mean?
Freezing Audits in Degree Works for Graduation (Graduate Programs)

6 freeze types were created to mimic the existing paper signature process, but programs are not required to use all 6!
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Available Freeze Types

Preliminary approval (3)
Advisor, Program Director, and Dean

Final approval (3)
Advisor, Program Director, and Dean
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3 Minimum “Freeze Type” Requirements

Preliminary approval
• preliminary advisor OR preliminary program director freeze
• preliminary dean freeze from a different person than who issued the preliminary advisor or program director freeze

Final approval
• final dean freeze (after grades are posted and all degree requirements have been completed/fulfilled)
Freezing Audits in Degree Works for Graduation (Graduate Programs)

How to freeze an audit in Degree Works
1) Always click the **PROCESS NEW** button to refresh an audit when it loads in Degree Works, especially before freezing an audit. This ensures that the audit is as up-to-date as possible.

How to Freeze an Audit in Degree Works

By freezing this student's academic audit for graduation, you confirm the following: I have reviewed the academic record of the above student and certify that all the undergraduate degree requirements for the major, minor (if applicable) and the university have been fulfilled. I recommend that this candidate be awarded the degree applied upon satisfactory completion of the courses and requirements designated below.
How to Freeze an Audit in Degree Works

2) Review the student’s audit to confirm all requirements will be (or are already) met. Make any advising notes if necessary (ex: “pending substitution request to allow a course taken prior to matriculation to apply”).

3) Select the appropriate freeze type from the drop-down menu. The freeze types that appear have been assigned to you directly. *Only authorized individuals will be allowed to freeze a graduation audit.*
How to Freeze an Audit in Degree Works

4) Press the “Save” button. *Do not enter anything in the blank description box.*

5) You will receive a pop-up message that the audit was updated successfully. Press “OK”. The student’s audit is now frozen!
Viewing Frozen Audits

Always check History once an audit has been frozen to make sure it saved successfully
Viewing Frozen Audits

If you wish to confirm that you have already frozen an audit for a particular student, or if you wish to view what freezes have already been completed for a student, click on the History link on the left side of the Degree Works window.
Viewing Frozen Audits

After clicking on History, a page will load with menus near the top. Click on the “Historic Report” drop-down menu. You must make a selection here to see the frozen audit details.

Make your selection and press the View button.
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The audit will load and will appear exactly as it did when frozen. You will also see the name of the person who froze the audit, the date it was frozen, and the freeze type used.

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This audit is already frozen. Please press the Process New button above to generate a new audit that may be frozen.
How do I know what students’ audits need to be frozen?
Pulling Reports for Graduating Students

- Reports will be available through the Reporting Center this Summer.
- Once a student performs the “check out” action in eServices, they will appear on the Graduation Candidates report with Graduation Status of IG (Intent to Graduate). These students are ready for the first level of freezing.
- Other reports will be available to show graduating students and the freeze types they have already been issued.
- There is no built-in notification process. Programs will need to communicate and/or regularly run these reports in order to fully process students’ applications.
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