

Graduate Program Student Achievement Outcomes

Belmont University uses graduation rates and job placements rates as measures of student success for graduate programs. Belmont uses a standard set of measures where possible for these programs, however, because of the variability in programs and guidelines from external accrediting bodies for some programs, some measures are customized for the specific program.

Graduation Rates

Belmont University monitors graduation rates for students enrolled in graduate programs. Belmont uses a standard methodology of measuring the percentage of full-time students who enter in the fall and graduate within 150% of the standard program length. Due to the variability in program length the cohorts reported are customized for the specific program. Because peer data is not easily available at the graduate level, Belmont has established a set of goals and thresholds for each program. Unless required by an external accrediting body, Belmont has established a goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 70% for all graduate programs. While most of our programs meet or exceed the stated goal, programs with a small cohort size can experience wide variations in graduations rates.

Graduation rates are shown for the most recent cohorts available for each program as determined by program length.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Master of Arts in English

The 2017 graduation rate for Master of Arts English, the most recent available based on program length is 71%, above the minimum threshold. It is noted that this program has a small cohort size which can cause the graduation rates to vary.

Graduation Rate		2015	2016	2017
	Belmont	100%	80%	71%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%

Note: The number of students enrolled in each cohort is small, affecting the overall graduation rate.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Master of Sport Administration

The 2018 graduation rate for the Master of Sport Administration, the most recent available based on program length is 95%, above the university goal.

Graduation Rate		2016	2017	2018
	Belmont	93%	98%	95%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%

Jack C. Massey College of Business, Master of Accountancy

The 2019 graduation rate for the Master of Accountancy, the most recent available based on program length is 91%, above the university goal.

Graduation Rate		2016	2017	2018	2019
	Belmont	91%	100%	93%	91%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%	70%

Jack C. Massey College of Business, Master of Business Administration

The 2019 graduation rate for the Master of Business Administration Healthcare Management MBA, the most recent available based on program length is 94%, above the university goal.

Healthcare Management MBA

Graduation Rate		2016	2017	2018
	Belmont	100%	94%	94%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%

The 2020 graduation rate for the Master of Business Administration Accelerated MBA, the most recent available based on program length is 96%, above the university goal.

Accelerated MBA

Graduation Rate		2017	2018	2019	2020
	Belmont	97%	100%	100%	96%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%	70%

The 2019 graduation rate for the Master of Business Administration Professional MBA, the most recent available based on program length is 96%, above the university goal.

Professional MBA

Graduation Rate		2014	2015	2016	2017
	Belmont	100%	91%	89%	96%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%	70%

Note: The Professional MBA program began in fall 2014.

College of Music & Performing Arts, Master of Music

The 2018 graduation rate for the Master of Music, the most recent available based on program length is 93%, above the university goal.

Graduation Rate		2016	2017	2018
	Belmont	74%	89%	93%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%

Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business, MS in Audio Engineering

The 2018 graduation rate for the MS in Audio Engineering, the most recent available based on program length is 80%, above the university threshold.

Graduation Rate		2016	2017	2018
	Belmont	75% (3/4)	43% (3/7)	80%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	70%	70%	70%

Note the Professional MS in Audio Engineering Technology program began in fall 2016. The number of students enrolled in each cohort is small, affecting the overall graduation rate.

First Destination Rates

Belmont graduate programs track job placement rates for graduates using the First Destination survey. The First Destination Career Outcomes Rate represents the percentage of graduates from whom data could be collected or otherwise obtained, who were working, continuing education, volunteering or enlisted in the military generally within six months of graduation and excludes those who were not seeking employment. Unless required by an external accrediting body, Belmont has established a goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86% for all graduate programs. While most of our programs meet or exceed the stated goal, programs with a small graduating class can experience wide variations in First Destination rates.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Master of Arts in English

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 100% exceeds the university goal.

M.A. English

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	100%	100%	67%	100%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Master of Sport Administration

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 100% exceeds the university goal.

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	85%	100%	86%	100%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

Jack C. Massey College of Business, Master of Accountancy

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 100% exceeds the university goal.

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	97%	96%	97%	100%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

Jack C. Massey College of Business, Master of Business Administration

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 100% exceeds the university goal.

Health Care Management

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 94% exceeds the university goal.

Accelerated MBA First Destination Rate

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	96%	100%	100%	94%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 98% exceeds the university goal.

Professional MBA

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	100%	97%	100%	98%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

College of Music & Performing Arts, Masters in Music

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 100% exceeds the university goal.

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	100%	84%	100%	100%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business, Master of Science in Audio Engineering

This program uses the university goal of 90% with a minimum threshold of 86%. The 2021 first destination rate of 100% exceeds the university goal.

First Destination Rate		2018	2019	2020	2021
	Belmont	N/A	83%	100%	100%
	Goal	90%	90%	90%	90%
	Threshold	86%	86%	86%	86%

Data are not available for 2018.