

Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering Program Profile

PhD Attrition

Cohort Entry Year	# of entering PhD students*	Cumulative Attrition Rate Within a Given Number of Years After Entry into Program						
		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	6 Years +
2000	219	5%	15%	21%	22%	24%	25%	25%
2001	203	4%	10%	15%	18%	18%	19%	21%
2002	238	3%	15%	20%	22%	22%	24%	24%
2003	213	5%	14%	18%	20%	22%	23%	
2004	230	6%	16%	22%	23%	24%		
2005	196	6%	14%	20%	23%			
2006	207	6%	16%	20%				
2007	256	5%	6%					
2008	245	4%						

* Includes winter and spring admits. Students who transfer in from other NU graduate school programs are excluded. MD/MPH students in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) are included in the year in which they entered the MSTP program.

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PhD Completion

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		4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	7 Years	8 Years	9 Years	10 Years
1997	274	11%	30%	45%	51%	53%	54%	55%
1998	254	5%	22%	38%	43%	45%	47%	48%
1999	229	4%	23%	48%	57%	59%	60%	61%
2000	219	5%	25%	56%	64%	68%	70%	
2001	203	4%	28%	55%	66%	72%		
2002	238	6%	31%	55%	66%			
2003	213	2%	27%	53%				
2004	230	6%	24%					
2005	196	3%						

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