



**Erskine College**  
**Statement of Student Achievement**

*The institution identifies, evaluates, and publishes goals and outcomes for student achievement appropriate to the institution’s mission, the nature of the students it serves, and the kinds of programs offered. The institution uses multiple measures to document student success.*

SACSCOC Core Requirement 8.1

As expressed in Erskine College’s mission statement, the institution seeks “to glorify God as a Christian academic community where students are equipped to flourish as whole persons.” Erskine has identified several factors to monitor and assess student achievement, including 1) first-to-second year retention, 2) graduation rate, 3) successful course completion, and 4) job or graduate school placement.

**1. First to Second Year Retention**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>2018 - 2019</b>	<b>2019 - 2020</b>	<b>2020 - 2021</b>	<b>2021 - 2022</b>	<b>2022 - 2023</b>	<b>2023 - 2024</b>
Freshman to Sophomore	63%	75%	59%	63%	63%	58%

First to second year retention rate refers to freshman students who continue into their sophomore year at Erskine College. Freshman to sophomore retention held relatively steady from 2018–2019 to 2023–2024, with a marked increase in 2019–2020, but overall remains below Erskine’s goal of 72% retention. Erskine did exceed its retention goal of 75% during the 2019–2020 academic year. The institution’s goal is based on the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) comparison institutions. Returning to a level that reaches or exceeds Erskine’s goal will take work but is attainable. (NCES Comparison Institutions = 72%)

## 2. Graduation Rate

<b>Cohort Year</b> (beginning in Fall)	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
6-Year Graduation Rate	61%	45%	52%	40%	46%	49%

Graduation rates are computed for students entering as first-time, full-time freshmen undergraduates. Erskine College's average graduation rate over this six-year period was 49%, below the institution's goal of 53%. The institution's goal is based on the IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) comparison group institutions. (IPEDS Comparison Group Institutions = 53%)

## 3. Course Completion Data

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Course Enrollments</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>%</b>
2017-2018	5,994	4,622	<b>77%</b>
2018-2019	5,878	4,723	<b>80%</b>
2019-2020	7,937	6,508	<b>82%</b>
2020-2021	7,768	6,159	<b>79%</b>
2021-2022	8,291	6,767	<b>82%</b>
2022-2023	8,872	7,427	<b>84%</b>
2023-2024	8,781	7,410	<b>84%</b>

Course completion is defined as a student earning a passing grade and receiving credit for the course. Erskine's goal for a successful course completion rate is 90%. While not yet reaching the institution's goal, the percentage for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 continues to show a course completion rate at 84% for the last two years.

#### 4. Job/Graduate School Placement

<b>Graduating Class</b>	<b>Employed within 12 months</b>	<b>Graduate School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Class of 2018	66%	19%	<b>95%</b>
Class of 2019	63%	17%	<b>80%</b>
Class of 2020	61%	17%	<b>68%</b>
Class of 2021	56%	20%	<b>76%</b>
Class of 2022	57%	30%	<b>87%</b>
Class of 2023	54%	39%	<b>93%</b>

Erskine College seeks to track undergraduate student achievement of job placement or entrance into graduate school within the first 12 months after graduation. Erskine's goal is to see 90% of graduates entering the workforce or continuing their education at the graduate level within 12 months of graduation. Based on student data, the percentage of students in 2022–2023 was over the 90% goal. The institution will need to assess if there are factors that can be adjusted to continue to maintain and improve the percentage of students who are employed or attending graduate school. Figures for job and graduate school placement are based on responses to senior and alumni surveys.