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GRADUATION RATES

Meredith College is pleased to report graduation statistics for the students who entered as *full-time, first-time freshmen* in Fall 2001. In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know (SRTK) Act of 1990, the report reflects the percentage of students who complete within six years (150% of the normal time to completion). However, it is significant to note that most Meredith graduates earn their baccalaureate degrees within the traditional four-year period. Meredith has also chosen to report its five-year average graduation rates for full-time, first-time students.

	Fall 2001 Cohort	4-Year Averages for 1998-2001 Cohorts
Number of Entering Students	380	416
Graduating in 4 or fewer years	53.4%	54.4%
Graduating in 5 or fewer years	60.5%	63.9%
Graduating in 6 or fewer years	62.6%	65.3%

Twenty students in the Fall 2001 cohort (5.3%) graduated from Meredith in fewer than four years. Four of the full-time, first-time students who began in Fall 2001 were still enrolled at Meredith in Fall 2007; three earned their degrees in December 2007 and one continued into Spring 2008. The overall graduation rate for minority students in this cohort was 85.7%. Of the students who withdrew from Meredith, at least 81.2% are known to have continued their education at other colleges and universities.

To give Meredith’s outcomes perspective, the following national averages were reported in 2006 as *five-year* graduation rates at institutions awarding Bachelor’s degrees, based on data collected by the American College Test (ACT).

5-Year Institutional Graduation Rates - 2006

4-Year Public Institutions	42.8%
4-Year Private Institutions	57.8%
4-Year Public and Private Institutions	52.3%

The more selective an institution is, the higher the graduation rate tends to be on average. In 2006, the average ran from 44.5% for private institutions having liberal admission to 83.2% for private institutions with highly selective admission. The mean for selective private institutions was 65.4%. Therefore, Meredith’s four-year running average of 63.9% graduating in five years fits well in this category.

Meredith College admits qualified women students without regard to race, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.