

Office of Graduate Services

Graduate Program Profile: Astronomy Doctoral Program

Admissions Yield

Admissions Year	Applicants	Admitted	Admission Rate	Enrolled	Yield
FY 2018	53	13	25%	6	46%
FY 2019	65	11	17%	5	45%
FY 2020	60	13	22%	5	38%

Total number of applicants, number admitted applicants, admissions rate, number admitted applicants who enrolled, and admissions yield (i.e., number enrolled out of number admitted) for fiscal years (FY; fall, spring, summer terms) 2018, 2019, and 2020.

GRE Percentiles

Admissions Year	Verbal	Quantitative	Analytical
FY 2018 - 2020 Applicants	63	67	49
FY 2018 - 2020 Admits	72	66	64
FY 2018 - 2020 Newly Enrolled	70	61	58

Average GRE verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing percentiles for all applicants, admitted applicants, and newly enrolled students calculated across fiscal years (FY) 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Faculty Demographics

Department Faculty	Fall 2019
Total	14
Tenured/Tenure Track	10
Full-time Non-tenure Track	2
Part-time Instructors	2
Graduate Faculty	8
Graduate Faculty to PhD Student Ratio	1: 3

Number of instructional faculty in department by rank and status for Fall 2019.

Enrollment Demographics

Program Enrollment	Fall 16-18 Avg	Fall 2019 (n; % enrolled)
Total	29	27
Full Time (≥ 9 hours)	29	27; 100%
Underrepresented Minority ¹	5	7; 26%
Non-resident Alien	7	4; 15%
Female	15	12; 44%

¹Underrepresented Minority includes all students that do not identify as white, Asian, or white-Asian students.

Graduation Statistics

Time to Degree			Graduation Rate of New Ph.D. Students				
Year of completion	Total	Median years to degree	Cohort	Cohort (n)	Completed within 5 years (n, %)	Completed within 7 years (n, %)	Completed within 10 years (n, %)
FY 2014 - 2016	7	7	FY 2007 - 2009	11	1, 9%	7, 64%	9, 82%
FY 2017 - 2019	12	7					

Median time to degree completion for students graduating with PhD in fiscal years (FY) 2014 – 2016, and fiscal years 2017 – 2019, and the number and percent of new graduates who completed their degree within 5, 7, and 10 years of starting degree.

Postdoctoral Plans of Degree Recipients

Post-Doctoral Plans of Degree Recipients Reported FY 2017 - FY2020		
Employment or Training Type	Secured at time of completion	Not secured at time of completion
Four-year college or university teaching and/or research position	1	
Post-doctoral fellowship or research	6	2
Employment in non-profit organization		1
Employment in a school or community college	2	
Employment in business or industry	2	1
Self-employment		
Further graduate study		
Not seeking employment at this time		

Source: Doctoral Exit Survey. Postdoctoral plans reported at time of dissertation submission.