

## DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCREDITING COMMISSION

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DISCLOSURE FOR THE PUBLIC

DEAC accredited institutions offer a broad array of instructional programs and student support services to meet varied educational and professional goals of a highly diverse student population. Institutions determine appropriate performance criteria to measure the success of their students in achieving their goals in the context of the institution's specific mission and scope. You will find below (1) a summary of how this institution measures student achievement in the context of the institution's mission and educational programs, and (2) student achievement metrics which the institution believes best reflect student and program performance. For more information about DEAC standards and requirements, please visit [www.deac.org](http://www.deac.org).

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## Summary of Institution Mission and Student Achievement

Agora University is a pioneering global Orthodox Christian University dedicated to building bridges between Orthodox Christianity and the Humanities to address the challenges of the contemporary world via distance learning. Agora University is committed to building a community of inspired students through innovative learning, open discussion, and research to become whole persons, and creative leaders to advance their communities. We welcome students from all faiths and backgrounds and provide them the intellectual freedom to express their diverse voices in open dialogue while preserving and upholding the particularity of our Orthodox Christian identity.

Agora University validates the success of its mission when our students succeed. This verifies that all the University efforts in Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning are effective in driving and nurturing a diverse body of students to become holistic persons who are able to impact their communities and address the contemporary challenges. To measure student achievement, we monitor retention and graduation rates, academic excellence and satisfaction, and personal growth.

## Aggregated Institutional Data on Student Achievement

Graduation rate for the Master of theology in Orthodox theology: Agora University measures student graduation rate on cohorts of full-time students who are admitted to the program in a calendar year, and complete it within three years. In 2016, Graduation rate for our first Mth cohort is 100%. In 2017, Graduation rate for our second Mth cohort is 100%. In 2018, there was no admission due to redesigning the program. In 2019, graduation rate was 75%. In 2020, while the students of this cohort are still in session, we have 1 early graduate. The 2021 cohort is still in session. The 2016 and 2017 MTS cohorts had 100% graduation rate. 2018 and 2019 there were no admissions in the MTS program due to redesign. 2020 MTS students are still in session.

Cohort 2016 Retention Rate was 100% and Student Graduation Rate 100%.

Cohort 2017 Retention Rate was 100% and Student Graduation Rate 100%.

Cohort 2018 No Admissions.

Cohort 2019 Retention Rate was 90%. Graduation Rate 75%.

Cohort 2020 Retention Rate was 100%. Still in Session.

Cohort 2021 Retention Rate was 100%. Still in Session.

Student Achievement and Satisfaction rates have maintained a range of 7 to 10 points out of a maximum of 10 points. Lower numbers have seen a noticeable increase from a 7.65 to above 8.5 in 2022.