Completion and Attrition Trends: Baseline Data Analysis

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The baseline data describes completion and attrition rates by broad field and disciplines of study, cohort size, and institutional type.

This presentation includes:

- Snap shots of previous presentations
- Temporal completion trends by disciplines in each broad field
- Completion rates by institution types
- Completion rates by cohort sizes
- Attrition rates (Details omitted)

Source: Council of Graduate Schools Completion and Attrition Program Data

Overall

By Broad Fields

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Note: 10-Year Cohorts include all cohorts entering 1992-93 through 1994-95
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Other attrition data in our upcoming book:
Attrition rates by broad fields, disciplines, institution type, and cohort sizes.
Components of early attrition at the aggregate level and by broad fields.

Components of Overall Early Attrition for Year 1 through Year 4 since Entering Doctoral Study

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NOTE: A-cohorts include all cohorts entering 1992-93 through 1994-95
B-cohorts include all cohorts entering 1995-96 through 1997-98
C-cohorts include all cohorts entering 1998-99 through 2000-01
Summary

• Completion and attrition rates vary across broad fields and across disciplines within a broad field.
• In general, Engineering and Life Sciences disciplines have higher completion rates and Humanities have lower completion rates than other broad fields.
• The rate of completion continues to increase in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines from years 7-10 suggesting that completion in these broad fields continues beyond year 10.
• There is little difference in completion rates by institution type or by cohort sizes at the aggregate level. Across fields, differences sometimes become more evident.
• Early attrition rates increase faster than later attrition rates.