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results
by improving graduation rates

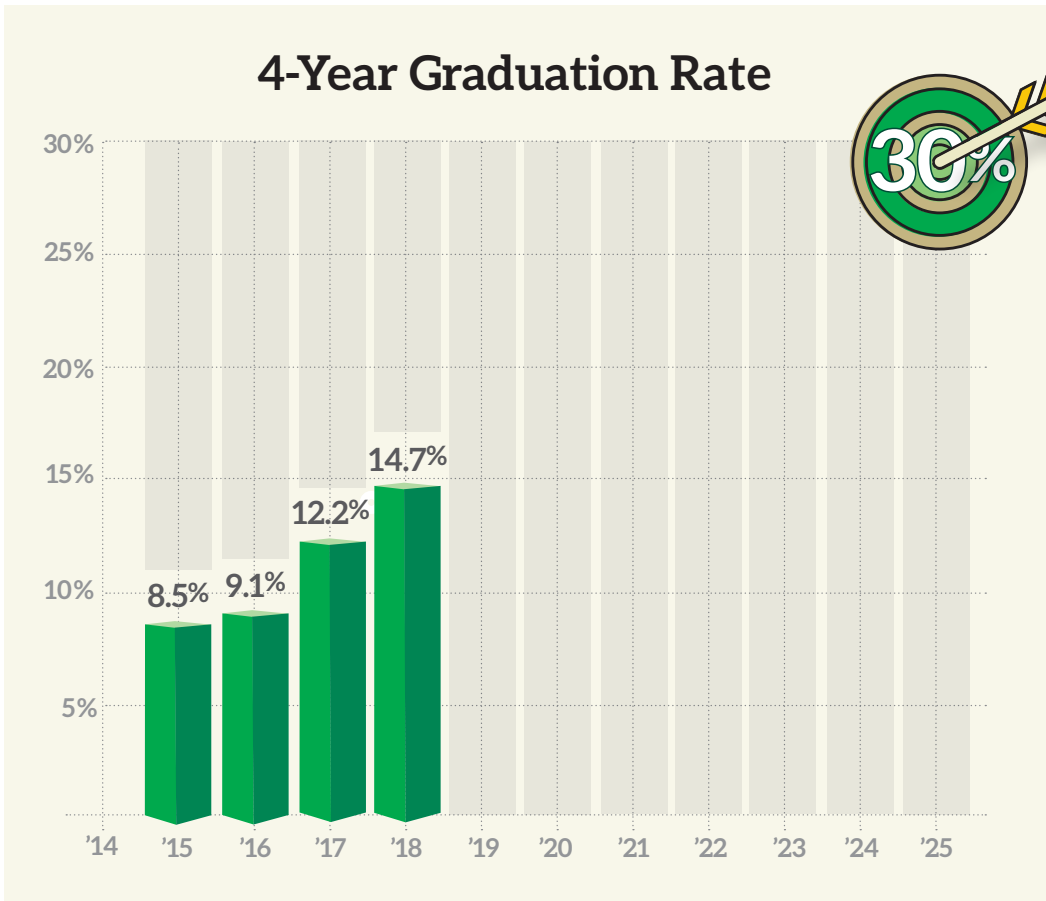


2019 PROGRESS REPORT

Nearly halfway to our goal. Now, that's progress

As Sacramento's university, more than 60% of Sacramento State students come from the region and after graduation an overwhelming majority remain here to live and work. Helping students stay on track and graduate on time is critical not only to their success, but the region's as well. One way we're doing this is to increase the 4-year graduation rate from 8.5% to 30% by 2025, as called for in the CSU's Graduation Initiative 2025. Our "Finish in Four" program incentivizes students to take 30 academic units per year and supports them when they do. In fact, since this University-wide effort began three years ago, we've made some impressive progress.

Our four-year graduation rate has risen to 14.7%, the highest it's been in 30 years. We have done it by supporting our students, adding more than 1,000 course sections, hiring new faculty, encouraging incoming freshmen to take a full course load of 15 units a semester, and more.



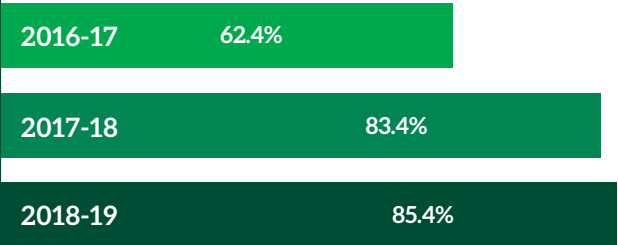
 Sacramento State's "Finish in Four" program was honored with the prestigious American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Excellence in Innovation Award in 2018.

THE 'FINISH IN FOUR' COMMITMENT

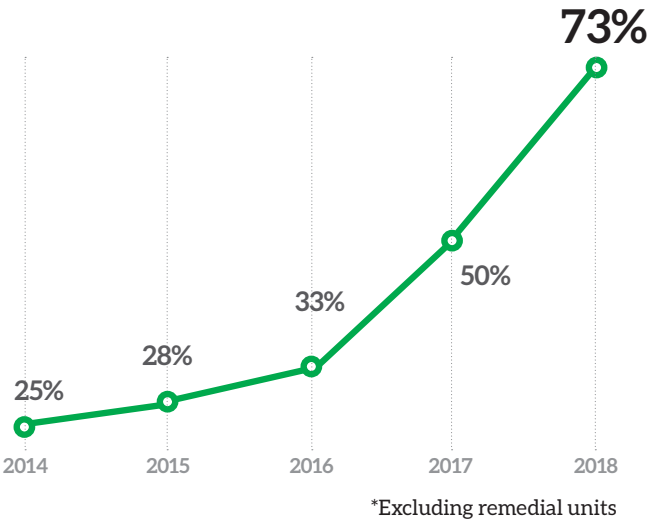


The "Finish in Four" commitment and program are offered to all incoming freshmen. Under the program, students commit to taking 30 units a year. In return, each student receives a discount on summer session tuition, priority summer session registration, increased advising, and discounts at the University Bookstore and campus dining services.

Freshmen Committed to Taking 30 Units



Freshmen Taking 15 Units* in the First Semester



CLASSES STUDENTS NEED, WHEN THEY NEED THEM

Provost Grants + Year-Round Pell + Reduced Fees = More Summer Students

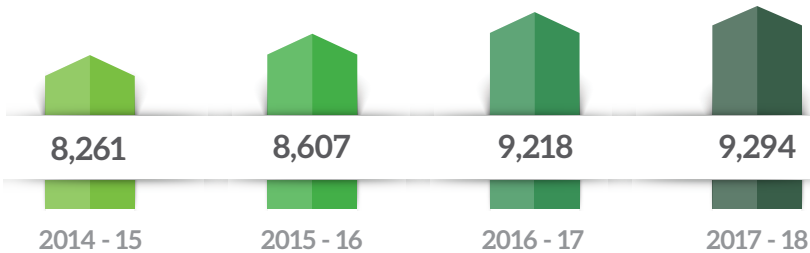


For many students, summer session is critical to graduating on time. To make it more affordable, we've reduced summer session fees and provided Provost Grants of up to \$855 to those near graduation or taking a full course load. Also, year-round Pell Grants have been reintroduced, allowing more low-income and first-generation students to afford summer session. All of which is helping students to graduate faster and with less debt. In 2018, more than 4,250 students enrolled in summer session.

Using Data-Driven Technology

With Smart Planner and other data systems, we're giving students and advisors electronic platforms to proactively plan classes and track progress, while simultaneously helping the University to know well in advance what courses are needed, when to schedule them, and what rooms to use.

Total Undergraduate Sections



EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF FACULTY AND ADVISORS



Ensuring that every student has the best opportunity to complete his or her degree program successfully and expediently begins with high-quality professors and academic advisors. To this end, we have made it a priority to hire additional tenure-track faculty offering the courses most needed for students to graduate, and to enhance our advising resources with new hires, e-advising initiatives, and peer mentoring programs.



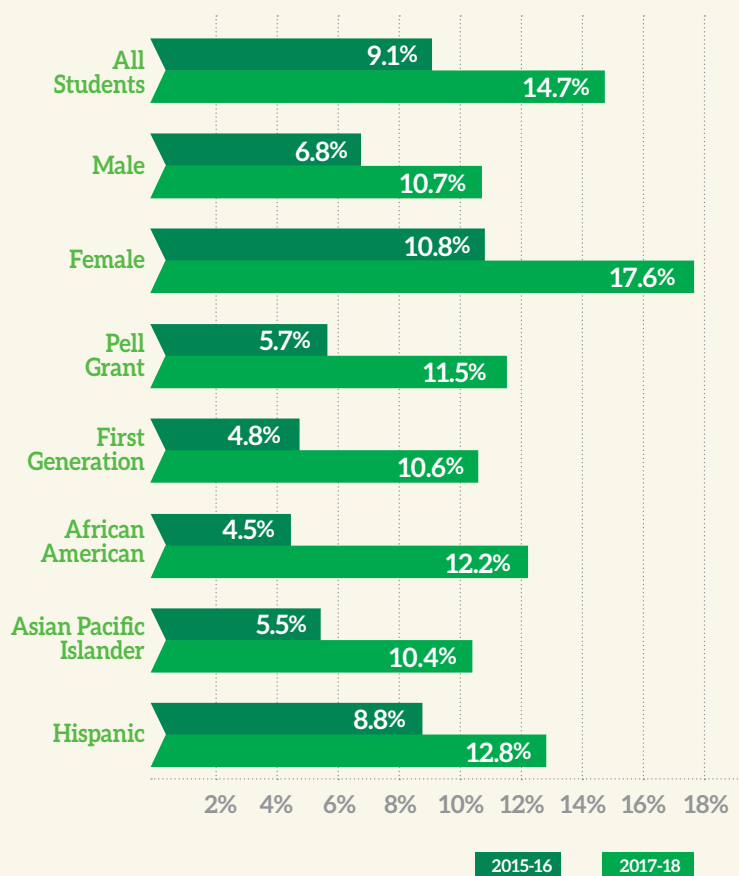
Everyone

is gaining ground

In addition to improvements in the four-year graduation rate, in recent years we've also improved the two-year graduation rate for transfer students by 12%. We are making significant progress **closing the achievement gap for underrepresented students**, who make up a considerable part of our university population.

Regardless of socioeconomic status, race, gender, or sexual orientation, all students work incredibly hard to get accepted into college. At Sacramento State, every student has the opportunity to graduate from college and go on to **redefine the possible**.

4-Year Graduation Rate Improvements



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