

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The 4-year graduation rate of students who studied abroad in their actual graduation term (45%) was much lower than the rate for students who studied abroad in a term other than their graduation term (74%) and the rate for campus overall (72%) for these entry cohorts.
- The campus 4-year graduation rate would have increased one point, to 73%, if students who graduated at 4.5 years and studied abroad that term had graduated within 4 years.

METHODOLOGY

This analysis includes freshmen who entered in Fall 2008 (n = 4,263) and Fall 2009 (n = 4,355). Graduation data were sourced from Cal Answers. “Official” graduation term (as used in this fact sheet) is used to generate the official graduation rates for each cohort and is held constant once entered. “Actual” graduation term is updated if a student’s graduation term changes. For example, a student who has an official graduation term of Summer 2012, could, with proper documentation, have their actual graduation term retroactively changed to Spring 2012. Nonetheless, their official graduation term remains Summer 2012. Information was provided by the Berkeley Study Abroad Office for students who participated in UC Education Abroad Program or Berkeley Abroad. Students who studied abroad through other programs were not included in the count of study abroad participants.

STUDY ABROAD IN GRADUATION TERM

In these two entry cohorts, 183 students studied abroad in their actual graduation term. For 155 of these students, their actual graduation term matched their official graduation term. For the remaining 28 students, their *actual* graduation term, was earlier than their *official* graduation term.

Where actual graduation term matched a study abroad term, 70% (n = 128) of these terms were during the academic year (Fall or Spring) and 30% (n = 55) were during a Summer term. Of the students

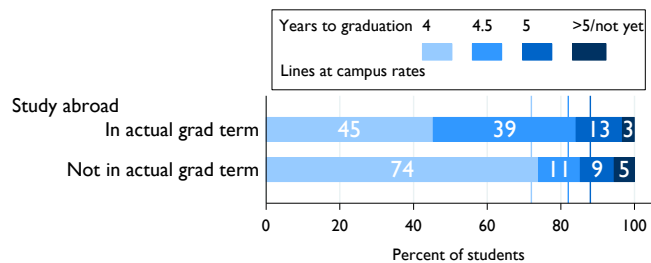
who studied abroad during their actual graduation term, 29 (16%) studied abroad more than once.

NORMATIVE GRADUATION

For these two entry cohorts, the campus 4-year graduation rate was 72%. For students who studied abroad (18%, n = 1,516), the 4-year graduation rate was 71%. Additional graduation rate analysis for the campus and for study abroad students is available in the report, “Factors related to graduation rates: Freshman entrants” (OPA, January 2017).

Among those who studied abroad in their actual graduation term, 83 students (45%) graduated within four years. Seventy-one students (39%) graduated at 4.5 years, for a cumulative 4.5-year graduation rate of 84%, which is higher than the campus rate of 82% for these entry cohorts.

Graduation rates for students who studied abroad in their actual graduation term



Note: Labels represent percent of students

If the students who studied abroad in their actual term of graduation and graduated at 4.5 years (n = 71) had instead graduated within 4 years, the campus 4-year graduation rate would have increased one point, to 73%.

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