

Auburn University Retention Statement

To effectively “serve the citizens of the State... and prepare Alabamians to respond successfully to the challenges of a global economy,” as indicated in Auburn University’s mission statement, requires an educational environment that provides opportunities and support for the successful graduation of students with a range of skills and backgrounds. Improved retention rates make better use of material and human resources, but must not come at the expense of academic standards. Rather, improved retention rates must be achieved by enabling students to meet high academic standards, so they are prepared to succeed in subsequent endeavors after graduation. This must be a coordinated institution-wide effort and requires contributions from faculty, staff and students. In particular, effective retention requires:

- Faculty who engage students with an appropriate balance of encouragement and challenges that guides and enables each student towards attaining his or her full potential.
- Staff who provide effective advising and support programs so that students enroll in the appropriate courses and have the preparation needed to succeed.
- Students who put forth the effort to meet academic challenges, but also seek out and accept the support needed to persist through graduation.

Communication and cooperation among faculty, staff and students are critical to effectively utilize and develop programs for improved retention rates. Auburn University is committed to maintaining the institutional procedures and policies to support, encourage and recognize efforts directed toward enabling the successful graduation of all students admitted to Auburn University.