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**INTRODUCTION**

Undergraduate attrition rate is a common statistic often released by universities that informs the undergraduate application process. In general, it serves as an indicator of student quality of life and a measure of student success. Graduate attrition, however, is not widely publicized, or even studied. This analysis attempts to begin understanding graduate attrition at Georgia Tech, by defining and identifying it. It is hoped that this information can be used as a tool to help guide diversity and inclusion efforts in the campus graduate student community.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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**FURTHER WORK**

- An evaluation of ongoing diversity programs for departments with relatively equal attrition rates among all demographics.
- Understanding problem semesters for students who withdraw from graduate studies among departments.
- Survey of reasons for graduate attrition and a study of withdrawn student undergraduate preparation for graduate study.
- Impact of attrition and graduate student mental health.