

### Graduate Studies

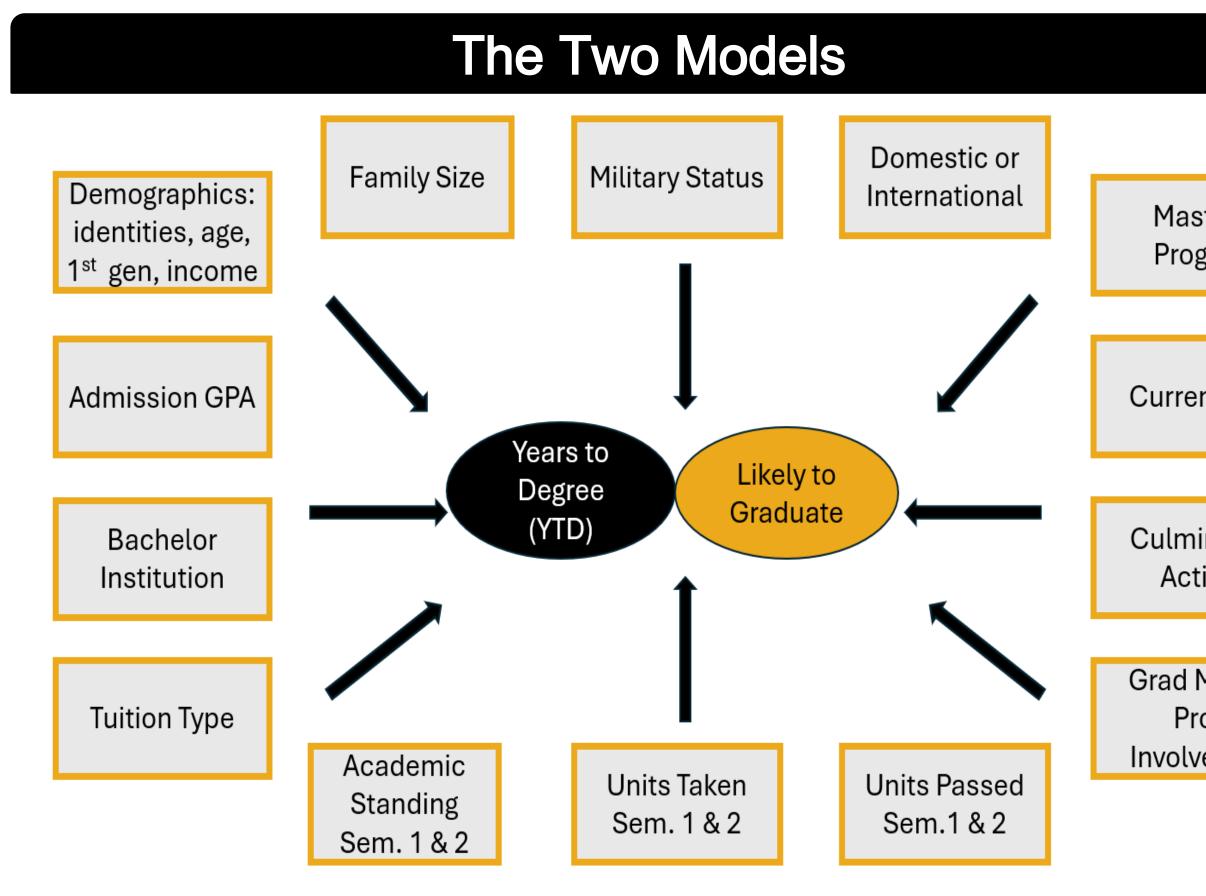


### The Research Questions

- What factors impact graduate student time-to-degree likelihood of graduating?
- Did different factors impact time-to-degree and likelik of graduating pre- and during pandemic?

## The Data

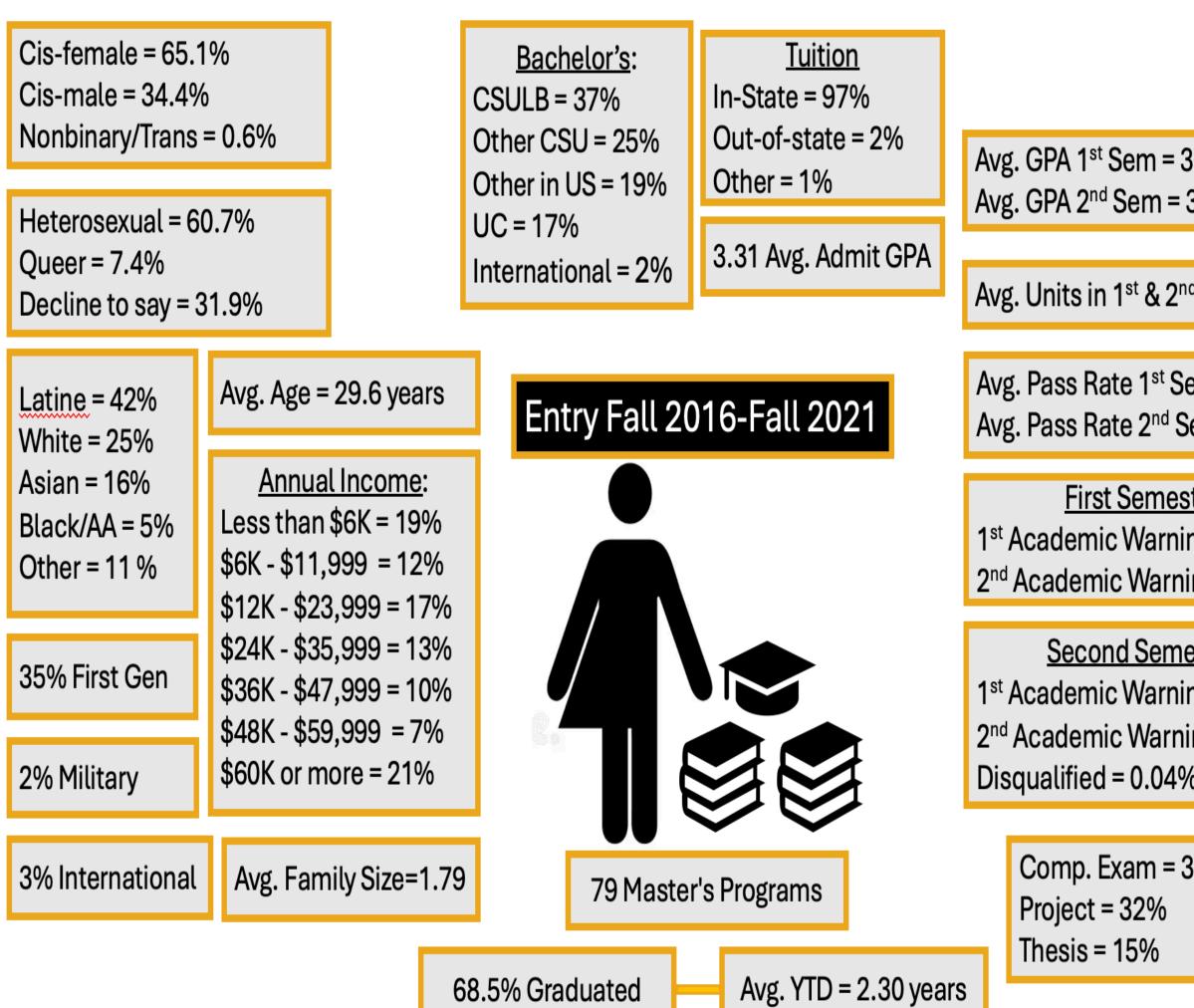
- **IR&A** Data
- Master's students in stateside programs
- Entered between Fall 2016 and Fall 2021



### The Data Analysis

- Linear Regression for YTD for Who Graduated
- 2. Logistic Regression for Likely to Graduate
- 3. Separate Analyses for Domestic Students

## The Sample



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- Advising Structure
- Graduate Advising Support
- Cohort Structure?



### **Overall Summary**

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- mit GPA matters.
- exual Identity matters.
- cademic standing in 2<sup>nd</sup> sem. matters– both D and likelihood of earning degree.
- ace did *not* emerge as a significant predictor th exception of Other (shorter YTD).
- rad students with a bachelor's from SULB are *less likely* to graduate.
- hen CSULB baccs graduate, they graduate ster than non-CSULB baccs.
- ad students taking a comp rather than mpleting a thesis or project have shorter YTD.

### **Pandemic Summary**

- pandemic disproportionately impaired the nood of graduating and YTD for grad students are:
- CSULB Baccalaureate Recipients
- Older (YTD only)
- Nonbinary/Trans-Identified (YTD only)
- Annual Income Earners Below 6K
- Annual Income Earners Below 48K (YTD only)

### Implications

- nsider relying on GPA to determine admission er help to those with lower admit GPAs
- vide grad students on academic warning in 2<sup>nd</sup> nester with additional supports
- end services to thesis & project students to aid npletion

### **Future Research**

- ss program-level factors on grad student ess and timely achievement of degree,
- Culminating Activity Options and Supports

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