



The Cooper Union

Institutional Statistics

Our mission is to sustain The Cooper Union as a free center of learning and civic discourse that inspires inventive, creative, and influential voices in architecture, art, and engineering to address the critical challenges and opportunities of our time.

UNDERGRADUATE COMPOSITION

ENROLLMENT

Fall 2025	N	%
Undergraduate Degree-Seeking	834	100%
Gender		
Men	384	46%
Women	450	54%
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	0.5%
Asian	279	33.5%
Black or African American	58	7.0%
Hispanic or Latino	90	10.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	0.8%
White	227	27.2%
Two or more races	41	4.9%
Race/Ethnicity unknown	31	3.7%
U.S. Nonresident	97	11.6%
Note: Race and ethnicity categories are reported in accordance with federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) definitions and reporting guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education.		

ALL FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS ENTERING 2025

Applied	2219
Admitted	363
Enrolled	198
Selectivity	16.4%
Yield Rate	54.5%

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

2025-26
8 to 1

UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES

FIRST YEAR RETENTION RATES

Entering Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Students Entering	216	198	218	221	195	186	196
Students Retained After One Year	197	168	199	206	178	171	175
First-Year Retention Rate	91%	85%	91%	93%	91%	92%	89%

SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES

Entering Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Six-Year Outcome Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Graduation Rate	79.4%	83.4%	83.5%	80.3%	81.1%	81.8%

DEGREES AWARDED BY MAJOR

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Program	Total Men	Total Women	Grand Total
Architecture	11	14	25
Art	18	44	62
Engineering, General	6	4	10
Chemical Engineering	18	7	25
Civil Engineering	15	13	28
Electrical Engineering	23	10	33
Mechanical Engineering	14	12	26
Total	105	104	209

POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES

EMPLOYMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Class of 2025 Outcomes	%
Response Rate*	35%
Employment and Graduate School Rate**	69%
<i>Notes: The First Destination Survey collects information on graduates' post-graduation plans and outcomes. Data were gathered from the time of graduation through six months after graduation. *Response Rate represents the share of the graduating class that completed the First Destination Survey (67 of 194 graduates). **Employment and Graduate School Rate are calculated using respondents with known post-graduation outcomes (46 of 67 respondents).</i>	

MEDIAN EARNINGS

Earnings Measure	Amount
First Destination Survey Median Salary*	\$80,031
College Scorecard Median Earnings**	\$75,729
<i>Note: *Median annual salary reported by spring 2025 graduates who completed the First Destination Survey. **Median earnings of former students who received federal financial aid, were working (as indicated by W-2 wages or self-employment income), and were not enrolled in school approximately four years after graduation, as reported by the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard. The College Scorecard earnings are inflation-adjusted to 2024 dollars.</i>	

THREE-YEAR COHORT DEFAULT RATES

Fiscal Year	2022	2021	2020
Default Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Number in Default	0	0	0
Number in Repayment	76	82	64
<i>Note: The U.S. Department of Education publishes cohort default rates based on the percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on Direct Loan Program loans during a federal fiscal year (October 1–September 30) and default before the end of the second following fiscal year.</i>			