

Peer Comparisons for the University of Fairfax

The University of Fairfax (UF) developed its peer group based on its specialized mission: serving predominantly mid-career professionals and military-affiliated adult learners through advanced programs in cybersecurity, IT management, business, and related professional fields. Peers were selected based on specialized program mix, graduate/doctoral emphasis, online modality, and international reach.

Selection Framework

Because the cybersecurity/IT-dominant graduate sector is relatively small, UF's peer list includes institutions with comparable missions, degree levels, enrollment size, and adult-serving models. UF's peer selection emphasized institutions with:

- Fully or predominantly online delivery
- Graduate-dominant enrollment profiles
- Programs in cybersecurity, IT, management, homeland security, or related fields
- Adult-serving missions with high proportions of nontraditional students
- Title IV participation (preferred, though not required)
- Enrollment scale under roughly 2,500 students

Identified Peers

[American National University](#) (DEAC, [~1500 students](#))

With similar student populations, delivery modalities, regulatory contexts, and geographic footprints, students often choose between the two based on the credit system and program alignment. ANU is included here as an internal comparator for triangulating outcomes and planning institutional improvement.

[Abraham Lincoln University](#) (DEAC, [166 students](#))

ALU's online-exclusive model, adult-serving orientation, and strong performance on graduation indicators make it a solid peer. Although heavily specialized in legal education, its business administration and specialized programming overlap with UF's market. Its 100% distance-education enrollment and strong outcomes provide an important comparator for online graduate student success.

[Capitol Technology University](#) (MSCHE, [900 students](#))

Capitol Technology University is a highly relevant peer given its mission alignment, program mix, and student demographics. A private, nonprofit institution accredited by the MSCHE, Capitol Tech serves a predominantly adult, working-professional student population with a

strong emphasis on cybersecurity, information assurance, intelligence studies, technology management, and related technical fields. Most of its graduate programs are offered entirely online, mirroring UF's delivery model and target audience.

[United States University](#) (WSCUC, [2539 students](#))

USU offers business, nursing, and education programs with a strong international student focus and a monthly tuition model that parallels the affordability strategies used by UF. Their doctoral programs and DE emphasis make them a useful comparator, though their lack of robust IT/cyber programs limits disciplinary alignment.

[University of Advancing Technology](#) (HLC, [960 students](#))

UAT is a strong disciplinary peer due to its advanced programs in cybersecurity, software engineering, network security, and digital technology. Its NSA Center for Academic Excellence designation, online-dominant graduate enrollment, and military focus parallel UF's cybersecurity mission. Outcome measures and persistence data align closely with UF.

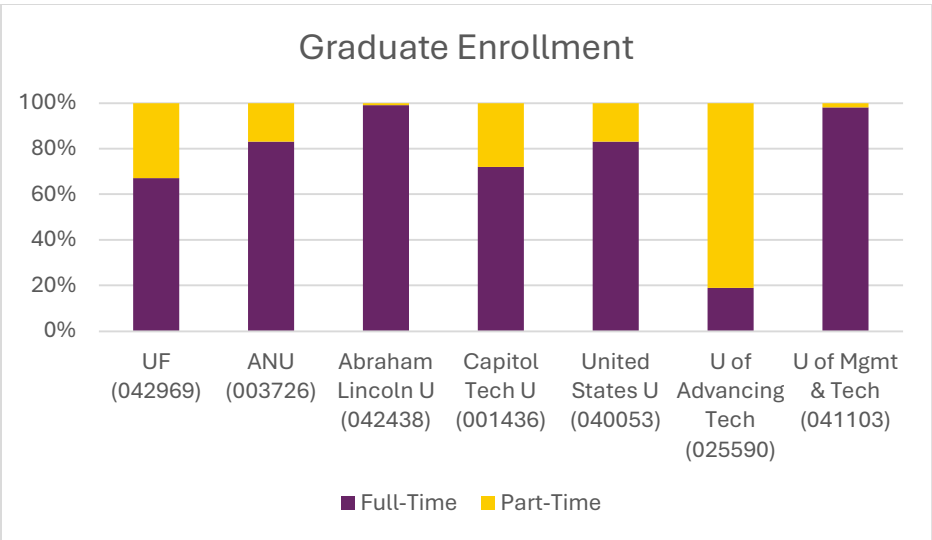
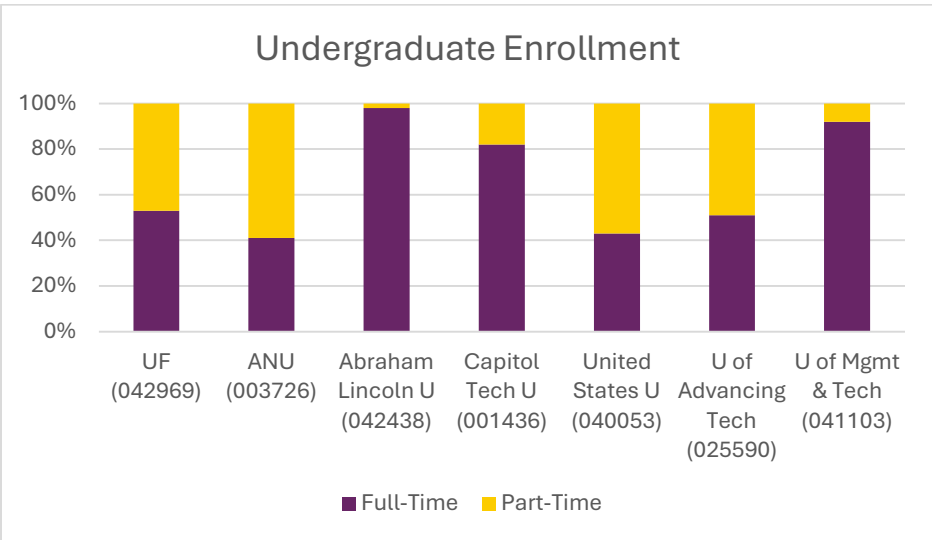
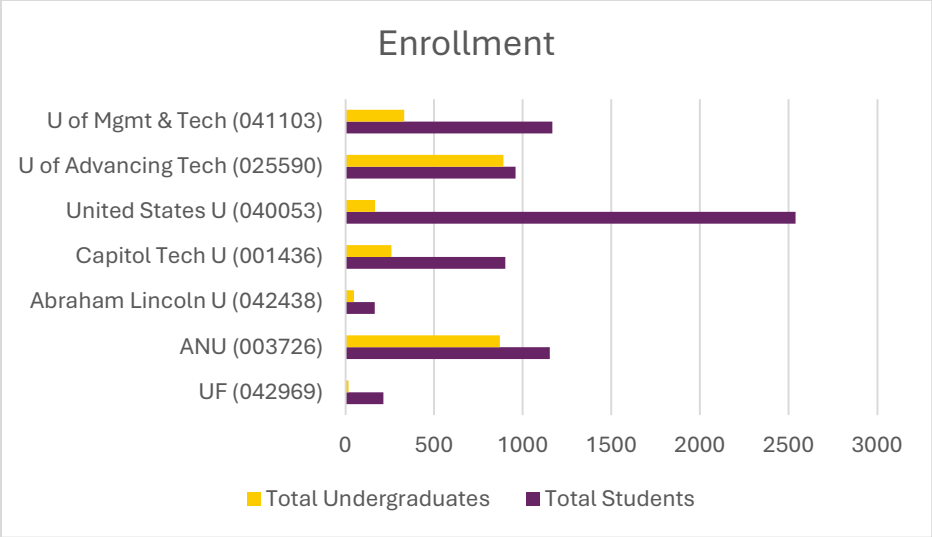
[University of Management and Technology](#) (DEAC, [1167 students](#))

UMT is one of UF's closest operational comparators. Based in Arlington, VA, UMT enrolls students from more than 80 countries, mirroring UF's global footprint. Its program offerings in business, management, IT, homeland security, engineering, and DBA studies directly align with those of UF. Graduation rates on DEAC disclosures exceed those of UF, offering meaningful benchmarking opportunities.

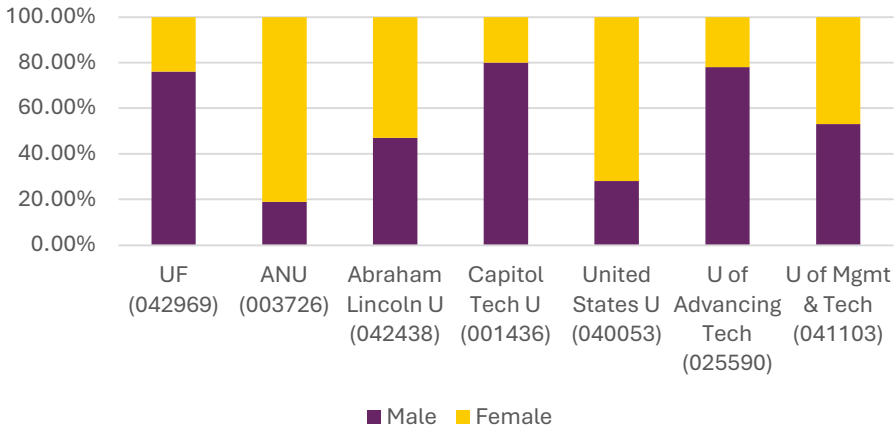
Peer Data

We accessed the data from the United States Department of Education's [College Scorecard](#) and [College Navigator](#) for each peer institution on December 9, 2025. The data for the University of Fairfax and for the separately accredited entities of American National University were obtained from internal data when data from these sites were unavailable.

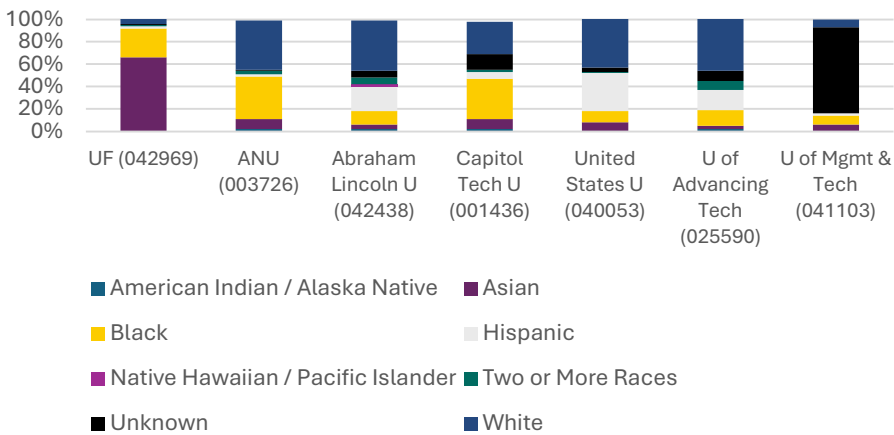
The following tables are comparisons for the University of Fairfax (areas where no data were present are blank):



Enrollment by Gender



Enrollment Demographics



Financial Aid

