Number of Master’s Degrees Increases 11 Percent from 2016 to 2019

In 2019, DePaul awarded 6,402 degrees, not including certificates, to graduating students, compared with 6,361 in 2016. Over this time period, the number of master’s degrees has increased 11 percent, while the number of bachelor’s degrees has declined 6 percent. Doctoral degrees, including both professional practice and scholarship doctorates, have increased 3 percent.

As a result, the share of master’s degrees increased from 37 percent to 41 percent of all degrees awarded from 2016 to 2019, while the share of bachelor’s degrees declined from 59 percent to 55 percent.

The number of master’s degrees increased in five of the ten colleges. The three largest colleges for master’s degrees (BUS, CDM and CSH) awarded 72 percent of the total master’s degrees in 2019 and saw a 17 percent increase in degrees awarded from 2016 to 2019.

Source: IRMA, Fact File Section 5—Degrees Awarded.
Note: Degree years are from July 1 to June 30 for each year. For example 2019 is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Totals do not include certificates. Doctorate—Professional Practice includes JD and DNP. Doctorate—Scholarship includes PhD, EdD, Business Research E.D. For more information click here or contact Liz Sanders.