

2.6

Continuous Operation

The institution is in operation and has students enrolled in degree programs.

Judgment

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not Applicable

Narrative

Tennessee Technological University (TTU) has a history of continuous operation and student enrollment since its founding as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1915 [1].

Establishment

Tennessee Polytechnic Institute originally offered courses at the junior college level and then was authorized by the Tennessee State Board of Education to offer four-year degrees, with the first baccalaureate degrees being awarded in 1929. Expansion in curriculum, enrollment, academic and student services, and physical plant led to university status, and the name of the institution became Tennessee Technological University in 1965 [1].

During the past decade, TTU enrollment has increased notably, exceeding 11,000 students in Fall 2010. In Fall 2014, TTU enrollment totaled 11,339, with 10,314 students enrolled in undergraduate programs and 1,025 students enrolled in graduate programs [2].

The University has awarded more than 2,000 degrees annually since 2005-2006. Celebrating the centennial year of operation in 2015, TTU continues to enroll more than 11,000 students and confer more than 2,000 degrees each year [3].

Evidence of Continuous Operation

The following tables and figures provide information about the enrollment and conferred degrees of TTU over the past decade.

Table 1. Fall Enrollment

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Headcount											
Undergraduate	7,224	7,255	7,569	8,060	8,438	8,918	9,436	9,920	9,957	10,052	10,314
Graduate	1,993	2,058	2,164	2,261	2,355	1,929	2,102	1,848	1,512	1,066	1,025
Total	9,217	9,313	9,733	10,321	10,793	10,847	11,538	11,768	11,469	11,118	11,339
Full-Time-Equivalent											
Undergraduate	6,589	6,627	6,904	7,301	7,551	8,086	8,562	8,861	8,955	9,156	9,311
Graduate	969	938	990	1,011	1,016	971	809	681	631	606	579
Total	7,558	7,559	7,893	8,312	8,567	9,057	9,371	9,542	9,586	9,762	9,890

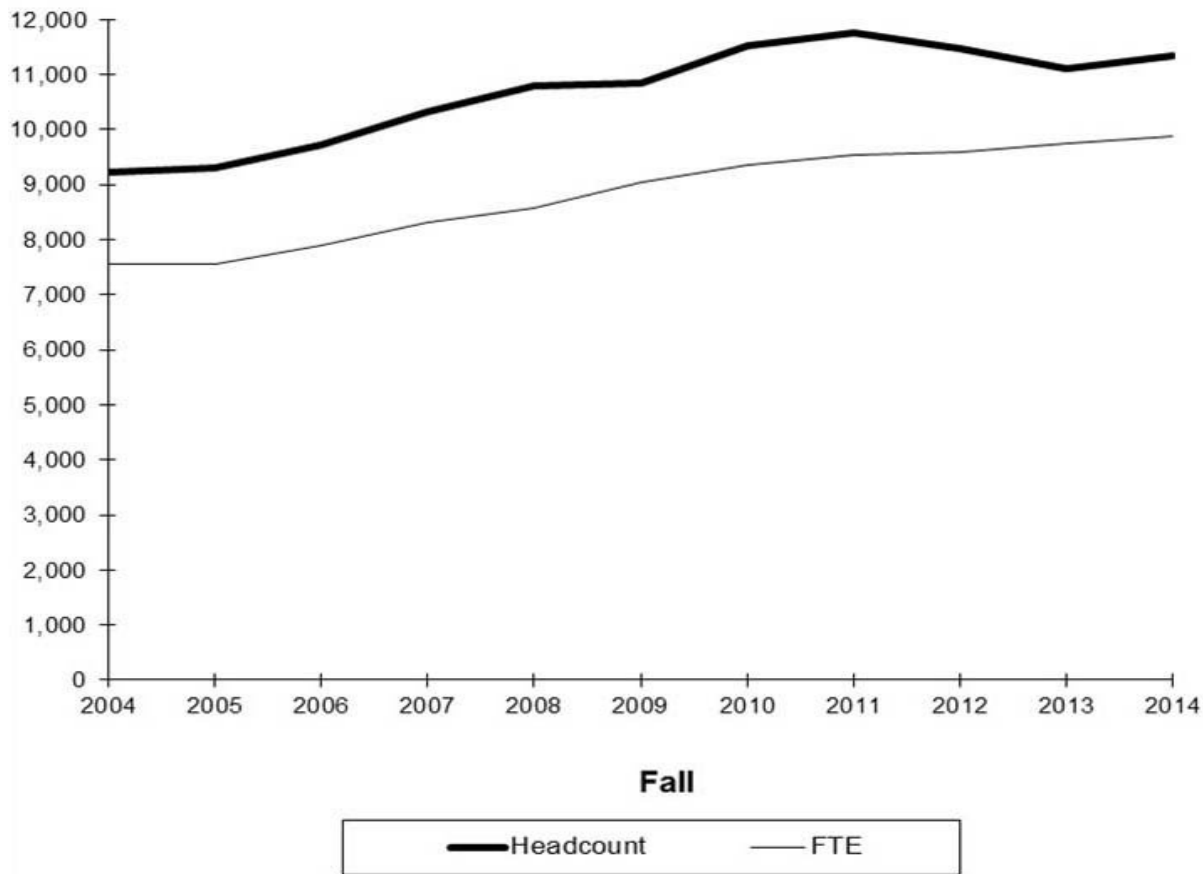
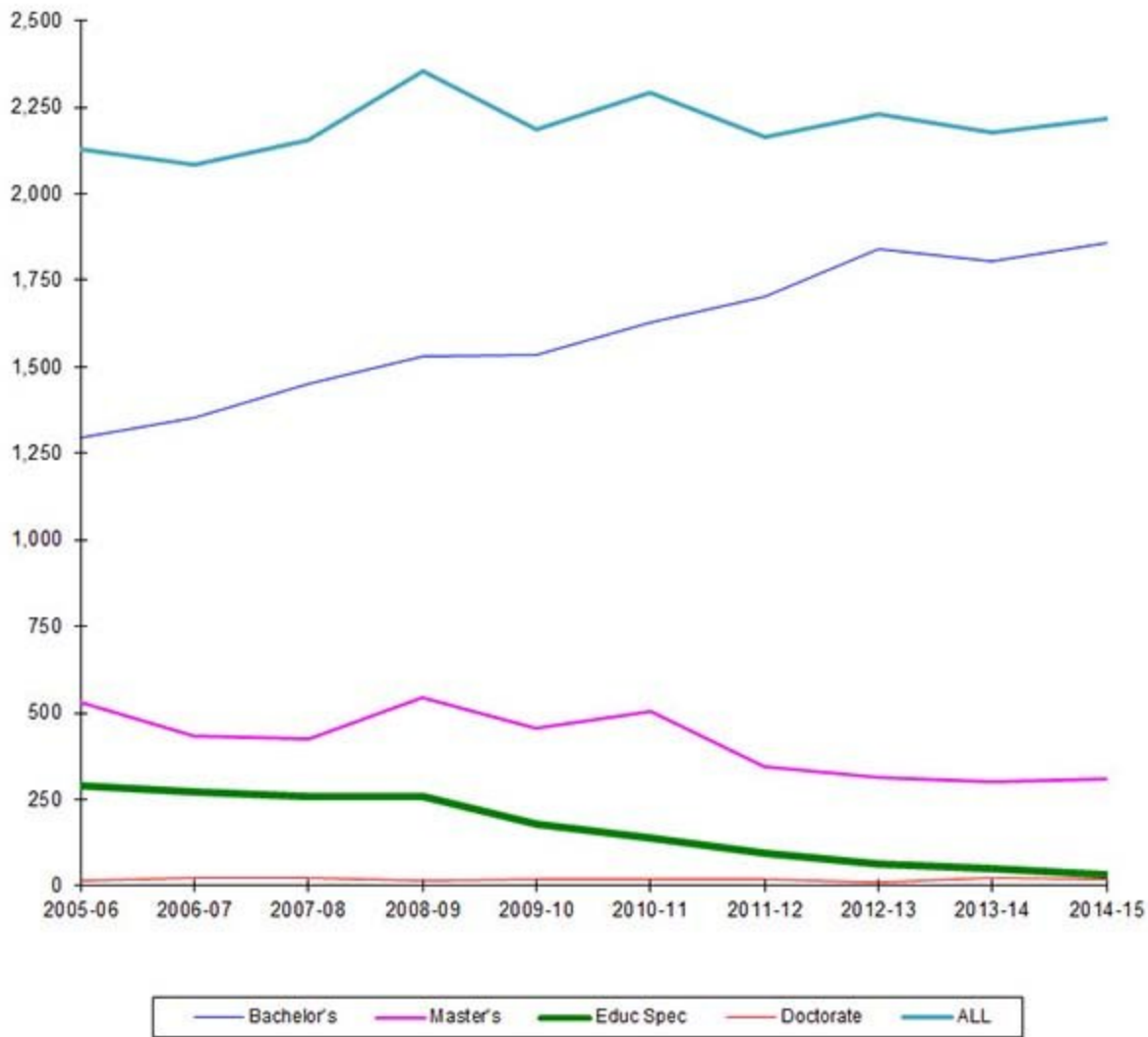


Table 2. Degrees Conferred By Level


	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Bachelor's	1,294	1,355	1,450	1,532	1,536	1,626	1,704	1,841	1,804	1,857
Master's	532	435	425	544	454	506	347	312	300	310
Educ Spec	290	272	258	260	179	138	97	64	52	31
Doctorate	13	22	24	17	19	21	18	12	23	19
ALL	2,129	2,084	2,157	2,353	2,188	2,291	2,166	2,229	2,179	2,217



Conclusion

As described in the narrative, substantiated in the evidentiary documentation, and illustrated in the above tables and figures, the University has sustained continuous operation and enrollment in degree programs throughout the evolution of the institution during its first 100 years. Therefore, TTU demonstrates compliance with Core Requirement 2.6.

Sources

-  [1] TTU History and Traditions
-  [2] TTU Enrollment
-  [3] TTU Degrees Conferred