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54.67	57.04	54.52	53.96	58.41	55.72	57.39%

Spring 2012

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54.32	55.23	49.41	53.18	56.91	53.81	60.03%

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56.65	56.69	53.85	54.69	57.96	55.97	57.99%

Spring 2013

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54.23	54.74	52.16	52.65	55.61	53.88	56.00%

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57.10	58.66	54.41	54.28	57.14	56.32	54.36%

Spring 2014

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57.57	59.57	55.73	54.60	59.13	57.32	56.07%

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56.90	58.81	54.77	54.42	58.32	56.65	52.10%

Spring 2015

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57.06	58.47	54.59	54.65	58.41	56.64	47.30%

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55.41	56.28	53.17	52.14	55.66	54.53	47.28%

Spring 2016

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58.77	60.07	57.67	56.83	60.37	58.74	53.71%

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Spring 2018

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57.31	59.39	53.50	56.20	59.16	57.11	54.38%

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Spring 2019

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58.97	60.33	57.43	56.50	60.10	58.67	63.38%

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