

De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

To: General Education Review Committee

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Subject: Student Time to Degree and Student Transfers

The General Education Review Committee posed two questions:

1. How many students that receive an associate's degree also transfer?
2. How long, on average, does it take a student to obtain an associate's degree?

Highlights include:

- 58% of students who receive a degree transferred to a 4-year institution.
- Of students who received a degree in 2012-13, the average number of years to obtain a degree was 4.72 years.

Student Transfers

Students who were awarded an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree between 2010-11 and 2012-13 were tracked using the National Student Clearinghouse database to determine their enrollment at a four-year institution.

Table 1. Records Submitted to Clearinghouse

A.A./A.S. Degrees Awarded	3,678
Records Found	3,420
Transfers to 4-year Institutions	2,124

Note: 4,000 degrees were awarded over the time period. The numbers above represent unique students receiving a degree and tracked to the Clearinghouse.

- 93% of students who received a degree were found in the Clearinghouse.
- Of the 3,420 students found in the database, 62% were found at a 4-year institution.

Table 2. Transfers by Degree

Year Received Degree	Total Degrees Awarded	Total Transfers	% Transferred
2010-11	1,162	722	62%
2011-12	1,192	701	59%
2012-13	1,324	701	53%
Total	3,678	2,124	58%

Includes only one award per individual student, per year, per degree type.

- Of the distinct degrees awarded, an average of 58% of students who received a degree transferred to a 4-year institution.

Table 3. Transfers by Degree and Ethnicity

	Degrees Awarded	Total Transfers	% Transferred
2010-11 African American	59	42	6%
Asian/Filipino/Pacific Islander	493	313	43%
Latino	202	143	20%
White	276	149	21%
Other/Unknown	132	75	10%
Total	1,162	722	100%
2011-12 African American	29	17	2%
Asian/Filipino/Pacific Islander	512	318	45%
Latino	201	122	17%
White	263	145	21%
Other/Unknown	187	99	14%
Total	1,192	701	100%
2012-13 African American	56	33	5%
Asian/Filipino/Pacific Islander	537	303	43%
Latino	277	150	21%
White	279	138	20%
Other/Unknown	175	77	11%
Total	1,324	701	100%
Total	3,678	2,124	58%

- Asian students comprise the highest group to receive degrees as well as transfer.

Time to Degree

The tables below present students who completed an Associate degree in 2012-13 and were a first-time student as far back as summer 1994, only the first degree received was included.

Table 4. Average Time to Degree

Headcount	Number of Months	Number of Years
785	56.6	4.72

- Of students who received a degree in 2012-13, the average number of years to obtain a degree was 4.72 years.

Table 5. Average Time to Degree by Time Groups

	Headcount	Number of Months	Number of Years
Fall 2007 to Spring 2013	653	42.3	3.5
Fall 2001 to Summer 2007	96	103	8.6
Summer 1994 to Summer 2001	36	196.3	16.4

- Students who started between fall 2007 and spring 2013 obtained a degree in 3.5 years.
- Students who started between fall 2001 and summer 2007 obtained a degree in 8.6 years while students between summer 1994 and summer 2001 obtained a degree in 16.4 years.

Table 6. Average Time to Degree by Ethnicity

	Headcount	Number of Months	Number of Years
African American	35	53.2	4.4
Asian/Pac Islander	288	50.6	4.2
Filipino	62	52.5	4.4
Latino/a	199	58.7	4.9
White	140	70.5	5.9
Other	61	53.2	4.4

- All ethnic groups take about 4 years to obtain a degree with White students taking 5.9 years to obtain a degree.