



HARRY S TRUMAN COLLEGE

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW: Graduation and Transfer Rates

The Federal government, under Student Right-to-Know (SRTK) legislation, requires that all colleges and universities report the proportion of students who began their studies full-time and who complete programs within 150 percent of the normal time required for completion. For community colleges with two-year programs, that time period is three years for associate degrees and proportionately less for certificates.

In general, Truman College students compares favorably with all students at the City Colleges of Chicago in terms of graduation and transfer rates. For full-time, degree seeking students who entered Truman's credit program in Fall 2003, the combined graduation and transfer rate was 47%, which was higher than rate of 42% for the City Colleges of Chicago as a whole.

Graduation and Transfer Rates for Fall 2003 Degree-Seeking, First-Time Students ¹				
	Truman College		City Colleges of Chicago	
	Truman Total	Truman %	CCC Total	CCC %
I. Initial cohort of first-time, full-time degree/certificate seeking students	407	100%	3,655	100%
II. Program Completers (Graduation Rate) within 150% of normal time.	20	5%	243	7%
III. Documented transfer-out students/non-completers	173	43%	1,292	34%
IV. Combined Graduation/Transfer-Out Rate	193	47%	1,535	42%

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS Survey data

Note: Three years is a relatively short time frame for degree completion for community college students, many of whom are working full-time or part-time as well as going to school. Also, students may change enrollment status from full-time to part-time, may leave school temporarily for work or family reasons, may change their program of study, or may require developmental coursework upon admission to the college. All of these factors tend to delay events like graduation or transfer.