

Graduation Rates

Total graduation rates at 100% time to completion (two full academic years) have averaged 26% over the past three years (slightly below the 31.1% average for Missouri two-year colleges reported in 2009 by higherinfo.org). However, [graduation rates at 150% time to completion](#) (three full academic years) have exceeded the average of Missouri two-year colleges by approximately 11%.

Degrees awarded, sorted by [ethnicity and gender](#), over the last 3 years show an increase in degrees awarded to Hispanic/Latinos and multiracial students. This data coincides with an increased enrollment in these populations. There has also been a significant increase in degrees awarded to women. This data, while encouraging, is somewhat an anomaly since female enrollment was relatively steady during this period.

The institution uses information on student retention, persistence, and completion of programs to make improvements as warranted by the data.

The primary source of information that continues to inform change decisions concerning retention comes directly via WMAC students through a variety of surveys and focus groups. The College has implemented a number of improvements and changes, including the following:

- Developmental Math (Math 100 and MA090) and English (English 100) courses,
- Revisions to the Student Success Strategies course, (SSS100), availability to all students, and now a graduation requirement
- Assessment and refinements to the Faculty Advising Program
- Wi-fi, internet and printing service improvements
- New Physical Fitness Center
- Assessment of Student Services Office
- Faculty training regarding learning by ESL students
- 4-Year College Partnerships with Columbia College
- College Fun Fair day
- Engagement of major college recruiting consultant