

Student Right to Know (SRTK)

Each year, Allan Hancock College assists thousands of students to reach a wide variety of educational goals including completion of associate degrees, completion of certificate programs, and successful transfer to four-year institutions.

Each semester, Hancock enrolls approximately 3,400 full-time students and another 7,000 part-time students.

Approximately 1,800 graduate annually with associate of arts degrees, associate of science degrees, or certificates. In compliance with the Student-Right-to-Know (SRTK) and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-542), it is the policy of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District to make available its completion and transfer rates to all current and prospective students. In fall 2010, a cohort of all certificate, degree-, and transfer-seeking first-time, full-time students were tracked over a three-year period. Following are their completion and transfer rates. These rates do not represent the success rates of the entire student population at Hancock, nor do they account for student outcomes occurring after this three-year tracking period.

Based upon the cohort defined above, 27 percent attained a certificate or degree or became 'transfer prepared' during a three-year period, from fall 2010 to spring 2013. The state average is 26 percent. Students who are 'transfer-prepared' are defined as those who have completed 60 transferable units with a GPA of 2.00 or better. The college's SRTK transfer rate was 8 percent. Students who received a Hancock degree before transferring or who took more than three years to transfer are not included in this percentage.

Keep in mind that SRTK rates, as stated above, are based upon about 8 percent of Hancock's student population, and while the cohort definition of tracking first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshmen may be an appropriate measure for a four-year institution, it examines a much smaller portion of the Hancock student population.

The rates do not indicate the progress of part-time students; non-degree seeking students; students seeking career refresher courses and professional certifications; and many other student groups.

The college educates many more university transfer students, but not within the narrowly-defined timeline of this study. Others are not counted because they earned a degree before transferring or transferred to a private university not participating in the national program for data collection.

A more meaningful measure of transfer success is the acceptance rate Hancock students experience at universities. This is the percentage of students who are accepted at their university of choice, compared to the number who apply. For example, Hancock students enjoyed one of the highest transfer acceptance rates at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. Fifty percent of Hancock students who applied to transfer to Cal Poly in fall 2018 were accepted, more than triple the state average of 15.6 percent.