College of San Mateo

Fast Facts

Spring 2010

Enrollment (Fall 2009)

- Total (Fall 2009 term): 11,508
- Average # of Courses Enrolled Per Student: 2.5
- Enrolled Full-Time: 30%
- Enrolled Part-Time: 70%
- Day students: 45%
- Evening students: 35%
- Day & Evening students: 21%

Trends: Fall 2009 enrollment increased 8% since Fall 2006. The proportions of students enrolled full-time, part-time, day vs. evening, and day plus evening have remained relatively stable over the last 10 years.

Demographics (Fall 2009)

- Mean age: 29
- 20 or younger: 29%
- 21-39: 51%
- 40 or older: 20%
- Women: 53%
- Men: 47%
- Hispanic: 19%
- African American: 3%
- Asian: 16%
- Filipino: 7%
- Pacific Islander: 2%
- Unknown: 12%
- Multi-Racial: 3%
- White: 37%
- Minorities: 51%
- US Citizen: 84%

Trends: Gender and age proportions have remained relatively stable over the past 10 years. In 1982, minority students comprised 24% of the student population; in Fall 2009, the proportion was 51%.

Transfers (Annual for 2008-09)

- UC Transfer: 132
- CSU Transfer: 387
- Private & Out-of-State Institutions: 250 (high estimate)
- Total Transfers: 769
- % of Fall Term Total Enrolled: 7%

Trends: The number of transfers has fluctuated over the past decade, with a modest increase in the past 6 years (+5%). The statewide average for transfer to all institutions combined is 5.7%.

Degrees & Certificates (Annual for 2008-09)

- AA Degree: 238
- AS Degree: 132
- Certificates 18 units or more: 300
- Certificates fewer than 18 units: 114

Student Academic Outcomes (Annual for 2008-09)

- Successful Course Completion: 70%
- Retention: 84% (i.e., 16% of students "W")

Trends: Successful course completion data and retention data have remained stable for the last 10 years. CSM is higher than the statewide average for course completion at 66% and retention at 83%.

Curriculum Mix (Fall 2008)

- % of Sections Transferable: 61%
- % of Sections Degree Applicable Only: 7%
- % of Sections Basic Skills: 5%
- % of Sections Voc Ed (CTE): 27%

Trends: The proportions for the curriculum mix have remained relatively stable for the past 5 years.

Student Placement Test Results (Fall 2008)

- Math Placement Test: 17% Basic Skills; 53% AA/AS Degree applicable; 30% Transferable
- English Placement Test: 12% Basic Skills; 61% AA/AS Degree Applicable; 27% Transferable
- Reading Placement Test: 11% Basic Skills; 32% AA/AS Degree Applicable; 58% Transferable

Trends: Approximately 70% of CSM’s students consistently place below the transfer level. These proportions have remained relatively stable for the past 8 years.

Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) (2010 Report)


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