

LAMC Institution-Set Standards  
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Recent changes in federal/ACCJC guidelines have created the need for colleges to establish institution-set standards related to student achievement. The ACCJC defines a “standard” as the level of performance set by the institution to meet educational quality and institutional effectiveness expectations. In this manner, these standards serve as a point at which the college evaluates whether it is meeting expected levels of achievement (i.e., rather than a target or goal we aspire to meet, they represent a level below which the institution regards its performance as unacceptable). It is the expectation of the ACCJC that standards be established for course success, persistence, degree completion, certificate completion, and transfer to 4-year colleges/universities (course retention was additionally included by LAMC because it is an achievement measure that is typically considered along with course success). Council of Instruction members evaluated previous performance on these student achievement outcomes for each of the past five years and developed the institution-set standards below. As a basis for setting the standards, the 5-year minimum, 5-year average, 95% of the 5-year average, and LACCD overall performance (where available) were considered for each measure, and then a discussion was had about what a reasonable and acceptable standard would be. These suggested standards are now being put forth to EPC for discussion and possible refinement. They will then be sent to the Academic Senate and College Council for approval.

**Standards:**

**1. Institution-set standard for successful course completion rate:**

Successful course completion rate equals the number of students who receive a successful grade (A, B, C, or P) over the number of students who were enrolled in the course at census.

Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Suggested Standard
62.9%	66.2%	67.5%	69.2%	69.2%	<b>64.0%</b>

**2. Institution-set standard for course retention rate (the extra one included by LAMC):**

Course retention rate equals the number of students who remain in the course after the no penalty drop date (i.e., did not drop the course) over the number of students who were enrolled in the course at census.

Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Suggested Standard
84.3%	88.3%	87.2%	88.0%	87.6%	<b>85.0%</b>

**3. Institution-set standard for persistence rate:**

Persistence rate equals the number of students who completed a course in the fall and enrolled in a course the following fall.

Fall 2007- Fall 2008	Fall 2008- Fall 2009	Fall 2009- Fall 2010	Fall 2010- Fall 2011	Fall 2011- Fall 2012	Suggested Standard
48.4%	48.5%	48.9%	48.6%	52.6%	<b>48.0%</b>

**4. Institution-set standard for student degree completion:**

2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Suggested Standard
405	387	426	472	657	<b>450</b>

**5. Institution-set standard for student certificate completion:**

2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Suggested Standard
169	151	153	239	356	<b>214</b>

**6. Institution-set standard for student transfer to 4-year colleges/universities:**

2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	Suggested Standard
271	279	194	253	310	<b>205</b>