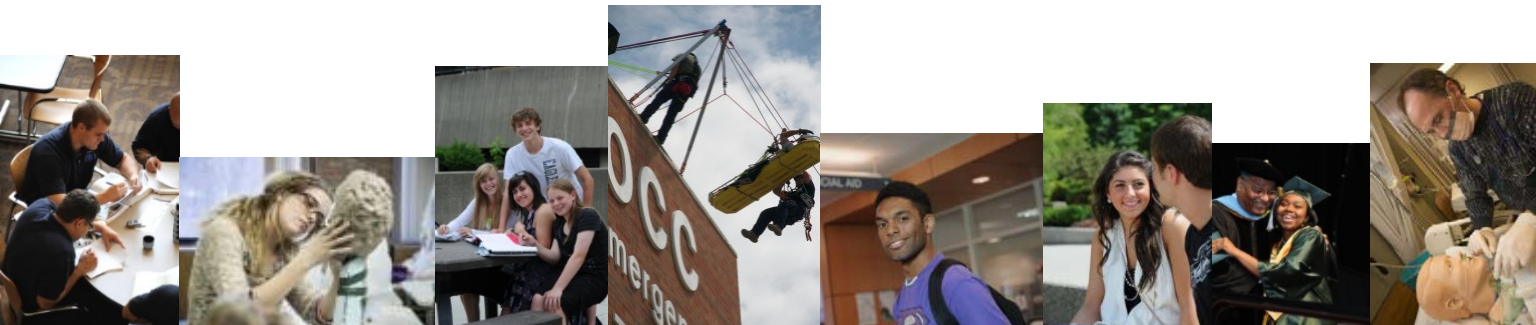


OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Transferability of Courses

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Three Main Points

- Transfer is an institutional priority
- There are systems in place to support transfer
- Analysis of transfer reveals strengths and areas for improvement
 - Courses below benchmark serve as a starting point for further discipline discussion



OCC Transfer Population

Fall 2013 total transfer population: **46.1%**
(or 12,277 students)

With degree: 25.7%

Without degree: 20.4%





OCC Transfer Support

Curricular

- Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)
- Associate programs with MTA
- Articulation agreements

Organizational

- Academic advising

Transfer Research

- Most popular four-year institutions
- OCC courses (not all 1500 are coded)
 - GE distribution list courses
 - Other courses from discipline for GE courses
 - Courses not required/electives for programs
 - Program courses expected to transfer
- Final sample = 296 courses from 38 disciplines

**Table 1. Top Transfer Institutions**

Institution	% of courses accepted for equivalent credit	Average number of students transferring per year
Walsh College	100%	208
Western Michigan University	64 %	142
Central Michigan University	54%	240
Oakland University	54%	1097
Wayne State University	54%	758
Eastern Michigan University	51%	347
Michigan State University	40%	271
University of Detroit Mercy	34%	119
University of Michigan- Flint	32%	121
Madonna University	30%	147
University of Michigan- Dearborn	28%	126
University of Michigan- Central Campus	23%	205
Davenport University	21%	127
Baker College*	0%	855
University of Phoenix	0%	273
*Excluded from analysis		

Institutions above represent **76%** of all student transfers to four-year institutions.



Table 2. List of Disciplines (Above 50% Benchmark)

Discipline	Average % of institutions accepting courses in the discipline for equivalent credit	# of courses in discipline
Economics	93%	2
French	82%	2
German	82%	2
Chemistry	71%	8
Physics	70%	5
Political Science	70%	4
Arabic	68%	2
Philosophy	67%	5
Mathematics	66%	17
Russian	64%	2
Chinese	57%	2
Geography	57%	2
Japanese	57%	2
Spanish	55%	6
Italian	54%	2
Psychology	54%	8
Sociology	53%	7
General Science	52%	4
History	52%	8
English	50%	25





Table 2. List of Disciplines (Below 50% Benchmark)		
Discipline	Average % of institutions accepting courses in the discipline for equivalent credit	# of courses in discipline
Humanities	49%	6
Anthropology	48%	4
Social Science	46%	2
Communication	42%	7
Biology	40%	21
Physical Science	36%	1
Theatre	32%	13
Education	29%	1
Foundational Studies- Humanities	29%	1
Music	29%	25
Physical Education	29%	36
Art	26%	36
Photography	25%	10
Foundational Studies- Natural/Life Science	21%	1
Journalism	21%	5
Gerontology	18%	4
Woodworking	14%	2
Mental Health/Social Work	10%	6

General Education Courses

Table 3. General Education Distribution List Courses

Transfer Rate	Number of Courses
Above 50%	91
25-49%	62
<25%	20

Most GE courses transfer above the benchmark.



Next Steps

1. Examine number of equivalent credits OCC students retain after transfer.
 - Consider curricular and organizational programs that support transfer.
2. Increase specific course transferability to specific institutions.



Questions?

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