



Student Achievement – Course Completion

Goal:	Increase or maintain course completion
Vision 2023 Goal:	Foster Student Success
Criteria:	Increase the percentage of course completion by 1%
Threshold of Acceptability:	Expected to be greater than the baseline and/or previous year's results, depending on which is greater

Percentage of Course Completion

The percentage of course completers is based on contact hours accounted at census date versus contact hours accounted at the end of semester.

	Contact Hours Census Date	Contact Hours End of Semester	Percent Completed	Fall-to-Fall Percent Change	
Fall 2016	710,564	658,329	92.6%	Baseline	
Fall 2017	850,388	787,524	92.6%	No change	Not Achieved
Fall 2018	942,288	865,328	91.8%	-0.8%	Not Achieved
Fall 2019	1,095,304	1,019,341	93.1%	+1.3%	Target Achieved
Fall 2020	1,093,828	1,036,553	94.8%	+1.8%	Target Achieved
Fall 2021	970,980	918,404	94.6%	-0.2%	Not Achieved
Fall 2022	964,264	915,379	94.9%	+0.4%	Threshold Achieved
Fall 2023	1,045,340	1,005,404	96.2%	+1.3%	Target Achieved

Results:

Texas Southmost College (TSC) regularly tracks the percentage of course completion through the Office of Institutional Research. This data tracking originated from the TSC Strategic Plan – Vision 2023 Strategic Goals, and it continues to be part of the Strategic Priorities FY24. Institutional data for this outcome was compiled from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Data Resources for the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) Performance Measures (2019 – 2025) for Texas Community, Technical, and State Colleges. The most recent report for the LBB performance measures was published in March 2025; it contained data for the Fall 2023 cohort.

Overall, TSC has experience a low but steady completion of contact hours by the end of the semester ranging from 91.8% to 96.2%. The Fall-to-Fall Percent Change (target) is a comparison of the percent of completed contact hours between one Fall to the next. This target is achieved when there's an increase from the previous Fall. The target shows a positive trend in four of the seven years presented. In the last two years TSC reached the threshold at 0.4% (Fall 2022), as well as the target at 1.3% (Fall 2023).