Degrees and Certificates

In 2014, the College also established an institution-set standard for the number of students receiving degrees annually at 1,218 students. In academic year 2014-15, 1,318 students received degrees. The College also established a standard in 2014 for completion of Certificates of Achievement (state-approved) of 737 students. In 2014-15, 864 students completed certificates in this category.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Degrees	1,234	1,532	1,632	1,318
Certificate of Achievement	430	880	982	864
Certificate of Accomplishment	626	913	979	792
Noncredit Certificates	265	237	232	227

As a volume measure, the College is sensitive to the fact that, in the context of declining enrollment, the standard may need to be adjusted in the future. Volume measures have the satisfying advantage of immediacy—the number of degrees awarded is knowable shortly after the close of each academic year.

Of particular interest in California are the new Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) which guarantee admissions to the CSU system. City College has established a number of such degrees, and the number of students taking advantage of the AA-Ts and AS-Ts is increasing each year.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Associate in Arts for Transfer	29	56	107	112
Associate in Sci. for Transfer	0	0	21	94

How many degrees were awarded?

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Degrees	1,437	1,843	2,022	1,682
Certificate of Achievement	503	1,032	1,104	987
Certificate of Accomplishment	725	1,030	1,204	983
Noncredit Certificates	313	322	302	331

Note: Using CCSF internal Argos data-cubes, faculty and program chairs can make the connection between these high-level counts and the actual local names of the awards. Counts can be grouped by category, by department or TOP code. Further, the data-cubes support disaggregation of completion data by student attributes such as ethnicity, age, gender veteran status, foster youth, first-generation college, disabled, economically disadvantaged (BOG fee waiver and Pell recipients) and for any combination of the above.