15-to-Finish at the University of Central Missouri

Dr. Deborah Curtis, Provost and Chief Learning Officer
The Learning to a Greater Degree Contract
A Partnership for College Completion

Student’s Commitment:
• Enroll in the right 15 hours.
• Attend class regularly.
• Communicate with your professors.
• Visit your academic advisor every semester.
• Live on campus two years.
• Engage outside of the classroom.

BENEFIT: A GREATER DEGREE

UCM’s Commitment:
• Provide a custom course plan.
• Enhance academic advising.
• Continue to hire high quality professors.
• Create student involvement portfolio.
• Commit to affordability.
• Give financial incentives.
• Build a new mixed-use facility.
• Deliver a seven-day-a-week campus.
• Strengthen career readiness.

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15-to-Finish Scholarship

- $1,000 for new freshman
- $500 for new transfers

Eligibility:
1) Maintain continuous enrollment
2) Maintain full-time enrollment
3) Graduate in four years
4) Apply for graduation by the deadline
UCM’s 15-to-Finish Continued Progress

Avg Credit Hours in Fall

2011-12  |  13.60
2012-13  |  13.80
2013-14  |  14.00
2014-15  |  14.20
2015-16  |  14.40

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Avg Credit Hours in Fall
Spring Persistence


13.60 13.80 14.00 14.20 14.40 14.60 14.80 15.00

84.0% 84.5% 85.0% 85.5% 86.0% 86.5% 87.0% 87.5% 88.0% 88.5%

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- Avg Hours Earned
- Percent Earning 30 or More Credit Hours
MDHE Performance Metrics

• Freshman Success Earning 24 Credit Hours
  – UCM’s most recent 3-year performance is 70.7%. Our benchmark goal is 69.2%
    • Next years 3-year benchmark goal will climb to 70.7%
  – To eclipse 70.7%…
    • the Fall 2016 cohort must have a 71.15% success rate in earning 24 credit hours in the first year
  – An unintended consequence of the way the calculation of the “benchmark” for this metric penalizes institutions even when they are making progress with this student success metric…