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  \item 75% of bachelor’s degree completers in humanities took two or more humanities courses at a community college (2009–2014)
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\textsuperscript{a}Authors' calculations using IPEDS awards data for two-year colleges in 2015. All humanities degrees include degrees awarded under CIP 24, whereas only 30,000 associate degrees were awarded in communication, English, history, and theater/visual arts.

\textsuperscript{b}We derive these statistics by cross-referencing our administrative data from Michigan, which includes enrollment, coursetaking, and degrees awarded for any student who ever enrolled in a Michigan community college, with IPEDS awards data for public and private four-year colleges in Michigan.

\textsuperscript{c}CCRC (2021a).

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Michigan community college students are increasingly taking humanities courses.

For more on this research, read "Smoothing Pathways to Transfer in the Humanities: A Report on the Strengthening Michigan Humanities Project" by Susan Bickerstaff, Selena Cho, Daniel Sparks, and John Fink.
Measures on Michigan Transfer in the Humanities

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In Michigan...

- 43% of community college students transferred (2013 entering cohort)
- 15% completed a bachelor’s degree in six years (2013 entering cohort)

Fewer than 2% (2,961) of community college students in the 2009–2014 entry cohorts in Michigan transferred and completed a bachelor’s degree in humanities in six years.

In the same cohorts, Black and Hispanic students comprised ...
- 23% of community college enrollment
- 22% of transfer students
- 11% of all bachelor’s degree completers
- 12% of bachelor’s degree completers in humanities

Even among Michigan transfer students who do complete a bachelor’s degree, few do so in the humanities.

- 5% of students who earned an associate degree and transferred completed a bachelor’s degree in the humanities (business and health are the most popular fields, accounting for more than 40% of bachelor’s degree completions among associate of arts degree earners). (2009–2014 entry cohorts)

Among the 2009–2014 entering cohorts, who went on to transfer and complete a bachelor’s degree in humanities?
- 2.7% of students who took one or more humanities courses at the community college
- 3.1% of students who took two or more humanities courses at the community college
- 3.6% of students who took three or more humanities courses at the community college

Transfer and bachelor’s degree completion rates in the humanities are only slightly higher among Michigan students who took related coursework at the community college.

Michigan community college students who complete bachelor’s degrees accumulate upwards of 30 excess credits.

- Transfer students in the 2009–2014 entry cohorts who completed a bachelor’s degree in the humanities on average earned 150 credits, compared to an average of 157 credits among non-humanities completers.
- Black and Hispanic humanities bachelor’s degree completers earned 153 and 154 credits, respectively.
- The mean and median number of credits earned by bachelor’s degree completers who transferred declined by about 12 credits from 2009 to 2014 entry cohorts.

Humanities graduates on average earn slightly fewer excess credits than non-humanities graduates, but the number is still high. Black and Hispanic students graduate with slightly more excess credits on average than White students.

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