

GRADUATION RATE INFORMATION

STARK COLLEGE & SEMINARY

SCS strives to function entirely by means of fulfilling our mission. Stark College & Seminary exists to equip educationally underserved followers of Christ for service in the church and community. We define the educationally underserved as those students who typically have not had the will or the way to pursue theological education due to their age, gender, ethnicity, finances, and bureaucratic hurdles that marginalize these particular students.

Due to our mission to equip the educationally underserved, we have few traditional first-time freshmen, and few full-time students at this time. SCS students take an average of 4.5 credit hours per semester. Average hours broken down by degree include: Certificate in Ministry (4.5), Diploma in Ministry (10.5), Bachelor of Arts in Ministry (5.4 and Master of Arts in Ministry (3.6). The demographic breakdown across all programs, specifically with regard to age, indicates why SCS students are primarily part-time with only 11% who are 24 years of age and under, whereas 64% are 40 and over. SCS students are mature adults seeking to expand their biblical knowledge while serving their local church.

The part-time nature of the SCS student means that traditional measures of graduation rates that measure the rate at which full-time students complete a program are not adequate. Traditionally, a graduation rate is the percentage of a school's full-time, first-year undergraduate students who complete their program within 150% of the published time for the program. For example, for typical two-year degree program, entering freshmen who complete the program within three years are counted as graduates. As SCS has no full-time students, our part-time students complete their two-year program in four years. Therefore, to allow the same rate of consideration, our graduation rate is the percentage of our part-time students who complete the program within 300% of the published time for full-time students.

