

Reasons for Taking Classes at JJC

Reason(s) for Taking Classes at Their College, Fall 1999-2005

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Take courses related to current work/job	9.5%	6.6%	2.3%	5.9%	6.1%	4.2%	4.6%
Take courses related to future work/job	24.7%	24.5%	22.2%	22.9%	25.3%	22.5%	25.1%
Maintain a license or certification	2.4%	4.9%	2.4%	3.7%	4.4%	3.3%	3.8%
Take courses for personal enrichment or self-improvement	10.3%	5.6%	9.3%	9.8%	10.1%	7.3%	9.2%
Transfer to a 4-year college	24.2%	28.8%	34.0%	28.6%	23.2%	33.5%	24.2%
Complete vocational or technical program	2.7%	3.6%	0.9%	3.0%	3.7%	1.2%	2.8%
Complete an associate's degree	22.2%	21.8%	20.9%	20.9%	22.8%	22.2%	24.9%
Prepare for GED or high school program	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
No definite purpose in mind	1.8%	0.5%	2.3%	2.0%	1.1%	1.4%	1.1%

NATIONAL	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Take courses related to current work/job	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%
Take courses related to future work/job	23.2%	23.5%	23.7%	23.6%	23.8%	23.5%	23.8%
Maintain a license or certification	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%
Take courses for personal enrichment or self-improvement	11.6%	10.7%	11.1%	11.4%	11.3%	10.6%	10.4%
Transfer to a 4-year college	26.8%	25.7%	24.1%	24.3%	24.1%	26.1%	25.5%
Complete vocational or technical program	3.5%	3.3%	3.8%	3.9%	3.7%	3.4%	3.1%
Complete an associate's degree	20.4%	20.8%	21.3%	21.0%	21.6%	21.3%	21.9%
Prepare for GED or high school program	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	0.5%	1.2%	1.3%
No definite purpose in mind	3.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%

Note. Students were asked to check all that apply, as long as it was a reason for taking classes at their college.