



More outcomes for more students.
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The Student Achievement Measure (SAM), is a web-based, national initiative that provides colleges and universities with a tool to report the progress and graduation of significantly more students than the federal graduation rate. SAM accounts for the progress and completion of transfer students, part-time students, full-time students, and the outcomes of students who enroll in multiple institutions. Over 600 colleges and universities from all 50 states are already participating in the project and the SAM website is currently tracking the progress and completion of half a million more students as compared to the federal graduation rate.

sam offers a comprehensive and realistic picture of student progress and completion within the higher education system.

sam includes transfer students, part-time students, full-time students and the outcomes of students who enroll in multiple institutions.

sam is an alternative to the federal graduation rate, which is limited to reporting the completion of first-time, full-time students at one institution and underreports student achievement.

sam is a voluntary, collaborative effort – public and private colleges, universities, and community colleges are all invited to participate at no cost to the institution.

Now in our fourth year, SAM has a new, refreshed [homepage](#), a third model designed to report outcomes for students who complete more than one undergraduate degree, and options for reporting outcomes for additional groups of students, including Pell recipients, students receiving veterans' benefits, and students of color.

SAM is still free for institutions!

We are pleased to report that additional outside funding has been secured from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation to further expand reporting options and outreach while **keeping participation open and free** for all accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities through the end of 2017.

NEW! SAM Stacked Credentials Model

SAM is proud to announce a new Stacked Credentials Model that will report the highest undergraduate outcome achieved by all members of a starting cohort. As the intention of students when they start at our institutions is not always clear and many existing measures fail to capture the accomplishments of students completely, the Stacked Credentials Model will report the highest degree – Associate or Bachelor's – received by members of a starting cohort within 6 years, in addition to reporting those who remain enrolled without having (yet) earned a degree.



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The two existing models – the **SAM Associate/Certificate Model** and the **SAM Bachelor's Model** remain options for reporting your institutional outcomes.

Even more outcomes – now for Pell students, veterans, and students of color!

In fall 2016, SAM added the ability for institutions to report outcomes for Pell students, students who receive veterans' benefits, and students of color to all models. These additional disaggregated cohorts will help your institution publicly and visible demonstrate your commitment to closing achievement gaps and ensuring all our students succeed.

If your institution plans to report outcomes for one of the new additional cohorts, send us an email at executivedirector@studentachievementmeasure.org to be recognized and featured in SAM promotion and outreach throughout 2017.

For complete information on the models and cohorts now available for institutional reporting through SAM, please click [here](#).

Update and Publish your institution's SAM data! The SAM website displays the most recent information possible for your institution. In any given year, the data from the previous data entry cycle is displayed until it is updated by your institution. For this year the Fall 2009 cohorts will be shown until you update your data with the Fall 2010 cohorts. However, if your institution's SAM data was not updated last year and was still showing the Fall 2008 cohorts when data entry was closed on October 14, that older data was removed and your institution will no longer have a published SAM page on the website. This situation is simple to remedy by uploading or entering data for the Fall 2010 cohorts as soon as possible!

For more information on the new model, cohorts or publishing SAM data, contact Teri Hinds or Christine Keller at executivedirector@studentachievementmeasure.org.

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