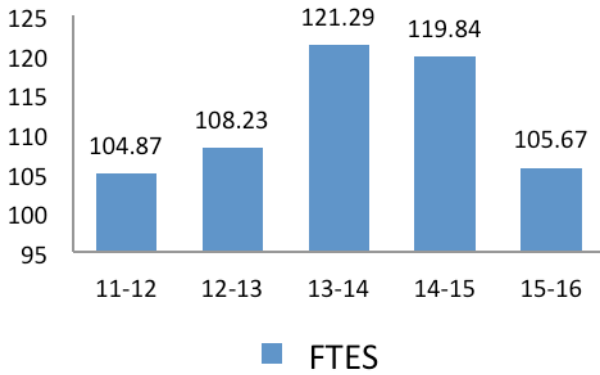


## GEOGRAPHY — 2015-2016



**Description:** The spatial science of geography examines both physical and cultural landscapes with an emphasis on human-environmental interactions. Geography integrates multiple natural and social sciences and includes the study of: nature and interactions of the atmosphere and the land; plants and animals; earth's waters; weather and climate; earth's dynamic surface; landforms and soils; and human interaction with the physical environment through forms of agriculture, language, religion, and cities.

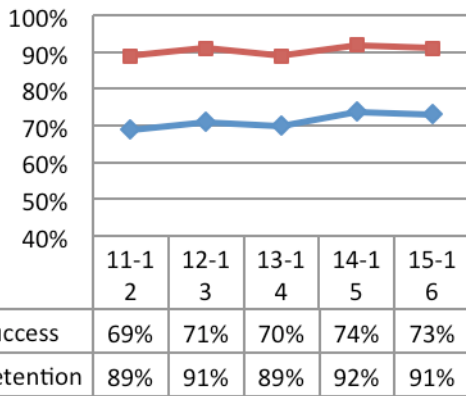
**Assessment:**

- FTEs generally reflects economic conditions, with recession impacting 2011-12 and recovery impacting 2015-16.
- Until 2014-15 and 2015-16, efficiency rates have remained above the college goal of 525. The recent decline may be attributed to offering too many sections of selected courses.
- FTEF increased during 2013-14 and 2014-15, potentially demanding additional faculty in the coming years.
- Success and retention rates have exceeded college averages and, in general, have been stable since 2011 -12.
- The number of AS and AA-T degrees awarded must increase.

	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Duplicated Enrollment	1,124	1,044	1,031	1,179	1,157	1,015
FTEF	5.94	5.74	5.74	6.60	7.90	6.55
WSCH per FTEF	558	548	566	551	455	484

**Department Goals:**

- Increase the number of AS and AA-T degrees awarded.
- Create service learning, non-credit, and regional field studies courses, as well as Global Studies AA-T degree.
- Develop learning communities with other disciplines, as well as support for tutors and SI leaders.
- Increase the number of funded field trips and maintain laboratories with equipment and supplies needed for quality education.
- Identify study abroad opportunities.
- Cultivate relationships with four-year institutions and area employers as a means to increase transfer and career opportunities.



**Challenges & Opportunities:**

- The AA-T Geography Transfer Degree should increase the number of degrees awarded, but additional student recruitment is needed.
- Continue to fund field study opportunities, as budgets remain flat or decline.
- As the field of geospatial technology grows, emphasize how GIS can be used in the study of Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, and other disciplines.
- FTEF growth supports hiring an additional full-time faculty member in the future.

	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Sections	33	33	35	40	49	52
% of online enrollment	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%	13%
Degrees awarded*	2	3	1	2	4	
Certificates awarded*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Action Plan:**

- Advertise the Geography Department more effectively.
- Increase the number of Geography graduates and transfer students by cultivating expanded university, grant, scholarship, research, internship, and career opportunities.
- Increase the number of distributed education and Honors courses.
- Continue to revise curriculum, including new course, certificate, and degree development.
- Hire another full-time Geography faculty in the coming years.

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Award Source: [http://datamart.cccco.edu/Outcomes/Program\\_Awards.aspx](http://datamart.cccco.edu/Outcomes/Program_Awards.aspx)

\*Data will be available in October 2016