

Edison Associate in Arts Graduates Maintain Academic Success After Transferring to State University System

Edison State College’s mission includes the following statement, “*Within a supportive learning environment, faculty and staff are committed to preparing students to be productive citizens by helping them develop academic and professional proficiencies.*”

In order to accomplish this mission, the college will provide students with

- “*Liberal arts and pre-professional education through the Associate in Arts degree*” and
- “*Access to additional baccalaureate degrees through upper division transfer, articulation, and the Edison University Center.*”

The result of this mission is evident in the information that was just released by the Florida College System. The data below reflects the success of Edison State College Associate in Arts graduates who have continued their education in the State University System. According to the National Student Clearinghouse*, Edison's 2008-2009 graduates' top five institutions for transfer were: Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), University of Central Florida (UCF), Florida State University (FSU), Edison State College, and University of Florida (UF). Edison State students transferring to Florida Gulf Coast University comprise 79% of all community college students being reported by the university.

This chart reflects **all** Edison State College graduates who were enrolled in Florida universities during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Florida Universities	Edison AA Graduates ⁺	University Headcount ⁺⁺	Edison GPA	University GPA	All Community Colleges Headcount ⁺⁺	All Community Colleges GPA [^]
FAMU	4	3,165	3.33	2.72	541	2.72
FAU	21	3,233	2.99	2.90	6,787	2.96
FGCU	1,137	2,048	3.19	3.13	1,558	3.18
FIU	21	9,288	2.86	2.97	10,131	2.88
FSU	62	9,899	3.04	3.11	6,501	2.88
UCF	114	10,475	2.98	3.11	16,879	2.95
UF	110	17,454	3.10	3.38	6,903	3.11
UNF	16	2,636	3.04	3.05	4,329	2.99
USF	158	5,348	2.88	3.06	11,991	2.95
UWF	10	1,583	3.26	3.09	2,984	3.05
	1,653	65,150	3.13	3.13	**	**

*USF does not currently participate in the National Student Clearinghouse, educational institutions primary source for student degree and enrollment verification, so data on transfer students is not available.

⁺Edison AA Graduates are those enrolled at the university during the 2008-09 academic year.

⁺⁺Student headcounts are based on upper division enrollment only.

[^]Community College GPA is based on GPA while at the university.