

Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Scholars Program

Who we are

The MLK Center is designed to support and ensure the success of African American students and those with an interest in African American heritage in their quest toward a degree at Sacramento State.

Demographics of Students for Fall 2018 (N=155)

Gender

53% of them are female.

47% of them are male.

Class Level

21% were freshmen.

21% were sophomores.

27% were juniors.

30% were seniors.

3% were graduates.

Age

Average age: 22 years old

Ranging from 16 to 60 years of age

Demographics of Students for Spring 2019 (N=122)

Gender

58% of them are female.

42% of them are male.

Class Level

17% were freshmen.

16% were sophomores.

25% were juniors.

41% were seniors.

1% were graduates.



Age

Average age: 22 years old

Ranging from 18 to 33 years of age

Key Performance Indicators

Fall 2018 (N=155)

Average Term GPA was 2.52.

Average Unit Load was 13.27.

87% of students were full-time.

39% of students were enrolled with 15 units or more.

81% of students were in good academic standing.

90% of students persisted to Spring 2019.

83% of students persisted to Fall 2019.

Spring 2019 (N=122)

Average Term GPA was 2.50.

Average Unit Load was 13.31.

84% of students were full-time.

40% of students were enrolled with 15 units or more.

86% of students were in good academic standing.

85% of students persisted to Fall 2019.

Frameworks of MLK Model & Services

- **A Focus on Learning** - to support students' academic experiences
- **A Focus on Leadership Development** - to encourage engagement and leadership practice among students in the program
- **A Focus on the Lived Experience** - to help address the day-to-day needs of students from a cultural and psychosocial perspective with an eye toward their fundamental needs and everyday experiences

Program Components & Services

- **Academic Support** – includes peer advising, advising referral and support, and tutoring referral
- **Achievements and Celebrations** – supports events such as the MKL celebration, Black graduation, Black Convocations, and Black Faculty and Staff mixers
- **Black Culture and Consciousness Cyphers Series** – focuses on the intersectionality of pop-culture, society, law, and history with Black culture and the African Diasporic experience
- **Career Pathway** – provides a set of skills to students such as resume writing, targeting and obtaining internships, and preparing for job searches & interviews
- **Financial Wellness** – promotes financial literacy, including knowledge of consumer credit scoring systems, student loans, interest rates, and budgeting

- **Outreach** – supports the African American student population by providing essential information about student support services
- **Sankofa (Go Back and Take It) Talks** – addresses contemporary issues facing African American students

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