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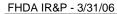
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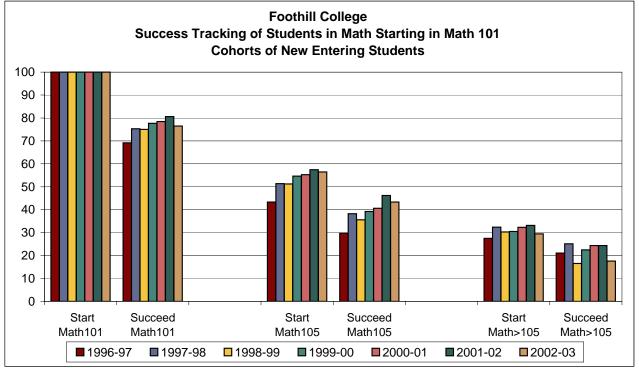
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Cohort	Math101	Math101	Math105	Math105	Math>105	Math>105
1996-97	480	332	208	143	132	101
1997-98	510	384	262	195	165	128
1998-99	545	409	279	194	165	90
1999-00	538	418	294	211	164	121
2000-01	505	396	279	205	163	123
2001-02	489	394	281	226	162	119
2002-03	489	374	276	212	144	86
Percent						
1996-97	100	69.2	43.3	29.8	27.5	21.0
1997-98	100	75.3	51.4	38.2	32.4	25.1
1998-99	100	75.0	51.2	35.6	30.3	16.5
1999-00	100	77.7	54.6	39.2	30.5	22.5
2000-01	100	78.4	55.2	40.6	32.3	24.4
2001-02	100	80.6	57.5	46.2	33.1	24.3
2002-03	100	76.5	56.4	43.4	29.4	17.6

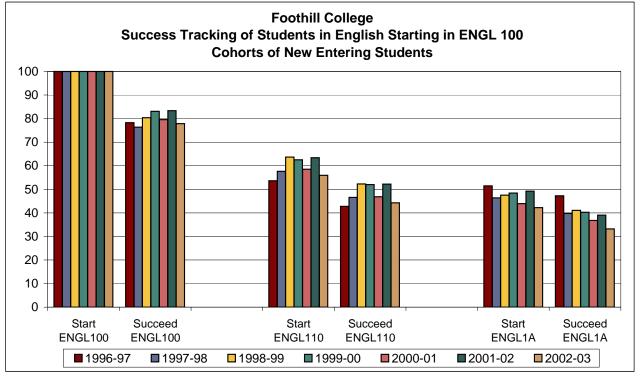
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Entering Cohort	Start ENGL100	Succeed ENGL100	Start ENGL110	Succeed ENGL110	Start ENGL1A	Succeed ENGL1A
1996-97	470	368	252	201	242	222
1997-98	427	326	246	199	198	170
1998-99	438	352	279	229	208	180
1999-00	502	417	314	261	243	202
2000-01	446	355	261	209	196	164
2001-02	492	410	312	257	242	192
2002-03	497	387	278	220	210	165
Percent 1996-97 1997-98 1998-99 1999-00 2000-01	100 100 100 100 100	78.3 76.3 80.4 83.1 79.6	53.6 57.6 63.7 62.5 58.5	42.8 46.6 52.3 52.0 46.9	51.5 46.4 47.5 48.4 43.9	47.2 39.8 41.1 40.2 36.8
2000-01	100	83.3	63.4	<del>4</del> 0.3 52.2	49.2	39.0
2002-03	100	77.9	55.9	44.3	42.3	33.2

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#### **Basic Skills Cohort Tracking, Foothill College**

#### Foothill Basic Skills Math/English/ESL Cohort Tracking Info (03-28-06)

- 1. Cohorts are defined as students who are new to FH in an academic year (01-02 = 01M / 01F / 02W / 02S).
- 2. These counts are of unduplicated individuals; these individuals may have attempted and/or passed these courses multiple times.
- 3. The first four cohorts have at least 16 quarters of enrollment data (98M 02S, 99M-03S, 00M-04S, 01M-05S), with the final cohort having at least 14 quarters of enrollment data (02M 05F).
- 4. College Level Math Courses are defined as Math 1A-1D,2A,2B,10,11,12,22,49,51.

#### Cohort Att 200 Pass 200 Att 101 Pass 101 Att 105 **Pass 105** Att CL Pass CL 1998 - 99 Starting in Math 200 283 186 163 97 73 47 38 25 17% 66% 9% % of start 58% 34% 26% 13% Starting in Math 101 545 409 279 194 165 90 ---% of start 75% 51% 36% 30% 17% Starting in Math 105 381 298 218 166 ------% of start 78% 57% 44% 1999 - 00 269 181 156 99 65 44 33 23 Starting in Math 200 % of start 67% 58% 37% 24% 16% 12% 9% Starting in Math 101 538 418 294 211 164 121 ---% of start 78% 55% 39% 30% 22% Starting in Math 105 484 337 203 ---145 ---70% 42% % of start 30% 2000 - 01 Starting in Math 200 247 178 152 94 66 50 39 31 % of start 38% 72% 62% 27% 20% 16% 13% Starting in Math 101 505 396 279 205 163 123 % of start 78% 55% 41% 32% 24% 490 352 198 Starting in Math 105 159 ------------% of start 72% 40% 32% 2001 - 02 Starting in Math 200 259 182 147 93 76 61 47 33 % of start 70% 57% 36% 29% 24% 18% 13% Starting in Math 101 ---489 394 281 226 162 119 81% 57% 46% 33% 24% % of start Starting in Math 105 453 386 184 142 ------------% of start 85% 41% 31% 2002 - 03 Starting in Math 200 237 163 136 90 80 53 34 23 69% 38% 34% 22% 14% % of start 57% 10% Starting in Math 101 489 374 276 212 144 86 ---% of start 76% 56% 43% 29% 18% Starting in Math 105 454 369 185 133 % of start 81% 41% 29%

#### Table 1 - Math

#### Table 2 - English

Cohort	Att 100	Pass 100	Att 110	Pass 110	Att 1A	Pass 1A	Att 1B	Pass 1B
1998 - 99								
Starting in ENGL 100	438	352	279	229	208	180	127	110
% of start		80%	64%	52%	47%	41%	29%	25%
Starting in ENGL 110			354	307	246	220	163	144
% of start				87%	69%	62%	46%	41%
Starting in ENGL 1A					638	572	414	388
% of start						90%	65%	61%
1999 - 00								
Starting in ENGL 100	502	417	314	261	243	202	132	118
% of start		83%	63%	52%	48%	40%	26%	24%
Starting in ENGL 110			205	175	128	109	79	71
% of start				85%	62%	53%	39%	35%
Starting in ENGL 1A					690	605	434	395
% of start						88%	63%	57%
2000 - 01								
Starting in ENGL 100	446	355	261	209	196	164	111	96
% of start		80%	59%	47%	44%	37%	25%	22%
Starting in ENGL 110			274	232	189	169	132	114
% of start				85%	69%	62%	48%	42%
Starting in ENGL 1A					705	633	452	435
% of start						90%	64%	62%
2001 - 02								
Starting in ENGL 100	492		312		242	192	140	123
% of start		83%	63%		49%	39%	28%	25%
Starting in ENGL 110 % of start			200	175 88%	126 63%	103 52%	78 39%	69 35%
Starting in ENGL 1A					765	659	483	455
% of start						86%	63%	59%
2002 - 03								
Starting in ENGL 100	497		278		210	165	133	117
% of start Starting in ENCL 110		78%	56%		42%	33%	27%	24%
Starting in ENGL 110 % of start			263	214 81%	179 68%	149 57%	109 41%	97 37%
Starting in ENGL 1A					716	604	440	389
% of start					-	84%	61%	54%

#### Table 3 - ESL

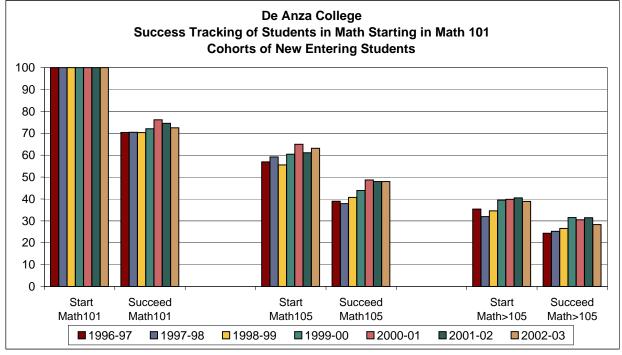
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Note2: The alternate credit during this time period is impossible to tease out - one course (ESL 227) served as the alt credit course for all 100-level and 025, so it's impossible to tease out; the net result of this is that there are some students not counted, if they only received alt credit

Cohort	Att 150s Pa	iss 150s A	tt 160s Pa	ss 160s	Att 025	Pass 025	Att 026	Pass 026
1998 - 99								
Starting in ESL 150s	214	185	125	109	75	67	57	50
% of start		86%	58%	51%	35%	31%	27%	23%
Starting in ESL 160s			248	223	160	152	128	113
% of start				90%	65%	61%	52%	46%
Starting in ESL 025					178	162	114	106
% of start						91%	64%	60%
1999 - 00								
Starting in ESL 150s	217	198	137	123	94	86	69	62
% of start		91%	63%	57%	43%	40%	32%	29%
Starting in ESL 160s			236	219	174	172	152	139
% of start				93%	74%	73%	64%	59%
Starting in ESL 025					164	156	117	
% of start						95%	71%	66%
2000 - 01								
Starting in ESL 150s	285	247	161	152	101	93	81	74
% of start		87%	56%	53%	35%	33%	28%	26%
Starting in ESL 160s			304	286	217	203	179	169
% of start				94%	71%	67%	59%	56%
Starting in ESL 025 % of start					238	225 95%	153 64%	148 62%
2001 - 02								
Starting in ESL 150s	303	265	192	176	136	121	105	94
% of start		87%	63%	58%	45%	40%	35%	31%
Starting in ESL 160s			308	293	223	215	189	181
% of start				95%	72%	70%	61%	59%
Starting in ESL 025					170	162	115	113
% of start						95%	68%	66%
2002 - 03		0.10	4.40	(				
Starting in ESL 150s	230	212	146	132	85	73	60	
% of start Starting in ESL 160s		92%	63% 309	57% 296	37% 217	32% 210	26% 189	23% 179
% of start			209	290 96%	70%	68%	61%	58%
Starting in ESL 025					169	156	117	108
% of start						92%	69%	

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Cohort	Math101	Math101	Math105	Math105	Math>105	Math>105
1996-97	1,075	757	612	419	380	262
1997-98	959	676	568	363	306	242
1998-99	990	696	550	403	342	263
1999-00	971	700	587	426	383	306
2000-01	834	635	542	406	332	254
2001-02	795	593	486	381	322	250
2002-03	746	541	471	358	290	211
Percent						
1996-97	100	70.4	56.9	39.0	35.3	24.4
1997-98	100	70.5	59.2	37.9	31.9	25.2
1998-99	100	70.3	55.6	40.7	34.5	26.6
1999-00	100	72.1	60.5	43.9	39.4	31.5
2000-01	100	76.1	65.0	48.7	39.8	30.5
2001-02	100	74.6	61.1	47.9	40.5	31.4
2002-03	100	72.5	63.1	48.0	38.9	28.3

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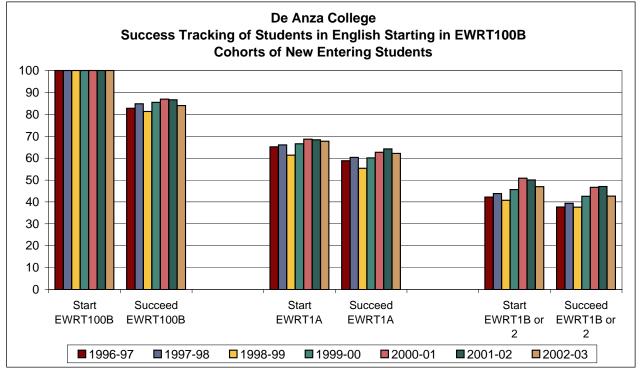
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Entering	Start	Succeed	Start	Succeed	EWRT1B or E	WRT1B or
Cohort	EWRT100B	EWRT100B	EWRT1A	EWRT1A	2	2
1996-97	1,572	1,301	1,024	924	664	593
1997-98	1,455	1,234	961	878	638	573
1998-99	1,606	1,306	986	889	655	604
1999-00	1,533	1,310	1,020	922	700	653
2000-01	1,408	1,224	967	882	716	657
2001-02	1,400	1,213	957	899	701	659
2002-03	1,427	1,199	966	887	670	609
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Percent	400		05.4	50.0	10.0	
1996-97	100	82.8	65.1	58.8	42.2	37.7
1997-98	100	84.8	66.0	60.3	43.8	39.4
1998-99	100	81.3	61.4	55.4	40.8	37.6
1999-00	100	85.5	66.5	60.1	45.7	42.6
2000-01	100	86.9	68.7	62.6	50.9	46.7
2001-02	100	86.6	68.4	64.2	50.1	47.1
2002-03	100	84.0	67.7	62.2	47.0	42.7

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#### Table 1 - Math

Cohort	Att 200	Pass 200	Att 101	Pass 101	Att 105	Pass 105	Att CL	Pass CL
1998 - 99								
Starting in Math 200	792	503	398	248	199	132	114	91
% of start		64%	50%	31%	25%	17%	14%	11%
Starting in Math 101			990	696	550	403	342	263
% of start				70%	56%	41%	35%	27%
Starting in Math 105					1,009	736	611	480
% of start						73%	61%	48%
1999 - 00								
Starting in Math 200	868	565	499	301	257	163	127	101
% of start		65%	57%	35%	30%	19%	15%	12%
Starting in Math 101			971	700	587	426	383	306
% of start				72%	60%	44%	39%	32%
Starting in Math 105					1,064	818	698	580
% of start						77%	66%	55%
2000 - 01								
Starting in Math 200	773	545	457	285	240	169	140	117
% of start		71%	59%	37%	31%	22%	18%	15%
Starting in Math 101			834	635	542	406	332	254
% of start				76%	65%	49%	40%	30%
Starting in Math 105					983	754	621	514
% of start						77%	63%	52%
2001 - 02								
Starting in Math 200	808	548	422	271	237	170	116	92
% of start		68%	52%	34%	29%	21%	14%	11%
Starting in Math 101			795	593	486	381	322	250
% of start				75%	61%	48%	41%	31%
Starting in Math 105					1,018	792	635	532
% of start						78%	62%	52%
2002 - 03								
Starting in Math 200	838		456		250	171	127	82
% of start		69%	54%		30%	20%	15%	10%
Starting in Math 101			746		471	358	290	211
% of start				73%	63%	48%	39%	28%
Starting in Math 105 % of start					1,025	802 78%	644 63%	498 49%

#### Table 2 - English

	Att	Pass	Att	Pass			Att	Pass
Cohort	100A	100A	100B	100B	Att 1A	Pass 1A	1B or 2	1B or 2
1998 - 99								
Starting in EWRT 100A	435	316	283	246	186	174	123	113
% of start		73%	65%	57%	43%	40%	28%	26%
Starting in EWRT 100B			1,606	1,306	986	889	655	604
% of start				81%	61%	55%	41%	38%
Starting in EWRT 1A					1,327	1,195	739	674
% of start						90%	56%	51%
1999 - 00								
Starting in EWRT 100A	491	382	338	279	238	220	163	141
% of start		78%	69%	57%	48%	45%	33%	29%
Starting in EWRT 100B			1,533	1,310	1,020	922	700	653
% of start				85%	67%	60%	46%	43%
Starting in EWRT 1A					1,506	1,365	890	835
% of start						91%	59%	55%
2000 - 01								
Starting in EWRT 100A	408	338	273	243	215	196	157	145
% of start		83%	67%	60%	53%	48%	38%	36%
Starting in EWRT 100B			1,408	1,224	967	882	716	657
% of start				87%	69%	63%	51%	47%
Starting in EWRT 1A					1,394	1,276	847	792
% of start						92%	61%	57%
2001 - 02								
Starting in EWRT 100A	409	338	269	221	201	187	155	148
% of start		83%	66%	54%	49%	46%	38%	36%
Starting in EWRT 100B % of start			1,400	1,213 87%	957 68%	899 64%	701 50%	659 47%
Starting in EWRT 1A					1,396	1,255	847	793
% of start					-,	90%	61%	57%
2002 - 03								
Starting in EWRT 100A	368	284	237	211	196	180	138	111
% of start		77%	64%	57%	53%	49%	38%	30%
Starting in EWRT 100B % of start			1,427	1,199 84%	966 68%	887 62%	670 47%	609 43%
Starting in EWRT 1A					1,451	1,311	917	831
% of start					.,	90%	63%	57%

#### Table 3 - ESL

Note: The 150-level, 160-level, and 170-level numbers indicate unque students who attempted any course in the level, and more importantly passed any course in the level; thus it is not necessarily the case that they passed the "final" course in the level

Note 2: ESL 004 turned into ESL 24 & 72 in 2000 and ESL 172 and 173 in 2005; these are all referred to as the "ESL 170s" level in the current tables

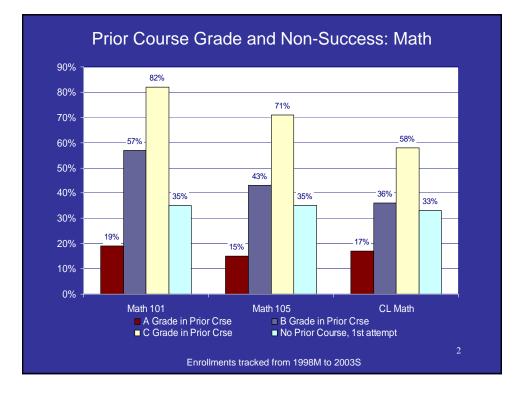
Cohort	Att 150s Pa	ıss 150s A	tt 160s Pa	155 160£ /	Att 170s	Pass 170s	Att 005	Pass 005
1998 - 99								
Starting in ESL 150s	618	550	399	367	202	163	130	118
% of start		89%	65%	59%	33%	26%	21%	19%
Starting in ESL 160s			222	203	102	88	71	64
% of start				91%	46%	40%	32%	29%
Starting in ESL 170s					41	30	22	21
% of start						73%	54%	51%
1999 - 00								
Starting in ESL 150s	675	586	438	387	218	163	142	130
% of start		87%	65%	57%	32%	24%	21%	19%
Starting in ESL 160s			170	143	73	65	53	45
% of start				84%	43%	38%	31%	26%
Starting in ESL 170s					52	43	32	32
% of start						83%	62%	62%
2000 - 01								
Starting in ESL 150s	680	616	441	399	244	172	127	
% of start		91%	65%	59%	36%	25%	19%	18%
Starting in ESL 160s			168	156	77	55	47	
% of start Starting in ESL 170s				93%	46% 57	33% 27	28% 20	27% 19
% of start					01	47%	35%	33%
2001 - 02								
Starting in ESL 150s	697	633	448	417	240	225	102	96
% of start		91%	64%	60%	34%	32%	15%	
Starting in ESL 160s			175	157	72	67	28	27
% of start				90%	41%	38%	16%	
Starting in ESL 170s % of start					35	33 94%	16 46%	13 37%
2002 02								
2002 - 03 Starting in ESL 150s	682	629	435	396	238	215	70	63
% of start		92%	64%	58%	35%	32%	10%	
Starting in ESL 160s			165	150	75	72	32	30
% of start				91%	45%	44%	19%	
Starting in ESL 170s % of start					31	30 97%	8 26%	
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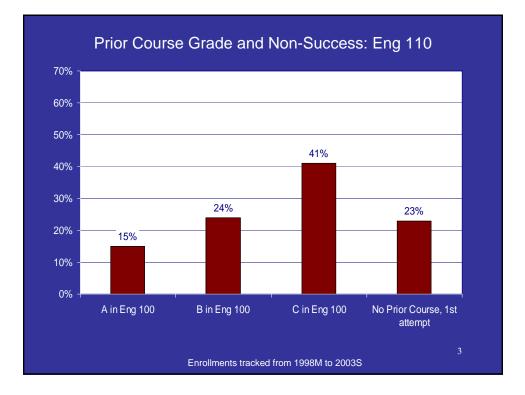
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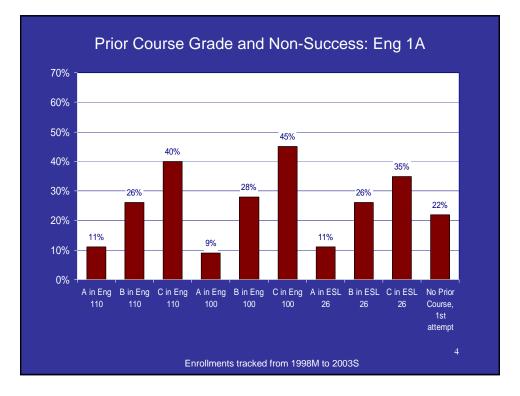
Cohort	Att LART200 L	Pass ART200 I	Att LART100 I	Pass ART100 I	Att EWRT 1A	Pass EWRT 1A	Att 1B or 2	Pass 1B or 2
1998 - 99								
Starting in LART 200	53	41	12	8	22	19	17	15
% of start		77%	23%	15%	42%	36%	32%	28%
Starting in LART 100			35	27	22	20	20	17
% of start				77%	63%	57%	57%	49%
1999 - 00								
Starting in LART 200	66	50	30	20	27	24	16	15
% of start		76%	45%	30%	41%	36%	24%	23%
Starting in LART 100			119	90	79	75	55	51
% of start				76%	66%	63%	46%	43%
2000 - 01								
Starting in LART 200	132	109	67	55	79	72	61	54
% of start		83%	51%	42%	60%	55%	46%	41%
Starting in LART 100			206	183	166	153	123	110
% of start				89%	81%	74%	60%	53%
2001 - 02								
Starting in LART 200	147	129	66	56	77	67	52	47
% of start		88%	45%	38%	52%	46%	35%	32%
Starting in LART 100			214	190	159	140	110	107
% of start				89%	74%	65%	51%	50%
2002 - 03								
Starting in LART 200	130	114	63	54	72	64	50	44
% of start		88%	48%	42%	55%	49%	38%	34%
Starting in LART 100			198	178	165	148	121	112
% of start				90%	83%	75%	61%	57%

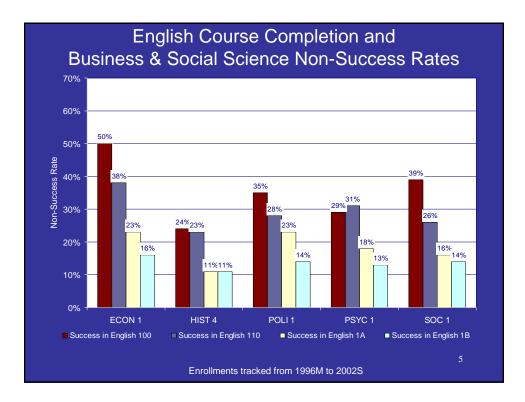
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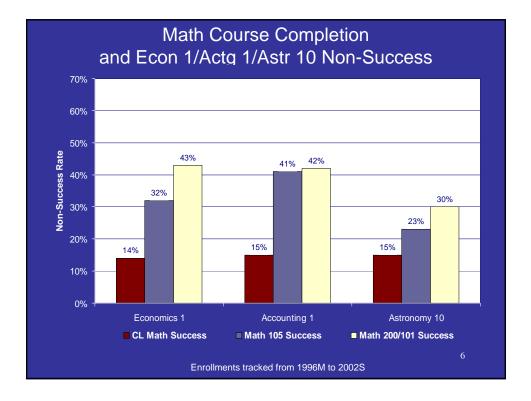
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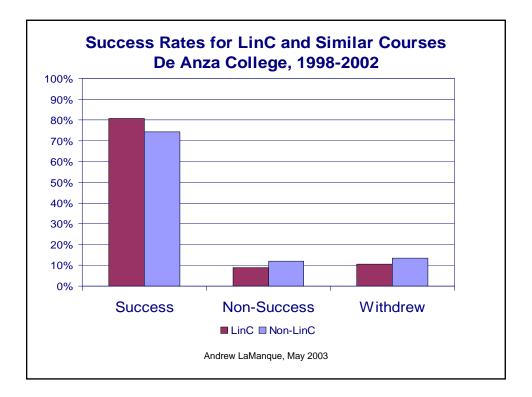


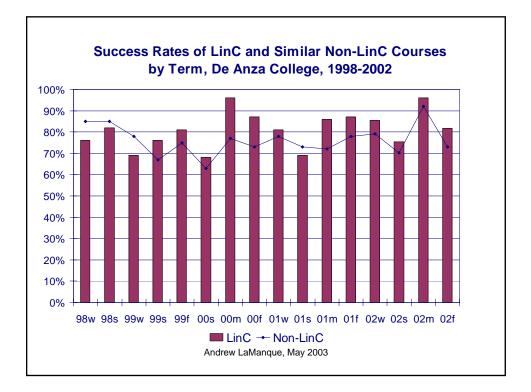


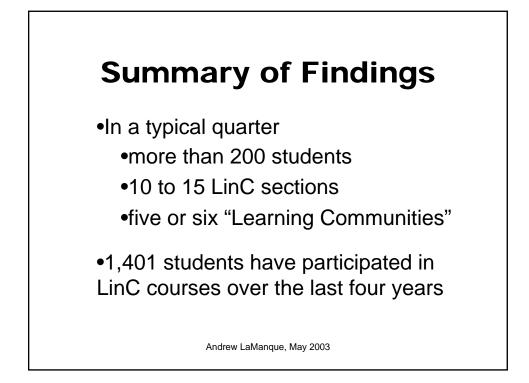


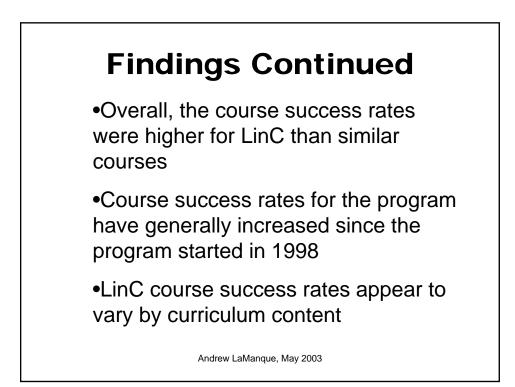


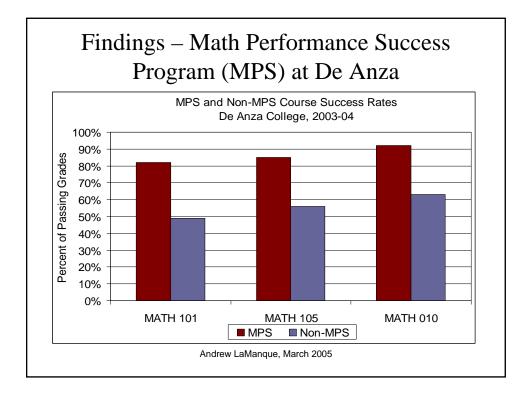


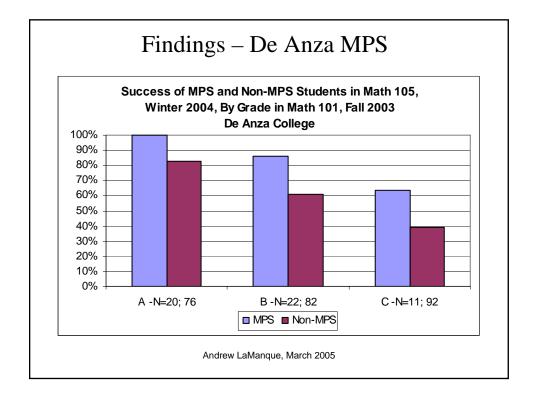












## **Overview of MPS Program**

- Cohort three quarter math sequence
  - Elementary Algebra (Math 101)
  - Intermediate Algebra (Math 105)
  - Elementary Stats / Probability (Math 10)
  - Students have shown previous math difficulties, including repeated attempts and failure
  - Must apply to the program
- Double the classroom time
- Instruction / Counseling collaboration
- Peer tutoring

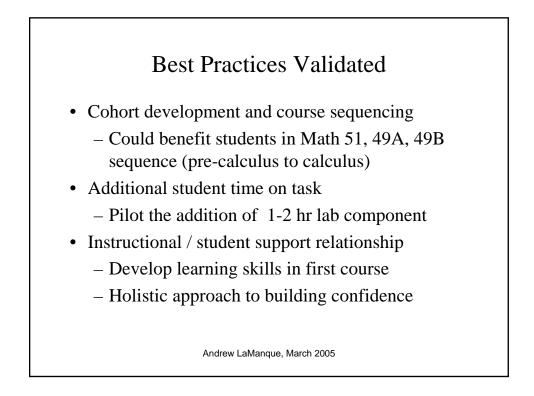
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## Impact on Students in the Classroom

- Same content and material to be mastered
  Same faculty teach both MPS and Non MPS sections
- Faculty/Counselor partnership provides immediate intervention if a student falls behind
- Twice as many contact hours
  - Opportunity for hands on work
  - Build self confidence

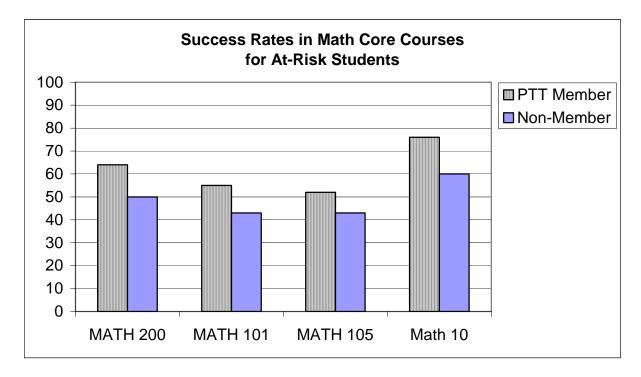
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		ath 101 Stud			
		Math 105, O			
	N .	IPS and Non	-MPS Stude	nts	
		One Year P	ersistence	Two Year P	ersistence
Attempted	Math 101	Passed I	Math 105	Passed N	Math 105
Fall	2002	Thru Fa	all 2003	Thru Fa	all 2004
Group	Students	Students	% Cohort	Students	% Cohort
MPS	52	44	85%	48	92%
Non-MPS	739	352	48%	395	53%
*Many Nor	n-MPS studer	nts take Math	105 several o	quarters after I	Math 101



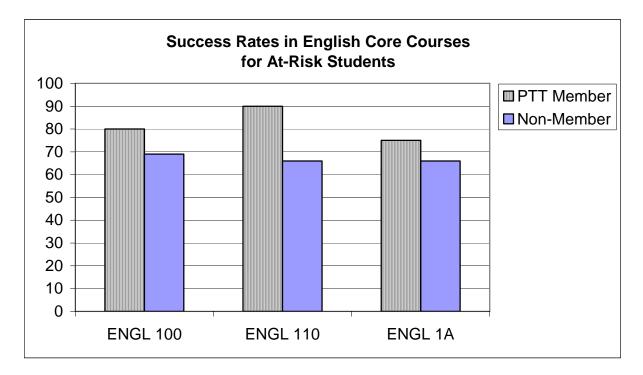
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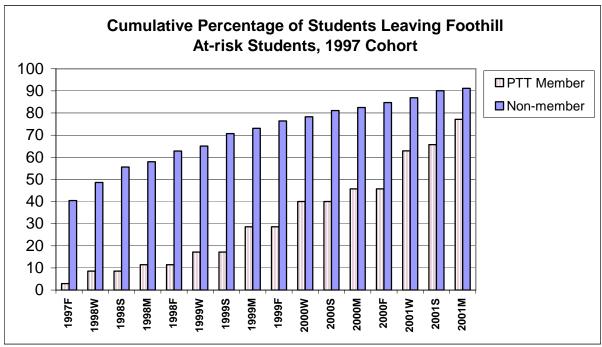
Note: At-risk students are defined as those belonging to the following ethnic groups: Hispanics, African-Americans, or Native-Americans.

#### Figure 2

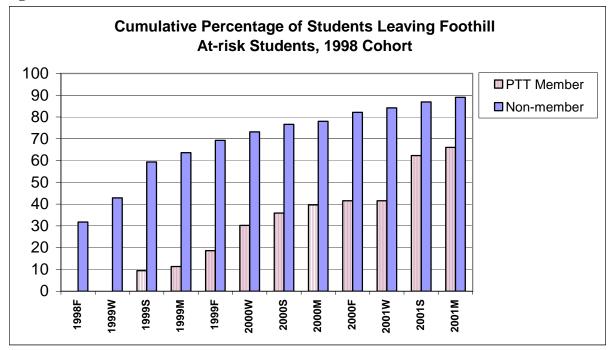


## **Foothill Pass the Torch Program Findings**





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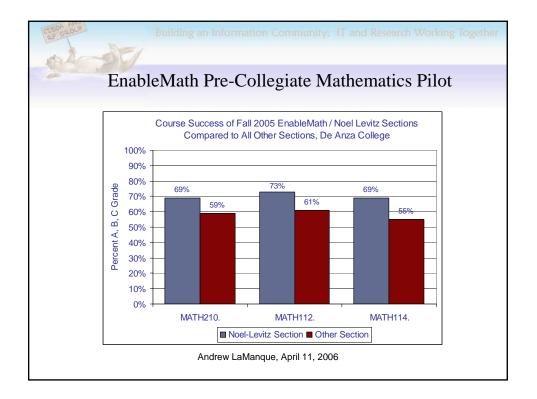


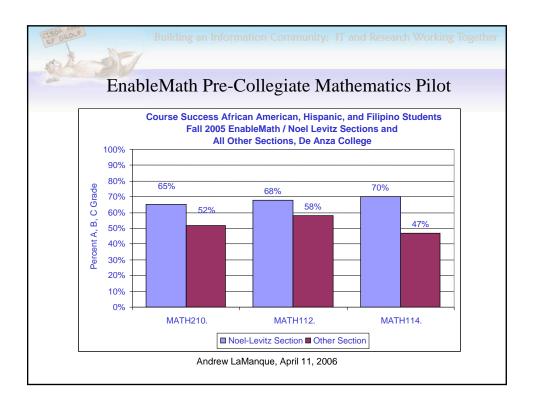
#### Summary of Pass the Torch Evaluation Lourdes Del Rio Parent, Ph.D. January, 2003 (Excerpted and Edited by Bob Barr, May 2006)

*Pass the Torch*, founded in 1996 by Jean Thomas, was established at Foothill College to support the academic success and retention of community college students considered at-risk, particularly African American, Hispanic, and American Indian students. The key function of the project has been to form study teams by pairing at-risk students (known as team members) enrolled in core courses with academically successful students (team leaders) and provide both with the necessary support to accomplish the project's main objectives: retention and academic success of the team member. The project has served more than 1,000 students. About 628 PTT students were involved in this evaluation in one form or another.

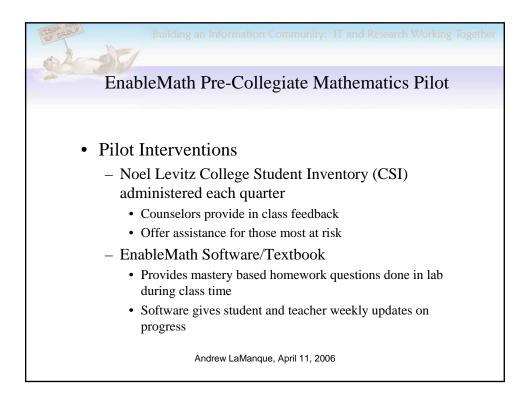
#### Conclusions:

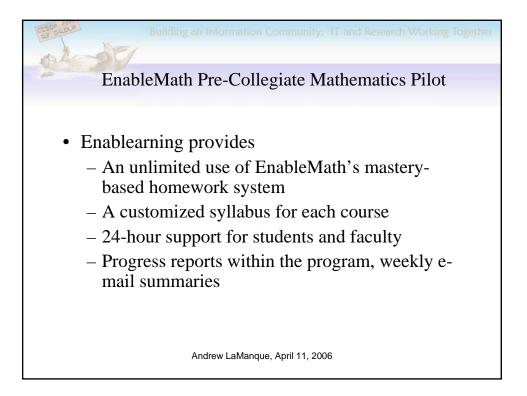
- *Pass the Torch* members were more likely to succeed in their courses than nonmembers of similar at-risk status, particularly in the higher-level courses. For example, at-risk, *Pass the Torch* members in MATH 10 (Elementary Statistics) achieved a 76% success rate (success defined as a grade of C or better) and an average GPA of 2.22 compared to a 48% success rate and a GPA of 1.92 for at-risk non-members. (See figures 1 and 2).
- *Pass the Torch* members were far less likely to withdraw from the College than nonmembers of similar at-risk status. For example, results for a 1997 cohort of students (students whose first term at Foothill was summer or fall of 1997) indicated that only 11% of at-risk *Pass the Torch* members left Foothill within a year compared to 63% for at-risk control group who were not *Pass the Torch* members (See figures 3, and 4, which show findings for three cohorts).
- Motivation and prior success are important. However, there is no reason to believe that *Pass the Torch* members were more likely to have higher academic motivation than non-members, at least not before they joined *Pass the Torch*. Analysis of responses to a survey of *Pass the Torch* members suggest that the program helped members gain more confidence in their academic skills, which, in turn, may have helped them develop or maintain their motivation to change their behavior and succeed academically.

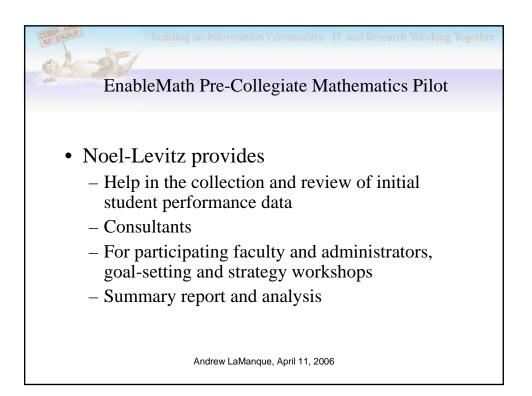




Course Success of Fall 2005 EnableMath / Noel Levitz Sections Compared to All Other Sections, De Anza College									
Course (	Group	Pas Grades P		Did Not Grades P		Withd Grades F		Tot Grades F	
MATH210.N	Noel-Levitz Section	56	69%	24	30%	1	1%	81	100%
(	Other Section	220	59%	90	24%	65	17%	375	100%
MATH112.1	Noel-Levitz Section	56	73%	18	23%	3	4%	77	100%
(	Other Section	357	61%	126	21%	107	18%	590	100%
		101	69%	25	17%	21	14%	150	100%
MATH114.N	Noel-Levitz Section	104	09/0	20					10070







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# Puente English Course Sections Compared to Similar Sections De Anza College, End of Term Enrollments

			Suc		NonSu		With		То	tal
Term	Course	Group	Grades	Row %	Grades	Row %	Grades	Row %	Grades	Row %
2001F	EWRT100B	Puente Other	31 712	97% 81%	1 97	3% 11%	67	8%	32 876	100% 100%
2002W	EWRT001A	Puente Other	19 850	90% 79%	82	8%	2 149	10% 14%	21 1,081	100% 100%
2002F	EWRT100B	Puente Other	35 699	97% 78%	1 107	3% 12%	93	10%	36 899	100% 100%
2003W	EWRT001A	Puente Other	25 906	83% 83%	3 44	10% 4%	2 141	7% 13%	30 1,091	100% 100%
2003F	EWRT100B	Puente Other	28 718	88% 83%	2 77	6% 9%	2 72	6% 8%	32 867	100% 100%
2004W	EWRT001A	Puente Other	28 922	88% 84%	3 63	9% 6%	1 117	3% 11%	32 1,102	100% 100%
2004F	EWRT100B	Puente Other	32 658	91% 79%	2 77	6% 9%	1 99	3% 12%	35 834	100% 100%
2005W	EWRT001A	Puente Other	27 932	82% 82%	73	6%	6 135	18% 12%	33 1,140	100% 100%
2005F	LART100. LART100. EWRT100B	Puente Other Other	31 45 562	89% 96% 72%	2 120	4% 15%	4 101	11% 13%	35 47 783	100% 100% 100%

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#### Figure 2 of 3

### Puente English Course Sections Compared to Similar Sections Hispanic Students Only

De Anza College, End of Term Enrollments

		Succ	ess	NonSu	iccess	With	drew	То	tal
		Grades	Row %	Grades	Row %	Grades	Row %	Grades	Row %
2001F EWRT100B	Puente Other	23 100	96% 78%	1 20	4% 16%	9	7%	24 129	100% 100%
2002W EWRT001A	Puente Other	16 84	89% 69%	16	13%	2 21	11% 17%	18 121	100% 100%
2002F EWRT100B	Puente Other	28 92	97% 73%	1 15	3% 12%	19	15%	29 126	100% 100%
2003W EWRT001A	Puente Other	21 77	81% 74%	3 7	12% 7%	2 20	8% 19%	26 104	100% 100%
2003F EWRT100B	Puente Other	24 96	86% 70%	2 27	7% 20%	2 15	7% 11%	28 138	100% 100%
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2004F EWRT100B	Puente Other	29 87	91% 69%	2 14	6% 11%	1 25	3% 20%	32 126	100% 100%
2005W EWRT001A	Puente Other	26 97	84% 76%	7	6%	5 23	16% 18%	31 127	100% 100%
2005F LART100. LART100. EWRT100B	Puente Other Other	28 9 80	93% 100% 66%	22	18%	2 19	7% 16%	30 9 121	100% 100% 100%
TOTAL EWRT001A	Puente Other	86 855	84% 74%	6 86	6% 7%	10 213	10% 18%	102 1,154	100% 100%
EWRT100B	Puente Other	104 718	91% 71%	6 140	5% 14%	3 147	3% 15%	113 1,005	100% 100%
LART100.	Puente Other	28 91	93% 83%	6	5%	2 13	7% 12%	30 110	100% 100%

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### Puente English Course Sections

De Anza College, End of Term Enrollments

Term Section	All Grades	Hisp. Stud. Grades	% Hisp.
2001F EWRT100B15	32	24	75%
2002W EWRT001A18	21	18	86%
2002F EWRT100B06	36	29	81%
2003W EWRT001A16	30	26	87%
2003F EWRT100B14	32	28	88%
2004W EWRT001A12	32	27	84%
2004F EWRT100B14	35	32	91%
2005W EWRT001A12	33	31	94%
2005F LART100.01D	17	16	94%
2005F LART100.02D	18	14	78%

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## Institutional Research Spotlight: Students Who Complete Counseling 100 More Likely to Continue at De Anza

According to a recent Institutional Research & Planning (IR&P) study, students who completed Counseling 100: Orientation to College successfully returned to De Anza one year after entrance at a substantially higher rate than students who did not take the course or did not complete it successfully.

"While the study results do not take into account student ability or other factors that might be related to persistence, it does suggest an important association," said IR&P Researcher Andrew LaManque. "It may be that students who take Counseling 100 are more motivated and informed than other students."

Counseling 100 is a ½-unit course that is strongly recommended for new students. The course introduces students to information important for planning their educational careers, such as General Education requirements and grading policies.

"Given the objectives of the course and the clear association with persistence presented in this report, it seems worthwhile to increase recruitment efforts to stem the decline in course enrollment that has occurred in the summer over the past several years."

-- Andrew LaManque, IR&P Researcher

"While the course has several objectives, it is thought that students who make connections to other students and college personnel early in their collegiate career, and who develop a better understanding about college life, will ultimately have a better chance of meeting their goals," LaManque said. "The purpose of this research was to begin to shed light on whether Counseling 100 has a positive effect on student persistence."

#### **Declining Counseling 100 Enrollment**

During the most recent summer, more than 2,200 students enrolled in Counseling 100. As indicated in Figure 1, however, summer

#### **About Institutional Research**

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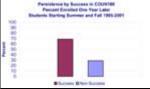
The IR function supports a "culture of evidence" through comprehensive information, data and research. College administrators, faculty and staff use these results for decisionmaking, planning, evaluation and reporting -- to maintain and continuously improve programs, processes and structures to better serve and educate students.

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While this difference is large, care must be taken in interpretation since many factors relating to student persistence have not been taken into account, such as student self-selection bias (i.e., it may be that those students who are more motivated to persist are more likely to take Counseling 100).

#### Figure 2

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Note: "Non-Success" the second students who did not enroll or successfully complete the course.

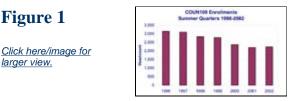
#### **Results By Goal**

As depicted in Figure 3, students who have a goal of transfer or degree tend to persist at a slightly higher rate than those selecting undecided on the application, whether or not they have taken Counseling 100.

enrollment has been on the decline for the past six years. More than 3,100 students enrolled in 1996. This is a significant decline because more than 70 percent of Counseling 100 enrollments occur during the summer term.

The decline in summer enrollment may be associated with students' ability to apply/register online, which began in the late 1990s. Prior to this time, a Records Office staff member would personally encourage each new student to register for Counseling 100. The declines in course enrollments depicted in Figure 1 can be seen as even more dramatic when viewed against the increase in overall college enrollment over the same period.

About 50 percent of new students in the summer term enroll in Counseling 100. New students make up about 80-90 percent of summer Counseling 100 enrollments. About 25 percent of all summer quarter students will enroll full time in the next term (fall), and more than 85 percent of these students (new students in summer returning to enroll full time in the fall) have taken Counseling 100 in the summer term.



#### Methodology

LaManque examined enrollment records for the period 1996-2001. Only students indicating a goal of "transfer," "degree" or "undecided" were included, because these are the students targeted by Counseling 100. Students were broken into two groups:

- Students starting in summer or fall, with a goal of "transfer," "degree" or "undecided," who had completed Counseling 100 successfully at some point during their first year of attendance at De Anza College.
- Students starting in summer or fall, with a goal of "transfer," "degree" or "undecided," who did not enroll in or complete Counseling 100 successfully during their first year.

While 81 percent of students starting in the summer (and enrolling in the following fall) and indicating a goal of "transfer," "degree" or "undecided," completed Counseling 100 successfully (i.e., with a grade of C or better) at For those students who successfully completed Counseling 100, 70 percent of students with a goal of transfer or degree returned one year later, versus 66 percent for students who initially indicated that they were undecided on their goals.

Similar results can be found for students not completing Counseling 100: 31 percent persist if their goal is transfer or a degree compared to 25 percent if they are undecided. The results in Figure 3 may be strong evidence that student goals are subject to change from the initial response on the application, since undecided students do persist at nearly the same rate as students beginning with a goal of transfer or degree at De Anza College.

### Figure 3

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Note: "Non-Success" includes students who did not enroll or successfully complete the course.

#### **Results By Ethnicity, Start Term**

There is some variance in persistence by ethnic group. For example, Asian students completing Counseling 100 have a one-year persistence equal to 79 percent, compared with 54 percent for African American students.

In addition, the one-year persistence rate for students succeeding in Counseling 100 is higher for students who start in the summer than the fall. The one-year persistence rate for students successfully completing Counseling 100 is 70 percent for those starting in the summer, and 62 percent for students starting in the fall.

Even for students not taking Counseling 100, those who start in the summer persist at a higher rate than those who start in the fall: 41 percent compared to 26 percent. More research would be needed to determine why this difference exists.

#### Summary

There is clearly a very positive relationship between taking Counseling 100 and one-year college persistence. However, this study does not determine whether the learning outcomes of the course are contributing to persistence or whether students with backgrounds associated with persistence are selecting the course.

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some point during the first year, the figure for students starting in the fall was only 16 percent.

More research will be needed to determine why this difference in Counseling 100 enrollment exists. Overall, the cohorts included in the study are nearly evenly split between those students who took Counseling 100 and those who did not.

#### Summary of Results

Figure 2 compares enrollment in the fall term one year after initial enrollment for students successfully completing Counseling 100 compared to those who did not take the course or did not successfully complete it.

As depicted, students taking Counseling 100 were found to enroll one year later at a 69 percent rate compared to a 29 percent rate for students who did not take the course.

the past several years," LaManque concluded.

Future research might examine which students are more likely to take Counseling 100 and what factors contribute to a students' decision not to take the course.

Visit the IR&P Web site to view the <u>full study</u>, which is in a Word document format, or contact LaManque at <u>lamanqueandrew@fhda.edu</u> for more information.



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