# VENTURA COLLEGE <br> Office of Research and Evaluation 

## SPRING 2014 - SUCCESS RATES BY METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

## - INTRODUCTION

Method of Instruction can be defined as the manner in which a class is conducted or the process by which instruction occurs. Course success rates (in spring 2014) varied widely by instructional method. Table A indicates enrollments, credit units, and success rates by instructional method. The four main instructional methods in order of enrollments are: Lecture and/or Discussion (64\%), Lecture/Lab (17\%), Distance Education (11\%), and Laboratory/Studio/Activity (7\%).

Distance Education has the lowest success rate (61.8\%) while Laboratory/Studio has the highest (79.9\%).
Table A. Enrollments and Success Rates by Method of Instruction

| Spring 2014 <br> Method of Instruction |  | Course Enrollments |  | Success |  | Credit Units |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Percent | Count | Rate | Number | Percent |
| L | Lecture and/or Discussion | 22,323 | 64.2\% | 15,634 | 70.1\% | 75,727.0 | 69.6\% |
| A | Lecture/Lab | 5,946 | 17.1\% | 4,464 | 75.1\% | 17,227.5 | 15.8\% |
| Q | Dist Ed: Internet delayed | 3,947 | 11.4\% | 2,438 | 61.8\% | 12,961.5 | 11.9\% |
| B | Laboratory/Studio/Activity | 2,528 | 7.3\% | 2,019 | 79.9\% | 2,866.5 | 2.6\% |
| W | Work Experience | 15 | 0.0\% | 15 | 100.0\% | 42.0 | 0.1\% |
| D | Directed/Independent Study | 14 | 0.0\% | 13 | 92.9\% | 39.0 | 0.0\% |
|  | Is and Average Success Rate | 34,773 | 100.0\% | 24,583 | 70.5\% | 108,863.5 | 100.0\% |

Chart 1. Success Rates by Method of Instruction


| Diff. in Success Rate | 8.3 | 13.3 | 18.1 |
| ---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| \% Diff. in Success Rate | $13.4 \%$ | $21.5 \%$ | $29.3 \%$ |

Diff. in Success Rate: Success Rate in a specific Instructional Method minus the Success Rate in Distance Ed
\% Diff. in Success Rate: ((Diff. in Success Rate) divided by (Success Rate in Distance Ed)) times 100

## - DISTANCE EDUCATION - SUCCESS RATES BY ETHNICITY

The chart and table below compare success rates by ethnicity in Distance Education classes and Traditional Classes (i.e., all other classes). The comparisons are based on courses in which there were both a distance education section/s and a traditional section/s. Courses that were offered only as distance education are excluded.

Chart 2. Success Rates in Distance Ed versus Traditional Classes by Ethnicity


Table B. Success Rates in Distance Ed versus Traditional Classes by Ethnicity

| Ethnic Groups | Distance Education |  |  | Traditional |  |  | Diff. in Succ. Rate |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Student Count | Success Count | Success Rate | Student Count | Success Count | Success Rate | Percent Points | Percent |
| Asian | 184 | 133 | 72.3\% | 474 | 366 | 77.2\% | -4.9 | -6.4\% |
| Black (African American) | 142 | 61 | 43.0\% | 293 | 181 | 61.8\% | -18.8 | -30.5\% |
| Hispanic | 1,681 | 952 | 56.6\% | 6,820 | 4,358 | 63.9\% | -7.3 | -11.4\% |
| Native American | 14 | 11 | 78.6\% | 43 | 32 | 74.4\% | 4.2 | 5.6\% |
| Pacific Islander | 12 | 3 | 25.0\% | 15 | 9 | 60.0\% | -35.0 | -58.3\% |
| Two/More Races | 195 | 116 | 59.5\% | 446 | 320 | 71.7\% | -12.3 | -17.1\% |
| White | 1,401 | 944 | 67.4\% | 3,069 | 2,193 | 71.5\% | -4.1 | -5.7\% |
| Unreported | 28 | 17 | 60.7\% | 55 | 43 | 78.2\% | -17.5 | -22.3\% |
| Tot. I Av. Rate | 3,657 | 2,237 | 61.2\% | 11,215 | 7,502 | 66.9\% | -5.7 | -8.5\% |

