# VENTURA COLLEGE Office of Research and Evaluation 

## - SUMMARY

## - Introduction

All students at Ventura College are provided the opportunity to receive no-cost tutoring in a wide variety of subject areas. To access tutoring services, a student must be enrolled at VC during the term in which tutoring is requested and he/she must also enroll in IDS N100, a non-credit, no-fee lab class.

The objective of this study is to calculate the success rates of students who have received tutoring in credit basic-skills courses and to compare them to the success rates of non-tutored students in the same sections. Additionally, this report presents (a) summary data related to all Subject Areas (Disciplines) in which tutoring services were provided and (b) success rate comparisons in those nonbasic skills courses which experienced a high demand for tutoring services.
The study period consists of the fall 2011 and spring 2012 terms. Data for the study were extracted from SARS-GRID (tutoring sessions) and the VCCCD Banner System (final grades).

## - Overview

Summary data for fall 2011 and spring 2012 are presented in the table below.

| Tutoring Category | Fall 2011 | Spring 2012 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| A. Number of Disciplines in which Tutoring was Provided | 38 | 35 |
| B. Unduplicated Number of Tutored Students | 1,051 | 1,058 |
| C. Unduplicated Number of Basic-Skills Students | 411 | 682 |
| D. Number of Student-Tutoring Sessions | 6,537 | 7,615 |
| E. Number of Student-Discipline Sessions | 6,538 | 7,673 |

Explanations of Tutoring Categories:
SARS-GRID creates multiple records for each tutoring session. For example, a student who received tutoring on November 1, 2010 at 10:30 am in ENGL V03 would have one record for that date with a "Reason Code" of ENGL V03 (or ENGL) and possibly another record with a "Reason Code" of AADROP IN.
(A) "Number of Disciplines in which Tutoring was Provided" is a count of the Disciplines (Subject Codes) in which tutoring services were rendered.
(B) "Unduplicated Number of Students" is the count of individual students who received tutoring services (many students received tutoring in more than one discipline).
(C) "Number of Individual Basic-Skills Students" is a count of students who were coded AABSKSKL one/more times; even if there were no associated records with "Reason Codes" identifying specific basic skills courses.
(D) "Number of Student-Tutoring Sessions" is a count of individual "History ID" numbers. A "History ID" number is created for every student-tutoring session. The "History ID" number may have more than one "Reason Code" associated with it, e.g., one "History ID" number had five "Reason Codes" associated with it: AA/RW, ENGL, ENGL V03 71473, ENGL V03 7296, and ENGL V08A 70820.
(E) "Number of Student-Discipline Sessions" counts all "Reason Codes" that are either a discipline (e.g., ENGL) or a Course ID (e.g., ENGL V03).

## - Success Rates in Basic Skills Courses

In fall 2011, the overall success rate for students who received tutoring in basic skills courses was lower than the corresponding rate for non-tutored students in the same sections. In spring 2012, the overall success rate for tutored students was higher than the rate for non-tutored students.

| Basic Skills | Success Rates |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Tutoring Category | Fall 2011 | Spring 2012 |
| Tutored Students | $65.8 \%$ | $73.0 \%$ |
| Non-Tutored Student | $71.4 \%$ | $56.9 \%$ |
| Difference in Rates | -5.6 pp | 16.1 pp |

Success Rate Formula
(Number of A, B, C or P grades divided by (Number of A through W grades) times 100

Note: pp = percentage points

## - Demographics of Tutored Students

In the table below, students who received tutoring in the fall 2011 and/or spring 2012 semesters are categorized by ethnicity and gender.

| Demographic Characteristic | Fall 2011 |  | Spring 2012 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |
| Asian / Pacific Islander | 54 | 5.8\% | 67 | 6.4\% |
| Black or African American | 39 | 4.2\% | 42 | 4.1\% |
| Hispanic | 483 | 52.0\% | 512 | 49.5\% |
| Native American | 14 | 1.6\% | 13 | 1.3\% |
| Two or More Ethnicities | 28 | 3.0\% | 33 | 3.2\% |
| White | 299 | 32.2\% | 355 | 34.3\% |
| Unreported or Not Available | 11 | 1.2\% | 12 | 1.2\% |
| Totals | 928 | 100.0\% | 1,034 | 100.0\% |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 587 | 63.3\% | 628 | 60.\% |
| Male | 339 | 36.5\% | 404 | 39.1\% |
| Unreported or Not Available | 2 | 0.2\% | 2 | 0.2\% |
| Totals | 928 | 100.0\% | 1,034 | 100.0\% |

- Ethnicity: Hispanic students account for the greatest percentage of tutored students: 52\% in fall 2011 and 50\% in spring 2012.
- Gender: The majority of students are female: 63\% in fall 2011 and 60\% in spring 2012.


## - FINAL GRADES

To obtain a final grade for a course in which a student was tutored, the Student ID (900 number) and the Course ID are required. The SARS "Reason Code" is the data element in which the Course ID can be entered. In many cases, however, only the Subject Area (e.g., ENGL) was entered and therefore a definitive match could not be attempted. Most of the Tutoring Records which were not matched to grade records are probably related to courses that students dropped during the first four weeks of the term.

| Category | Fall 2011 | Spring 2012 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| A. Total Individual Students who Received Tutoring | 1,051 | 1,058 |
| B. Number of Students with only an AA* "Reason Code" | 18 | 7 |
| C. Number of Students by Subject Area (Discipline) | 1,246 | 1,298 |
| D. Number of Tutoring Records matched to a Banner Final Grade Record | 928 | 1,034 |
| E. Percentage of Tutoring Records with a Final Grade $\quad$ [(C $\div$ B) $\times 100]$ | $74 \%$ | $80 \%$ |

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## - SUCCESS RATES - BY SUBJECT AREA

This table indicates the Subject Areas (Disciplines) in which students received tutoring. The "Num. of STS" reflects the Total Student-Tutoring Sessions per discipline. "Students with Grades" indicates the numbers of students for whom it was possible to obtain final grade records in Banner.

| Subject Area (Discipline) | Fall 2011 |  |  |  |  | Spring 2012 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Num. STS | Num. of Students | Students with Grades |  |  | Num. STS | Num. of Students | Students with Grades |  |  |
|  |  |  | Count | Succ. | Succ\% |  |  | Count | Succ. | Succ\% |
| ACT |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| AG | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| ANAT | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% | 27 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 100.0\% |
| ANPH | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ANTH | 4 | 4 |  |  |  | 18 | 4 |  |  |  |
| ARCH | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ART | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| AST | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BES | 2 | 2 |  |  |  | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |
| BIOL | 204 | 69 | 56 | 31 | 55.4\% | 235 | 78 | 69 | 46 | 66.7\% |
| BIS | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 50.0\% | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| BUS | 167 | 28 | 25 | 19 | 76.0\% | 304 | 32 | 25 | 22 | 88.0\% |
| CD | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHEM | 730 | 127 | 97 | 67 | 69.1\% | 871 | 159 | 140 | 109 | 77.9\% |
| CJ | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |
| COMM | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% | 31 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 80.0\% |
| CT | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ECON | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% | 55 | 25 | 15 | 14 | 93.3\% |
| ENG | 4 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL | 297 | 131 | 101 | 86 | 85.1\% | 316 | 105 | 70 | 64 | 91.4\% |
| ESL | 3 | 3 |  |  |  | 11 | 2 |  |  |  |
| FREN | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 100.0\% |
| GEOG | 49 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 75.0\% | 36 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 66.7\% |
| HED | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| HIST | 76 | 16 | 13 | 8 | 61.5\% | 9 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% |
| JAPN | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| LS | 20 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% | 6 | 4 |  |  |  |
| MATH | 4,294 | 671 | 508 | 320 | 63.0\% | 5,007 | 652 | 544 | 335 | 61.6\% |
| MICR | 87 | 30 | 22 | 21 | 95.5\% | 152 | 38 | 33 | 27 | 81.8\% |
| MUS | 111 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 100.0\% | 38 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 66.7\% |
| NS | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| PE |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| PHIL | 3 | 3 |  |  |  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| PHSC | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHSO | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% | 160 | 42 | 36 | 32 | 88.9\% |
| PHYS | 70 | 22 | 8 | 7 | 87.5\% | 47 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 66.7\% |
| POLS | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% | 33 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% |
| PSY | 118 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 84.6\% | 63 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 78.6\% |
| SI |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |
| SL | 30 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% | 52 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% |
| SOC |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% |
| SPAN | 181 | 43 | 42 | 33 | 78.6\% | 129 | 39 | 30 | 22 | 73.3\% |
| THA |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Totals / Av. \% | 6,538 | 1,246 | 928 | 641 | 69.1\% | 7,673 | 1,298 | 1,034 | 731 | 70.7\% |

## - SUCCESS RATES IN BASIC SKILLS COURSES

These tables compare the success rates of tutored and non-tutored students in basic-skills courses.
The non-tutored students were enrolled in the same course sections as the tutored students.

| Fall 2011 Course ID | Total <br> Course <br> Enrolls | Non-Tutored Students |  |  | Tutored Students |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Successful | Success Rate | Count | Successful | Success Rate |
| ENGL V03 | 199 | 189 | 155 | 82.0\% | 10 | 9 | 90.0\% |
| ENGL V04A | 33 | 31 | 27 | 87.1\% | 2 | 1 | 50.0\% |
| ENGL V04B | --- | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | --- |
| ENGL V07 | 35 | 34 | 22 | 64.7\% | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| ENGL V08A | 23 | 22 | 13 | 59.1\% | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Subtotal: ENGL | 290 | 276 | 217 | 78.6\% | 14 | 11 | 78.6\% |
| Subtotal: ESL | --- | --- | --- | --- | , | --- | --- |
| MATH V09 | 155 | 144 | 94 | 65.3\% | 11 | 5 | 45.5\% |
| MATH V10 | 226 | 213 | 141 | 66.2\% | 13 | 9 | 69.2\% |
| Subtotal: MATH | 381 | 357 | 235 | 65.8\% | 24 | 14 | 58.3\% |
| Totals / Aver. Rates | 671 | 633 | 452 | 71.4\% | 38 | 25 | 65.8\% |


| Spring 2012 Course ID | Total <br> Course <br> Enrolls | Non-Tutored Students |  |  | Tutored Students |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Successful | Success Rate | Count | Successful | Success Rate |
| ENGL V03 | 140 | 135 | 93 | 68.9\% | 5 | 5 | 100.0\% |
| ENGL V04B | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ENGL V07 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ENGL V08A | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Subtotal: ENGL | 140 | 135 | 93 | 68.9\% | 5 | 5 | 100.0\% |
| Subtotal: ESL | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| MATH V09 | 192 | 179 | 88 | 49.2\% | 13 | 8 | 61.5\% |
| MATH V10 | 285 | 266 | 149 | 56.0\% | 19 | 13 | 68.4\% |
| Subtotal: MATH | 477 | 445 | 237 | 53.3\% | 32 | 21 | 65.6\% |
| Totals / Aver. Rates | 617 | 580 | 330 | 56.9\% | 37 | 27 | 73.0\% |


| Fall 2011/Spring 2012 Basic Skills by Discipline | Total Course Enrolls | Non-Tutored Students |  |  | Tutored Students |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Successful | Success <br> Rate | Count | Successful | Success Rate |
| ENGL | 430 | 411 | 310 | 75.4\% | 19 | 16 | 84.2\% |
| ESL | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| MATH | 858 | 802 | 472 | 58.9\% | 56 | 35 | 62.5\%\% |
| Totals / Aver. Rates | 1,288 | 1,213 | 782 | 64.5\% | 75 | 51 | 68.0\% |

## - FALL 2011 - SUCCESS RATES BY COURSE

This table displays fall 2011 success rates for tutored and non-tutored students by selected courses in the BIOL, CHEM, ENGL, and MATH disciplines. All of the basic skills courses are included, plus several non-basic skills courses in which there were a relatively high enrollment of tutored students.

| Fall 2011 <br> Course ID | Total Enrollments | Non-Tutored Students |  |  | Tutored Students |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Success |  | Count | Success |  |
|  |  |  | Number | Rate |  | Number | Rate |
| BIOL V01 | 420 | 364 | 185 | 50.8\% | 56 | 31 | 55.4\% |
| CHEM V01A | 216 | 187 | 113 | 60.4\% | 29 | 22 | 75.9\% |
| CHEM V01B | 56 | 47 | 29 | 61.7\% | 9 | 4 | 44.4\% |
| CHEM V20 | 207 | 168 | 115 | 68.5\% | 39 | 25 | 64.1\% |
| CHEM V20L | 48 | 46 | 39 | 84.8\% | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% |
| CHEM V30 | 156 | 141 | 111 | 78.7\% | 15 | 11 | 73.3\% |
| ENGL V01A | 539 | 497 | 389 | 78.3\% | 42 | 39 | 92.9\% |
| ENGL V01B | 244 | 232 | 194 | 83.6\% | 12 | 11 | 91.7\% |
| ENGL V02 | 449 | 417 | 304 | 72.9\% | 32 | 24 | 75.0\% |
| ENGL V03 * | 199 | 189 | 155 | 82.0\% | 10 | 9 | 90.0\% |
| ENGL V04A * | 33 | 31 | 27 | 87.1\% | 2 | 1 | 50.0\% |
| ENGL V05 | 28 | 27 | 21 | 77.8\% | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| ENGL V07* | 35 | 34 | 22 | 64.7\% | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| ENGL V08A* | 23 | 22 | 13 | 59.1\% | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| MATH V01 | 643 | 568 | 287 | 50.5\% | 75 | 48 | 64.0\% |
| MATH V02 | 41 | 35 | 24 | 68.6\% | 6 | 6 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V03 | 933 | 807 | 423 | 52.4\% | 126 | 73 | 57.9\% |
| MATH V04 | 403 | 312 | 169 | 54.2\% | 91 | 59 | 64.8\% |
| MATH V05 | 166 | 140 | 83 | 59.3\% | 26 | 13 | 50.0\% |
| MATH V09 * | 155 | 144 | 94 | 65.3\% | 11 | 5 | 45.5\% |
| MATH V10 * | 226 | 213 | 141 | 66.2\% | 13 | 9 | 69.2\% |
| MATH V20 | 111 | 99 | 67 | 67.7\% | 12 | 8 | 66.7\% |
| MATH V21A | 196 | 156 | 70 | 44.9\% | 40 | 18 | 45.0\% |
| MATH V21B | 87 | 70 | 36 | 51.4\% | 17 | 10 | 58.8\% |
| MATH V21C | 51 | 45 | 36 | 80.0\% | 6 | 6 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V24 | 38 | 36 | 32 | 88.9\% | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V30 | 29 | 27 | 14 | 51.9\% | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V35 | 74 | 58 | 37 | 63.8\% | 16 | 9 | 56.3\% |
| MATH V38 | 36 | 32 | 25 | 78.1\% | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V40 | 78 | 74 | 51 | 68.9\% | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V44 | 514 | 457 | 256 | 56.0\% | 57 | 44 | 77.2\% |

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## - SPRING 2012 - SUCCESS RATES BY COURSE

This table displays spring 2012 success rates for tutored and non-tutored students by selected courses in the BIOL, CHEM, ENGL, and MATH disciplines. All basic skills courses are included, plus several non-basic skills courses in which there were a relatively high enrollment of tutored students.

| Spring 2012 <br> Course ID | Total <br> Enrollments | Non-Tutored Students |  |  | Tutored Students |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Success |  | Count | Success |  |
|  |  |  | Number | Rate |  | Number | Rate |
| BIOL V01 | 581 | 512 | 265 | 51.8\% | 69 | 46 | 66.7\% |
| CHEM V01A | 151 | 124 | 63 | 50.8\% | 27 | 15 | 55.6\% |
| CHEM V01B | 128 | 117 | 91 | 77.8\% | 11 | 10 | 90.9\% |
| CHEM V20 | 219 | 179 | 120 | 67.0\% | 40 | 31 | 77.5\% |
| CHEM V20L | 28 | 24 | 17 | 70.8\% | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% |
| CHEM V21 | 40 | 31 | 29 | 93.5\% | 9 | 9 | 100.0\% |
| CHEM V30 | 143 | 96 | 71 | 74.0\% | 47 | 38 | 80.9\% |
| CHEM V30L | 54 | 52 | 43 | 82.7\% | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% |
| ENGL V01A | 483 | 439 | 308 | 70.2\% | 44 | 41 | 93.2\% |
| ENGL V01B | 378 | 364 | 281 | 77.2\% | 14 | 12 | 85.7\% |
| ENGL V02 | 172 | 165 | 111 | 67.3\% | 7 | 6 | 85.7\% |
| ENGL V03 * | 140 | 135 | 93 | 68.9\% | 5 | 5 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V01 | 670 | 589 | 286 | 48.6\% | 81 | 43 | 53.1\% |
| MATH V02 | 35 | 29 | 16 | 55.2\% | 6 | 4 | 66.7\% |
| MATH V03 | 920 | 792 | 360 | 45.5\% | 128 | 74 | 57.8\% |
| MATH V04 | 406 | 325 | 150 | 46.2\% | 81 | 44 | 54.3\% |
| MATH V05 | 168 | 127 | 66 | 52.0\% | 41 | 24 | 58.5\% |
| MATH V09 * | 192 | 179 | 88 | 49.2\% | 13 | 8 | 61.5\% |
| MATH V10 * | 285 | 266 | 149 | 56.0\% | 19 | 13 | 68.4\% |
| MATH V20 | 90 | 71 | 35 | 49.3\% | 19 | 13 | 68.4\% |
| MATH V21A | 188 | 147 | 69 | 46.9\% | 41 | 24 | 58.5\% |
| MATH V21B | 80 | 66 | 36 | 54.5\% | 14 | 9 | 64.3\% |
| MATH V21C | 45 | 44 | 29 | 65.9\% | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V24 | 47 | 44 | 33 | 75.0\% | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V35 | 48 | 31 | 27 | 87.1\% | 17 | 11 | 64.7\% |
| MATH V38 | 28 | 26 | 15 | 57.7\% | 2 | 1 | 50.0\% |
| MATH V40 | 40 | 39 | 32 | 82.1\% | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| MATH V44 | 523 | 446 | 246 | 55.2\% | 77 | 62 | 80.5\% |

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