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Achieving the Dream

Fact Sheet # 6c

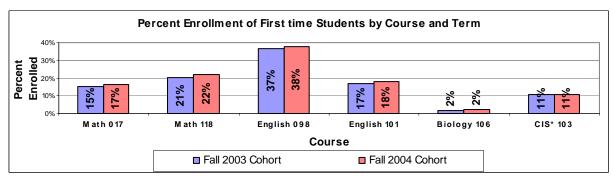
Pass Rates in CCP Gatekeeper Courses

Introduction

Pass Rates in gatekeeper courses are key measures of students success. The Achieving the Dream initiative defines gatekeeper courses as *first level curricular courses that students must pass before enrolling in more advanced courses in their major field*. The Academic Affairs Office designated several CCP gatekeeper courses and the following information describes enrollment and grade outcomes associated with these courses. The gatekeeper courses at CCP are Math 017, Math 118, English 098, English 101, Biology 106, and Computer Information Science 103.

Enrollment in Gatekeeper Courses

Enrollment of first time students in the gatekeeper courses was very stable from semester to semester. While few first time students enrolled in Biology 106 during their first semester at the College, one-third enrolled in English 098.



Overall Pass Rates in Gatekeeper Courses

Pass rates were highest in English 101, Biology 106 and CIS* 103 courses. Withdraw rates were lowest in Biology 106 and highest in Math 118.

| | | | | Percent Pass- | | Percent Pass- ing W's Re- | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----|
| ll 2003 Cohort | Course | Course Enrolled Percent of Total | | | ing w/success Percent W | | |
| | Math 017 | 719 | 15.20% | 59.90% | 11.40% | 67.61% | |
| | Math 118 | 972 | 20.50% | 54.60% | 15.10% | 64.31% | |
| | English 098 | 1732 | 36.60% | 57.30% | 11.10% | 64.45% | |
| | English 101 | 811 | 17.10% | 70.50% | 10.20% | 78.51% | |
| | Biology 106 91 | | 1.90% | 73.60% | 8.80% | 80.70% | |
| Fall | CIS* 103 | 504 | 10.60% | 71.40% | 10.30% | 79.60% | |
| | | | | 59.75% | 11.51% | 67.52% | To |

| | | | | Percent Pass- ing W's Re- | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|--|
| Fall 2004 Cohort | Course | Enrolled | Percent of Total | success | Percent W | moved | _ | |
| | Math 017 | 803 | 16.60% | 52.90% | 12.10% | 60.18% | | |
| | Math 118 | 1054 | 21.80% | 53.30% | 16.50% | 63.83% | | |
| | English 098 | 1831 | 37.80% | 55.80% | 11.50% | 63.05% | | |
| | English 101 | 866 | 17.90% | 68.10% | 13.60% | 78.82% | | |
| | Biology 106 | 103 | 2.10% | 81.55% | 8.70% | 89.32% | | |
| Ĥ | CIS* 103 | 527 | 10.90% | 67.36% | 12.10% | 76.63% | | |
| | | • | | 56.96% | 12.79% | 65.32% | Total | |

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Overall Gatekeeper Pass Rates by Gender within Race

As a group, males in the fall 2003 cohort experienced less successful course grades than female students. The Pass Rates associated with Black male students in both fall 2003 and 2004 fell below Institutional Averages in all six gatekeeper courses. The gender gap in Pass Rates disappeared in fall 2004.

| | Female | | | | Male | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Asian | Black | White | Hispanic | Asian | Black | White | Hispanic | Institutional Average | |
| Math 017 | 90.00% (n=10) | 59.93% (n=267) | 69.85% (n=136) | 69.23% (n=39) | 55.56% (n=9) | 42.31% (n=104) | 51.25% (n=80) | 61.54% (n=13) | <mark>59.90%</mark> | |
| Math 118 | 67.65% (n=34) | 55.05% (n=218) | 53.49% (n=172) | 50.00% (n=32) | 67.65% (n=34) | 51.63% (n=184) | 53.75% (n=160) | 45.45% (n=22) | <mark>54.50%</mark> | |
| English 098 | 68.75% (n=32) | 58.50% (n=612) | 67.03% (n=279) | 60.26% (n=78) | 56.76% (n=37) | 49.19% (n=307) | 54.95% (n=182) | 58.54% (n=41) | <mark>57.40%</mark> | |
| English 101 | 100.00% (n=13) | 64.80% (n=179) | 77.40% (n=208) | 75.00% (n=28) | 63.64% (n=11) | 60.23% (n=88) | 70.55% (n=163) | 70.00% (n=20) | 70.50% | |
| Biology 106 | 100.00% (n=2) | 62.50% (n=24) | 84.62% (n=26) | <mark>60.00%</mark> (n=5) | 100.00% (n=3) | 55.56% (n=9) | 100.00% (n=7) | 100.00% (n=3) | <mark>73.63%</mark> | |
| CIS* 103 | 100.00% (n=14) | 65.43% (n=162) | 81.25% (n=80) | 100.00% (n=17) | 81.82% (n=11) | 51.00% (n=100) | 81.97% (n=61) | 83.33% (n=12) | 71.43% | |

Fall 2003 Cohort

Fall 2004 Cohort

| | | Fe | male | | Male | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Asian | Black | White | Hispanic | Asian | Black | White | Hispanic | Institutional Average |
| Math 017 | 88.89% (n=9) | 51.80% (n=278) | 66.42% (n=137) | 44.19% (n=43) | 64.29% (n=14) | 40.74% (n=135) | 57.32% (n=82) | 25.00% (n=24) | 52.90% |
| Math 118 | 62.16% (n=37) | 49.79% (n=241) | 59.81% (n=209) | 46.15% (n=39) | 65.71% (n=35) | 42.20% (n=173) | 54.60% (n=174) | 59.38% (n=32) | 53.30% |
| English 098 | 57.14% 3(n=42) | 55.07% (n=612) | 70.59% (n=289) | 52.13% (n=94) | 42.86% (n=35) | 43.07% (n=332) | 55.90% (n=195) | 48.94% (n=47) | 55.80% |
| English 10 [,] | 66.67% 1(n=12) | 63.77% (n=207) | 73.99% (n=223) | 73.08% (n=26) | 60.87% (n=23) | 55.79% (n=95) | 69.28% (n=166) | 75.00% (n=16) | 68.00% |
| Biology 106 | 80.00% ∂(n=5) | 77.42% (n=31) | 100.00% (n=22) | 100.00% (n=3) | N/A | <mark>66.67%</mark> (n=15) | 69.23% (n=13) | 100.00% (n=1) | 81.55% |
| CIS* 103 | 58.82% (n=17) | 60.87% (n=161) | 77.55% (n=98) | 75.00% (n=20) | 36.36% (n=11) | 61.29% (n=93) | 72.46% (n=69) | 85.71% (n=14) | 67.36% |

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