



Rancho Santiago Community College District Investigation of Intersession 2008 Enrollments

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How do those enrolled in our short, in-between-semester, intersession program fare with those enrolled in our regular 16-week spring session? The RSCCD Research Department analyzes enrollments in the intersession programs at Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

Staff analyzed data that included who enrolled in the intersession program (continuing students or those from other colleges here to pick up a few units in between their college's regular offerings), which courses were most popular among the attendees, and how successful were those attending intersession vs. those who attended our regular spring semesters. Since Spring 2008 is still in session and course completion data are not yet available, we've compared Intersession 2008 to Spring 2007 semester.

Summary of Findings

- Full-time students (12+ units) comprise about half of the intersession 2008 student bodies at both SAC and SCC. Across both colleges, 21% are enrolled in 7-11 units for the intersession/spring term.
- Most (92% at SAC and 93% at SCC) intersession students are continuing students; that is, students who attended SAC or SCC the prior semester.
- The highest numbers of enrollments are in the subject areas of math, psychology, exercise science, political science, English, counseling, and history—comprising over half of total intersession enrollments.
 - At the course-level in these subject areas, most are transfer-level, with the exceptions of basic math (Math N06, N48, 060, and 080) and English 061.
- Overall, course success rates in intersession sections are five and nine percentage points (SCC and SAC, respectively) higher vs. spring semester sections.

Detailed data follows.

Data Detail

	College		Total
	SAC	SCC	
Units Enrolled In Interession/Spring 2008			
0 units	0%	0%	0%
<3 units	9%	5%	8%
3-4 units	12%	12%	12%
5-7 units	8%	5%	7%
7-11 units	23%	19%	21%
12+ units	49%	59%	52%
Average # units	11	12	11
Total	4307	1893	6200
Enrollment Status			
continuing	92%	93%	92%
new	2%	2%	2%
transfer	3%	4%	3%
returning transfer	1%	1%	1%
returning	2%	2%	2%
Total	4307	1893	6200

About half of interession students (49% at SAC and 59% at SCC) are attending full-time (12 or more units)



Most 2008 interession students attended RSCCD in Fall 2007.



At least half of Interession 2008 students at each college had accumulated over 30 units by Fall 2007.



Distribution of Units Accumulated by Interession 2008 Students (effective end-of-term Fall 2007)		
	SAC	SCC
0 units	4%	3%
1-10 units	17%	16%
11-20 units	17%	21%
21-30 units	9%	10%
31-60 units	28%	31%
over 60 units	26%	19%
average units accumulated	42	36
Total	3913	1736

Course Success by College				
Interession vs. Spring Semester				
	SAC		SCC	
	Interession 2008	Spring 2007	Interession 2008	Spring 2007
A,B,C,CR	83%	72%	75%	70%
D,F,NC	11%	11%	16%	12%
W,I	7%	17%	9%	19%
total	3305	70727	1529	31625

Overall, 2008 interession course success rates are higher than the traditional spring semester.



Intersession 2008 Enrollments by College					
Subject Area	college				Total
	SAC		SCC		
	count	%	count	%	
math	645	11%	429	18%	1074
psychology	762	13%	58	2%	820
exercise science	485	8%	230	9%	715
political science	301	5%	176	7%	477
English	230	4%	240	10%	470
counseling	360	6%	82	3%	442
history	204	4%	235	10%	439
sociology	253	4%	70	3%	323
fire academy	318	5%	0	0%	318
business	70	1%	205	8%	275
economics	132	2%	108	4%	240
speech comm.	232	4%	0	0%	232
philosophy	112	2%	116	5%	228
biology	186	3%	0	0%	186
music	116	2%	67	3%	183
art	166	3%	0	0%	166
computer sci.	108	2%	53	2%	161
tv/video comm.	62	1%	97	4%	159
anthropology	85	1%	57	2%	142
communication	0	0%	131	5%	131
business applic.	130	2%	0	0%	130
theatre arts	42	1%	53	2%	95
astronomy	86	1%	0	0%	86
earth science	68	1%	0	0%	68
chemistry	64	1%	0	0%	64
reading	56	1%	0	0%	56
nursing CE	53	1%	0	0%	53
automotive tech	46	1%	0	0%	46
Spanish	46	1%	0	0%	46
engineering	45	1%	0	0%	45
human devel.	44	1%	0	0%	44
paralegal	43	1%	0	0%	43
special services	43	1%	0	0%	43
criminal justice	42	1%	0	0%	42
geography	39	1%	0	0%	39
IDS	33	1%	3	0%	36
geology	33	1%	0	0%	33
pharmacy tech	29	1%	0	0%	29
diesel	22	0%	0	0%	22
management	5	0%	10	0%	15
social science	0	0%	8	0%	8
study skills	4	0%	0	0%	4
total	5800		2428		8228

Over half of Intersession 2008 enrollments are in the subject areas of math, psychology, exercise science, political science, English, counseling, and history.

Course-level Enrollments of “Top Ten” Subject Areas Enrollments in Interession 2008				
subject area	course	college		Total
		SAC	SCC	
counseling	100	27	0	27
	110	70	0	70
	116	175	54	229
	144	88	28	116
	total	360	82	442
English	61	45	36	81
	91	0	20	20
	101	139	140	279
	103	46	44	90
	total	230	240	470
exercise science-circuit training	100	38		38
	109	200		200
	119	27		27
	147	28		28
total	293		293	
exercise science-health education	101	51		51
exercise science-intercollegiate	124	84		84
	128	22		22
	160	13		13
	total	119		119
exercise science-off season activities	130	22		22
history	101	54	0	54
	102	0	47	47
	118	53	0	53
	120	0	66	66
	121	54	67	121
	127	43	0	43
	133	0	55	55
	total	204	235	439

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subject area	course	college		Total
		SAC	SCC	
math	N06	41	0	41
	N48	86	0	86
	60	172	101	273
	80	167	122	289
	85	4	0	4
	98	0	50	50
	105	48	32	80
	140	51	47	98
	160	0	35	35
	165	27	0	27
	219	49	42	91
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