



## Santa Ana College Progress Through the English/ESL Course Sequences July 2012

Santa Ana College offers a series of courses to ensure students acquire full comprehension of the English language. Courses are offered at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels (from Introduction to Academic ESL to Freshman Composition). For students who are advised to enroll in the lowest level (ESL N40A), and students for whom it is necessary to retake one or more courses in the sequence in order to succeed, it will take seven (or more) semesters to complete the entire course sequence. Do students complete the sequence and, if so, how long does it take for them to complete it?

Transcripts of students enrolled in English/ESL/EMLS courses at SAC in Fall 2007 were analyzed to track the progress they made through the sequence courses by successfully completing English 101 within a four-year period (Fall 2007 through Fall 2011). Course success (A, B, C, Pass) for the initial course enrollment, as well as in coursework enrolled in through Fall 2011 was studied for the following courses:

- ESL N40A/B, N49, EMLS 055, 107, 109, 110, 112, and
- English N50, N60, and 061.

### Summary of Findings

- Initial course success rates vary widely: English N60 (48%), ESL N40 (63%) and EMLS 109 (74%).
- Generally, the lower they are in the sequence, the less likely it is that they will complete English 101 within four years studied.
  - Only 3% of the ESL N40A/B (six levels below English 101) students successfully completed the sequence to English 101.
  - 15% English N50 and 32% EMLS 109 (three levels below) successfully completed English 101.
  - Under half, 43% English 061 and 49% of EMLS 112 (one level below), successfully completed English 101.

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levels below transfer	Fall 2007 Cohort			successful completion of English 101 (Fall 2007- Fall 2011)						
	cohort course	# enrolled	course success			thru Fall 2008	Spr/Sum/ Fall 2009	Spr/Sum/ Fall 2010	Spr/Sum/ Fall 2011	total success
			success	non-success	non-completer					
6	ESL N40A/B	120	63%	21%	17%	0%	1%	0%	2%	3%
5	ESL N49	126	59%	23%	18%	0%	1%	4%	5%	10%
	EMLS 055	209	65%	18%	17%	0%	6%	8%	1%	15%
4	EMLS 107	234	72%	12%	16%	1%	14%	8%	2%	24%
3	EMLS 109	250	74%	12%	14%	3%	17%	6%	5%	32%
	ENG N50	245	56%	21%	23%	3%	9%	3%	1%	15%
2	EMLS 110	188	68%	16%	15%	24%	14%	3%	1%	43%
	ENG N60	459	48%	24%	28%	11%	10%	3%	1%	24%
1	EMLS 112	148	67%	12%	21%	35%	9%	4%	1%	49%
	ENG 061	791	54%	19%	26%	32%	7%	2%	2%	43%