

DSP&S Study

During spring 2006, the college Research Office looked at certain student performance indicators of students who identified themselves as being a disabled student. The college Research Office looked at course success rates, average units attempted/completed/GPA, semester persistence rates, average number of semesters of enrollment, Degree and/or Certificate completion as well as the demographic profiles for these students compared to the overall student population. During the three-plus academic years that were analyzed, Disabled students comprise roughly 2% of the overall student population.

Average Course Success Rate (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Disabled students:	63.6%
Rest of college:	65.3%

Average Units Attempted (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Disabled students:	6.16 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.96 (for the semester)
Disabled students:	40.49 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	33.74 (cumulative)

Average Units Completed (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Disabled students:	5.67 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.28 (for the semester)
Disabled students:	39.53 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	31.62 (cumulative)

Average GPA (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Disabled students:	2.56 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	2.61 (cumulative)

Average Number of Semesters of Enrollment (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Disabled students:	4.97
Rest of college:	3.72

Semester-to-Semester Persistence

Fall 2002 to Spring 2003	
Disabled students:	71%
Rest of college:	68%
Fall 2003 to Spring 2004	
Disabled students:	69%
Rest of college:	67%
Fall 2004 to Spring 2005	
Disabled students:	64%
Rest of college:	68%

Demographic Profile

Average Age

Disabled students:	33.9
Rest of college:	27.7

Gender

Disabled students:	66.3% Female, 33.2% Male, 0.5% Undeclared
Rest of college:	57.8% Female, 41.6% Male, 0.6% Undeclared

Ethnicity

Disabled students:	35.5% White, 64.5% Minority
Rest of college:	34.3% White, 65.7% Minority

Summary

DSP&S student generally mirror the demographic profile of the rest of the college. However, the average age of the DSP&S student is significantly higher (almost 34 years old compared to almost 28 years old for the rest of the college).

In terms of academic performance, DSP&S students:

Are slightly lower than the rest of the college in terms of average course success rate (63.6% for DSP&S students compared to 65.3% for the rest of the college).

Take a slightly higher semester unit load compared to the rest of the college (6.16 units for DSP&S students compared to 5.96 units for the rest of the college).

Have attempted more cumulative college units (40.5 units attempted for DSP&S students compared to 33.7 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have completed more cumulative college units (39.5 units attempted for DSP&S students compared to 31.6 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have comparable cumulative GPA's compared to the rest of the college (2.56 cumulative GPA for DSP&S students compared to 2.61 cumulative GPA for the rest of the college).

Have comparable Fall-to-Spring Persistence compared to the rest of the college (for Fall 2004-Spring 2005, DSP&S students persisted at 64% compared to 68% for the rest of the college; however, the prior two academic years, DSP&S students persisted at a higher rate compared to the rest of the college).

Are enrolled at the college longer compared to the rest of the college (DSP&S students average number of semesters of enrollment is 4.97 semesters compared to 3.72 semesters for the rest of the college).