



CRC Research Office

DSP&S Study

During Fall 2009, 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 2006 – Spring 2009)

Disabled students:	60.8%
Rest of college:	63.1%

Average Units Attempted (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

Disabled students:	8.90 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	8.51 (for the semester)

Disabled students:	43.47(cumulative)
Rest of college:	36.02 (cumulative)

Average Units Completed (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

Disabled students:	6.05 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.90 (for the semester)

Disabled students:	41.79 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	33.56 (cumulative)

Average GPA (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

Disabled students:	2.46 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	2.53 (cumulative)

Average Number of Semesters of Enrollment (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

Disabled students:	3.38
Rest of college:	1.52

Semester-to-Semester Persistence

Fall 2006 to Spring 2007	
Disabled students:	74%
Rest of college:	66%
Fall 2007 to Spring 2008	
Disabled students:	76%
Rest of college:	66%
Fall 2008 to Spring 2009	
Disabled students:	85%
Rest of college:	73%

Demographic Profile

Average Age

Disabled students:	31.2
Rest of college:	27.4

Gender

Disabled students:	57.8% Female, 40.9% Male, 1.3% Undeclared
Rest of college:	56.6% Female, 42.5% Male, 0.9% Undeclared

Ethnicity

Disabled students:	34.4% White, 65.6% Minority
Rest of college:	29.8% White, 70.1% 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 (31 years old compared to almost 27 years old for the rest of the college).

In terms of academic performance, DSPS students:

Are slightly lower than the rest of the college in terms of average course success rate (60.8% for DSP&S students compared to 63.1% for the rest of the college).

Take a slightly higher semester unit load compared to the rest of the college (8.90 units for DSP&S students compared to 8.51 units for the rest of the college).

Have attempted more cumulative college units (43.5 units attempted for DSP&S students compared to 36.0 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have completed more cumulative college units (41.8 units attempted for DSP&S students compared to 33.6 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have comparable cumulative GPA's compared to the rest of the college (2.46 cumulative GPA for DSP&S students compared to 2.53 cumulative GPA for the rest of the college).

Have higher Fall-to-Spring Persistence compared to the rest of the college (for Fall 2006-Spring 2007, DSP&S students persisted at 74% compared to 66% for the rest of the college; this continued for the following two academic years as well).

Are enrolled at the college longer compared to the rest of the college (DSP&S students average number of semesters of enrollment is 3.38 semesters compared to 1.52 semesters for the rest of the college).