

## **San Diego Mesa College**

### **Notes Regarding Performance in 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-Week Courses**

Students may take short-term courses for any number of reasons: to brush up on a subject or take a refresher course, to hone in on one subject intensely, for the sake of scheduling and convenience, to shorten length of time-to-degree, or to complement the primary term courseload. One important consideration is that some subject matters are more conducive to the short-term format than others. For instance, Basic Skills and weighty science subjects with labs are seldom offered as short-term courses, while language or technical courses lend themselves well to the short-term format.

“Grade Distributions and Success Rates for 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-Week Courses: Fall 2003 through Summer 2006” Tables

- Based on enrollments, rather than student headcount, from Fall 2003 through Summer 2006
- Excludes tutoring courses and cases in which the student “Never Attended.”
- Includes grade distributions
- Shows success rates, which are calculated as the number of successful grade notations (A, B, C, Credit Received) divided by the total number of valid grade notations (A, B, C, D, F, Credit Received, No Credit, Withdrawal, Incomplete)

Major Findings: Comparing Short-Term Courses and Primary Term Courses

- Short-term courses had a lower withdrawal rate
- Short-term courses had a higher success rate
- District Institutional Research & Planning submitted a Study of Non-Primary Term Courses to the Chancellor’s Cabinet on November 7, 2006. This study similarly found that in the San Diego Community College District non-primary term courses, which in this case were defined as non-16-week courses and may have included 18- and 20-week courses as well, had a much lower withdrawal rate and a higher success rate compared to primary term courses.

The success rates in the accompanying tables provide a snapshot, from one particular angle, of student performance in 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-week courses at San Diego Mesa College. However, in order to get the full picture, we will need to look at multiple measures. Student success in related, higher-level courses that are further along the spectrum of course progression is one possible measure. Also of critical importance is the assessment of student learning outcomes, which will provide a more direct measure of student learning in the short-term classroom.

While some may criticize short-term courses as haste making waste, others assert that short-term courses bear the same integrity and provide an opportunity for more focused study, serving a unique and much-needed purpose. Clearly, there is a niche for short-term courses at San Diego Mesa College. The time and place for short-term courses, however, must be carefully considered, weighing in all of the appropriate factors and keeping the best interest of the students foremost in mind.

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**Grade Distributions and Success Rates for 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-week Courses: Fall 2003 to Summer 2006**

| Fall 2003                       |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        | 16     |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 57              | 31.7%  | 33    | 24.1%  | 3     | 23.1%  | 717   | 25.8%  | 15,104 | 24.9%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 52              | 28.9%  | 33    | 24.1%  | 4     | 30.8%  | 645   | 23.2%  | 11,274 | 18.6%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 11              | 6.1%   | 19    | 13.9%  | 2     | 15.4%  | 367   | 13.2%  | 7,901  | 13.0%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 0               | 0.0%   | 3     | 2.2%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 8     | 0.3%   | 561    | 0.9%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 1               | 0.6%   | 6     | 4.4%   | 1     | 7.7%   | 82    | 3.0%   | 2,581  | 4.3%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 9               | 5.0%   | 3     | 2.2%   | 1     | 7.7%   | 187   | 6.7%   | 5,025  | 8.3%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 0               | 0.0%   | 1     | 0.7%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 1     | 0.0%   | 194    | 0.3%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 2               | 1.1%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 24    | 0.9%   | 343    | 0.6%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 3      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 22              | 12.2%  | 19    | 13.9%  | 0     | 0.0%   | 323   | 11.6%  | 10,832 | 17.8%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 9               | 5.0%   | 20    | 14.6%  | 2     | 15.4%  | 417   | 15.0%  | 6,829  | 11.3%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 17              | 9.4%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 7     | 0.3%   | 45     | 0.1%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 180             | 100.0% | 137   | 100.0% | 13    | 100.0% | 2,778 | 100.0% | 60,692 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 77.9%           |        | 75.2% |        | 81.8% |        | 73.8% |        | 64.7%  |        |

| Spring 2004                     |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        | 16     |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 39              | 39.0%  | 24    | 27.3%  | 43    | 62.3%  | 708   | 27.1%  | 15,169 | 25.2%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 29              | 29.0%  | 20    | 22.7%  | 3     | 4.3%   | 568   | 21.7%  | 11,333 | 18.8%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 6               | 6.0%   | 11    | 12.5%  | 0     | 0.0%   | 309   | 11.8%  | 7,305  | 12.1%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 2               | 2.0%   | 3     | 3.4%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 14    | 0.5%   | 623    | 1.0%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 1               | 1.0%   | 1     | 1.1%   | 1     | 1.4%   | 72    | 2.8%   | 2,476  | 4.1%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 2               | 2.0%   | 4     | 4.5%   | 5     | 7.2%   | 163   | 6.2%   | 5,008  | 8.3%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 4     | 0.2%   | 202    | 0.3%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 3               | 3.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 15    | 0.6%   | 283    | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 6      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 15              | 15.0%  | 9     | 10.2%  | 9     | 13.0%  | 429   | 16.4%  | 10,221 | 17.0%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 3               | 3.0%   | 16    | 18.2%  | 8     | 11.6%  | 315   | 12.0%  | 7,404  | 12.3%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 19    | 0.7%   | 154    | 0.3%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 100             | 100.0% | 88    | 100.0% | 69    | 100.0% | 2,616 | 100.0% | 60,184 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 78.4%           |        | 80.6% |        | 75.4% |        | 70.1% |        | 65.4%  |        |

\*DUPLICATED ENROLLMENTS, NOT STUDENT HEADCOUNT

\*\*EXCLUDES TUTORING COURSES AND ENROLLMENTS IN WHICH THE STUDENT "NEVER ATTENDED"

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## Grade Distributions and Success Rates for 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-week Courses: Fall 2003 to Summer 2006

| Summer 2004                     |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8      |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 184             | 39.0%  | 2,672 | 39.2%  | 114   | 22.1%  | 3,678  | 32.2%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 118             | 25.0%  | 1,341 | 19.7%  | 122   | 23.7%  | 2,108  | 18.5%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 27              | 5.7%   | 748   | 11.0%  | 86    | 16.7%  | 1,175  | 10.3%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 4               | 0.8%   | 180   | 2.6%   | 6     | 1.2%   | 240    | 2.1%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 6               | 1.3%   | 154   | 2.3%   | 23    | 4.5%   | 298    | 2.6%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 20              | 4.2%   | 269   | 3.9%   | 29    | 5.6%   | 580    | 5.1%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 1               | 0.2%   | 42    | 0.6%   | 1     | 0.2%   | 67     | 0.6%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 2               | 0.4%   | 35    | 0.5%   | 3     | 0.6%   | 46     | 0.4%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 62              | 13.1%  | 743   | 10.9%  | 71    | 13.8%  | 1,496  | 13.1%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 44              | 9.3%   | 627   | 9.2%   | 59    | 11.5%  | 1,717  | 15.1%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 4               | 0.8%   | 2     | 0.0%   | 1     | 0.2%   | 3      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 472             | 100.0% | 6,813 | 100.0% | 515   | 100.0% | 11,408 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 78.5%           |        | 79.9% |        | 72.1% |        | 74.3%  |        |

| Fall 2004                       |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        | 16     |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 7               | 11.3%  | 17    | 28.8%  | 18    | 27.7%  | 785   | 26.5%  | 14,589 | 24.4%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 12              | 19.4%  | 13    | 22.0%  | 13    | 20.0%  | 626   | 21.1%  | 11,419 | 19.1%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 3               | 4.8%   | 4     | 6.8%   | 8     | 12.3%  | 416   | 14.0%  | 7,669  | 12.8%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 2               | 3.2%   | 1     | 1.7%   | 2     | 3.1%   | 11    | 0.4%   | 629    | 1.1%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 0               | 0.0%   | 3     | 5.1%   | 2     | 3.1%   | 101   | 3.4%   | 2,553  | 4.3%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 1               | 1.6%   | 1     | 1.7%   | 3     | 4.6%   | 239   | 8.1%   | 5,191  | 8.7%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 272    | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 1     | 1.5%   | 37    | 1.2%   | 313    | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 27              | 43.5%  | 6     | 10.2%  | 9     | 13.8%  | 415   | 14.0%  | 10,134 | 17.0%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 10              | 16.1%  | 14    | 23.7%  | 9     | 13.8%  | 333   | 11.2%  | 6,852  | 11.5%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2     | 0.1%   | 67     | 0.1%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 62              | 100.0% | 59    | 100.0% | 65    | 100.0% | 2,965 | 100.0% | 59,690 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 46.2%           |        | 77.8% |        | 73.2% |        | 69.9% |        | 65.0%  |        |

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| Spring 2005 Intersession |                    | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                          |                    | 4               |        |
|                          |                    | Count           | %      |
| LETTER GRADE A           | LETTER GRADE A     | 1,139           | 41.8%  |
| RECEIVED IN              | LETTER GRADE B     | 482             | 17.7%  |
| COURSE                   | LETTER GRADE C     | 229             | 8.4%   |
|                          | CREDIT RECEIVED    | 51              | 1.9%   |
|                          | LETTER GRADE D     | 64              | 2.4%   |
|                          | LETTER GRADE F     | 110             | 4.0%   |
|                          | NO CREDIT RECEIVED | 14              | 0.5%   |
|                          | INCOMPLETE GIVEN   | 10              | 0.4%   |
|                          | INCOMPLETE WITH    | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                          | DEFAULT GRADE      | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                          | WITHDREW           | 336             | 12.3%  |
|                          | DROPPED            | 285             | 10.5%  |
|                          | IN PROGRESS        | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                          | REPORT DELAYED     | 2               | 0.1%   |
|                          | Total              | 2,722           | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE             |                    | 78.1%           |        |

| Spring 2005 (Regular) |                    | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                       |                    | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        | 16     |        |
|                       |                    | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE A        | LETTER GRADE A     | 36              | 28.1%  | 11    | 12.0%  | 3     | 23.1%  | 652   | 26.3%  | 14,245 | 24.7%  |
| RECEIVED IN           | LETTER GRADE B     | 21              | 16.4%  | 15    | 16.3%  | 1     | 7.7%   | 590   | 23.8%  | 10,449 | 18.1%  |
| COURSE                | LETTER GRADE C     | 4               | 3.1%   | 10    | 10.9%  | 0     | 0.0%   | 276   | 11.1%  | 7,174  | 12.4%  |
|                       | CREDIT RECEIVED    | 11              | 8.6%   | 13    | 14.1%  | 1     | 7.7%   | 19    | 0.8%   | 622    | 1.1%   |
|                       | LETTER GRADE D     | 1               | 0.8%   | 3     | 3.3%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 67    | 2.7%   | 2,346  | 4.1%   |
|                       | LETTER GRADE F     | 4               | 3.1%   | 2     | 2.2%   | 2     | 15.4%  | 157   | 6.3%   | 4,605  | 8.0%   |
|                       | NO CREDIT RECEIVED | 2               | 1.6%   | 2     | 2.2%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 5     | 0.2%   | 222    | 0.4%   |
|                       | INCOMPLETE GIVEN   | 1               | 0.8%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 42    | 1.7%   | 285    | 0.5%   |
|                       | INCOMPLETE WITH    | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2      | 0.0%   |
|                       | DEFAULT GRADE      | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                       | WITHDREW           | 20              | 15.6%  | 19    | 20.7%  | 2     | 15.4%  | 334   | 13.5%  | 10,322 | 17.9%  |
|                       | DROPPED            | 28              | 21.9%  | 17    | 18.5%  | 4     | 30.8%  | 332   | 13.4%  | 7,288  | 12.6%  |
|                       | IN PROGRESS        | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                       | REPORT DELAYED     | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2     | 0.1%   | 100    | 0.2%   |
|                       | Total              | 128             | 100.0% | 92    | 100.0% | 13    | 100.0% | 2,476 | 100.0% | 57,660 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE          |                    | 72.0%           |        | 65.3% |        | 55.6% |        | 71.8% |        | 64.6%  |        |

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                    | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8      |        |
|                                 |                    | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A     | 684             | 48.4%  | 1,805 | 35.5%  | 121   | 28.5%  | 3,458  | 33.1%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B     | 113             | 8.0%   | 1,200 | 23.6%  | 141   | 33.3%  | 1,884  | 18.0%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C     | 46              | 3.3%   | 625   | 12.3%  | 66    | 15.6%  | 1,059  | 10.1%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED    | 102             | 7.2%   | 98    | 1.9%   | 6     | 1.4%   | 160    | 1.5%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D     | 11              | 0.8%   | 108   | 2.1%   | 14    | 3.3%   | 301    | 2.9%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F     | 57              | 4.0%   | 194   | 3.8%   | 9     | 2.1%   | 539    | 5.2%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED | 37              | 2.6%   | 4     | 0.1%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 69     | 0.7%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN   | 3               | 0.2%   | 20    | 0.4%   | 1     | 0.2%   | 47     | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH    | 0               | 0.0%   | 1     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW           | 206             | 14.6%  | 430   | 8.5%   | 31    | 7.3%   | 1,457  | 14.0%  |
|                                 | DROPPED            | 153             | 10.8%  | 541   | 10.6%  | 35    | 8.3%   | 1,463  | 14.0%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS        | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED     | 2               | 0.1%   | 62    | 1.2%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | Total              | 1,414           | 100.0% | 5,088 | 100.0% | 424   | 100.0% | 10,441 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                    | 75.1%           |        | 83.1% |        | 85.9% |        | 73.1%  |        |

| Fall 2005                       |                    | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                    | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        | 16     |        |
|                                 |                    | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A     | 26              | 36.6%  | 119   | 44.6%  | 10    | 21.7%  | 779   | 27.9%  | 13,338 | 23.7%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B     | 22              | 31.0%  | 62    | 23.2%  | 13    | 28.3%  | 624   | 22.4%  | 10,528 | 18.7%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C     | 4               | 5.6%   | 15    | 5.6%   | 6     | 13.0%  | 303   | 10.9%  | 7,205  | 12.8%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED    | 0               | 0.0%   | 5     | 1.9%   | 7     | 15.2%  | 21    | 0.8%   | 552    | 1.0%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D     | 1               | 1.4%   | 4     | 1.5%   | 1     | 2.2%   | 65    | 2.3%   | 2,471  | 4.4%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F     | 2               | 2.8%   | 14    | 5.2%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 198   | 7.1%   | 4,887  | 8.7%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED | 0               | 0.0%   | 1     | 0.4%   | 1     | 2.2%   | 7     | 0.3%   | 199    | 0.4%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 37    | 1.3%   | 284    | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH    | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 7      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | DEFAULT GRADE      | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW           | 2               | 2.8%   | 15    | 5.6%   | 3     | 6.5%   | 409   | 14.7%  | 9,741  | 17.3%  |
|                                 | DROPPED            | 14              | 19.7%  | 32    | 12.0%  | 5     | 10.9%  | 342   | 12.3%  | 6,998  | 12.4%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS        | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED     | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 5     | 0.2%   | 45     | 0.1%   |
|                                 | Total              | 71              | 100.0% | 267   | 100.0% | 46    | 100.0% | 2,790 | 100.0% | 56,255 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                    | 91.2%           |        | 85.5% |        | 87.8% |        | 70.7% |        | 64.3%  |        |

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**Grade Distributions and Success Rates for 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-week Courses: Fall 2003 to Summer 2006**

| Spring 2006 Intersession        |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 5               |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 1,422           | 35.4%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 747             | 18.6%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 399             | 9.9%   |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 62              | 1.5%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 121             | 3.0%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 183             | 4.6%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 19              | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 8               | 0.2%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 492             | 12.3%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 558             | 13.9%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 5               | 0.1%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 4,016           | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 76.2%           |        |

| Spring 2006 (Regular)           |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        | 16     |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count  | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 41              | 32.5%  | 114   | 36.5%  | 32    | 43.8%  | 698   | 21.7%  | 12,515 | 23.2%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 19              | 15.1%  | 57    | 18.3%  | 4     | 5.5%   | 628   | 19.5%  | 9,683  | 18.0%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 4               | 3.2%   | 21    | 6.7%   | 13    | 17.8%  | 370   | 11.5%  | 6,602  | 12.3%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 28              | 22.2%  | 9     | 2.9%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 12    | 0.4%   | 583    | 1.1%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 0               | 0.0%   | 4     | 1.3%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 103   | 3.2%   | 2,072  | 3.8%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 1               | 0.8%   | 29    | 9.3%   | 5     | 6.8%   | 289   | 9.0%   | 4,772  | 8.9%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 2               | 1.6%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 3     | 0.1%   | 213    | 0.4%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 16    | 0.5%   | 266    | 0.5%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 2               | 1.6%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 1     | 0.0%   | 3      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 7               | 5.6%   | 25    | 8.0%   | 6     | 8.2%   | 511   | 15.9%  | 9,345  | 17.4%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 22              | 17.5%  | 53    | 17.0%  | 13    | 17.8%  | 539   | 16.7%  | 6,824  | 12.7%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0      | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 51    | 1.6%   | 962    | 1.8%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 126             | 100.0% | 312   | 100.0% | 73    | 100.0% | 3,221 | 100.0% | 53,840 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 88.5%           |        | 77.6% |        | 81.7% |        | 64.9% |        | 63.8%  |        |

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**Grade Distributions and Success Rates for 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, and 16-week Courses: Fall 2003 to Summer 2006**

| Early Summer 2006               |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 376             | 38.4%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 151             | 15.4%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 82              | 8.4%   |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 22              | 2.2%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 30              | 3.1%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 71              | 7.3%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 37              | 3.8%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 3               | 0.3%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 126             | 12.9%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 78              | 8.0%   |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 3               | 0.3%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 979             | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 70.3%           |        |

| Summer 2006 (Regular )          |                               | NUMBER OF WEEKS |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|                                 |                               | 4               |        | 5     |        | 6     |        | 8     |        |
|                                 |                               | Count           | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      | Count | %      |
| LETTER GRADE RECEIVED IN COURSE | LETTER GRADE A                | 774             | 46.5%  | 1,501 | 33.1%  | 138   | 27.5%  | 2,888 | 30.5%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE B                | 161             | 9.7%   | 939   | 20.7%  | 105   | 20.9%  | 1,902 | 20.1%  |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE C                | 64              | 3.8%   | 590   | 13.0%  | 81    | 16.1%  | 1,025 | 10.8%  |
|                                 | CREDIT RECEIVED               | 84              | 5.0%   | 118   | 2.6%   | 7     | 1.4%   | 144   | 1.5%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE D                | 18              | 1.1%   | 153   | 3.4%   | 25    | 5.0%   | 295   | 3.1%   |
|                                 | LETTER GRADE F                | 53              | 3.2%   | 230   | 5.1%   | 32    | 6.4%   | 573   | 6.0%   |
|                                 | NO CREDIT RECEIVED            | 11              | 0.7%   | 43    | 0.9%   | 1     | 0.2%   | 57    | 0.6%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE GIVEN              | 2               | 0.1%   | 25    | 0.6%   | 1     | 0.2%   | 39    | 0.4%   |
|                                 | INCOMPLETE WITH DEFAULT GRADE | 0               | 0.0%   | 3     | 0.1%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 2     | 0.0%   |
|                                 | WITHDREW                      | 248             | 14.9%  | 405   | 8.9%   | 47    | 9.4%   | 1,265 | 13.4%  |
|                                 | DROPPED                       | 169             | 10.2%  | 493   | 10.9%  | 65    | 12.9%  | 1,255 | 13.2%  |
|                                 | IN PROGRESS                   | 0               | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 0     | 0.0%   |
|                                 | REPORT DELAYED                | 81              | 4.9%   | 35    | 0.8%   | 0     | 0.0%   | 28    | 0.3%   |
|                                 | Total                         | 1,665           | 100.0% | 4,535 | 100.0% | 502   | 100.0% | 9,473 | 100.0% |
| SUCCESS RATE                    |                               | 76.5%           |        | 78.6% |        | 75.7% |        | 72.8% |        |

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