

## De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

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The First Year Learning Experience Learning Community survey was administered at the end of the fall 2010 quarter to 108 students enrolled in Introduction to Sociology. This resulted in 30 valid responses for a response rate of 30%.

The survey responses show the respondents are benefiting both academically and socially from their participation in the FYE learning community. Two areas for improvement which received the highest rate of 'rarely or never' responses include discussing academic and career plans with a counselor or academic advisor and discussing personal, family or other non-academic issues with a counselor.

The overall positive findings show:

- Ninety-four percent of respondents often or very often connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from different classes when discussing material or doing assignments.
- Eighty-six percent of respondents agree or strongly agree that they are better at using student services, such as counseling, because of FYE.
- Ninety-three percent of respondents agree or strongly agree that they are more successful in their classes because of FYE.
- Eighty-six percent of respondents often or very often report putting more time and effort into class work because they did not want to let down their classmates.
- Ninety-three percent of respondents agree or strongly agree that they have more confidence in their academic abilities.

Areas for improvement include:

- Forty percent of respondents rarely or never discussed academic or career plans with a counselor or academic advisor.
- Seventy percent of respondents rarely or never discussed personal, family or other non-academic issues with a counselor.

## First Year Learning Experience Learning Community Fall 2010 Survey Results

<b>1. How did you find out about the First Year Experience learning community?</b>		
<b>Please select all that apply.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
(A counselor,I read about it on a flyer, Presentation)	1	3%
(A friend,I read about it on a flyer.)	1	3%
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(I read about it on a flyer, Presentation.)	1	3%
A counselor told me about it.	5	17%
A friend recommended it.	6	20%
I read about it on a flyer/brochure.	2	7%
I saw it in the schedule of classes.	1	3%
My teacher told me about it.	1	3%
Other	5	17%
Someone gave a presentation.	6	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>2. Which is the main reason you enrolled in the First Year Experience learning community? (Select one.)</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
I thought I could be more successful in these classes than in the regular classes.	12	40%
The learning community concept seemed interesting.	10	33%
These were the only classes open when I tried to register.	2	7%
Other	6	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **In the FYE learning community classes, how often have you ...?**

<b>1. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes when discussing material or doing assignments.</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Often	8	27%
Rarely	1	3%
Sometimes	1	3%
Very often	20	67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>2. Looked at new ways to combine, connect or organize information, ideas or experiences.</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Never	0	0%
Often	11	37%
Rarely	0	0%
Sometimes	6	20%
Very often	13	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>3. Judged the quality, value or accuracy of methods, positions, arguments or information.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	1	3%
Often	9	30%
Rarely	4	13%
Sometimes	9	30%
Very often	7	23%
Total	30	100%

<b>4. Used theories or concepts to solve problems or perform new skills.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	13	43%
Rarely	1	3%
Sometimes	2	7%
Very often	14	47%
Total	30	100%

<b>5. Participated in class discussions or asked questions in class.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	8	27%
Rarely	6	20%
Sometimes	5	17%
Very often	11	37%
Total	30	100%

<b>6. Worked with classmates in class projects.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	13	43%
Rarely	1	3%
Sometimes	5	17%
Very often	11	37%
Total	30	100%

<b>7. Worked on assignments or discussed material with classmates outside of class.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	12	40%
Rarely	1	3%
Sometimes	7	23%
Very often	9	30%
Total	30	100%

**8. Put more time and effort into my class work than I would have thought because I did not want to let down my classmates.**

	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	15	52%
Rarely	0	0%
Sometimes	4	14%
Very often	10	34%
Total	29	100%

**9. Had conversations with my classmates about diversity, such as race, ethnicity, religion, mental and physical challenges, or sexual orientation.**

	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	7	24%
Sometimes	8	28%
Very often	14	48%
Total	29	100%

**During this quarter, how often have you discussed...?**

**10. Ideas from the readings, lectures or discussions with people not in your FYE classes.**

	Total	%
Often	9	30%
Sometimes	8	27%
Very often	13	43%
Total	30	100%

**11. Assignments or materials with a FYE instructor DURING class.**

	Total	%
Never	0	0%
Often	11	37%
Rarely	1	3%
Sometimes	5	17%
Very often	13	43%
Total	30	100%

**12. Assignments or materials with a FYE instructor OUTSIDE OF class.**

	Total	%
Never	3	10%
Often	6	20%
Rarely	5	17%
Sometimes	12	40%
Very often	4	13%
Total	30	100%

<b>13. Academic or career plans with a counselor or academic advisor.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	4	13%
Often	7	23%
Rarely	8	27%
Sometimes	10	33%
Very often	1	3%
Total	30	100%

<b>14. Personal, family or other non-academic issues with a counselor.</b>		
	Total	%
Never	17	57%
Often	1	3%
Rarely	4	13%
Sometimes	8	27%
Very Often	0	0%
Total	30	100%

## Section C. Benefits

**What did you find were the benefits of participating in the First Year Experience (FYE) learningcommunity?**

<b>1. I am able to speak more clearly and communicate my ideas more effectively.</b>		
	Total	%
Agree	13	43%
Disagree	1	3%
Do not know	1	3%
Strongly agree	15	50%
Total	30	100%

<b>2. I am more likely to be critical of (question) the information I read or hear.</b>		
	Total	%
Agree	12	40%
Disagree	2	7%
Do not know	1	3%
Strongly agree	15	50%
Total	30	100%

<b>3. I work more effectively with others.</b>		
	Total	%
Agree	14	47%
Disagree	0	0%
Do not know	1	3%
Strongly agree	14	47%
Total	30	100%

**4. I am able to concentrate when learning new material.**

	Total	%
Agree	16	53%
Disagree	1	3%
Do not know	2	7%
Strongly agree	11	37%
Total	30	100%

**5. I have more confidence in my academic abilities.**

	Total	%
Agree	10	33%
Disagree	0	0%
Do not know	2	7%
Strongly agree	18	60%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
Total	30	100%

**6. I have better study skills, including time management.**

	Total	%
Agree	8	27%
Disagree	1	3%
Do not know	5	17%
Strongly agree	15	50%
Strongly disagree	1	3%
Total	30	100%

**7. I get along better with classmates and friends.**

	Total	%
Agree	8	27%
Disagree	1	3%
Do not know	3	10%
Strongly agree	18	60%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
Total	30	100%

**8. I am better at using student services at the college, such as counseling.**

	Total	%
Agree	16	53%
Disagree	1	3%
Do not know	3	10%
Strongly agree	10	33%
Strongly disagree	0	0%
Total	30	100%

**9. I am more successful in my classes.**

	Total	%
Agree	12	40%
Disagree	0	0%
Do not know	2	7%
Strongly agree	16	53%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
Total	30	100%