

Fall 2001 ClassTalk Survey Results

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Office of Institutional Research

The purpose of this survey is to assess students' opinions regarding more flexible class schedule and short-term classes. Data were collected during Fall 2001 registration. More than 3,000 students responded to the survey Districtwide. The results are summarized below:

- Over 64% of the students would like to take classes on weekdays at City, Mesa, and Miramar. Nearly forty-nine percent (48.7%) of the ECC students preferred weekday classes and 33% selected weekdays and weekends.
- About 40% of the students preferred morning classes (before noon) at City, Mesa, and Miramar. Over thirty-seven percent (37.5%) of the ECC students would like to attend early evening (5:00pm-7:00pm) classes. Districtwide, about 9% of the respondents indicated that they would take late evening (after 7:00pm) classes.
- More students preferred classes that meet for 1.5 hours, 2 times each week than other class schedules (City=38.7%, Mesa=47%, Miramar=40.5%). Most ECC students (51.2%) preferred classes that meet for 3 hours, once a week.
- Over 67% of the students thought the colleges should offer more online classes.
- About 50% of the students suggested that the college should offer more general education transfer classes using multiple formats, i.e., weekends and evenings, short-term, and online classes.
- Districtwide, about 55% of the students would be interested in a one-class-per-month format.
- About 48% of the students, Districtwide, would be interested in taking both 6-week and 8-week short-term classes.
- Districtwide, 60% of the students were interested in taking a class during winter break (January).

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1. When would you like to attend classes?													
		City		Mesa		Miramar		ECC		SDCCD			
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1. Weekdays only		523	64.6%	1,167	69.5%	314	64.0%	19	48.7%	2,023	67.0%		
2. Weekends only		50	6.2%	80	4.8%	34	6.9%	2	5.1%	166	5.5%		
3. Weekdays and weekends		158	19.5%	291	17.3%	89	18.1%	13	33.3%	551	18.3%		
4. No preference		79	9.8%	140	8.3%	54	11.0%	5	12.8%	278	9.2%		
		810	100.0%	1,678	100.0%	491	100.0%	39	100.0%	3,018	100.0%		
2. What is your preferred schedule?													
1. Morning (before noon)		321	39.3%	757	43.4%	200	39.0%	12	30.0%	1,290	41.5%		
2. Afternoon (noon-5:00pm)		148	18.1%	298	17.1%	65	12.7%	5	12.5%	516	16.6%		
3. Early evening (5:00pm-7:00pm)		187	22.9%	359	20.6%	129	25.1%	15	37.5%	690	22.2%		
4. Late evening (after 7:00pm)		90	11.0%	181	10.4%	68	13.3%	7	17.5%	346	11.1%		
5. No preference		70	8.6%	148	8.5%	51	9.9%	1	2.5%	270	8.7%		
		816	100.0%	1,743	100.0%	513	100.0%	40	100.0%	3,112	100.0%		
3. Which of the following class meeting schedules would you prefer?													
1. Classes that meet for 1 hour, 3 times each week		210	25.3%	423	24.4%	83	16.2%	4	9.8%	720	23.1%		
2. Classes that meet for 1.5 hours, 2 times each wee		322	38.7%	815	47.0%	208	40.5%	12	29.3%	1,357	43.5%		
3. Classes that meet for 3 hours, once each week		248	29.8%	422	24.4%	180	35.1%	21	51.2%	871	27.9%		
4. Not applicable		51	6.1%	73	4.2%	42	8.2%	4	9.8%	170	5.5%		
		831	100.0%	1,733	100.0%	513	100.0%	41	100.0%	3,118	100.0%		
4. Do you think the college should offer more online classes?													
1. Yes		533	67.0%	1,129	67.8%	347	70.1%	26	70.3%	2,035	68.0%		
2. No		262	33.0%	537	32.2%	148	29.9%	11	29.7%	958	32.0%		
		795	100.0%	1,666	100.0%	495	100.0%	37	100.0%	2,993	100.0%		

* Some students did not respond to all the questions, therefore, the number of respondents for each question maybe different.

5. If you would consider a weekend/evening/short-term/online class, please tell us which class offerings you would prefer from the following three categories:													
		City		Mesa		Miramar		ECC		SDCCD			
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1. General education transfer classes		394	48.1%	897	52.2%	278	54.7%	20	51.3%	1,589	51.5%		
2. Vocational and career classes		159	19.4%	310	18.1%	92	18.1%	8	20.5%	569	18.5%		
3. Enrichment classes		90	11.0%	184	10.7%	47	9.3%	4	10.3%	325	10.5%		
4. Not applicable		176	21.5%	326	19.0%	91	17.9%	7	17.9%	600	19.5%		
		819	100.0%	1,717	100.0%	508	100.0%	39	100.0%	3,083	100.0%		
6. Would you be interested in a one class per month format?													
1. Yes		456	56.4%	941	54.8%	290	56.9%	24	60.0%	1,711	55.6%		
2. No		352	43.6%	777	45.2%	220	43.1%	16	40.0%	1,365	44.4%		
		808	100.0%	1,718	100.0%	510	100.0%	40	100.0%	3,076	100.0%		
7. Would you be interested in a 6-week or 8-week per class format?													
1. Yes, 6-week		161	19.7%	350	20.2%	110	21.7%	9	22.0%	630	20.3%		
2. Yes, 8-week		145	17.7%	322	18.6%	100	19.7%	5	12.2%	572	18.5%		
3. Yes, both		415	50.7%	798	46.1%	241	47.4%	23	56.1%	1,477	47.7%		
4. No.		98	12.0%	260	15.0%	57	11.2%	4	9.8%	419	13.5%		
		819	100.0%	1,730	100.0%	508	100.0%	41	100.0%	3,098	100.0%		
8. Would you be interested in taking a class during winter break (January)?													
1. Yes		528	64.6%	998	57.6%	313	61.7%	22	55.0%	1,861	60.1%		
2. No		289	35.4%	735	42.4%	194	38.3%	18	45.0%	1,236	39.9%		
		817	100.0%	1,733	100.0%	507	100.0%	40	100.0%	3,097	100.0%		
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