



San Diego Community College District

# Mesa College Title IX Gender Equity Survey

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## **Title IX Survey**

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Title IX Intercollegiate Sports Survey was conducted in accordance with the Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education Act to determine students' level of interest in intercollegiate athletics and whether the colleges are fulfilling the needs of their students. The survey was administered during the Fall 2011 semester through an online survey program to all full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of 12 units) at Mesa College.

The survey targeted full-time students who meet the athletic eligibility criteria, according to the Commission on Athletics/California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws;

### *1.3 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY*

*1.3.1 In order to be eligible for non-conference, conference, and post conference competition, a student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units.*

Approximately 6,600 students were emailed an invitation to take the survey at Mesa College. The survey was open for three weeks, from October 24, 2011 through November 14, 2011. Of the 6,600 students invited, 1,028 students completed the survey; a response rate of approximately 16%.

The survey instrument contained 8 questions (6 multiple choice and 2 open-end questions) and took approximately 2 to 4 minutes to complete. Students were instructed to access the survey directly from a URL link in a survey invitation. In an effort to maximize student response, two reminder emails were sent prior to the end of data collection.

Of the Mesa College students that responded, 54% were female (n=550) and 46% male (n=478), which is consistent with the college-wide proportions (female 52% and male 48%). Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 5% of respondents classified themselves as part-time, which may be a result of dropping or withdrawing from classes after receiving the invitation. Students between the ages of 18 to 24 constituted the majority of respondents (72%), followed by ages 25 to 29 (15%), 30 to 34 (8%), 40 to 49 (3%), 35 to 39 (2%), and 50 years or older (1%).

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participate in, or had previously participated, at any of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. Male and female respondents were directed to separate lists of sports that corresponded to their gender (Table 1). The majority of Mesa College's respondents indicated that they had not participated in any of the sports listed on the survey (86% of females and 76% of males). Of the female Mesa College students who answered that they are currently participating in a sport or had previously participated in a sport, swimming/diving and tennis were the most common (3%, each), followed by badminton, cross country, soccer, softball, track/field, and volleyball (2%, each), and basketball, golf, and water polo (1%, each). Of the male Mesa College students who answered, soccer was the most common sport (6%), followed by football, swimming/diving, and track/field (4%, each), tennis (3%), baseball, basketball, volleyball, and water polo (2%, each), and finally, cross country and golf (1%, each).

**Table 1. Athletic Programs**

<u><i>Female Sports</i></u>		<u><i>Male Sports</i></u>	
Badminton	Swimming/Diving	Baseball	Swimming/Diving
Basketball	Tennis	Basketball	Tennis
Cross Country	Track/Field	Cross County	Track/Field
Golf	Volleyball	Football	Volleyball
Soccer	Water Polo	Golf	Water Polo
Softball		Soccer	

When asked to select an intercollegiate sport that they would like to participate in using the gender specific list provided, 43% of female respondents and 38% of male respondents chose *None of the above*. The most common selection for female respondents who were interested in participating in sports was tennis (17%), followed by swimming/diving and volleyball (14%, each), badminton (13%), soccer (11%), softball (9%), sand volleyball and track/field (8%, each), basketball and cross country (6%, each), golf (5%), water polo (4%), and lacrosse (3%). Popular responses among male respondents included football and soccer (17%, each), tennis (14%), swimming/diving (13%), baseball and basketball (12%), track/field (11%), volleyball (8%), golf and water polo (6%, each), and cross country (5%).




Students that chose not to participate in an intercollegiate sport, but were interested at some point while at one of the colleges, were asked to explain why they did not participate. The most common explanation from female and male students was a lack of time available due to school, work, and family conflicts, followed by inadequate availability of information on intercollegiate sports. Respondents indicated that they either did not know Mesa College had athletic teams or did not know how to sign up for a sport. Another common explanation among respondents was that their sport of interest was not offered on campus: female respondents cited interest in cheerleading, dance, fencing, gymnastics, racquetball, and wrestling; male respondents cited interest in badminton, crew, dance, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, power lifting, racquetball, rugby, surf, and wrestling. Both male and female respondents also indicated that a perceived lack of skill or inadequate fitness kept them from participating in intercollegiate athletics.

# SDCCD Title IX Intercollegiate Sports Survey 2011 - Mesa College


## Results Overview

Dear Student: In accordance with Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education Act, the San Diego Community College District is surveying students to determine interest in intercollegiate athletics. Your response to this survey is voluntary and will remain strictly confidential. The information we receive from this survey will help us improve our course offerings at our colleges. Thank you in advance for your participation.







### 1. Which college(s) are you currently attending? (check all that apply)

City College		106	10%
Mesa College		1014	99%
Miramar College		88	9%



### 2. Which is your enrollment status?

Part-time student		49	5%
Full-time student		975	95%
Total		1024	100%













### 3. Which is your age group?

18-24		734	72%
25-29		150	15%
30-34		80	8%
35-39		20	2%
40-49		31	3%
50 or more		11	1%
Total		1026	100%












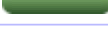


### 4. Which is your gender?

Female		550	54%
Male		478	46%
Total		1028	100%





**5.** Check all of the intercollegiate sports you are currently participating in or have participated in previously at this college. (female respondents)









Badminton		10	2%
Basketball		6	1%
Cross Country		8	2%
Golf		4	1%
Soccer		9	2%
Softball		8	2%
Swimming/Diving		13	3%
Tennis		15	3%
Track/Field		12	2%
Volleyball		11	2%
Water Polo		5	1%
None of above		433	86%

**6.** Which intercollegiate sports would you like to participate in? (female respondents)








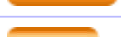




Badminton		64	13%
Basketball		29	6%
Cross Country		32	6%
Golf		26	5%
Lacrosse		14	3%
Sand Volleyball		42	8%
Soccer		57	11%
Softball		45	9%
Swimming/Diving		69	14%
Tennis		87	17%
Track/Field		43	8%
Volleyball		72	14%
Water Polo		21	4%
None of the above		219	43%

**9.** Check all of the intercollegiate sports you are currently participating in or have participated in previously at this college. (male respondents)

Baseball		9	2%
Basketball		9	2%
Cross Country		6	1%
Football		17	4%

Golf		4	1%
Soccer		23	6%
Swimming/Diving		17	4%
Tennis		11	3%
Track/Field		17	4%
Volleyball		7	2%
Water polo		10	2%
None of the above		308	76%

**10.** Which intercollegiate sports would you like to participate in? (male respondents)

Baseball		48	12%
Basketball		48	12%
Cross Country		22	5%
Football		68	17%
Golf		24	6%
Soccer		71	17%
Swimming/Diving		51	13%
Tennis		56	14%
Track/Field		46	11%
Volleyball		33	8%
Water polo		25	6%
None of the above		153	38%

## Open-Ended Responses: Female

If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.

1. Afraid to try out, seemed to difficult to be accepted into a team
2. Bad experience with soccer class held at Miramar college. Also, I do not know enough about the sports.
3. because i am a chair user and the sports didnt offer a modified or accomidating version or something. i would really like to join a sport here at mesa but at this time i do not see a place for a student athlete like myself
4. Because I am terrible at sports and do not have time.
5. Because my work schedule and school schedule would collide when it comes to practice.
6. Because they all suck and no one gives a \*\*\*\* about them.
7. Being a single mother who is working full time, attending school full time and still have to make sure my children get the attention they need, I cannot spend time on extracurricular activities.
8. \*\*\*\* already contacted me for swimming, but I don't know yet If I can go on time to the 6am practice because I live so far and I don't have car right now.
9. Conflicting work schedule.
10. Dance
11. Did know they offered it.
12. Did not have enough time, however really would like to.
13. Didn't think I would be able to attend all practices and games while taking classes and working part time.
14. Do not have time for sports, as a full time student
15. Don't know how to start
16. Don't really hear much about sports.
17. During my second or third semester. I did not participate because I felt that I am not good enough to compete with others plus did not have time to signed up.
18. focusing on school.
19. I am a recent inactive Marine reservist and i have a crammed schedule between being a full time student, having an active duty husband and two young children to care for at home. Family and school are my priorities.
20. I am attending the fitness center at Miramar College the center is very nice and had the best equipment. However, the center hours is not long enough the center open at 8:30 am and close at 1:15 which is very short time during the day; and open again at 4:00 - 7:00 PM
21. I am disabled.
22. I am international and can't afford to pay for an extra class that would take a lot of my time but give me only one (or not even) credit.
23. I am involved in too many things at the time.
24. I am just not into sports....sorry.
25. I am not sure I can comit to the time needed to train and represent my school the best that I can. I represented Canada at the 2000 Olympic Games so I know what amount of time it takes to be a good competitor. I'm not sure I have that time.
26. I am not sure of the entry level requirements and I could not find applicable courses to enroll in when registering for classes.
27. I am on budget short.
28. I am shy and do not feel comfortable around people I don't know too well. I also have never played sports before whether on a sports team or not and do not know if I would be any good or if I'll just be a hinderance on my team.

29. I between supporting myself working 2 jobs and going to school I unfortunately do not have time for sports
30. I can't devote the time into the sport because I have to work full-time to pay for school.
31. I did not have the time between classes and work
32. I did not have the time, nor did I feel I would have contributed positively to the team.
33. I did not have time because I am a full time student with a full time job. Not enough time. I also think that dance should be included in the intercollegiate sports. Wish I had more time.
34. I did not have time to participate. had to work
35. I did not know when tryout were.
36. I did not know where to sign up or where to go. Please give more information about where to go and what to do and where sign ups are please. Thank you.
37. I did not participate because the class filled up very quickly and the times of the class' didn't work with my schedule
38. I did not participate in an intermediate course because i was intimidated that i would not have have down good in the course considering i was a begginer. I also feel that most of the college sports and or exercising course fill too quickly and are not as readily available.
39. I didn't have the time to put in with a busy work schedule and school schedule
40. I didn't know how to join and if it'll fit my class schedule.
41. i didn't know how to sign up or participate in them
42. I didn't know if I had to have previous experience or not
43. I didn't look into it towards the end of my high school career. I was not aware of the conditioning/training during the Summer before Fall semester of 2011.
44. I didn't participate because i felt i can't played with them. It means ... i felt that it's only for some few sports adult.
45. I didnt think I could make the team
46. I do not have enough time in my day to play a sport due to the fact that i have to work and still make time to study
47. I do not have the time.
48. I do not have time because I work.
49. I do not have time to participate, even though I want to. I have a full time job and have no days off outside school and work.
50. I do not know how to manage my time and golf does not fit into my schedule.
51. I don't have enough time
52. I don't know if I'll have time juggling school and a sport. I have asthma and don't know if it will slow me down if i do join a sport.
53. I don't know that i have the time since i work
54. I don't know where to join them.
55. I don't participate because I am out of shape for being successful.
56. I don't play sports. I just surf for fun.
57. I don't really know how to get involved. Also, I think I may be too old to participate, isn't it just the 18-25 year olds who do the sports at the college?
58. I feel as though college/government funding should go toward classes in the college. Classes keep being cut and there are people who want an education. Sports should be participated else where especially when a class I need to take gets cut because the school is funding whatever sports teams needs. Sports at a jr college regularly do not develope into a career but taking a class does.
59. I felt I wasn't fit enough, or there were to many people trying to crash the class, that seemed like they wanted it much more then I did. It only seemed right to drop it and give the spot to someone who really wanted.
60. I had a knee surgery, ACL and a recent second surgery for meniscus tear. So i do experience some fear of having this happen again. Also currently being in the medical assisting program wouldnt give me so much time.



61. I had only the money for 12 units (I'm an international student)
62. I had to work.
63. I have a genetic lung disease and cannot participate.
64. I have a job.
65. i have enough classes as it is, i would love to do a sport, but i have a lot of academic classes. i want to join a sport
66. I have not and might not participate in any intercollegiate sport because of the heavy academic load I am partaking.
67. I have not known where to inquire about trying out.
68. I just don't feel like it
69. I loved playing sports in Highschool, and I would actually love to be on a cross country, or track team again. However, I just don't have the time to engage in such a commitment. Full time student with a job and a husband, doesn't allow for much else. I DO feel that the athletics at Mesa are important. I definitely feel as though it gives students a release from the stresses of class work and something to work for(b/c their GPA has to be at a certain level to participate). For some, I feel it also builds confidence, team effort, and leadership skills.
70. I never have played any of these sports in the past.
71. I never saw signs or announcements for try-outs
72. I wanted do racquet ball but the class was always full!
73. I was interested but wasn't sure how to try out or get active in the sports at Mesa
74. I was interested in cross country but I work full time and take evening classes so it never worked with my schedule.
75. I was uncertain of the possibility of making the team.
76. I wasn't sure how intercollegiate sports worked.
77. i would have possibly wanted to participate in playing softball but i didnt because i dont have enough time in my schedule to fit playing a sport
78. I would love to play sports but have no extra time between studying and working full time.
79. I would of liked to so soccer, although I feel like I wouldn't be as professional as the other players and I workd also like to be on a all girls team.
80. If there was a wrestling team I would love to participate.
81. I'm busy with my English and major classes
82. I'm pregnant.
83. Injury of knee dislocation.
84. It would be cheerleading.
85. I've never done sports so it's scary and new. this is college level.
86. I've never officially played, but would if given the chance
87. knee surgery/ injury
88. lack of time due to class and work schedule.
89. My intercollegiate eligibility is expired from playing athletics at a different school.
90. My reason for not participating at Mesa college I was already participating in these sports in other adults leagues around San Diego County.
91. n/a
92. no intrest
93. no time
94. No time to do
95. No time.
96. No time. I have other activities outside of school, such as dance and volunteering.
97. Not enough info in the general area, I didn't know how to sign up
98. not enough information
99. Not enough time
100. Not enough time in my schedule. Interfered with my classes.

101. Not enough time.
102. not enough time. didnt know enough information.
103. not enough time. i also run on my own, so i'm less inclined to seek out a team
104. Not interested.
105. Out of shape. I'm a stay at home mom with two kids under 3. Not a lot of time for sports.
106. Racquetball class of interest, but only one class offered, and always full. If more classes available, would also be interested in intercollegiate or intramural Racquetball.
107. Schedule, time & physical shape.
108. Scheduling conflicts with times of sport.
109. skill level needed much improvement
110. Sport was not offered (gymnastics/cheerleading)
111. The only sport I do is dance, and mesa doesn't have a dance team.
112. There was no fencing team.
113. They either didn't have sport I wanted or they didn't have a girl's team for the sport offered. Didn't feel like I would be good enough to play on a team
114. This is my first year going to school in California so I wanted to feel things out educationally before exploring the atheroc programs provides, though I am very interested in sports, I'm very eager and excited.
115. Time
116. Time constraints with work and school schedule.
117. time.
118. Time. Have to work
119. Too busy
120. Too busy
121. too busy with academic courses and coursework
122. Too nervous and scared. I sometimes get minor anxiety attacks when I do things alone.
123. Well want to try a new sport and get well at it
124. Work 40 hours a week plus 12 hours class time. No time
125. Work schedule conflict

## Open-Ended Responses: Male

If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.

1. As a member of the 2007 USA National Team (Rowing) and representing our country at World Championships and winning 2 gold medals. I find it incredibly stupid that I have trained half my life for the Olympics and I can't even get a small scholarship to a 4-year university. However, a girl that has never set foot in a boat and "looks to have potential" can have a full ride scholarship to Cal Berkeley, University of Washington, Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, etc. Title 9 definitely offers equal opportunity. Open your eyes... -\*\*\*\* 2007 USA National Team 2x gold medalist
2. Athletic ability
3. Bad knees
4. Badminton. It's not offered as a team to compete.
5. Basketball coach said I was short.
6. Because I had so many GE classes for my major when I got done being at Mesa for 9hrs in the day I didn't want to stay any longer. I did weight training twice and Kick boxing which was cool. Do you guys have a surf team? If so I would like to join. I just play w/ local teams by the beach and surf where I live.
7. because I have to take another courses
8. Because I was lacking fitness, so I thought that it would be better if I got fit, but I am still lacking it.
9. BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING MYSELF WANT A WRESTLING TEAM!
10. Because the coach has his own agenda
11. Busy with my major
12. Cause I dont know if I have the time to participate in the sport as an intercational student i need to be enroll on 12 units.
13. Childcare issues and did not think I was able due to my age.
14. Class schedules conflicted, I also do not have health insurance, and I needed to work to support myself
15. Could not fit it in my schedule. Full time student and part time job
16. Course work is very demanding and time consuming.
17. Cuz im the man.
18. Did not know when tryouts where held
19. Did not want to overwork myself my first year at Mesa.
20. Didn't feel like participating at the time
21. Didn't have the interest to.
22. Didn't think they would except college student if they haven't played in three years.
23. Everyone treated me to know everything about the college, as if I'm supposed to know how everything works at a place I've never been to. Not everyone grew up in San Diego, let alone California
24. Given the location of Mesa college, why is crew (rowing) not offered? Orange coast College in Costa Mesa offers crew and competes against SDSU, USD and UCSD.
25. Good grades are a priority.
26. Had a couple scholarship offers out of Agoura High School, but couldn't commit because of health problems.
27. Have full time job and family
28. Have not been able to due to time and employment constraints.
29. Heavy school load and lack of time due to working to pay for school.
30. I am a dsabled returning student, and cannot participate in sports.
31. I am afraid to lower my GPA and not transfer to my desired university, because it requires a lot of traveling right?

32. I am at a point where if I enroll in courses not towards my major I will be disqualified from financial aid.
33. I am fat and old.
34. I am recovering from an ankle injury, but am now fully recovered.
35. I can not afford to live in San Diego, go to school, and participate in a sport without having a part time time job.
36. I can't swim! ;-;
37. I did not participate because of time management. I'm busy with school work and such.
38. I did not participate because of work. I had no time to devote to training.
39. I didn't have the information regarding tryout dates.
40. I didnt have the time
41. I didn't participate since i worked a full time job and had school.
42. I do have a job and don't know if I can compete at a high level like college. Played in high school though.
43. i do not have the time. but i do like golf.
44. I do not participate because I think it will take too much of my time and therefore my grades could drop.
45. I don't believe there is one but if there was I would like to play racquetball for Mesa College. I am a high level player with several sponsors and a great attitude towards new and up coming players.
46. I don't know how to take the sports.
47. I fear for my life competing against big black men. You guys should make a league just for guys under 5 feet 6.
48. I felt I would meet the college level athletic standards. Plus it would be hard to juggle that with work and school.
49. I had a busy load of school and work and I didn't realistically see time to do football also. But because I only need to take 2 classes (I hope) in the next fall semester to transfer to SDSU, I feel like I will have a dedication to the program and possibly if there is a new head coach.
50. I had an ankle problem that did not allow me to play any sports. I had 4 surgeries in High School, and I am trying to become active again.
51. I had been rehabbing an injury and just got back up to weight and conditioning to play.
52. I have a job & I could barely get any classes so my schedule wouldn't work with the athletics schedule.
53. I have taken swim class and tennis. However it is difficult to participate in athletics when I I have a full-time academic course load.
54. I have too many other commitments
55. I haven't had the time, I have been focusing on academics. I have seen the pool facility, and really enjoy the water polo coach - but there's no time :/
56. I haven't played any of these sports and was not sure if they would be able to accommodate such a beginner level.
57. I never heard of a tryout date
58. I perform dancing. Is that considered a sport? I love dancing.
59. I played soccer for \*\*\*\* in the 10'-11' season. I did not play a second year of soccer because \*\*\*\* would tell us, during the season, that \*\*\*\* was not there for us but for the paycheck. This attitude lead to the disintegration of a talented team.
60. I prefer to study
61. I thought about running cross country, but did not due to other obligations. I was a Div 2 soccer player when I attended a university right out of HS. If I was a younger student I would participate in soccer and track and field.
62. I want to focus more in school.
63. i want to participate in Mens golf but they do not offer it at Mesa so Im transfering to Cuyamamca to play.

64. i want to try wrestling but they dont offer it
65. I wanted to take classes that are required for my major and I don't think I would have time to join a sport.
66. I was interested in participating in the soccer program but with my schedule I don't have enough time to participate.
67. I was just busy with school, no time for sports.
68. I was not aware of when tryouts were held.
69. I was very busy....
70. i work part time
71. i would have like to participate in wrestling but it is not available as an athletic program.
72. I would have loved to try out for men's golf, but I haven't seen any signs about men's golf on campus so I assumed, because of Title IX, it was discontinued.
73. I would like to participate in powerlifting or wrestling, but they're not offered at any SDCCD campus.
74. I would love to but i was injured and had back surgery. I now have 6 bolts and two rods in my back. I'm still recovering from the surgery and dealing with permanent nerve damage.
75. I would love to participate in intercollegiate sports, but my skill level is not good enough to compete with in the intercollegiate level.
76. I'm 25 and most kids that make the baseball team are 18, 19 and 20. Also my height has a lot to do with it too. I'm 5 9 on a good day. Most ball players are 6 feet +. Lastly, I just injured my throwing arm so any shot ate playing baseball is gone.
77. Injuries
78. Insufficient fund
79. I've been taking a heavy load of classes. I wanted to focus on getting good grades so I could make the transfer to UCSD.
80. Just didn't have time this year. I stay active and I play football on saturdays with pads. I will also be playing for a team (non collegiate) next year just to keep sharp. so next year I should have more time to do it.
81. Just moved from Riverside. Don't know anyone
82. Just started college
83. lack of time
84. Lack of time
85. Lethargy
86. Men soccer didn't seem to be in the spotlight and it wasn't focused on anywhere.
87. Missed deadlines and information, also didn't know if i was to old.
88. My classes interfered with the Soccer class, and I would not have been able to attend all the games out of San Diego due to the fact that sometimes I babysit my brothers for my parents.
89. n/a
90. n/a
91. Never offered to me personally
92. Never played before so I don't have any experience.
93. Never played those sports before
94. no surf team
95. no time
96. No time, need to work
97. No time.
98. Not a flexible enough schedule.
99. Not enough time between school and work.
100. Not enough time in my schedule
101. Not enough time with school and work
102. Not enough time with school and working 40+ hours a week

103. Not enough time. Too much of a commitment
104. not enough time
105. Not sure about my skill level comparability
106. Out of eligibility
107. Out of shape and too busy
108. schedule did not work
109. Schedule too full
110. Simply there is no time.
111. Sport not available. Would like to play rugby or lacrosse.
112. Taking my G.E classes this semester
113. The sport I was interested in was not available. If wrestling was a present sport choice, I would definitely wrestle.
114. The workload of school makes me want to concentrate more on school than putting effort in to a sport.
115. They dont have it.
116. time and availability.
117. Time conflict
118. Time constraints
119. Timing, I ran track and participated in spring football but my son was born on June 22 and my wife and I are both full time students. That makes it extremely hard to play a sport.
120. Too buisy
121. too busy with other things in my life
122. Too many classes did not have time to participate.
123. Too many classes, not enough time.
124. too old
125. Track, time constraints
126. Transportation, schedule and finances
127. wasn't good enough.
128. work
129. work
130. Work full time and the school does not have a Lacrosse team.
131. You don't have Ice Hockey.
132. You don't offer lacrosse.