



San Diego Community College District

Miramar College Title IX Gender Equity Survey

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Title IX Survey

The 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 through an online survey program to all full-time students enrolled at any of the three colleges (City, Mesa and Miramar) at the beginning of the Fall 2008 semester. Approximately 14,000 students were emailed an invitation to take the survey. The survey was open for a three week period, from September 9, 2008 through September 25, 2008. Of the 14,000 students invited, 2,188 students completed the survey; a response rate of 16%. Of the total respondents, 503 reported that they were currently attending Miramar College, while 11% were simultaneously attending City College and 27% Mesa College.

Of the Miramar College students that responded, 56% were female (n=283) and 44% male (n=220), which is fairly consistent with the district-wide and college proportions. Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 11% of respondents classified themselves as part-time, which may be a result of dropping or withdrawing from classes after receiving the invitation. The majority of the respondents were in the 18-24 age group (71%), 12% were 25-29, 6% 30-34, 3% 35-39, 5% 40-49, and 2% were 50 years or older.

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they were currently participating in, or had participated in previously, 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. The majority of Miramar College's respondents indicated that they had not participated in any of the sports listed on the survey (90% of female and 88% of male respondents). Of the female Miramar College students who responded that they had participated in a sports program; 4% selected tennis, 3% swimming/diving, 2% golf, 2% soccer, and 1% or less of the respondents selected each of the remaining choices. Of the male Miramar College students who responded to this question, 4% selected soccer, 2% basketball, 2% tennis, and 1% or less of the respondents selected each of the remaining choices.

When asked to select an intercollegiate sport that they would like to participate in using the gender specific list provided, 52% of female respondents and 47% of male respondents chose *None of the above*. The most common selection for female respondents who were interested in participating in sports were: swimming/diving (16%) and tennis (15%), followed by volleyball (13%) and badminton (12%). The remaining seven teams had 3% to 9% of respondents show interest. Popular responses among male respondents included soccer (19%), football (16%), basketball (15%), and swimming/diving. The least selected sports for males were water polo (3%), volleyball (4%), and golf (6%).

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 both male and female respondents was a lack of time in their schedules, followed by a lack of information readily available. Other explanations for the lack of participation included inadequate skill level, insufficient offerings or availability of sports, health or age issues, poor fitness, and academic priorities.

Over half of the female responses (52%) claimed that there was not enough time in their schedule for a commitment to an athletic team. 25% of those responses explained that their work schedule consumed any free time that would allow for collegiate athletic participation. 42% of male respondents identified scheduling conflicts as the dominant cause for lack of participation; 17% of those explanations claimed that employment was the priority. Generally, the explanations given for a lack of time were similar across gender lines, but some female respondents claimed motherhood and lack of childcare as an overriding cause while children were not mentioned in any male responses.

A significant response by students was the claim that there is a lack of information available on intercollegiate athletics. Typical explanations stated that there was no information provided for tryouts, start dates, practice times, or how to contact the coach. One student wrote, "There are intercollegiate sports at Miramar?" 10% of female and 16% of male respondents had similar trouble obtaining information that would allow them to become involved and participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Since Miramar College is not able to provide every possible intercollegiate sport, a number of students reported that they were unable to compete because their choice activity was not offered. The percentage of male respondents (22%) who gave the lack of offerings as the principle reason for not participating was more than triple that of female respondents (7%). Teams of interest for male respondents included surf, baseball, golf, tennis, wrestling, lacrosse, and ping pong. Teams of interest that were not offered for female respondents included gymnastics, badminton, field hockey, and softball.

Another major category of reasons why students chose not to participate in an intercollegiate sport cited by respondents was related to their physical condition. Respondents felt that they were not skilled enough to compete at a collegiate level, had health or disability issues, considered themselves not to be in good enough physical shape, or deemed their age to be an issue. 8% of female and 4% of male respondents believed that they were not skilled enough at the sport to compete at a collegiate level. Respondents were afraid that they would not be good enough, would never make the team, had lost their ability over time, or needed more practice before trying out. Three percent of female and 6% of male respondents did not participate due to previous injuries, disabilities, and other health conditions which prevented activity. Two percent of female and 0% of male respondents identified inadequate fitness level as their reason for not participating. Three percent of female and 4% of male respondents stated that they were either too old to compete, or would not be accepted because of their age.

A conscious decision to focus on academic studies rather than intercollegiate athletics was cited by 3% of female and 4% of male respondents.

Less than 10% of the respondents identified reasons that were outside of the previously discussed categories. These reasons included financial hardship, increased travel expenses, laziness, participation in outside athletics, social insecurities, recent relocation and lack of athletic eligibility.

Title IX Survey: Results Overview

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

City College		56	11%
Mesa College		138	27%
Miramar College		503	100%

What is your enrollment status?

Part-time student		57	11%
Full-time student		444	89%
Total		501	100%













Which is your age group?

18-24		354	71%
25-29		62	12%
30-34		29	6%
35-39		16	3%
40-49		27	5%
50 or more		12	2%
Total		500	100%








What is your gender?

Female		283	56%
Male		220	44%
Total		503	100%













Which intercollegiate sports would you like to participate in? (Female)

Badminton		32	12%
Basketball		11	4%
Cross Country		9	3%
Golf		12	5%
Soccer		25	9%
Softball		25	9%
Swimming/Diving		42	16%
Tennis		39	15%
Track/Field		8	3%
Volleyball		35	13%
Water Polo		7	3%
None of the above		137	52%









Check all of the intercollegiate sports you are currently participating in or have participated in previously at one of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. (Female)

Badminton		3	1%
Basketball		0	0%
Cross Country		1	0%
Golf		4	2%
Soccer		5	2%
Softball		2	1%
Swimming/Diving		7	3%
Tennis		9	4%
Track/Field		0	0%
Volleyball		0	0%
Water Polo		0	0%
None of above		228	90%

Which intercollegiate sports would you like to participate in? (Male)

Baseball		15	7%
Basketball		32	15%
Cross Country		16	8%
Football		33	16%
Golf		12	6%
Soccer		40	19%
Swimming/Diving		23	11%
Tennis		20	9%
Track/Field		20	9%
Volleyball		9	4%
Water polo		6	3%
None of the above		99	47%

Check all of the intercollegiate sports you are currently participating in or have participated in previously at one of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. (Male)

Baseball		3	1%
Basketball		5	2%
Cross Country		2	1%
Football		2	1%
Golf		2	1%
Soccer		8	4%
Swimming/Diving		1	0%
Tennis		5	2%
Track/Field		1	0%
Volleyball		0	0%
Water polo		1	0%
None of the above		179	88%

Open Ended Responses

All comments are verbatim and have not been edited.

Female Responses: 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.

Because it does not apply towards my career plan.

Did not fit into my schedule

Did not fit into my schedule at the time

Did not have enough time, was not qualified enough for the collegiate team
do not have the time.

Don't have time

don't have time.

Don't have time.

I could not attend the class time necessary for the sport.

I did not have enough time in my schedule to participate

i did not participate because i couldn't include sports in my schedule because i am taking 6 classes already and i am planning to work sometime soon.

I didn't because my schedule was already full. But i will next semester.

I didn't have extra Time and Money.

I don't have enough time

I don't have the time

I don't have the time, money, or talent to play the sports I'd like to play.

I don't have time

i don't have time to participate in sports.

I had no time because I also work part-time and have mass homework as a student.

i had to take so many other classes that i didn't have any other free time to do sports and also i work part time too

I have no time to participate, but i think it would be fun!

I have taken classes to train to participate in Tennis and Swimming, but couldn't find the time to fit practice into my schedule of attending school full-time and working 30- 35 hrs a week.

I just did not have the time

i never had time to attend sports it has always conflicted with my major classes.

I was planning on joining the cross country team at Mesa college but it was difficult for me to make it to the practices everyday and it was required to take a health class which I had no room for.

I was taking to many classes. If I wanted to join the sport; it would of have ben too much.

it's too hard to find extra childcare

mainly because I did not have the time to devote to it.

my schedule is too full with classes and i don't have enough spare time to participate in sports

no time for sports with a full time school schedule and working 50 hours a week.

no time.

Not enough time to put in the effort for practice and games

Time constraints mostly. Also, lack of skill.

too busy

Too busy

too busy; no time for sports

because i work full time during the day and i had to be available to take the soccer class and be able to be at games.

Life would have been too hectic

Because of work or family obligations

Full time work hours conflict with meeting times.

I am just a freshman in the college and I wanted to see if I can handle the workload in school and work.

i have to work to pay the bills and going to school full time. not enough time for sports like in high school.

I work full time - there is no time for extras.

Practice times are during the morning hours that i am typically working

work, i need money more than sports the world is just too expensive

Yes, no time, I have to work full time.

actually I do not know these rule of sporting.

i don't feel that i am good enough to be in the "college" level of sports.

I'm a novice so I don't feel comfortable joining a competitive team. I play for fun!

I'm not good at sports.

not experienced enough to try out

Not good at sports

Thought it was for experienced players or ones with scholarships

Badminton was not offered at Miramar College

few were available.

gymnastics, only a class no team

I wanted to play softball at Miramar however they currently do not have a female or coed softball.

they didn't have different levels of the sport

You do not have field hockey.

I have problem with my arm.

Not fit enough.

did not receive enough information

didn't know those opportunities were available.

I did basketball p.e. class and i enjoyed it but i havent signed up for any sports because i need a certain amount of units i believe to be able to

I did not know athletics were offered at community college.

I didn't know the above list of sports were available for participation.

i dont know where to go to find out when vollyball meets or even if there's a volleyball team.

I honestly did not know the sports that the college had teams for.

i never knew when try-outs for the sports were

I was not fully informed, because there was not enough information readily available.

If these sports are available at Miramar college, I haven't heard about them.

im professional in Track, which is running, and i acheived the silver medal in whole of my country (iran) a few years ago. i realy want to contineu the major in sport in this country. but i dont know where should i go and what should i do for that. thank you for your helping

Never knew about them or heard that there was not enough participation from other students to start a team

this is my first semester in college so i don't have any information about intercollegiate sport

Health problems

I am disabled

injured

I am an older student.

I'm too old.

I am there to get my degree in Biology not sports

I need to concentrate on my studies

My focus is all on school work only.

akward

currently in tae kwon do

i played basketball in high school and enjoyed it so i may consider to play in college...

idk.

The Tennis class I Signed up For Was Cancelled Due To Not Enough Students Enrolled

This is my first semester. Also due to religious purposes.

Male Responses: 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.

because since i am an international student, my counselor didnt let me participate in any sports so i can focus on school

busy, not enough spare time.

Classes, time, job, life

didnt have the time

do not have the time to

don't have time

I am a senior and I can only take part in PT activities

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I am always interested in participating sports, like soccer and basketball but, i was always bussy.

I didn't have enough time due to schoolwork.

i didn't have the time

I'm a full time Marine.

no time

No time, work full-time

no time.

Practice times

Soccer I work full time and go to school full time.....I have no time! But it sure would be nice!

Too busy.

Too many classes, or didn't know that they offered it.

I have to work full time and didn't have time. Now that I have the time my studies are most important. When I first started attending a community college I wanted to participate but chose to work and earn a living instead.

my work would interfere with the games. and no time for homework.

Work

Work + Class Work = No time for sports

not talented enough

volleyball, not skilled enough

Golf and tennis are not offered through Miramar

I really enjoy Ping Pong and that is not offered.

I WANT TO START A SURF PROGRAM

i would like for mira mar to have a baseball team. it would be very smart for mira mar to get a team asap. i am forced to go play at city college because mira mar doesnt have a team. why is that?

miramar doesnt have a team

Miramar has no sports!!!

No sport I wanted to participate wasn't available.

pool

signed a soccer petition once, but never heard back about it. i've usually been too busy with work or classes to persue further i suppose. cross country mountain biking is my true sport. trail running is fun, so i picked cross country too.

The sport I would have liked to participate in was not available.

there is no team

wrestling, lacrosse, not offered

Did not know about sign up date or tryout dates.

didn't know they existed.

Don't have much info about it, don't know about requirements. Not sure if it works like high school were team members are pretty much pre selected from last semester. Need to get into better shape.

I didn't (don't) know how to be part of any sports organisation, and i think it's pointless to participate in it if i can not earn any credit from it

i didnt know

Never knew how to get involved. Another problem that I have is that I work days. It seems that day students have access to everything for example the 4-year colleges visit during the day, all special events seem to happen during the day.

There's intercollegiate sports at Miramar?

didnt like the coaching Thom Hunt. got injured and kept me from doing track. i also have a job thta conflicts with everything since i am paying my own bills and everything.

i hate sports because I can't walk

yes but i just got in a knar motorcycle accident

Too old and too busy with a 50+ hour a week job to keep up with the kids!

I go to college to study

Wanted to focus on school

BOOOOOOOOORRRRRRRRIIIIIINNNNGGGGGG

I played rugby all four years of college

I'd rather participate class for longer time for 1 day per week than 2 days because gasoline is way too expensive. No enough Friday and Saturday classes which could easy to fit the schedule.

Lack of motivation.

never tried out

No sport offered had 600+ HP track prepped cars capable of exceeding speeds of 200+MPH.