



San Diego Community College District

Miramar College Title IX Gender Equity Survey

November 2009

Prepared by:
Office of Institutional Research and Planning

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 at the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester through an online survey program to all full-time students enrolled at Miramar College. Approximately 3,600 students were emailed an invitation to take the survey. The survey was open for approximately two weeks, from September 29, 2009 through October 13, 2009. Of the 3,600 students invited, 485 students completed the survey; a response rate of 13%. Of the total respondents, 449 reported that they were currently attending Miramar College, while 10% were simultaneously attending City College and 31% Mesa College.

The survey instrument contained 7 questions (6 multiple choice and 1 open-end question) 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, a second "reminder" email was sent prior to the end of data collection.

Of the Miramar College students that responded, 50% were female (n=243) and 50% male (n=242), which is slightly different than the college-wide proportions (female 46% and male 54%). 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 (73%), followed by ages 25 to 29 (14%), 35 to 39 (4%), 30 to 34 and 40 to 49 (3%), and 50 years or older (2%).

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participated 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 (89% of female and 84% of male respondents). Of the female Miramar College students who responded (n=31) that they had participated in a sports program, 4% selected tennis, 3% swimming/diving, 2% badminton, 2% volleyball, 2% water polo and 1% or less of the respondents selected track and field. Of the male Miramar College students who responded (n=51) to this question, 5% selected basketball, 5% swimming/diving, 5% tennis, 2% football, 2% soccer, 1% baseball, 1% golf and 1% water polo.

When asked to select an intercollegiate sport that they would like to participate in using the gender specific list provided, 48% of female respondents and 37% 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%), followed by volleyball (13%), tennis (12%) and badminton (11%). The remaining seven teams had 3% to 8% of respondents show interest. Popular responses among male respondents included football (23%), basketball (21%), soccer (19%), and swimming/diving and tennis (15% each). The remaining sports were baseball, golf, and volleyball (11%), track and field (9%), and cross county and water polo (5% each).

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 due to classes and/or work. Other explanations for choosing not to participate included an insufficient offering or availability of sports, followed by a lack of awareness about sports on campus, and health and personal reasons.

The majority of male responses (48%) and female responses (41%) cited lack of time as the major reason why they did not participate in an intercollegiate sport. The most common responses that contributed to a lack of time across genders was a conflict with their work schedule, followed by a conflict with classes, being a full-time student, and focusing on academics.

Miramar College athletic department offers men's basketball, women's soccer and men's/women's water polo to its student body. Across genders, approximately 15% of responses indicated the reason why they chose not to participate was because their sport of interest was not offered at Miramar College. The most common sports of interest among female responses were swimming/diving, followed by badminton, cheerleading, cross-country, field hockey, softball, and track and field. Among male responses, the most common sports of interest were football, followed by cycling, golf, soccer, track and field, and wrestling.

Another common theme among student responses was a general lack of awareness of intercollegiate athletics available to students. Approximately 12% of students across genders indicated that they either did not know the school had any athletic teams or did not know how to sign up for a sport. The majority of female responses indicated there was no information about how to sign up or get involved in team sports, while the majority of male responses specified that they were unaware that the college offered any team sports at all.

Finally, some responses indicated personal and health issues as reasons why they chose not to participate in an intercollegiate sport. Approximately 14% of females and 8% of males indicated personal reasons such as a lack of money, inexperience in sports, and age as reasons for not participating in athletics. Approximately 8% of male responses identified health reasons such as an injury or being out of shape, while only 4% of female responses indicated health reasons such as a pregnancy or injury as reasons for not participating.

The remaining responses that fell outside the common themes above were a lack of transportation, too far of a commute, registered too late, no more athletic eligibility, and possibly waiting until the following year to participate in a sport.

Title IX Survey 2009 Miramar

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.

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

City College		50	10%
Mesa College		148	31%
Miramar College		449	93%

What is your enrollment status?

Part-time student		24	5%
Full-time student		459	95%
Total		483	100%

Which is your age group?













18-24		355	73%
25-29		70	14%
30-34		15	3%
35-39		20	4%
40-49		13	3%
50 or more		10	2%
Total		483	100%

What is your gender?








Female		243	50%
Male		242	50%
Total		485	100%

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

--	--	--	--





Badminton		26	11%
Basketball		16	7%
Cross Country		18	8%
Golf		7	3%
Soccer		18	8%
Softball		17	7%
Swimming/Diving		36	16%
Tennis		28	12%
Track/Field		17	7%
Volleyball		30	13%
Water Polo		10	4%
None of the above		111	48%

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		4	2%
Basketball		0	0%
Cross Country		0	0%
Golf		0	0%
Soccer		1	0%
Softball		0	0%
Swimming/Diving		6	3%
Tennis		9	4%
Track/Field		3	1%
Volleyball		4	2%
Water Polo		4	2%
None of above		196	89%

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

Baseball		25	11%
Basketball		47	21%
Cross Country		12	5%
Football		51	23%
Golf		25	11%
Soccer		42	19%
Swimming/Diving		34	15%
		33	15%

Tennis			
Track/Field		20	9%
Volleyball		24	11%
Water polo		11	5%
None of the above		82	37%

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		2	1%
Basketball		10	5%
Cross Country		0	0%
Football		4	2%
Golf		2	1%
Soccer		5	2%
Swimming/Diving		10	5%
Tennis		10	5%
Track/Field		1	0%
Volleyball		4	2%
Water polo		3	1%
None of the above		175	84%

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.

Basketball, was not sure how to join
because there wasnt any available at miramar
because I dont have enough time.
Cheerleading, there was no team.
City College does not have pool facilities for swimming.
conflict of schedule
Cross Country but Miramar doesn't provide it
Decided to wait because i am currently playing for a club team.
did not fit into my schedule.
didnt know how to.
don't have enough time.
don't have time
Dont have time between work n school. plus dont like sports
Have no time.
haven't played in years and probably wouldn't be able to keep up with the younge kids.
Hours of the sport
I am not only a full time student I work full time as well, as much as I would love to participate in sports my work schedule doesnt allow me to.
I am waiting until next semester
i didn't have time
I didn't know when tryouts were/I didn't participate in the sport in high school
I do not have the time between work and school.
I do not have time
I do not have time with work and full time school, study time and a long commute
I don't have enough time. I have two part time jobs and I am a full time student.
i dont have the time
I don't have time between work and school.
I don't have time with school and work.
I don't have time.
I don't have time. Being a full time student, taking Bio, Chem and Math classes, there is no time to play SPORTS!!!!!!!!!!
I don't think that badminton or softball is offer at miramar college. If it is then I just never knew.
I feel like I'm too old for that
I had a surgery and couldn't participate
I had to get used to the way the school is run first and in the process i missed out on water polo
I have already used up all of my eligibility in those sports, or I have not been able to because I need to work.
I have never played sports
I have no information on when i can participate.
i love to learn how to swim but swimming class for beginners were not offered this year at all if some times they are they only have them in the morning. i believe swimming is very important in san diego cause we have so many beaches, therefore it would be great if we add more swimming classes
I wanted to go for swimming and tennis but the classes were full and i had to get on a list just to get to the waitlist. Its impossible to get a good class.

I work full time and go to school full time, there is no time for me to do anything else.
I would want to participate in football, but there is no team for girls. Such as an idea of flag football for girls.
I'd want to participate in field hockey, but that is not an option.
I'm just too old
I'm not athletic by any means
i'm not good enough
I'm not interested in sports.
It is at mesa, not mira mar.
It is not easy to find out information about the teams
Lack of time
Little information on how to get involved.
miramar college does not provide a track or cross country team
Money.
My physical status is not really good and that is why I am taking online classes. I am just getting better from sickness.
Never interested
new to the college. looked around and never even seen a track field. School is under poor construction
No
No time
No time or knowledge of the program
No time or money. Not enough experience in soccer or track/field.
No time!!!
none
Not available or unaware of it
not enough time
Not good at sports
pregnancy
Tennis because units went up in price and were also limited to 16
The units aren't worth the course
There is no ice hockey.
thought about it but no extra time on my hands
time conflicts
Time conflicts in scheduling with core classes for transfer/AA credit. Not enough interest.
Times are very inconvenient for full-time students/workers.
Too busy with work and school. I go running in my spare time instead. Otherwise I had done track in high school, I am just too busy nowadays.
Unable to make practices.
Volleyball and Water polo but was only offered in coed or mens only no womens only.
well, i just started my first year of college having just graduated high school this past june, i havent had the time. I eventually would like to try a sport, either tennis or badmitton, but as of right now it wont work for me with having to ride the bus and a full time school schedule.
With team sports, such as soccer, I feel like my skill level would be much lower than the other people in the class.
Work full time
yes didnt think I was good enough

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.

beginner level

Budget cuts offered less classes for the ones I need to take and therefore less time get a slot for sports that met my schedule.

busy schedule, recovering from injury

Cant do two sports at once

could not participate because the school did not have a football team.

Did not feel like I would make the team.

did not fit into my schedule

Didn't fit into my schedule

didnt have enough time and travling to the location was an issue

Didn't know about it

didnt offer

do not have the time

full course load at present

full schedule

Going to school full time. And working part time. Therefore I had no time to play sports.

i couldn't get a scholarship through the community college (as is the rule) so i had to work full-time to pay for all of my expenses. There was realistically not enough time in a day to do attend school (and pass) full-time, work full-time, and participate in a college sport.

I DID not know the college had a intercollegiate team.

I didn't get any information about it.

I didnt know that Mesa had a team. (Football)

I had planned on joining the football team, but didn't talk to any coaches about it, since I'm working most of the time. Maybe next year.

i have knee in jeury.

I have no clue where to go

i wanted to participate in basketball but i was unable to because it did not fit well with my schedule

I was never informed they had them.

I was not in a good enough physical shape. I would like to see a cycle team or a velodome team.

i wish Miramar can have a tennis team =]

I would love to join the swimming team but, could not find the time.

I'm more of a musical person.

i'm not into sports

I'm too busy to participate

Just retired and just started going to school to learn a new job skill.

lack of skills

Lack of time

Miramar College does not offer Mens' Soccer.

mirmar college

no

NO time

no time to

No time, I have to focus on my science classes for nursing.

No time.

No wrestling team.

not at all

Not enough time

not enough time

not enough time for sports and school

Not enough time.

not enough time.

Out of shape. Lack the basic necessities for the game of basketball such as great ball handling, use both hands to dribble with, foot work, full eye court vision. I will try again next year.

paintball team

Pole Vaulting...you don't have it.

prior obligations

Schedule conflicts

The closest community college with an intercollegiate sport is Mesa College. It is too far of a commute as I do not have reliable transportation. I also live and work within the Mira Mesa area so Miramar College is a reasonable distance for me to travel if my main mode of transportation fails me.

The mesa pool isn't very large which kept me from wanting to pursue swimming.

they did not offer golf this semester at Miramar and the other sports interfered with my work schedule and my school schedule.

they do not offer football

This is my first semester and i haven't heard how to join any of the sports

time

time restraints.

Too busy with my academic schedule

Too much time needed for studying and my job.

too old, no time

was thinking about going to mesa def was good at football at my high school got defensive mvp but when i talked to the coaches they told me without even seeing me play that i wasnt good enough

well i love sports and havent been able to participate since highschool so the only thing that would stop me is my job or school itself

with the way classes are currently i could not stay on with the baseball team and had to drop it for my other classes

Work

work obligations