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Orientation to College

First-time new students are eligible to enroll in an orientation to college course at De Anza (COUN200) or Foothill (CNSL 50) the summer prior to their first term or the fall of their first term.

De Anza enrolled 3,819 first-time new students in fall 2011. Of these students, 2,361 enrolled in COUN200, 1,995 in the summer and 366 in the fall. Overall, 62% of first-time students in fall 2011 enrolled in COUN200 in the summer or fall of 2011.

Foothill enrolled 1,615 first-time new students in fall 2011. Of these students, 987 enrolled in CNSL 50, 488 in the summer and 499 in the fall. Overall, 61% of first-time students in fall 2011 enrolled in CNSL 50 in the summer or fall of 2011.

Fall 2011 First-Time Students Who Took an Orientation to College Course

	First-time students, 2011 F	Summer 2011	Fall 2011	Total	Percent
De Anza	3,819	1,995	366	2,361	62%
Foothill	1,615	488	499	987	61%

Note: Only first-time new students who received a final grade in COUN200 or CNSL50 are included.

Placement Exams

Of the 3,819 first-time new students at De Anza between summer and fall 2011, 68% took a placement exam between March 1 and September 30, 2011. Of the students who took the exam for fall 2011, 74% placed into pre-collegiate English and 57% into pre-collegiate math.

Fall 2011 De Anza First-Time New Students Who Took a Placement Test

	First-time students, 2011 F	Took a placement exam	Number placing pre-collegiate	Percent who took a placement exam	Percent of first-time students who tested, placing pre-collegiate	Percent of all first-time students, placing pre-collegiate
English	3,819	2,561	1,885	67%	74%	49%
Math	3,819	2,636	1,506	69%	57%	39%

Note: English includes EVRT200, 211, READ200, 211 and LART200, 211 and Math includes Math210 and 212. Placement center provided the placement data.

Of the 1,615 first-time new students at Foothill in summer and fall 2011, 57% or 916 students took at least one placement exam between March 1 and September 30, 2011. Of these 916 students, 89% or 815 took a Math placement exam while 72% or 659 took an English placement exam. Another 31% or 287 took an ESLL placement exam. Almost half (46%) of Math placement exam results placed students at a pre-collegiate level and roughly one quarter (28%) of English exam takers were placed into a pre-collegiate course. Among all fall 2011 first-time new students, 12% placed into pre-collegiate English and less than one quarter (23%) placed into pre-collegiate Math.

Fall 2011 Foothill First-Time New Students Who Took a Placement Test

	First-Time New Students, 2011 F	Took a Placement Exam	Number Placing Pre-Collegiate	Percent Taking Placement Exam	Percent of First-Time New Students Tested and Placed Pre-Collegiate	Percent of all First-Time New Students, Placing Pre-Collegiate
English	1,615	659	187	41%	28%	12%
ESLL	1,615	287	188	18%	66%	12%
Chemistry	1,615	104	0	6%	0%	0%
Math	1,615	815	372	50%	46%	23%

Note: English includes ENGL1A, 110 and 209; ESLL includes ESLL25, 26, 200, 210, 225, 226, 227, 235, 236 and 237; Chemistry includes CHEM1A, 25 and 30A; Math includes MATH1A, 10, 11, 44, 48, 105, 108, 217, 220, 230, 235 and NCBS401A. Source: FHDA IR&P, ODS [Government Course, Government Student, Student Course, Test]