

# De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

**To:** Multiple Measures Planning Committee

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**Subject:** Student Placements into Basic Skills and Course Enrollment

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To provide context on the rate of first time students placing into basic skills courses, the research office tracked students who have not attended college at De Anza or elsewhere prior to enrolling at De Anza over the past 3 fall terms. If a student took a placement test between March 1 and September 30 prior to the fall term in which they first enroll, they were included in the analysis.

## Placement of First Time Students and Enrollment in Course in which Placed

	First time students	First time students who took a placement test	First time students who placed into basic skills	% of first time students who took a placement test	% of first time students who tested and placed in basic skills	% of all first time students placing basic skills	First time students who enrolled in the course in which placed in first year	% Enrolled in course in which placed in fall term	
Fall 2015	English	3,797	2,818	1,852	74%	66%	49%	1,264	68%
	Reading	3,797	2,817	1,896	74%	67%	50%	895	47%
	Math	3,797	2,801	1,658	74%	59%	44%	1,204	73%
Fall 2014	English	3,772	2,760	1,760	73%	64%	47%	1,240	70%
	Reading	3,772	2,760	1,705	73%	62%	45%	896	53%
	Math	3,772	3,012	1,618	80%	54%	43%	1,331	82%
Fall 2013	English	3,677	2,616	1,750	71%	67%	48%	897	51%
	Reading	3,677	2,619	1,714	71%	65%	47%	500	29%
	Math	3,677	2,848	1,602	77%	56%	44%	1,281	80%

Note: Basic skills English includes EWRT200, 211. Reading includes READ200, 211 and Math includes Math210 and 212. Includes students who took a placement exam between March 1 and September 30 preceding each term. Includes the highest test score received in the subject area during the time frame.

Of all first time students over the past 3 fall terms, over 73% of students took a Math, English or Reading placement test.

- On average, 66% of first time students who take an English test place into an English basic skills course. For Reading, the average rate is 65% placing into basic skills Reading, and for Math, 56% of students who take a math placement test place into basic skills Math.
- Of the first time students who place into a basic skills English course, on average, 63% enroll in the course in which they were placed in the fall term. For Reading, 43% of students who place into basic skills Reading enroll in the course in the fall term. For Math, 78% of students enroll in the basic skills course in which they place.