eCore Enrollment & Success by Core Curriculum Area

When eCore was first implemented, policy makers assumed that a student would progress through the entire program, essentially completing all core curriculum courses in Areas A-E through eCore before transferring to an online Bachelors degree program for Area F and major related courses.

In the first Fact Book publication, data from Fall 2000 to Spring 2006 (20 semesters) was reviewed to identify student enrollment patterns to better understand how eCore met their needs. At that time, the study analyzed 9257 records of 5044 students who completed 281 courses during 7 years.

In last year's Fact Book, for FY 2007 – FY 2010 (Summer 2006 to Spring 2010, 12 semesters), the study analyzed 17449 records of 9209 students.

This year, for FY 2011 (Summer 2010 to Spring 2011, 3 semesters), the study has analyzed 5061 records for 2804 students. Below are some comparative findings between the data captured in FY 2001-2006, FY 2007-2010, and FY 2011.

NOTE: Successful Completion for this study is a Grade of A-D.

Question 1: How Many Students Have Taken How Many eCore Courses?

Question	FY 2001-2006	FY 2007-2010	FY 2011
What Core Area is Most Successful?	Most Successful: Area E : Social Sciences	Most Successful: Area E : Social Sciences (63.7%)	Most Successful: Area E : Social Sciences (64.1%)
Least Successful?	Least Successful: Area A : Essential Skills	Least Successful: Area A: Essential Skills	Least Successful: Area A: Essential Skills
Trend of Enrollment and Successful Completion (Grades A-D)?	Trend is widening gap	Gap is narrowing, from 54.0% successful completion in FY 07 to 67.9% in FY 10	Successful completion dropped to 67.2%
Affiliate with Highest Enrollment?	CSU and UWG accounted for nearly 68% of total enrollment	UWG has highest enrollment, accounting for 48.5% of total eCore enrollment	UWG has the highest enrollment, accounting for 53.44% of total eCore enrollment
Affiliate with the Highest Successful Completion (Grades A-D excluding Withdrawals and Incompletes)?	UWG at nearly 81%	SPSU, UWG, and VSU all at 80- 81%	UWG at 82.89% and SPSU at 80.56%

Based on FY 2011 aggregated unduplicated student count of 2,804 (The unduplicated student count for each semester adds to 3,332).

Question 2: How Many Students Have Successfully Completed Courses in Each Core Curriculum Area (Core A-E)?

Question	FY 2001-2006	FY 2007-2010	FY 2011
Average number of eCore Courses Taken per Student?	1.83	1.89	1.81
Number and Percent of Students Taking only 1 eCore Course?	2,969 (58.9%)	5,191 (56.4%)	1,562 (55.7%)
Percent of Students Taking at Least Two eCore Courses?	41.0%	43.7%	44.2%
Percent of Students Taking Two and Three eCore Courses?	31.0%	32.4%	34.5%