



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

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Recent Projects from the Office of Institutional Research and Planning

Research for: Matriculation

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Working on the recent matriculation study the Office of Institutional Research and Planning developed a three-year comparison on the percent of awarded degrees and certificates based on student ethnicity. Many of the ethnicities in the degrees awarded category kept a shallow trend. Most notable, for this category, was a slight increase of 3.4 percent in Hispanic students, 2.0 percent in African American students and a 6.5 percent decrease in white non-Hispanic students from the 2006-2007 academic year to the 2008-2009 academic year.

Degrees Awarded

Ethnicity	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Am. Indian or Alaskan Native	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7.1%	7.2%	7.3%
Black Non-Hispanic	12.1%	10.9%	14.1%
Hispanic	23.4%	28.3%	26.8%
Other	8.6%	7.3%	9.6%
White Non-Hispanic	48.0%	45.9%	41.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

In the certificates awarded category many of the ethnicities had no discernable trend as well. Most notable for this category was an 8.6 percent decrease in white non-Hispanic compared to the overall population.

Certificates Awarded

Ethnicity	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Am. Indian or Alaskan Native	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	7.5%	6.7%
Black Non-Hispanic	17.3%	10.8%	13.7%
Hispanic	23.5%	28.8%	24.7%
Other	4.6%	10.8%	9.3%
White Non-Hispanic	53.6%	41.3%	45.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



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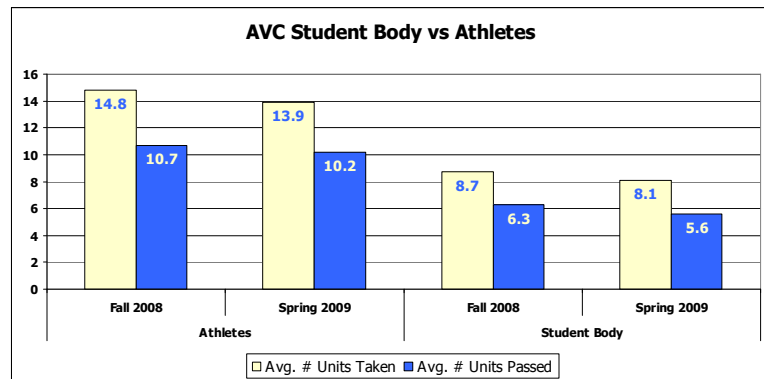
Research for: Athletics Department

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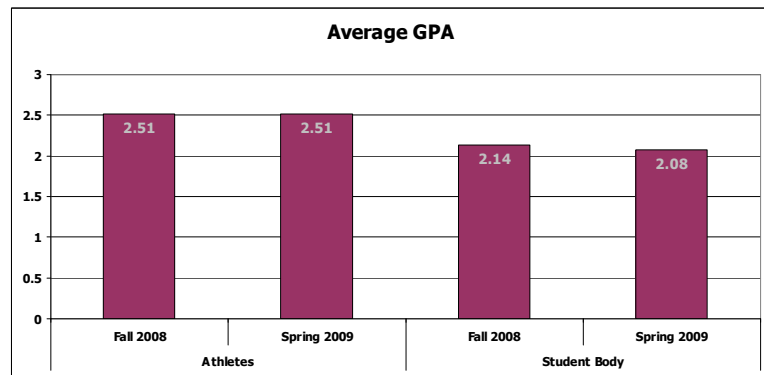
During the summer term the Office of Institutional Research and Planning received a request to compare eligible student athletes with the overall student body on several measures for the 2008-2009 academic year. For the most recent academic year the data shows that athletes score higher than the overall student body on graduation rates after two years with a difference of 8.5% for fall 2008 and 19.3% for spring 2009. In addition, athletes scored higher than the overall student body on all of the following measures.

	Athletes		Student Body	
	Fall 2008	Spring 2009	Fall 2008	Spring 2009
Average Number of Units Taken	14.8	13.9	8.7	8.1
Average Number of Units Passed	10.7	10.2	6.3	5.6
Average GPA	2.51	2.51	2.14	2.08

Eligible athletes scored higher, on the average, than the overall student body for the number of units taken with a difference of 6.1 units for fall 2008 and 5.8 units for spring 2009. Eligible athletes also outscored the overall student body on the number of units passed with a difference of 4.4 units for fall 2008 and 4.6 units for spring 2009.



The average GPA for athletes outscored the average GPA for the overall student body by .37 for the fall term and by .43 for the spring term. This result is directly related to the 2.0 GPA standard that all athletes must meet in order to be eligible to participate in intercollegiate sports. The data suggests that maintaining athletic eligibility serves as a motivating factor for athletes to take and pass more units and obtain higher grade point averages than the average AVC student.



For additional information on this or other projects, contact the research office at ext. 6398.



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The Antelope Valley College Athletics Department played a very large part in helping student athletes transfer on to four-year institutions as well as apply for scholarships. The Athletics Department has reported a total of \$1,074,000.00 in awards for student athletes based on both academic and athletic merit. Transfer data for sophomore student athletes from the 2008-2009 academic year has been provided below.

