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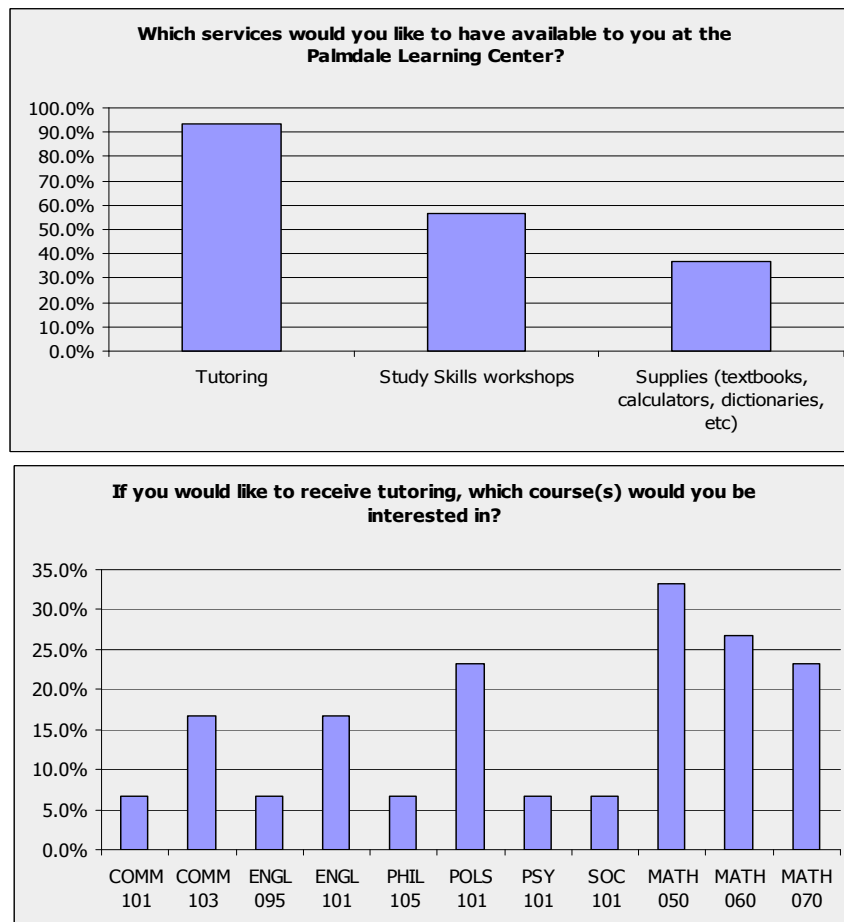
Recent Projects from the Office of Institutional Research and Planning

Research for: Learning Center

Research Lead: Aeron Zentner

Recently a sample population was surveyed to estimate the student demand for Learning Center services at the Palmdale site. The results yielded a high demand of 96.8% interest in having the services at the site. Students were asked to indicate which services would be the highest priority for them and the results indicate a strong preference for tutoring services in math. The survey also asked students to indicate the courses in which they most needed tutoring. The top three requests were for basic skills math courses with a trend of less tutoring as the course numbers increased. The opposite results are shown for English with 095 being lower in demand than English 101.

Tutoring was requested by over 90% of the students. Study skills workshops were requested by over 50% of the students and supplies by fewer than 40% of the respondents.



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



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This project was an analysis of persistence for many different groups on campus from the fall term to the spring term over the past five years. The study shown here examines persistence of basic skills students over the past five years. In order to qualify for the study, a student needed to take at least one basic skills course in the fall and enroll in any course at AVC in the following spring term. From fall 2005 to fall 2008 Antelope Valley College observed an increase in persistence of basic skills students of 7.2%. The fall 2009 to spring 2010 percentage seems to be lower due to the data for the spring term being pulled during the registration period for the spring semester. This data will be re-examined after the term is complete and updated.

