

California Community Colleges Distance Education Course Survey

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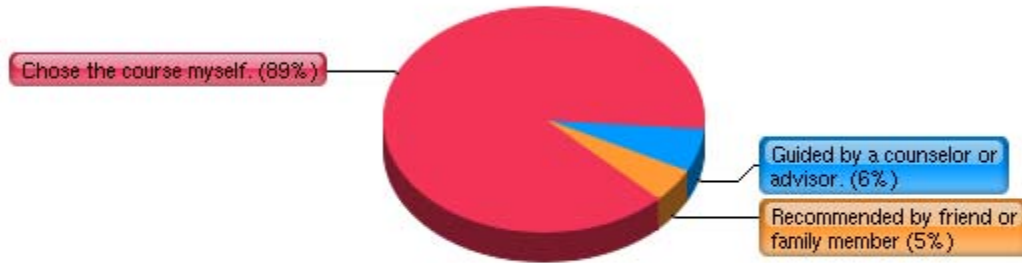
1. Was this your first experience with a distance education course?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	37	60%
Yes	25	40%

Total responses to this question: 62

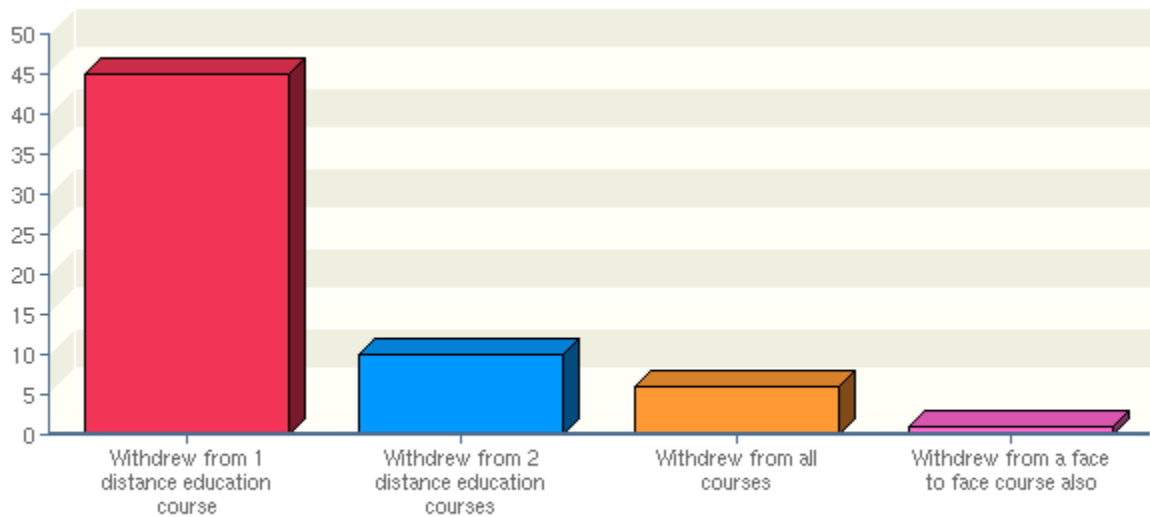
2. Did you choose to take this distance education course yourself, or was your choice guided by a counselor or advisor?



Item	Count	Percent %
Chose the course myself.	55	89%
Guided by a counselor or advisor.	4	6%
Recommended by friend or family member	3	5%

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3. From how many courses did you withdraw in the Fall 2008 term? Select all that apply.

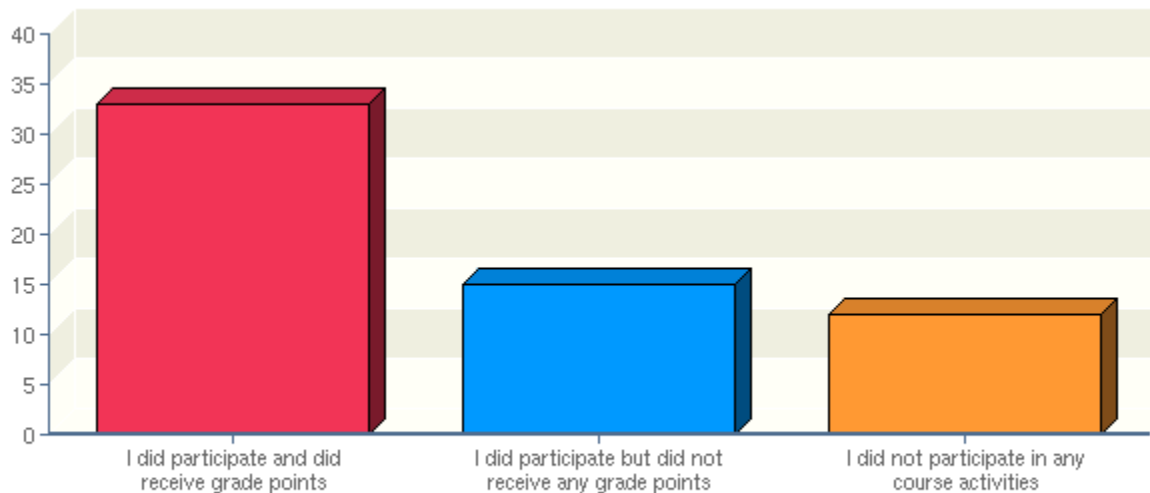


Item	Count	Percent %
Withdrew from 1 distance education course	45	74%
Withdrew from 2 distance education courses	10	16%

Withdrew from all courses	6	10%
Withdrew from a face to face course also	1	2%

Total responses to this question: 61

4. Going back to the last distance education course from which you withdrew, did you participate in any of the course activities (assignments, discussions, quizzes etc)? Select only one.



Item	Count	Percent %
I did participate and did receive grade points	33	55%
I did participate but did not receive any grade points	15	25%
I did not participate in any course activities	12	20%

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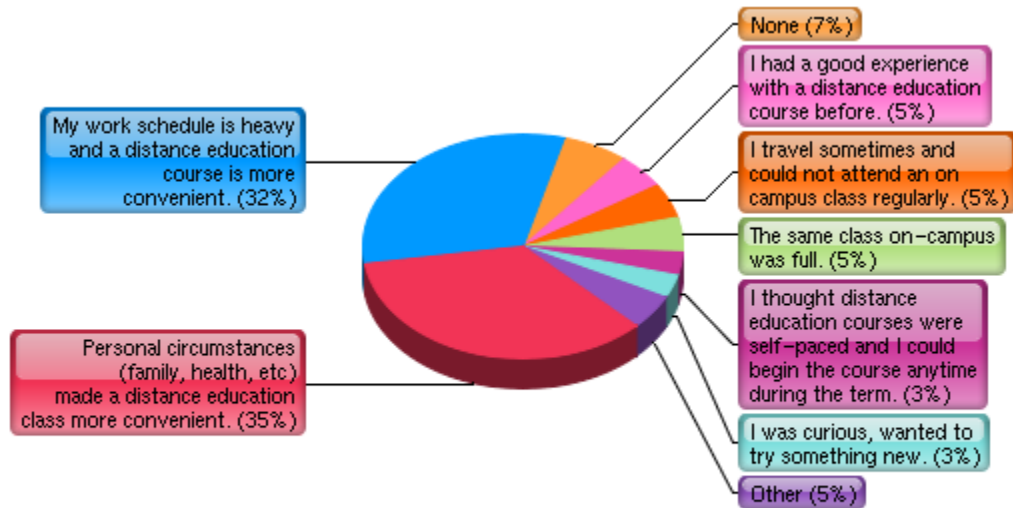
5. Please think about the reasons why you enrolled in the distance education course. Indicate how important each of the following factors were in explaining why you enrolled in the course. Select Very Important or Somewhat important or Not important at all for each factor.

Item	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important at all
I travel sometimes and could not attend an on campus class regularly.	15.5%	31.0%	53.4%
My work schedule is heavy and a distance education course is more convenient.	49.2%	25.4%	25.4%
I thought it was easier than an on-campus course.	11.9%	15.3%	72.9%
I was curious, wanted to try something new.	11.9%	22.0%	66.1%
It was recommended by someone.	8.6%	22.4%	69.0%
I had a good experience with a distance education course before.	37.3%	18.6%	44.1%
The same class on-campus was full.	13.8%	17.2%	69.0%
Personal circumstances (family, health, etc) made a distance education class more convenient.	54.2%	16.9%	28.8%
I thought distance education courses were self-paced and I could begin the course anytime during the term.	15.5%	22.4%	62.1%

An extra course online lets me graduate sooner.	10.3%	27.6%	62.1%
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6. From among the previous ten reasons which was the most important for choosing a distance education course. (Select only one)



Item	Count	Perce %
Personal circumstances (family, health, etc) made a distance education class more convenient.	21	35%
My work schedule is heavy and a distance education course is more convenient.	19	32%
None	4	7%
I had a good experience with a distance education course before.	3	5%
I travel sometimes and could not attend an on campus class regularly.	3	5%
The same class on-campus was full.	3	5%
I thought distance education courses were self-paced and I could begin the course anytime during the term.	2	3%
I was curious, wanted to try something new.	2	3%
An extra course online lets me graduate sooner.	1	2%
I thought it was easier than an on-campus course.	1	2%
It was recommended by someone.	1	2%

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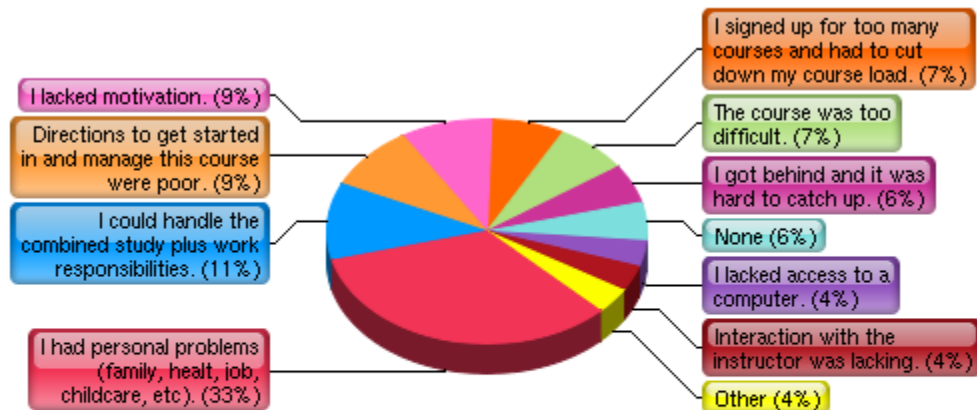
7. Please think about the reasons why you dropped this course. Comment on each factor below in explaining why you dropped this distance education course. Indicate if it was Very important or Somewhat important or Not important at all

Item	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important at all
Directions to get started in and manage this course were poor.	21.1%	26.3%	52.6%
Interaction with the instructor was lacking.	26.3%	19.3%	54.4%
The course was too difficult.	24.1%	22.4%	53.4%

I could not handle the combined study plus work responsibilities.	21.4%	30.4%	48.2%
I had personal problems (family, health, job, childcare, etc).	45.6%	19.3%	35.1%
I had financial problems.	15.8%	10.5%	73.7%
I lacked motivation.	16.1%	23.2%	60.7%
I lacked access to a computer.	12.3%	5.3%	82.5%
I experienced too many technical difficulties.	8.9%	12.5%	78.6%
I lacked basic computer skills.	1.8%	3.6%	94.6%
The course required too much reading and writing.	10.5%	21.1%	68.4%
I felt too alone, not a part of a class.	7.1%	19.6%	73.2%
I got behind and it was hard to catch up.	38.6%	19.3%	42.1%
I didn't realize when I registered that it was a distance education course.	5.4%	7.1%	87.5%
I signed up for too many courses and had to cut down my course load.	7.1%	25.0%	67.9%
I do not like the distance education format.	25.0%	17.9%	57.1%
I didn't know where to go for help.	14.3%	17.9%	67.9%
I was not interested in the subject matter.	7.1%	17.9%	75.0%

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8. Overall what do you feel was the main reason you were NOT able to successfully complete this distance education course? (Select only one.)

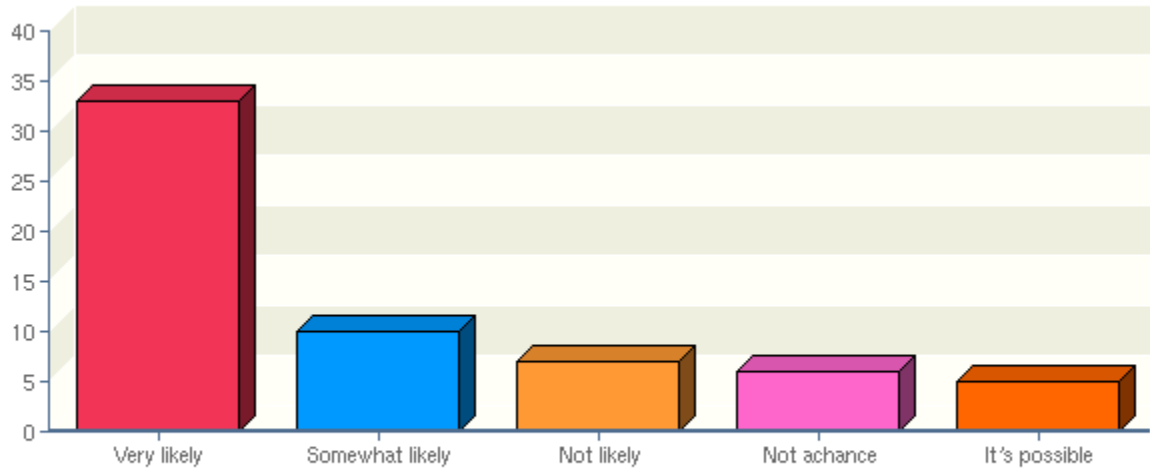


Item	Count	Percent
I had personal problems (family, health, job, childcare, etc).	18	33%
I could handle the combined study plus work responsibilities.	6	11%
Directions to get started in and manage this course were poor.	5	9%
I lacked motivation.	5	9%
I signed up for too many courses and had to cut down my course load.	4	7%
The course was too difficult.	4	7%
I got behind and it was hard to catch up.	3	6%
None	3	6%
I lacked access to a computer.	2	4%
Interaction with the instructor was lacking.	2	4%

I do not like the distance education format.	1	2%
I was not interested in the subject matter.b	1	2%

Total responses to this question: 54

9. How likely are you to register for another online course?



Item	Count	Percent %
Very likely	33	54%
Somewhat likely	10	16%
Not likely	7	11%
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It's possible	5	8%

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