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**Subject:** International Student (F1 & FZ) Average GPA based on COUN100 Enrollment

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**Methodology**

Students with an F1 or FZ visa status were identified in fall 2011. This resulted in 1,650 students, 326 (20%) of these students were first time students to De Anza. These students were tracked to enrollment in COUN100, the Orientation to College course, in summer 2011. None of these students took COUN100 in fall 2011. The quarterly average GPA was provided for student who took COUN100 and students who did not take the course.

	Fall 2011			Winter 2012			Spring 2012		
	Students	Percent	Avg. GPA	Students	Percent	Avg. GPA	Students	Percent	Avg. GPA
Took COUN100	257	79%	3.39	247	81%	3.43	245	81%	3.39
Did Not Take COUN100	68	21%	3.05	58	19%	2.95	58	19%	2.91
Total	325	100%	3.32	305	100%	3.34	303	100%	3.30

Note: The average GPA is not statistically significant between the groups in any quarter.

**Findings**

- 79% of first time students to De Anza who are F1 or FZ visa holders took COUN100 in summer 2011 while 21% did not take the course.
- The students who took COUN100 exhibited higher average GPAs in the three quarters following their enrollment in COUN100 than students who did not take COUN100.