

# THE FIFTH DIMENSION



The 5th Monday Newsletter from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness

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## What is IE?

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) provides high-quality data and analysis to inform college decisions. Our office is located in the Day Road Center. If you ever feel like taking a leisurely walk across campus, stop by and say hello.

## Student Survey Results

We surveyed students in mid-August to understand how they have been impacted by Covid. We also asked about their preferences for courses and services. Before the pandemic, 60% of students preferred to take only in-person classes. When asked what type of class they think they will prefer after the pandemic is over, 40% said they would take in-person classes only, and 37% said that they would prefer a mix of online and in-person classes. The results also suggest that students who took a class in a prior term but didn't re-enroll in fall were more heavily impacted by Covid than students who are currently enrolled.

You can find the full survey results on our office's [College Reports page](#).

## Online Success Rates

Success (i.e. pass) rates in online classes have increased over the past few terms. Success rates in in-person classes have also increased, but by a much larger margin. This is likely due to the small number of in-person classes we offered, as well as the specific mix of classes. [Click here to view data for your favorite discipline or course.](#)

## Guided Pathways Dashboards

As part of the Guided Pathways initiative, VC has developed Career and Major Communities (CMCs). These communities align courses and services for students in like majors. Our office has built data dashboards to help inform these efforts.

Which CMC contains the most students? How many Business majors are first-generation college students? How long does it take the average English major to complete a degree? Click the links below to find out:

- [Student Demographics by CMC](#)
- [Student Demographics by Major](#)
- [Student Success by CMC and Major](#)

## Win an Amazon Gift Card!

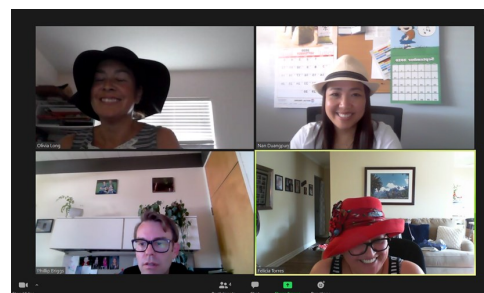
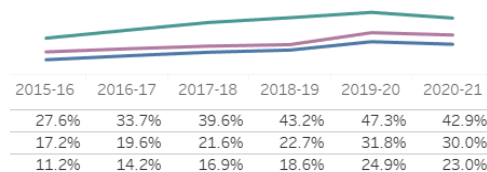
Correctly answer three questions about VC by **5pm on Friday, September 3rd**, and you could win a \$20 Amazon gift card! One gift card will be awarded to a randomly selected full-time faculty member, adjunct faculty member, classified staff member, and administrator.

[Click here to enter the contest.](#)

### March 2020 Contest Winners

- Full-Time Faculty – Emily Bartel (Counseling)
- Adjunct Faculty – Adriana De Haan (Chemistry)
- Classified Staff – Susana Motu (Admissions & Records)
- Administrator – Debbie Newcomb (Career Education Dean)

First-Year Transfer-Level English and Math Completion



An exciting IE Team Meeting