



Research Brief

Spring 2013 Results from the Counseling SLO#1 Post Assessment Evaluation

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**About this Brief:**

This brief summarizes the results of the Spring 2013 Counseling SLO#1 evaluation completed by counselors who met with 56 students.

**Summary of Findings**

70% or more of students counseled had a **firm knowledge** of the following:

- AA/AS Degrees are comprised of major courses
- AA/AS Degrees are comprised of general education courses
- A minimum of 60 degree-level units are required to obtain an AA/AS Degree

Most students were **familiar** with the following:

- The reading and writing competency requirement (35.3%)
- AA/AS Degrees are comprised of elective courses (33.3%)

Most students were **aware** of the following:

- Catalog rights (26.5%)
- Course numbering system (24.1%)

53.6% of students counseled had completed 14 units or less.

**Overview**

In the Spring 2013, the Counseling department at Crafton Hills College conducted a counseling evaluation completed by counselors to address their Student Learning Outcome (SLO) #1 which states the following: **The student demonstrates knowledge of the associate degree requirements leading towards graduation.** Counselors who met with Crafton students completed the evaluation after counseling students.

**Methodology**

Counselors completed an on-line evaluation where they assessed if the students they counseled were able to demonstrate their knowledge of the AA/AS (Associate of Arts/Associate of Science) or AA-T/AS-T (Transfer Associate) degree requirements by responding to nine statements. Counselors rated the statements on the following rubric four-point scale: 1=The student is aware of the requirements necessary to achieve an Associate Degree, 2=The student is familiar with the requirements leading to an Associate Degree, 3=The student has a firm knowledge of all requirements leading towards an Associate Degree, and 4=Not Applicable.

**Findings**

A total of 56 on-line SLO evaluations were completed and submitted by Crafton counselors (see Table 1).

The results indicated that most students **had a firm knowledge** of all the following requirements leading towards an Associate Degree:

- 80.9% - AA/AS Degrees are comprised of major courses
- 79.2% - AA/AS Degrees are comprised of general education courses
- 78.9% - A minimum of 60 degree-level units are required to obtain an AA/AS Degree

The results indicated that most students **were familiar** with the following requirements leading to an Associate Degree:

- 35.3% - The reading and writing competency requirement
- 33.3% - AA/AS Degrees are comprised of elective courses
- 27.6% - Course numbering system

The results indicated that most students **were aware** of the requirements necessary to achieve an Associate Degree below:

- 26.5% - Catalog rights
- 24.1% - Course numbering system
- 22.2% - AA/AS Degrees are comprised of elective courses

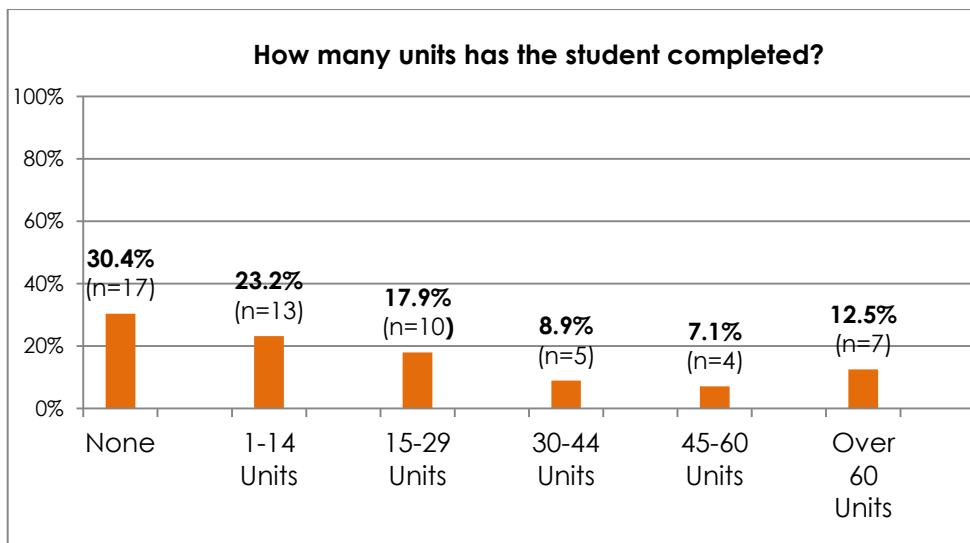
Figure 1 illustrates the number and percentage of students who completed specific number of units. According to the data, counselors indicated that most of the students they counselors had not completed any units (30.4%) followed by students who completed 1-14 units (23.2%).

**Table 1.** Counselor Responses to Statements Assessing Student Knowledge About Degree Requirements.

Statement	1 - The student is aware of the requirements necessary to achieve an Associate Degree		2 - The student is familiar with the requirements leading to an Associate Degree		3 - The student has a firm knowledge of all requirements leading towards an Associate Degree		Total	4 - Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%
A minimum of 60 degree-level units are required to obtain an AA/AS Degree	3	7.9	5	13.2	30	78.9	<b>38</b>	18	32.1
AA/AS Degrees are comprised of general education courses	3	6.3	7	14.6	38	79.2	<b>48</b>	8	14.3
AA/AS Degrees are comprised of major courses	4	8.5	5	10.6	38	80.9	<b>47</b>	9	16.1
AA/AS Degrees are comprised of elective courses	6	22.2	9	33.3	12	44.4	<b>27</b>	29	51.8
The reading and writing competency requirement	4	17.4	6	26.1	13	56.5	<b>23</b>	33	58.9
Catalog rights	9	26.5	12	35.3	13	38.2	<b>34</b>	22	39.3
Course numbering system	7	24.1	8	27.6	14	48.3	<b>29</b>	27	48.2
AA/AS Transfer Degree	3	20	2	13.3	10	66.7	<b>15</b>	41	73.2

Note: The "Total" column only includes responses that were applicable. The percentages generated in each applicable category exclude the "Not Applicable" responses on the far left.

**Figure 1.** Number of Units Counselors Indicated Students Completed.



Note: The data on this figure is inclusive of all 56 evaluations submitted.