SLG Survey Experience



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Institutional Background



❖ In the first cohort from USG institution in G2C.

College Algebra (MATH1111) as one and only gateway course in G2C.

❖ DFWI rates 35% for College Algebra.

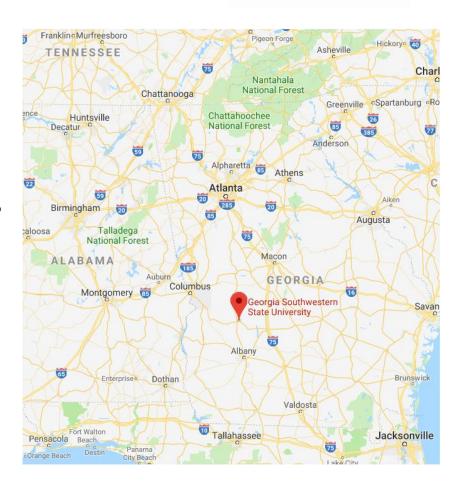


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Institutional Background (Fall 2017)



Student population: 3068

Undergraduates: 2527

❖ Academic Departments: 5

- The College of Arts and Sciences

- School of Business Administration

- School of Education

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

- School of Computing & Mathematics

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Georgia
HS GPA	3.26	3.25	3.38
SAT MATH	483	485	530 (2017)
Average ACT MATH	20	20	21 (2017)

The SLG Survey Focuses on:



- The class overall
- Class activities
- Assignments, graded activities and tests
- The information given
- Support for the student as individual learner
- Understanding of class content
- Class impact on attitudes

Fall - 2016



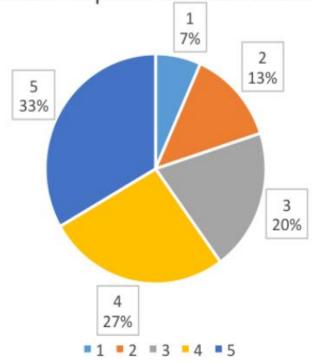
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Students' Perceived Initial Preparedness Level







- 1- Not prepared at all
- 2- Below prepared
- 3- Average prepared
- 4- Well prepared
- 5- Very well prepared



Actions

- Pre-diagnostic tests
- Three days a week
- G2C Teaching Circles
- Frequently asked questions
- Use of smart technologies (in process)

Pre-Diagnostic Tests



- Beginning from spring 2017
- College Algebra Course base outline of College Algebra from USG
 - Review Topics : Up to 25%
 - Uniform Requirements: 50%-70%
 - Advanced: 10%-50%

Pre-Diagnostic Tests College Algebra



Category I:

Order of operations and fractions

Category II:

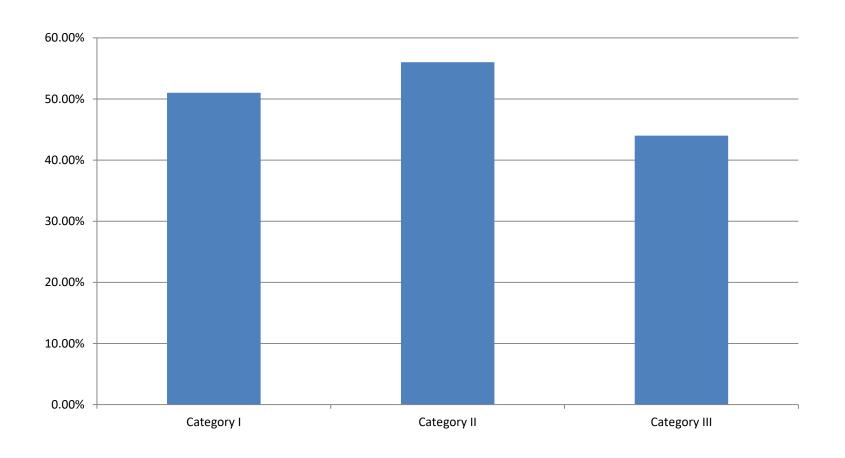
Linear/Quadratic equations including word problems

Category III:

Exponents, Absolute value and functions.

College Algebra Pre-Diagnostic Test GSW 📾 Performance by Category





College Algebra Factorization: An Example



- 7. One factor of $x^2 x 12$ is
 - a) (x + 3)
 - b) (x 3)
 - c) (x + 4)
 - d) None of the above.

Only about 30% of college algebra students answered the question correctly.

Observation from College Algebra Pre-Test



Most of the students are underprepared to take College Algebra. They missed the basic computational skills.

The students were exposed to the uniform content and some advanced topics prior to taking the class.

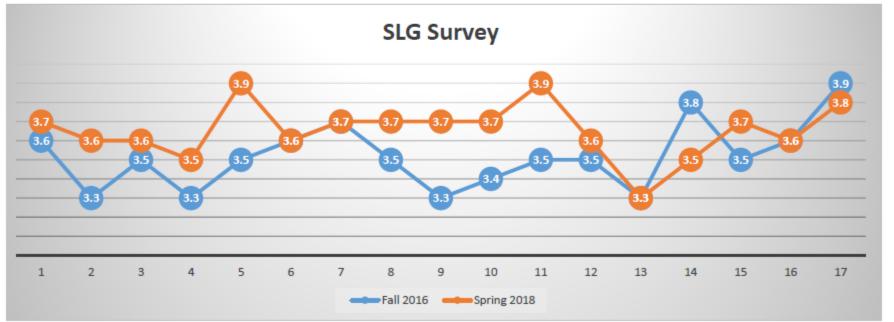
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