## 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)

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN
STATE UNIVERSITY

* 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 |
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| HS GPA | 3.26 | 3.25 | 3.38 |
| SAT MATH | 483 | 485 | 530 (2017) |
| Average ACT <br> MATH | 20 | 20 | $21 \quad$ (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


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## Students' Perceived Initial Preparedness Level

Initial Preparation distribution


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用 Performance by Category



## College Algebra <br> 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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3.7
3.6
3.6 Participating in discussions during class
3.5 Participating in group work during class
3.9 Doing hands-on class activities
3.6 Graded assignments (overall) in this class
3.7 The number of spacing of tests
3.7 The way the grading system helped me understand what I needed to work on
3.7 The feedback on my work received after tests or assignments
3.7 Explanation of how the class activities, reading and assignments related to each other
3.9 Explanation given by the instructor of how to learn or studey the materials
3.6 Explanation of why the class focused on the topics presented
3.3 Working with peers during class
3.5 Working with peers outside of class
3.7 The main concepts explored in this class
3.6 The relationships between the main concepts
3.8 Willingness to seek help from others (teacher, peers, TA) when working on academic problems

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## Thank you!

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