



**Miramar College Title IX
Intercollegiate Sports Survey
*Fall 2013***

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Background

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Title IX Intercollegiate Sports Survey was conducted in accordance with the Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education Act to determine students' level of interest in intercollegiate athletics and whether the colleges are fulfilling the needs of their students. The survey was administered during the Fall 2013 semester through an online survey program to all full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of 12 units) at Miramar College.

The survey targeted full-time students who meet the athletic eligibility criteria, according to the Commission on Athletics/California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws;

1.3 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1.3.1 In order to be eligible for non-conference, conference, and post conference competition, a student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units.

The survey was open for two weeks, from September 6, 2013 through September 20, 2013. Of the 1,832 Miramar College full-time students invited, 330 completed the survey; a response rate of approximately 18%.

The survey instrument contained 8 questions (6 multiple choice and 2 open-end questions) and took approximately 2 to 4 minutes to complete. Students were instructed to access the survey directly from a URL link in a survey invitation. In an effort to maximize student response, two reminder emails were sent prior to the end of data collection.

Of those students that responded, 46% were female (n=152) and 54% male (n=179), which is consistent with the college-wide proportions (female 48% and male 52%). Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 4% of respondents classified themselves as part-time, which may be a result of dropping or withdrawing from classes after receiving the invitation. Students between the ages of 18 to 24 constituted the majority of respondents (70%), followed by ages 25 to 29 (12%), 30 to 34 and 40 to 49 (5%, each), and 35 to 39 and 50 years or older (4%, each).

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participate in, or had previously participated, at any of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. Male and female respondents were directed to separate lists of sports that corresponded to their gender (Table 1). The majority of Miramar College's respondents indicated that they had not participated in any of the sports listed on the survey (86% of females and 88% of males). The most common response for female Miramar College students who answered that they are currently participating or had participated previously in a sports program, was water polo (5%), followed by soccer (4%), badminton (3%), golf, tennis, and volleyball (2%, each), and basketball and swimming/diving (1%, each). Soccer was the most common sport (6%) among male Miramar College students who answered that they are currently participating in a sport or had participated in a sports program, followed by swimming/diving and tennis (4%, each), football (3%), and baseball, basketball, track/field, volleyball, and water polo (1%, each).

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Table 1. Athletic Programs

<u><i>Female Sports</i></u>		<u><i>Male Sports</i></u>	
Badminton	Swimming/Diving	Baseball	Swimming/Diving
Basketball	Tennis	Basketball	Tennis
Cross Country	Track/Field	Cross County	Track/Field
Golf	Volleyball	Football	Volleyball
Soccer	Water Polo	Golf	Water Polo
Softball		Soccer	

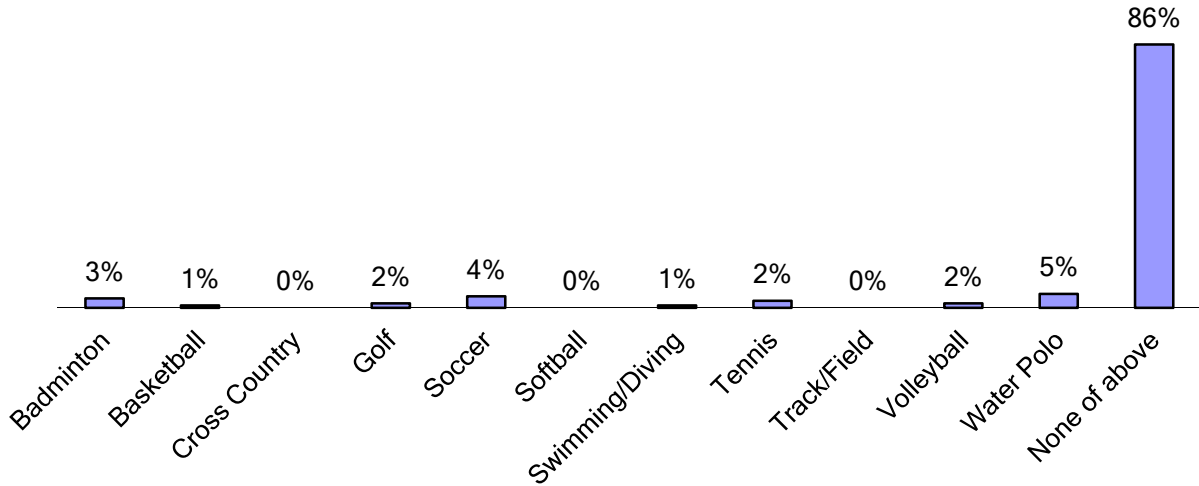
When asked to select an intercollegiate sport that they would like to participate in using the gender specific list provided, 57% of female and 44% of male respondents chose *None of the above*. The most common selection for female respondents who were interested in participating in sports was badminton (13%), followed by volleyball (11%), soccer and swimming/diving (9%, each), tennis (8%), basketball and track/field (7%, each), cross country (6%), softball and water polo (4%, each). Popular responses among male respondents included football (25%), soccer (17%), swimming/diving (15%), basketball (14%), baseball and track/field (12%, each), golf (10%), tennis (9%), volleyball and water polo (5%, each), and cross country (3%).

Students that chose not to participate in an intercollegiate sport, but were interested at some point while at one of the colleges, were asked to explain why they did not participate. The most common explanation from female and male students was a lack of time available due to school, work, and family conflicts, followed by insufficient availability of information on intercollegiate sports. Respondents indicated that they did not know the college offered intercollegiate athletics, which sports were offered, or how to participate. Female and male respondents both indicated that financial hardships were explanations for forgoing participation. Additionally, while female respondents noted that insufficient fitness and skill levels were a contributing factor to their decision not to participate, male respondents noted that badminton, cycling, European handball, football, golf, lacrosse, and wrestling were not offered as team sports.

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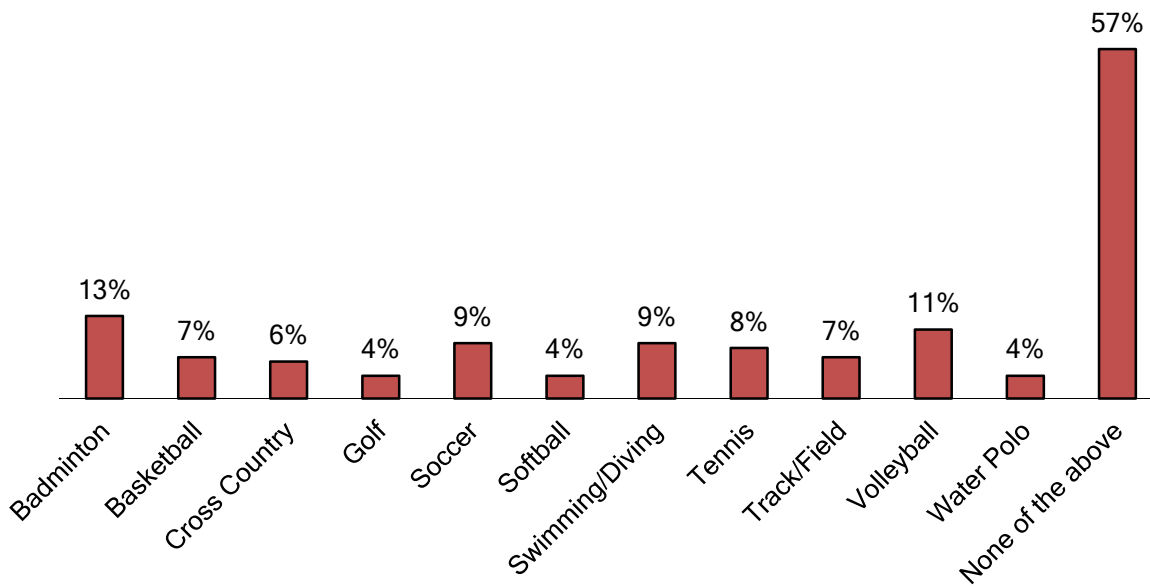
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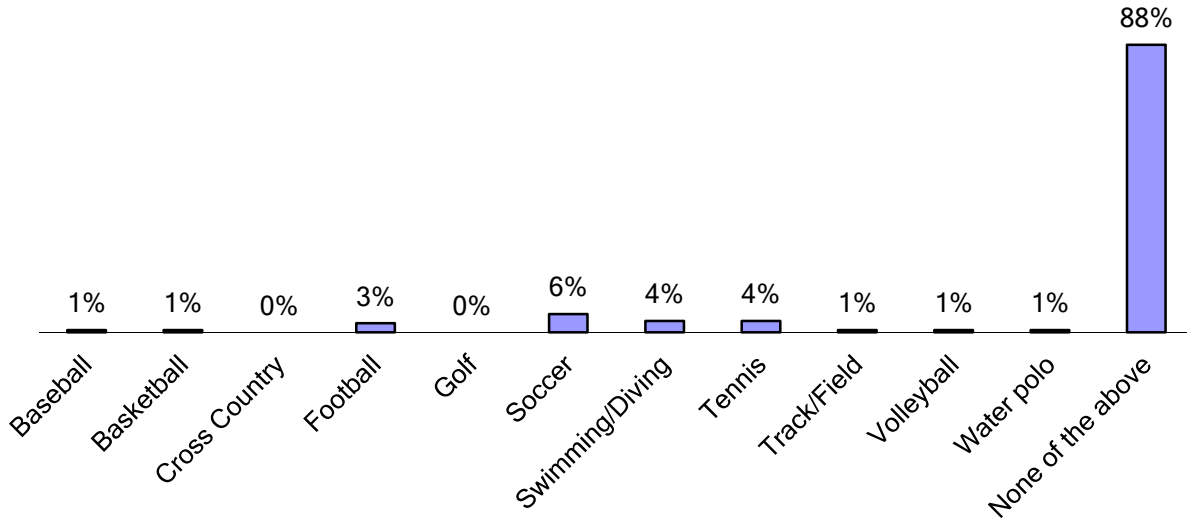
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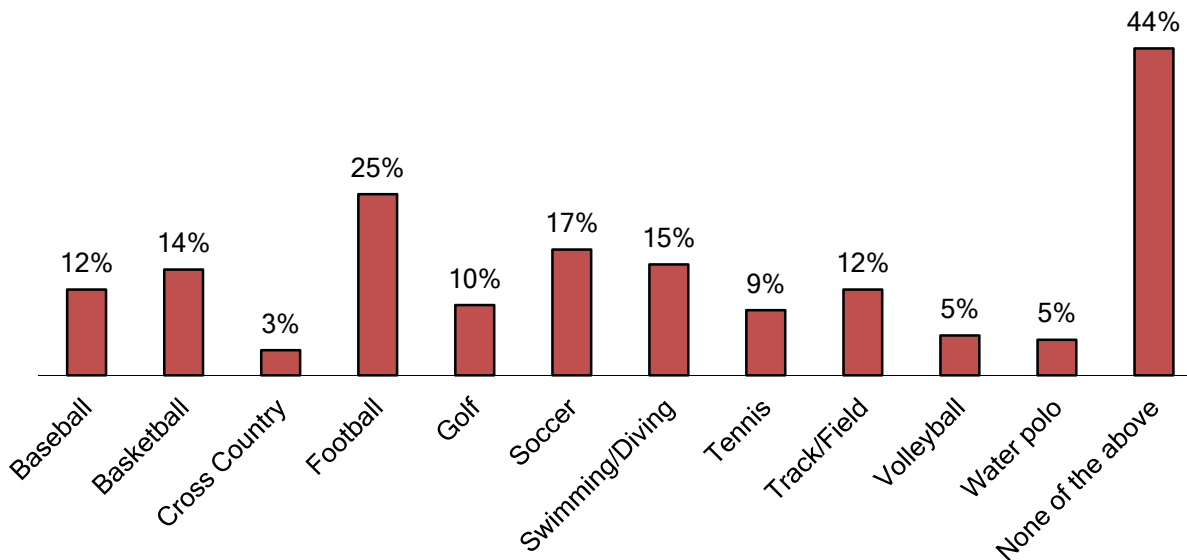
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Female Survey Respondents

If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.

- I don't have the extra time and I already have my P.E credits.
- No comments at this time. Thank you!
- Uninformed
- I cant afford to go to the campus due to financial problem (gas prices)
- No time, and I would dance if I had time.
- I'm not as fit anymore and I'm more focused on my studies
- There has never really been any information on how to join a team, or who to talk to.
- I was too busy to work
- I wanted to try tennis for a long time, but since this is my first year, I wanted to see how I can balance out my classes so far before joining a sport. Maybe next semester? I hope so.
- I wasn't aware of the sports that Miramar offered, and I've never been on a volleyball, tennis or golf team before.
- I take full time student, and I also have a small kid. Therefore, I don't have time to participate any sport.
- My injury got worse and due to health problems
- First time ever playing the sport. I don't think they would have the time to try to teach me or be interested in having me play with the team
- I hear nothing about a volleyball team at any of the SDCCD colleges. I am relatively new to San Diego still so maybe I just did not come across any information, but I do not hear anything encouraging students to pursue sports.
- School and work schedule was/is too hectic.
- I had to stay focus in all my classes, don't really have the time for it.
- Physical injuries,
- I do not have the time to dedicate seeing as I also work full time
- I do club gymnastics outside of college and college doesn't have my sports except for track, but gymnastics takes my full time outside of classes anyway.
- Not aware
- My schedule is busy enough as is, if I ever decide to participate it is because I finally have enough time to participate.
- Too busy with classes and the work load with them.
- I was interested in Waterpolo but I realized taking 5 classes, with an honors class, Waterpolo would take up too much time. I'm also currently starting a job and I'm a cheer coach.
- I work full time as well and I'm not sure I could fit it in my schedule.
- It wasn't offered or was full up when I wanted to do them. They also weren't advertised enough.

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Male Survey Respondents

If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.

- SDCCD used to offer Yoga classes to their students, I had a friend that have participated in that intercollegiate physical fitness, when will SDCCD offer those physical fitness courses again?
- I did not participate in any intercollegiate sport because my campus does not have a soccer team for boys
- i dont have any imformation
- Didnt know about the teams at all.
- I feel I am too old, and if you had football that is what I'd be interested in.
- Worked on getting my grade point average up.
- Work and school sets a huge time constraint mixed in with study time.
- no comment
- Wanted to join a surf team, but there is no surf team at the college i am currently attending
- Wanted to get more on track with school since its my first semester and its been 5 years since I was last in school
- I think sports are a waste of time, energy, and quite possibly also an undue hazard to living a good life. Furthermore, the Title IX requirement for allowing girls to do everything that guys do is ridiculous as it is obvious that girls are not made to be participating in rough sports, and guys clearly are not inclined towards "softcore" sports. Girls are not the same as guys and should not be allowed to participate in the same activities as men. They are weaker, and that weakness is what entitles them to male protection, protection which is eroded by this liberal nonsense.
- i haven't participate in the sport, because i dont have time and i work part time i wish i can participate but i cant do it
- They did not offer cycling or european team handball
- Work full time.
- I am a father of two wonderful children. I work full time and I attend school full time. There is just not enough time in a day.
- I did not know the requirements and didn't know if I could afford it
- Look, You are a community college. Yes, you have a healthy enrollment of kids straight out of high school. That's cool. And yes, the Levy's passed that allowed you to have a beautiful new campus. Trying to have the facilities for every single sport will be more of a drain on your campus than you will have people turn out. It's community College. Taking Pride in a community college in terms of mascots and sports is like taking pride in being potty trained. It's not worth the effort. You have have an awesome swimming pool, I did 11 years of Swim team in my lifetime, (i'm only 26 now) and I do look forward to exercising in said pool. But any sport that you don't already have facilities for....pour that money into books, the grounds, and financial aid.
- Because I don't know English. Maybe next time I will take
- Badminton
- lack of time
- I am not aware of any sports programs. I also doubt I would be dedicated to any sport, instead preferring to play sports for fun.
- There is no wrestling team
- Could not find a wrestling program at Miramar
- Well because i only like playing for fun. I would not want to compete.

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- conflict with class schedule
- I'm European - We go to school to learn, not to play. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't include Sports in our lives, and I'm glad they're being offered at the college... What netter place - Just not as a substitute, or even as an aid, to academic performance.
- Doesn't fit schedule
- I wanted to play lacrosse, but they didn't offer it! Start a lacrosse team!!!! Please
- I love sports in general and would love to be involved in it, but at that time, I didn't feel like playing sports was the right thing, I just was not mentally prepared for it.
- I don't have time
- Thought I wasn't goog enough Not enough time Didn't know I could.
- Did not exist at the college.
- There is no wrestling, too late for baseball or football
- I really wanted to golf as that was my best sport. .. but miramar didn't have a golf program which was really disappointing...
- the cost to enroll and possible costs for equipment purchases.
- Too busy and it's not fun anymore when people take it so seriously like it's life or death, it's a game.
- I would have to go to Mesa college to play football and my schedule is full with classes
- I just recently separated from the military in july and I felt that it may be to late to play this year but I would really like to play
- Want to play for Miramar College only but they don't have a team