

WHAT CLASSES ARE SENIORS TAKING?

According to a Spring 2007 national survey, seniors at Fresno State are less academically challenged than seniors at comparable Carnegie universities.* Consequently, Deans wanted to know the types of courses in which seniors are enrolling, wondering if the nature of those courses contributes to the level of challenge. To answer this question, IRAP analyzed the course enrollment for seniors who graduated in Spring 2005, Spring 2006 and Spring 2007 to see what classes they were taking during their last three semesters.

The findings show:

- Approximately 50% of seniors enroll in at least 1 lower division course during their last 3 semesters
- 5% – 28% of seniors enroll in at least 1 lower division **G.E.** course during their last 3 semesters

IMPLICATIONS

In addition to the potential lack of challenge for seniors taking such classes, the availability of LD classes to freshmen and sophomores is reduced.

	Graduated Spring 2005				Graduated Spring 2006				Graduated Spring 2007			
	N	% LD	N	% LD-GE	N	% LD	N	% LD-GE	N	% LD	N	% LD-GE
Semester 1	918	54%	81	5%	1,073	55%	438	22%	1,044	54%	532	28%
Semester 2	811	49%	295	18%	975	50%	493	25%	906	48%	450	24%
Semester 3	826	51%	316	20%	919	49%	478	26%	903	49%	439	24%

Note: LD-GE is a subset of LD. These numbers and percentages are not cumulative.

*See IRAP study entitled "[Are Fresno State Seniors Academically Challenged Enough?](#)"