

Monterey Peninsula College

Scheduling Survey - Fall 2007

During fall 2007 we conducted a scheduling survey to gather information about students' scheduling needs and issues. This survey was similar to one conducted during fall 2006. We conducted the survey this semester for a couple reasons. First, we wanted to see whether the scheduling needs, preferences, and issues from the fall 2006 survey changed or remained the same. Second, we wanted to understand the difference between students' *preferred* times for classes versus times that are acceptable to students.

We asked 20 instructors to administer nearly 500 surveys to students in selected on-campus courses. The courses that were selected represent a variety of disciplines, are offered at a variety of days and times, and represent a cross section of the MPC on-campus student body. Ninety-five percent of the instructors administered and returned completed surveys. However, some students in their classes opted not to complete a survey. There were 386 valid surveys returned.

We asked students a series of questions about their class schedule. The first question asked students to indicate the actual time they are taking classes on campus this semester. The second question asked students about the days and times they would prefer to take classes on campus. The final question asked students to indicate when they are willing and able to take classes on campus. For all three questions we asked students to only report on the classes they are taking on the MPC campus this semester. We asked them to exclude any classes they are taking at other locations or colleges.

The tables below and graphs on the next page show students' actual class schedule versus their preferred schedule.

1. Please indicate the days and times that you are taking classes on campus this semester.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Early morning (before 8:00am)	11	14	9	12	1	4	0
Morning (8:00am - 12:00pm)	257	234	260	207	190	17	2
Afternoon (12:00pm - 5:00pm)	132	140	131	128	48	8	13
Evening (after 5:00pm)	70	57	84	86	4	2	3

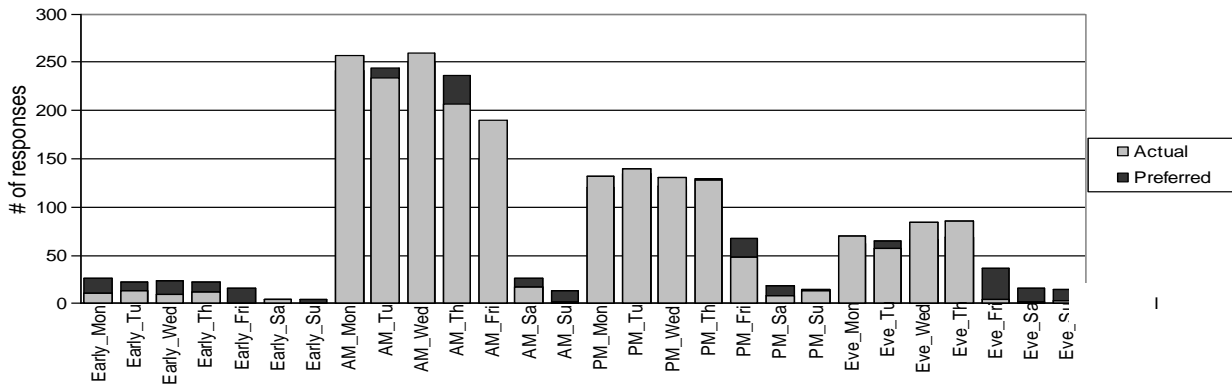
2. If you had a choice, when would you prefer to take classes on campus?

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Early morning (before 8:00am)	26	23	24	22	16	4	4
Morning (8:00am - 12:00pm)	242	244	251	236	150	26	14
Afternoon (12:00pm - 5:00pm)	120	134	122	129	67	18	15
Evening (after 5:00pm)	63	65	66	69	37	16	15

**Actual Class Schedule
versus
Days & Times Students Would Prefer to Take Classes**

(N = 386)

Early = before 8:00 a.m.
AM = 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
PM = 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Eve = after 5:00 p.m.



The results indicate that there is close match between the days and times that current students are currently taking classes on campus and when they would prefer to take classes.

We also asked students to indicate when they would be willing and able to take classes. The tables below and graphs on the next page show students' actual class schedule versus the days and times they would be willing and able to take classes.

1. Please indicate the days and times that you are taking classes on campus this semester.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Early morning (before 8:00am)	11	14	9	12	1	4	0
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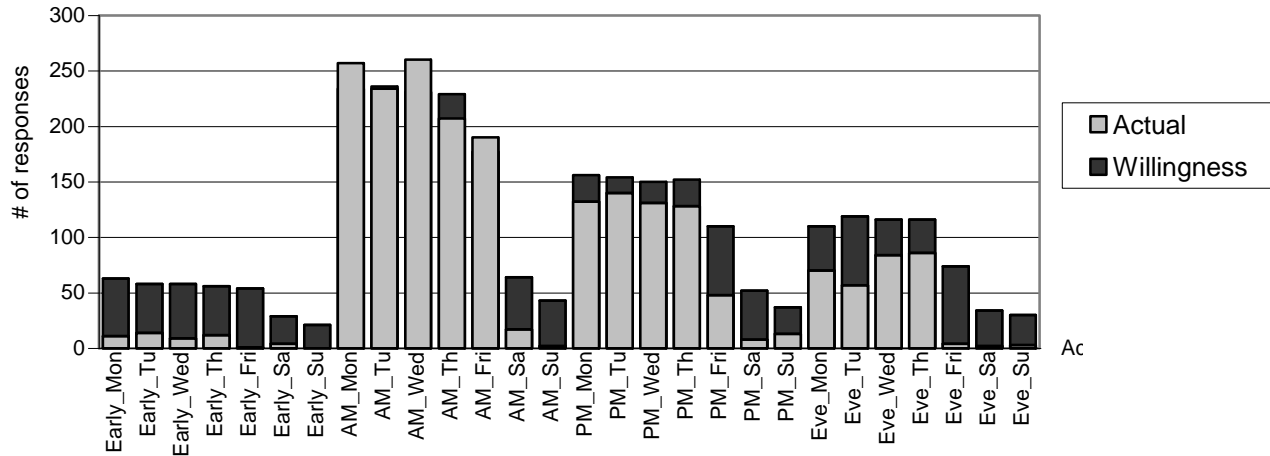
3. When are you willing and able to take classes on campus. Please circle the days and times when you are free (that is, you do not have work or other obligations) and are able to be on campus.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Early morning (before 8:00am)	63	58	58	56	54	29	21
Morning (8:00am - 12:00pm)	234	236	231	229	177	64	43
Afternoon (12:00pm - 5:00pm)	156	154	150	152	110	52	37
Evening (after 5:00pm)	110	119	116	116	74	34	30

**Actual Class Schedule
versus
Days & Times Students Would be Willing and Able to Take Classes**

(N = 386)

Early = before 8:00 a.m.
AM = 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
PM = 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Eve = after 5:00 p.m.



The results of this graph suggest that students are willing and able to take courses at other times, in particular during the early morning, evenings, and weekends. These results are consistent with the findings from a similar study conducted last year.

The results of the previous graphs indicate that although current students prefer their current schedule, they are willing and able to take courses offered at other times. It should be noted that these results are based on responses from current students. Thus, it is not surprising that there is a close match between students' actual schedules and their preferred schedules. It is possible that there are that potential or prospective students who are not able to take courses because our current offerings conflict with their work or other commitments. This is an issue that will be explored in an upcoming resident needs assessment.

We asked students to report specific classes they wanted to take but could not. For those classes, we asked students to indicate *why* they could not take the courses. For the "why" part of the question, we presented students with several choices: (a) course wasn't offered, (b) course was full, (c) course days and times not convenient, and (d) Other reason. Appendix A lists the courses that students indicated they wanted to take but could not, as well as the reason they could not take those courses. The results are presented separately for each class that participated in the survey.

Finally, we asked a series of demographic questions. We wanted to determine whether our sample was representative of the overall on-campus student population. In addition, this information would tell us how closely our sample matches the population in our service area. Finally, we could use the information to determine whether scheduling needs and preferences differ by demographic groups.

We asked students to report their employment status. Slightly more than one-quarter of the sample (27%) works full-time. Slightly less than half of the sample (46%) work part-time. The remaining students reported that they are unemployed, retired, on disability leave, or a stay-at-home-parent.

The majority of students who completed the survey (84%) live in the district; by contrast, only 63% of the overall student population lives in the district. Nearly half of the students participating in this survey live in the "south peninsula" cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, Carmel, Carmel Valley, or Big Sur. Over one-third of the sample lives in the "north peninsula" cities of Marina or Seaside. Over 50 students live in Hartnell's district.

The students who completed the survey are younger than the overall student population. Sixty-four percent of the students are "traditional age" college students (under 25 years); by contrast, only 35% of the credit student population is age 25 or younger. One out of five credit students at MPC is age 50 or older; however, only one out of ten students in the sample is 50 years or older.

Appendix A

Participating Class	Class that student wanted to take but could not	Reason student could not take class	N
ANAT2	CHEM30A	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Chemistry	Course days and times not convenient	1
	French	Other	1
	Human Sexuality	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Physics	Course was full	1
	Physiology	Course days and times not convenient	1
	PSYC21	Course days and times not convenient	1
	PSYC25	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Sign Language	Course days and times not convenient	1
ART 37/96.71	Abstract Painting	Course was full	1
	figure sculpture	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Macintosh computer training	Course wasn't offered	1
	Monotype	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Painting	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Painting II	Course wasn't offered	1
	Photoshop for Artists	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Print Lab	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Sculpture	Other	1
ASTR10	Airbrushing	Course wasn't offered	1
	Anatomy	Other	1
	Animal Behavior	Course wasn't offered	1
	ART	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ART1	Course was full	1
	ART22A	Other	1
	belly dancing	Course days and times not convenient	1
	CHDV 55	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Classic Drama Workshop Drama 43	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Competitive Swimming	Other	1
	Cooking Class	Course wasn't offered	1
	Criminal Justice	Course days and times not convenient	1
	CS10B	Course wasn't offered	1
	Dance	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Drafting - autocad cpu	Course days and times not convenient	1

	ENGL111	Course days and times not convenient	1
		Course was full	1
	English	Course was full	1
	Fashion	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Feminist Philosophy	Course wasn't offered	1
	Film	Other	1
	Film appreciation	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Human Sexuality	Course was full	1
	Humanities in the melting pot	Course was full	1
	Intro Drama	Other	1
	Italian	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Italian 1B	Course wasn't offered	1
	Kickboxing	Course days and times not convenient	1
		Course wasn't offered	1
	Manage your money	Course wasn't offered	1
	Massage Therapy	Course days and times not convenient	1
	MATH16	Other	1
	MATH18	Course wasn't offered	1
	MATH263	Course was full	2
	organic veggie gardening	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Personal Finance	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Political Science	Course days and times not convenient	1
		Course was full	1
	Psychology	Course was full	1
	Public Speaking 10-11 TTH	Course was full	1
	Russian	Course wasn't offered	2
	Scuba Diving	(blank)	1
	SIGN1A	Other	2
	Speech	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Statistics	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Swimming	Course days and times not convenient	1
	US History	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Wheel Throwing	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Wight - Training (PFIT10)	Other	1
	Yoga	Course days and times not convenient	1
BIOL26	abnormal psych	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Anatomy	Other	1
	ART	Course was full	1
	BiO26 Lab 10:00am - 12 noon	Course was full	1
	CHEM30A	Other	1
	Dance	Course days and times not convenient	1

	EMT	Course was full	1
	ENGL111	Course was full	1
	Fencing	Course days and times not convenient	1
	History	Course was full	1
	History of Sciences	Course wasn't offered	1
	Latin	Course wasn't offered	1
	Micro Lab	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Nurse100	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Pharmacology	Course days and times not convenient	1
		Other	1
	Physiology	Course days and times not convenient	1
		Course was full	1
	PSYC25	Course days and times not convenient	2
		Other	1
	Psychology	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Science of the Internet	Course wasn't offered	1
	Speech	Course was full	1
	Technology & Cultures	Course wasn't offered	1
	Yoga	Course days and times not convenient	1
CSIS1	Advanced Action Scripting	Course wasn't offered	1
	Advanced HTML/Web Programming	Course wasn't offered	1
	Advanced Unix	Course wasn't offered	1
	C++ (Intro to programming)	Course days and times not convenient	1
	CHEM	Course wasn't offered	1
	CSIS 80 intro to unix & linux	Other	1
	CSIS10B	Course wasn't offered	1
	CSIS177	Other	1
	Discrete Math	Course wasn't offered	1
	ENGL112	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Flash	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Guitar	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Java Programming	Course wasn't offered	1
	MS Advanced Server	Other	1
	network security	Course wasn't offered	1
	PEARLProgramming	Other	1
	PERL Programming	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Physics	Course wasn't offered	1
	Statistics	Course wasn't offered	1
ECON4	ART	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Digital Photo	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Drafting	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ENGL1B	Course was full	1

	ISD 180	Course wasn't offered	1
	ISD 290	Course wasn't offered	1
	Korean	Course wasn't offered	1
	Managerial Accounting	Course days and times not convenient	1
	MATH	Course was full	1
	MATH16	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Performance Driving	Course wasn't offered	1
	Physics	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Prevention & Care of Athletic Injury	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Psychology	Course was full	1
	Sketch	Course was full	1
	some class w/ cabrerra	Course was full	1
ENSL325/425	Computers	(blank)	1
	Conversation Class	Course days and times not convenient	5
		Course was full	2
		(blank)	5
	Grammar	Course was full	2
	Group Communication	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Lindamood	Course days and times not convenient	1
Pronunciation Class	Course days and times not convenient	4	
	Course was full	1	
	(blank)	3	
ETNC/HIST11	Anatomy	Other	1
	Astrology	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Astronomy	Course days and times not convenient	1
	BIO10	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Child Development	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Cinema	Other	1
	ECON2	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ENGL1A	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Foreign Languages	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Geography4	Course wasn't offered	1
	Latin American Studies	Course days and times not convenient	1
	MATH12	Course wasn't offered	2
	MATH18	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Psychology	(blank)	1
	Statistics	Course days and times not convenient	1
SPAN1A	CHEM30A	Other	2
	Intro to Physical Science	Course wasn't offered	1
	MATH18	Other	1

	PHILO6	Other	1
	Political Science	Course was full	1
	SIGN1A	Other	1
	Swimming	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Tennis	Course days and times not convenient	1
MATH263	Anatomy2	Course was full	1
	Astronomy	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Business marketing 23	Course wasn't offered	1
	Computer Animation	Course wasn't offered	1
	Film Directing Camera Op	Course wasn't offered	1
	Gentrain	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Kickboxing	Course wasn't offered	1
	MATH263	Other	1
	Sign Language	Other	1
	SIGN2	Other	1
	SPAN1A	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Vet courses	Course wasn't offered	1
MUSI10C/11	Beginning Flute	Other	2
	Business Finance	Other	1
	EMT 1 class	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Music class - jazz theory	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Music classes	Other	1
	SPAN1A	Course days and times not convenient	1
PERS50	Anthropology	Course was full	1
	ART	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Dance Hip Hop/Ballroom/Salsa/Tango.. etc.	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ENGL111	Course was full	1
	French	Other	1
	Italian 1B	Course wasn't offered	1
	Korean	Course wasn't offered	1
	MAST10	Other	1
	MATH Algebra 2	Other	1
	MATH Beginning Algebra	Course was full	1
	MATH17	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Nursing	Course wasn't offered	1
	Nutrition	Other	1
	PHOT1B	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Women History	(blank)	1
DRAM104	ART - Abstract Painting	(blank)	1
	ART - Abstract Painting Workshop (sat & sun) in Nov.	Course was full	1
	Basic Drawing	Course was full	1
	Computers	Other	1
	Nutrition	Course wasn't offered	1
	Sign Language	Other	1

ENGL111	Arabic	Other	1
	CHEM	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Chinese1	Other	1
	Computer repair	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Drama	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Elementary Algebra	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ENGL112	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ENGL1A @ Marina campus	Course wasn't offered	1
	Fencing	Course days and times not convenient	1
	fencing1	Other	1
	Japanese 2B	Course wasn't offered	1
	Jewelry	Course days and times not convenient	1
	MATH	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Microbiology Lab/Lecture	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Pre-Calc	Course was full	1
	PSYC25	Course was full	1
	Psychology 1	(blank)	1
	Speech	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Upper economic class	(blank)	1
MATH261	Agri business	Course wasn't offered	1
	Anatomy	Course days and times not convenient	1
	CHEM1 (Lab)	Course days and times not convenient	1
	CHEM30A	Course days and times not convenient	2
	ENGL112	Course days and times not convenient	1
	MEDA110	Other	1
	Organic CHEM (Lab)	Course days and times not convenient	1
ORNH55	Anthropology	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ART	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Astronomy	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Chemistry	(blank)	1
	Dance	Course days and times not convenient	1
	English	Course days and times not convenient	1
	History	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Irrigation	Other	1
	MATH	Course days and times not convenient	2
	Metalurgy	Course wasn't offered	1
	ORNH296.10	Course days and times not	1

		convenient	
	ORNH68	Other	1
	ORNH70	Other	1
	Pruning	Course wasn't offered	1
	Reading	Course days and times not convenient	1
WOMN1	African American Women	Other	1
	any class in Medical Billing/Coding/Assisting	Course days and times not convenient	1
	BIO	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Cheerleading Skills	Course days and times not convenient	1
	ENGL111	Course was full	1
	Geology	Course days and times not convenient	1
	Mexican American Women	Other	1
	MS Project	Course wasn't offered	1
	Yoga	Course days and times not convenient	2
Grand Total			281