



## English Department

# DIRECTED SELF PLACEMENT

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### Abstract

At most CSU campuses, freshman are placed in a first-year writing course based on their scores on the English Placement Test (EPT). CSUCI students choose which class is appropriate for them. During orientation each summer, staff and faculty inform students about the composition program and differences between ENGL 102-103 and ENGL 105 classes, so students can make an informed choice that fits with their confidence and skills as writers.

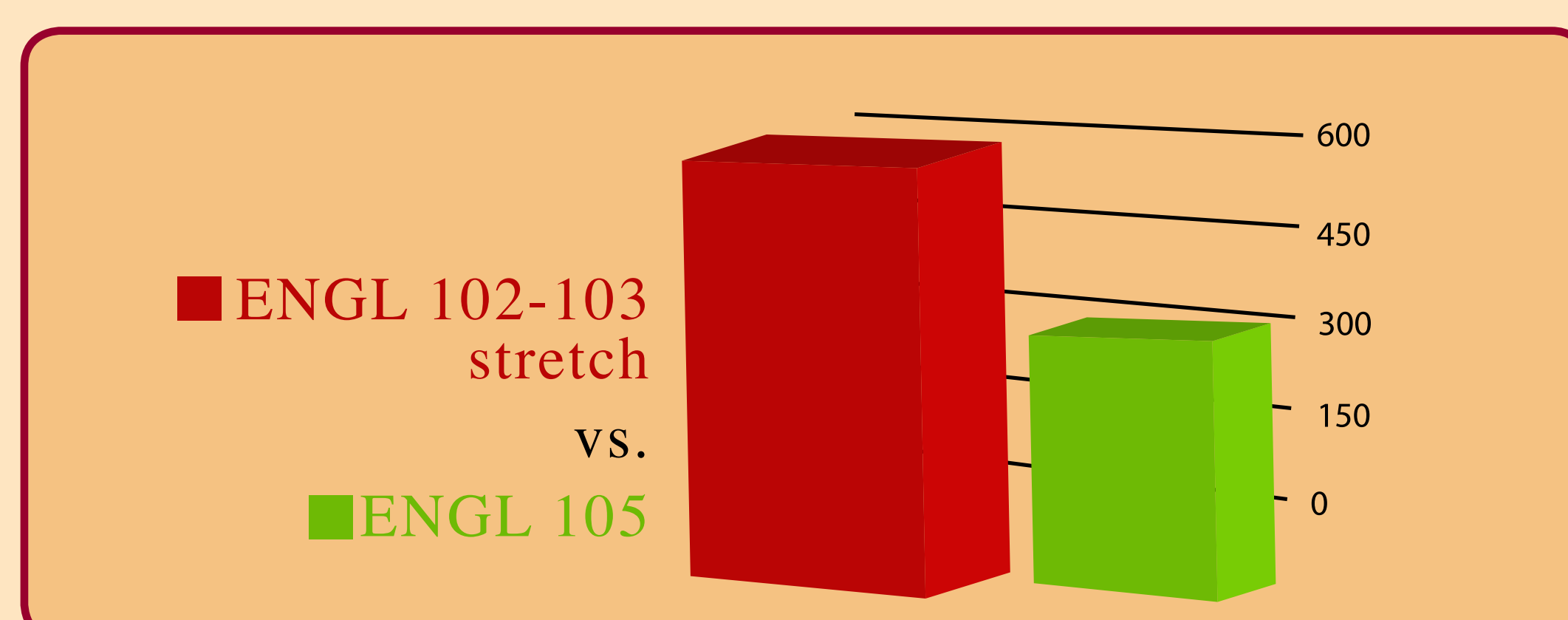
ENGL 102-103 stretches writing introduction over two semesters and provides students with more support and assistance in developing their academic writing skills.

ENGL 105 is a one semester class for students prepared to begin doing research and writing academic papers.

### Self-placement in Composition Courses

Year	ENGL 102-103	ENGL 105	Total
2003-04	121 (.57)	91 (.43)	212
2004-05	194 (.66)	100 (.34)	294
2005-06	255 (.70)	107 (.30)	362

Course Freshman Select:



### Student Success

#### In-Class Essays

	Fall 03	Spring 04	Fall 04	Spring 05	Fall 05	Spring 06	Totals
A, B, C grades	550	333	520	350	553	278	2584
D, F grades	24	27	21	22	61	13	168
Success Rate	96%	92%	96%	94%	98%	96%	94%

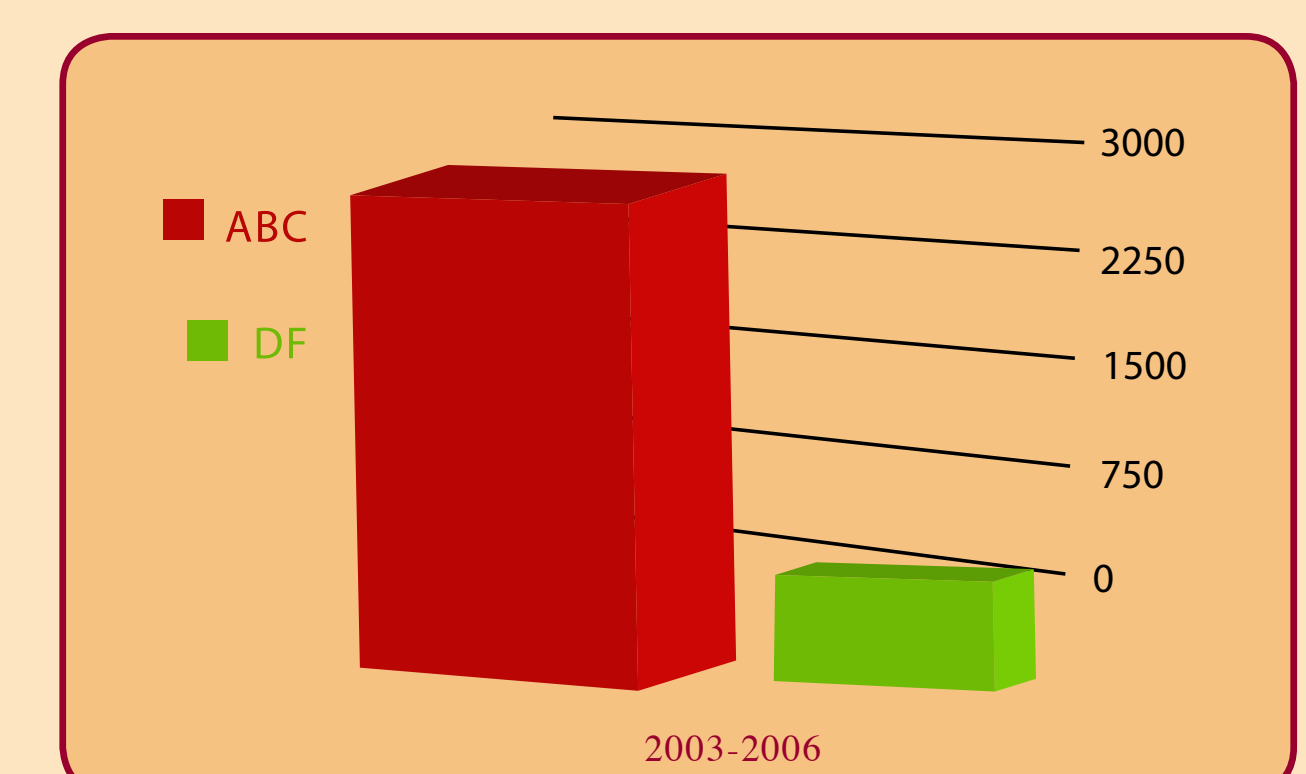
Grades on 2,752 essays holistically scored from 2003-2006:



#### In-Class Essays

	Spring 04	Spring 05	Spring 06	Totals
A, B, C grades	114	166	240	520
D, F grades	5	7	12	24
Success Rate	96%	96%	95%	96%

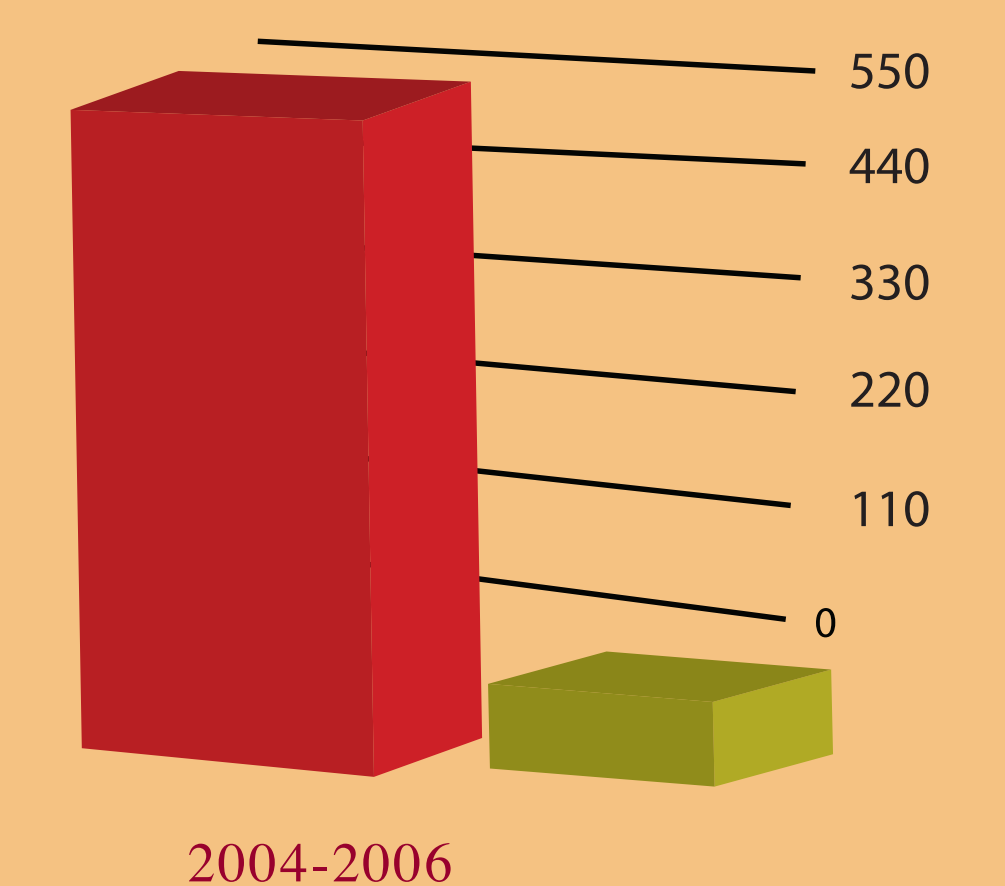
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#### Out-of-Class Portfolios

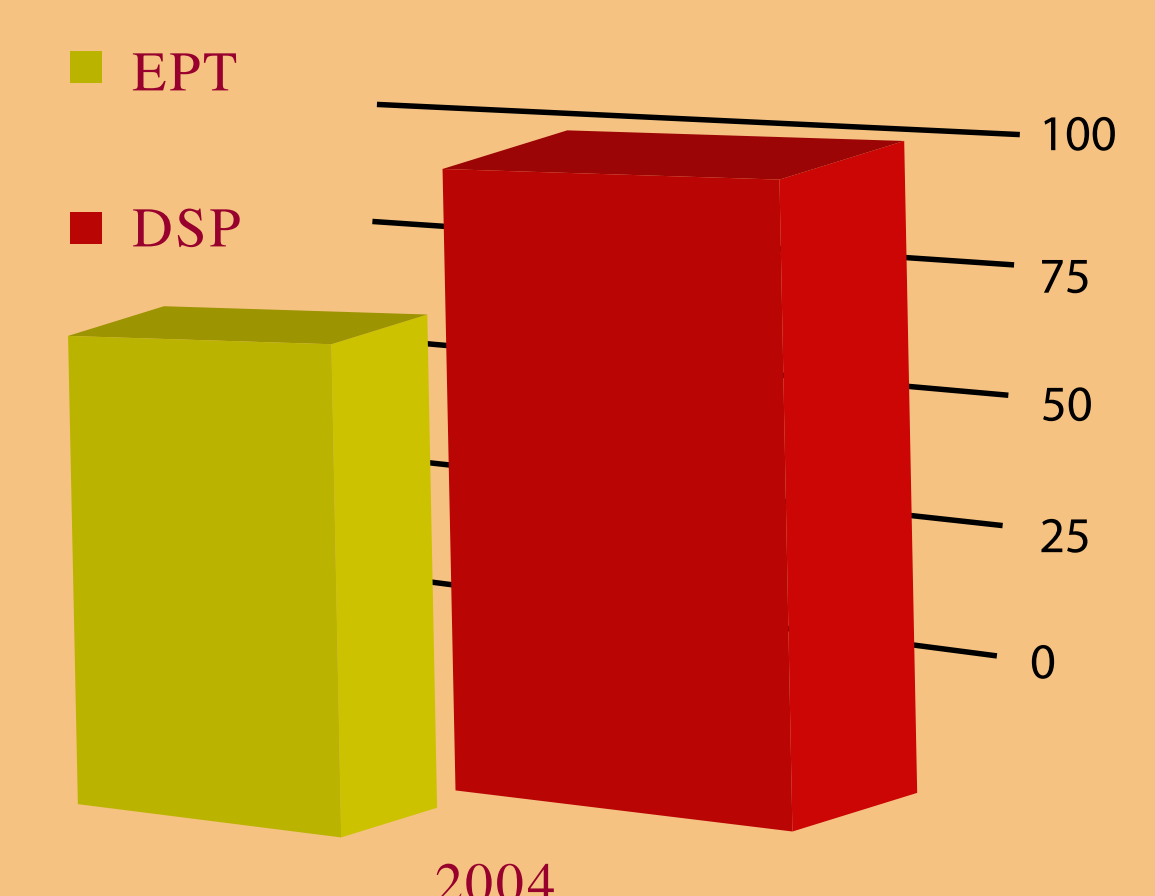
Grades on 544 portfolios  
holistically scored from  
2004-2006

■ A,B,C  
■ D,F



EPT scores indicated only 51% of  
freshman entering CSUCI in 2004  
were prepared for college level  
writing.

*96% succeeded*



- DSP is a better method of placing students in composition than the EPT.

- STRETCH classes increase the likelihood that students with limited writing experience or lack of confidence will succeed.

- Students are more motivated when they decide which composition class to take.