

# **DATA COLLECTION**

ONE OF THE NORCO COLLEGE SI PROGRAM'S GREATEST STRENGTH IS ITS DATA COLLECTION. THE DATA HAS CONTINUALLY DEMONSTRATED THAT STUDENTS WHO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE IN SI SUCCEED AT A HIGHER RATES THAN THEIR NON-SI COUNTERPARTS.

AT NORCO COLLEGE "HISTORICALLY DIFFICULT" COURSES ARE DEFINED AS COURSES WITH SUCCESS RATES LOWER THAN 70% AND/OR WITHDRAWAL RATES HIGHER THAN 20%. THE SI COORDINATOR, MEETS WITH INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH (IR) TO IDENTIFY "HISTORICALLY DIFFICULT" COURSES BY CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

- LOW SUCCESS RATES (LESS THAN 70%)
- AND/OR HIGH WITHDRAWAL RATES (HIGHER THAN 20%)
- HIGH IMPACT COURSES (HEADCOUNT WHERE THE MOST STUDENTS ARE)
- GATEWAY COURSES

WITH MUCH HELP FROM THE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH (IR) OFFICE, EFFECTIVE ANALYSIS AND REPORTING OF THE DATA COLLECTED HAS ENABLED THE GROWTH OF THE NORCO COLLEGE SI PROGRAM (THROUGH GRANT FUNDING) AND HAS ENHANCED THE PROGRAM'S REPUTATION. THE HISTORICAL SUCCESS RATE DATA BY SEMESTER HAS ALSO HELD RATHER CONSISTENT OVER THE SEMESTERS. OVER 70% OF STUDENTS SEEKING SI ASSISTANCE SUCCEEDED. ALSO, THE FINAL COURSE GPA FOR THE SI PARTICIPANTS IS HIGHER THAN THE FINAL COURSE GPA FOR THE NON-SI PARTICIPANTS.