oac vs grade 12:
any thing new and exciting?

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Sample: 288 students (one section of first-year, first-term calculus)

oac ... 142   grade 12 ... 116
   [oac & gr12 ... 22; unknown ... 8]

oac calc ... 142   gr12 afic ... 116
oac fin ... 93   gr12 g&d ... 58
oac a&g ... 104   gr12 mdm ...36

avg ... 88.5%   avg gr12 ... 86.3%
avg oac   avg gr12
courses ... 2.39   courses ...1.81

Population Features (age)

oac avg ... 19.6   gr12 avg ... 18.2
oac mode ... 19   gr12 mode ... 18.3
oac range ... 17.9-25.2   gr12 range ...16.9-19.2

[youngest person: f, 16y 11m, foreign]

Mac calculus: in-class and final success

	oac	gr12	[percent]
quizzes	83.3	78	
test 1	77.4	75.8	
test 2	71.7	71.5	
exam	70.4	68.4	
course grade	73.9 (B)	69.1 (C+)	
fails	8/142 (5.6%)	11/116 (9.5%)	

Math Background Survey (early Sept 2003)
Where/how do cohorts differ

	oac	gr12	[percent]
1(c) [log rule]	48.6	54.4	
11 [log eq]	22.3	11.4	
2(a) [revenue]	37.8	49.1	
2(b)	8.1	14.0	

Where/how do cohorts differ

	oac	gr12	[percent]
3(a)[quadratic]	25.7	40.4	
10 [quad, graph]	73.0	57.9	
4(a) [ball]	56.8	41.2	
4(b)	52.0	65.8	

Where/how do cohorts differ

	oac	gr12	[percent]
6(a) [velocity]	55.4	62.3	
6(b)	38.5	42.1	
7 [frac, eq]	85.8	79.8	
8 [exp eq]	73.0	68.4	
5 [range]	43.2	29.8	
9 [comp]	74.3	70.2	

Comments

OAC students are somewhat better prepared [in the material directly related to the calculus course]

Evidence:
- survey data
- average number of oac/gr12 courses/person higher for oac students
- age -> exposure/experience with math content