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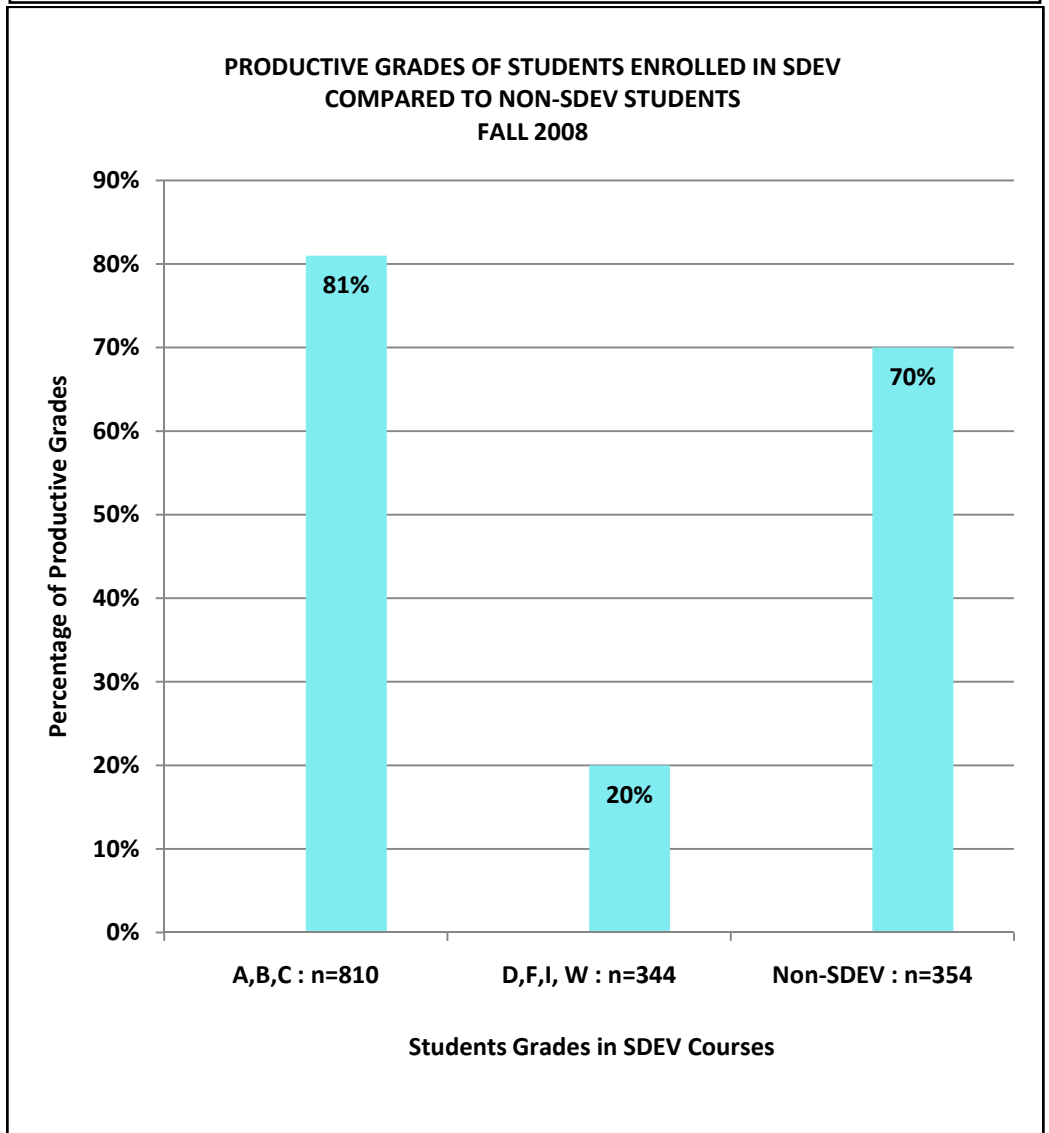
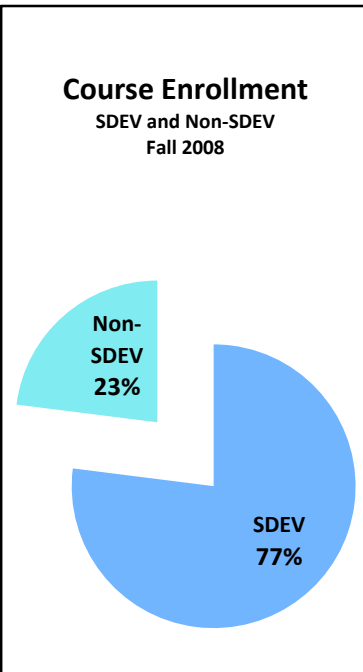
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Foundations for College Learning (SDEV 0370) & College Success (SDEV 0170) are first-year seminar courses designed to support the transition of our students into their college experience. Students acquire a clearer understanding of college requirements, campus culture and resources. They explore career paths, examine personal motivation and develop study skills common to successful college students.

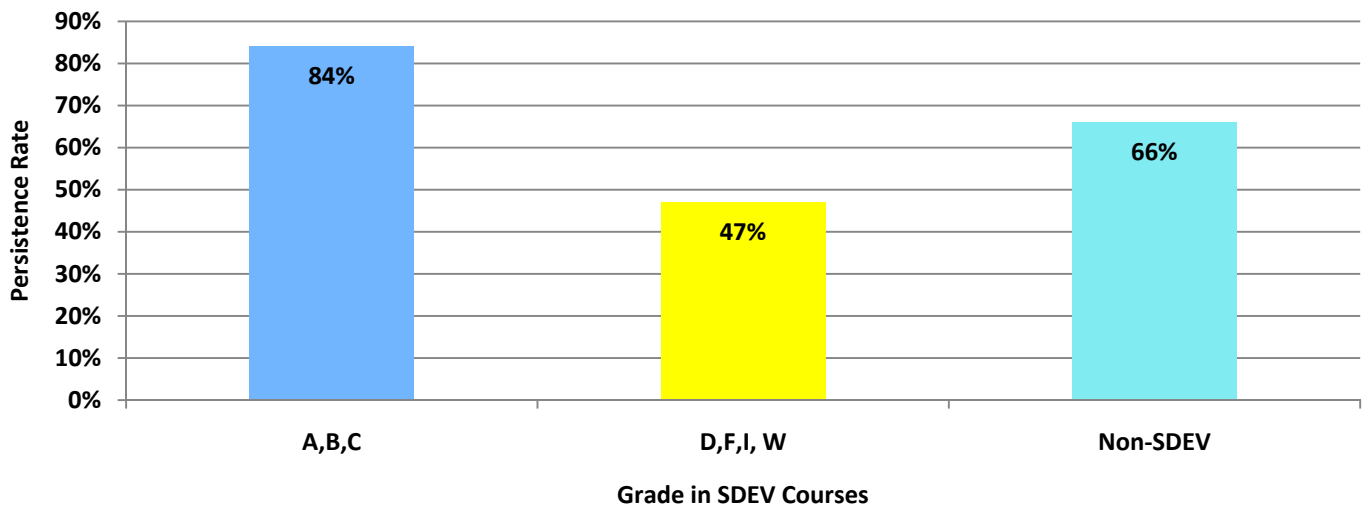
In the graphs below we have tracked progressions of students from the Fall to the Spring semester, in comparison with those who took one of the required SDEV courses versus those students who did not. For the same group of students we gathered data on the percentage of productive grades\* with those who took the SDEV course compared to those who did not.

The data shows the importance of these courses in preparing our students to be successful. By continuing to offer and monitor incoming students need for these courses we can better assist St. Philip's students in reaching their academic goals.

\*A productive grade is an A, B or C (for this data it refers to the % of productive grades in their other courses.)



**FALL TO SPRING PERSISTENCE OF FTIC STUDENTS  
ENROLLED IN SDEV COMPARED TO NON-SDEV STUDENTS  
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“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

*-John Dewey*



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