

To what degree does the institution intentionally place new students in appropriate courses to provide sufficient academic challenge for above average students?

Faculty interview:

The Phi Theta Kappa two-year honors society recognizes academic achievements of students with a 3.5 GPA or higher. PTK activities include, student trips which often have an academic theme, such as a trip combined with a tour or workshop. Past trips have included trips to the zoo and to the theatre. PTK also provides students the opportunity to attend on-campus cultural events by providing free tickets to the members.

1. The EWC Honors Program and the EWC Art Department are sponsoring the Perspectives Series which takes place each semester. The Series is designed to approach a question or topic through an interdisciplinary approach and encourage student engagement outside of the classroom. Past topics included New Humanities and the upcoming series, A Symposium on Water.

Upcoming programs:

The Honors Program will begin in fall 2009. The Honors Program at Eastern Wyoming College is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide opportunities for academically ambitious and highly motivated students. Students are encouraged to be engaged learners and active citizens by experiencing curricular and co-curricular opportunities. Honors courses are designed to enhance the student's understanding of the humanities and the arts, cultivate student involvement, promote collaboration and critical thinking, and encourage a higher level of work. Through participation in the honors program, students will encounter diverse opinions and experiences, providing opportunities for academic and personal growth. Students will have opportunities to interact with faculty members in small, innovative classes, participate in field trips and cultural experiences, and other Honors events. The program will have an emphasis on academics both in and out of the classroom in the form of academically challenging courses and activities and events.

An Honors section of College Studies will exist for Honors students to engage those students academically within the program and within their programs of study.

1. CLEP and DANTES testing.
2. Challenge Exam through instructor.
3. Tutors are high achievers that are recommended by instructors to this paid position. They are also offered a class in tutoring which, if they take, will not allow them to be paid.
4. Learning Skills Lab
5. Smarthinking on-line tutoring

Student Survey:

1. 91.3% of students surveyed indicated, for the course they identified, that their level of preparation in writing skills was appropriate. And that the course was "about right" or "too easy".

2. 91.1% of students surveyed indicated, for the course they identified, that their level of preparation in reading skills was appropriate. And that the course was “about right” or too easy”.
3. 86.2% of students surveyed indicated, for the course they identified, that their level of preparation in library research skills was appropriate. And that the course was “about right or “too easy”.
4. 72.0% of students surveyed indicated, for the course they identified, that their level of preparation in mathematical skills was appropriate. And that the course was “about right” or “too easy”.
5. 85.9% of students surveyed indicated, for the course they identified, that their level of preparation in computing skills was appropriate. And that the course was “about right” or too easy”.

To what degree does the institution intentionally place new students in appropriate courses to address deficiencies in academic preparation?

All new student ACT or Compass scores are evaluated. Students with a Math ACT score of 21 or higher and an English ACT score of 18 or higher are not required to take the Compass tests.

1. Compass testing results for Reading, Writing and Mathematics directs an academically deficient student into particular classes.
2. Bridge Program...one week program emphasizing recall after which the student retakes the Compass test
3. Tutors
4. Smarthinking on-line tutoring
5. Learning Skills Lab
 - A. Computers
 - B. Resources
 - C. Language Lab for Spanish and English
 - D. Workshops
6. Developmental classes
7. Gear-Up
8. Trio
9. Through the process of Recruiting, Counseling and Advising

Aside from testing the system is rather ad hoc.