



# FOOTHILL COLLEGE

## Institutional Research and Planning

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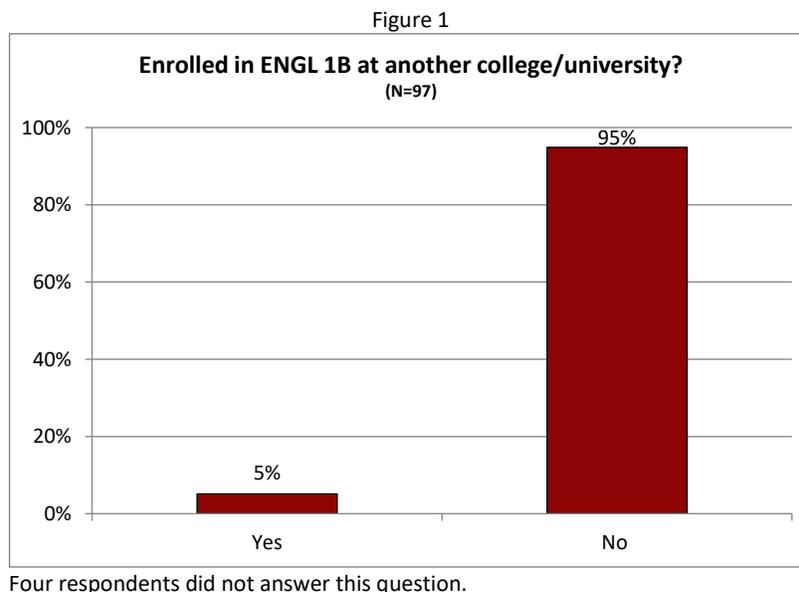
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### Overview

Students who completed English 1A (grades A, B, C, or Pass) in fall 2016 at Foothill College, but did not enroll in English 1B or English 1BH in winter 2017 at Foothill College were surveyed to determine their reasons for not continuing with the course sequence. The online survey was administered on February 7 to February 17, 2017. A total of 260 students were invited to participate in the survey. These students include those who are not enrolled at Foothill for the winter 2017 quarter as well as those who are enrolled at Foothill for winter 2017 but not in English 1B/1BH. A total of 101 students completed the survey, for a response rate of 39%.

### Enrolled in English 1B at Another College/University

- 95% (92) of respondents reported they are not enrolled in ENGL 1B at another college or university for the winter 2017 term.

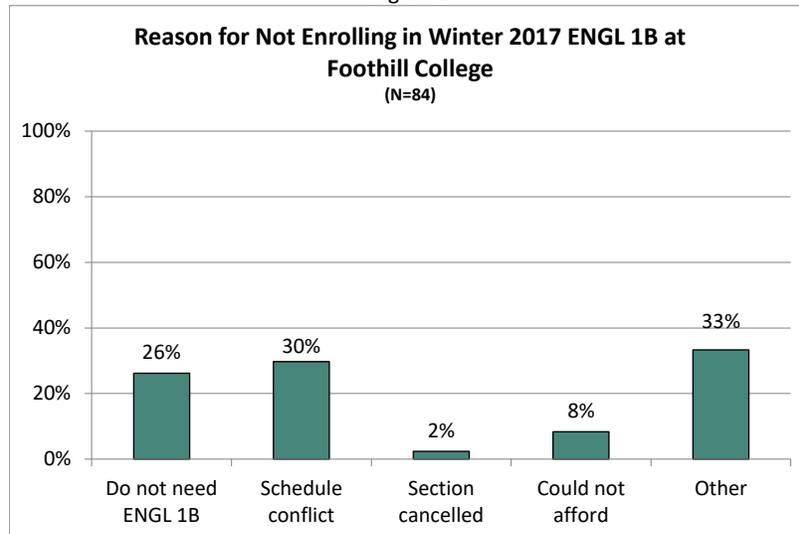


### Reason for Not Enrolling in English 1B at Foothill

- These 92 students were prompted to provide the reason they did not enroll in English 1B at Foothill College for the winter 2017 term.

- 26% (22) of respondents indicated they do not need ENGL 1B to satisfy a degree, certificate or transfer requirement
- 30% (25) of respondents indicated the course was offered on a day or time that did not fit with their schedule
- 33% (28) selected Other

Figure 2



Eight respondents did not answer this question.

- Among those who selected “Other,” they specified their reasons for not enrolling in English 1B at Foothill. Very few respondents cited personal reasons.
  - 25% (7) need a break from English and/or mention they plan to take it in the future
  - 22% (6) cited personal reasons (e.g. pregnancy, illness and inability to get to campus)
  - 18% (5) preferred a professor whose class they could not enroll in
  - 18% (5) indicated they wanted to focus on other classes

Table 1: Other Specified Responses

	N	Percent
Need a break from English or plan to take it in the future	7	25%
Personal reasons	6	21%
Prefer another professor	5	18%
Need to focus on other classes	5	18%
Took another class to satisfy requirement	2	7%
English 1B was full	2	7%
Miscellaneous	1	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100%</b>

Miscellaneous reflects middle college student.

### Plan to Enroll in English 1B at Foothill College Spring 2017<sup>1</sup>

- 59% (41) plan to take ENGL 1B at Foothill in spring 2017
- 33% (23) might enroll
- 9% (6) do not plan to enroll

<sup>1</sup> N=70; two respondents did not answer this question. Students who indicated they are enrolled in English 1B at another college/university or do not need English 1B to satisfy a requirement are not included in this portion of the analysis.

## Appendix: Winter 2017 ENGL 1B Survey

1. For winter 2017 term, are you enrolled in ENGL 1B at another college/university?
  - Yes
  - No
  
2. If your response to question 1 was “no,” please complete the following statement:  
I did not enroll in Winter 2017 ENGL 1B at Foothill College because...
  - I do not need ENGL 1B to satisfy a degree, certificate or transfer requirement.
  - the course was offered on a day or time that did not fit with my schedule.
  - the section I enrolled in was cancelled.
  - I could not afford this class.
  - I could not find transportation.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. If you need ENGL 1B to satisfy a requirement, do you plan to enroll in ENGL1B in spring 2017 at Foothill College?
  - Yes
  - Maybe
  - No

[end of survey]