# ONLINE LEARNING

What do we really need to know?



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### A Template for Online Quality

- The Sloan Consortium Pillars
  - Access
  - Learning effectiveness
  - Student satisfaction
  - Faculty satisfaction
  - Cost-effectiveness (scale)





### Data Collected Annually by BOG

- List of online programs with CIP codes
  - 50% and 100%
- Modalities of delivery per course
- Enrollments per course



### Data Collected Annually by BOG

What can the BOG's data tell us? We can learn:

- Which programs a student can take completely online
- The number of students taking online courses or blended (hybrid) courses each term.



### Online Learning Assessment @ UCF

- Dedicated assessment unit: RITE\*
- Collected online course data every semester for 17+ years:
  - Every student (n>730,000)
  - Every faculty member (n>1,600)
  - Every course; every modality (n>17,000 sections)



### **UCF's Assessment Principles**

- In the absence of data, anecdote wins
- Data do not equal information
- Uncollected data cannot be analyzed
- Evaluation must be objective and accurate
- Need both quantitative and qualitative approaches



#### **Students**

Faculty (SoTL\*)

Success

Retention

Positive aspects

Challenges

Satisfaction

Demographic profiles

Strategies for success

Chemistry

**Psychology** 

Education

Communications

**Mathematics** 

**Writing Center** 

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EIS

Home Faculty

Scheduling

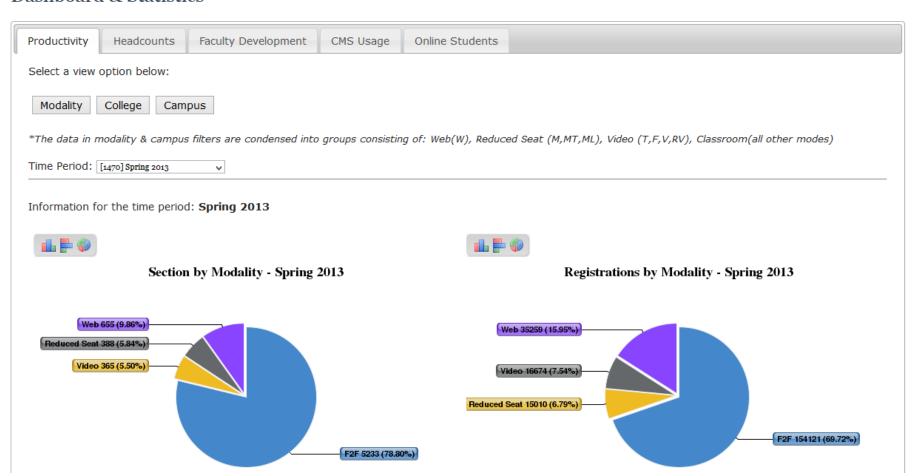
Dashboard

Statistics

System Tools

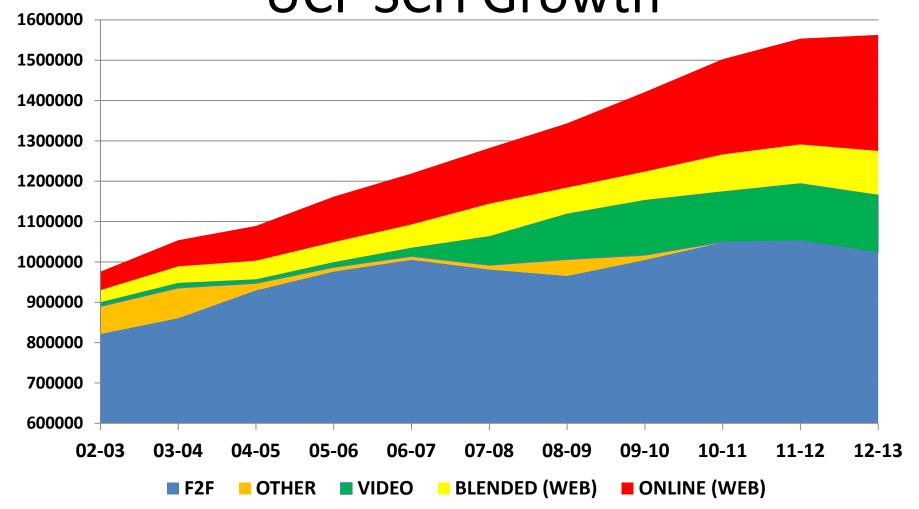
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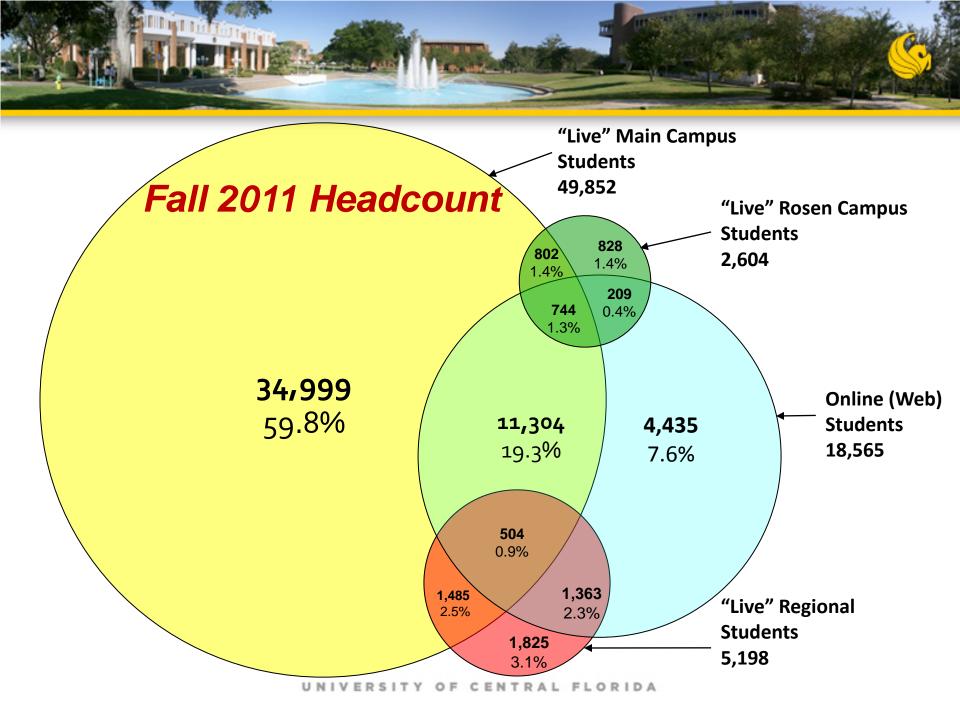
#### Dashboard & Statistics





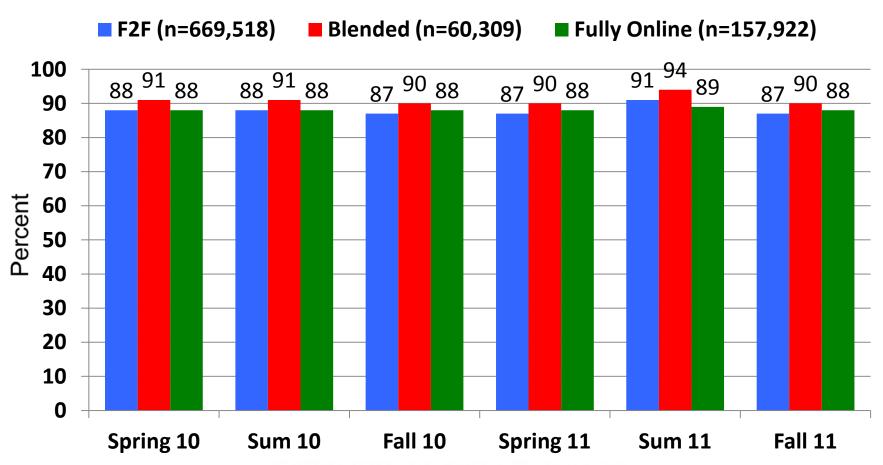
### **UCF SCH Growth**





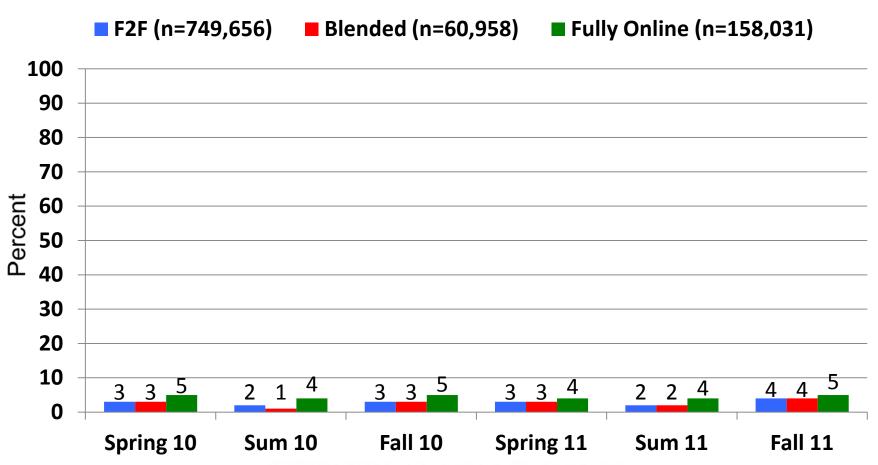


### **Student Success**



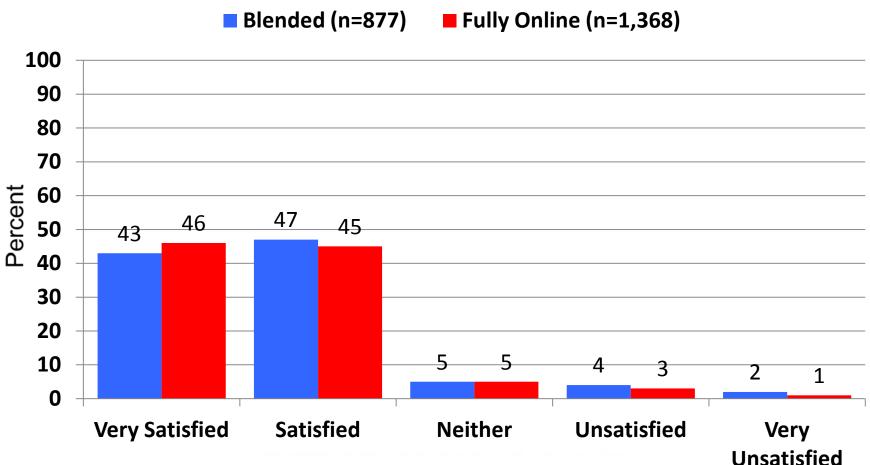


### Student Withdrawal





### Student Satisfaction by Modality





### **Student Course Evaluations**

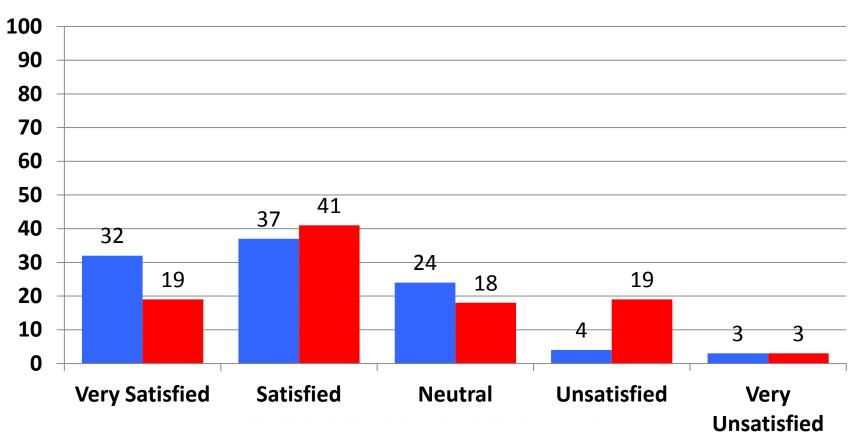
(n=1,171,664)

Course Modality	Overall % Excellent Rating
Blended	52%
Fully Online	48%
Face-to-Face	48%



### Faculty Satisfaction by Modality







## Students Say Online Learning...

- Reduces ambiguity
- Builds individually-responsive environments
- Defines the rules of engagement
- Increases interaction
- Offers learning flexibility





### Online Faculty Like...

- Interaction (both quantity and quality)
- Accessibility
- Flexibility
- Resources
- Organization
- Depth





### Online Student & Faculty Challenges

- Reduced face-to-face interaction
- Technology issues
- Can seem overwhelming
- Increased workload



### Quality Online Programs Require

- Institutional commitment
- Systemic approach
- Faculty development
- Course development
- Robust infrastructure
- Longitudinal assessment



### **Greatest Impacts of Online Learning**

- Students: can learn like they live; convenience
- Faculty: professional development; improved teaching
- Institution: increased access and quality;
  greater efficiency of resource utilization



### **Updating the Data Elements**

- (former) Florida Distance Learning Consortium recommendations
  - Revision to table values, both the degree of replacement of seat time and the technology used
- The Florida Virtual Campus Distance Learning and Student Services Members Council would be a potential avenue for pursuing these and other data revisions

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#### What do we need to know about online learning?

#### **DISCUSSION**