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Campus Project

MOOCs, Hybrid MOOCs, and Community Colleges

In the Spring, 2013 semester we ran a hybrid MOOC at MassBay using the edX platform (hosted by edX) and a dedicated instance of the MITx 6.00x course in which the students received 3 college credits. They did all the online work (homework and tests) of the worldwide MOOC and in addition met once a week for tutorial work. This was part of a Gates Foundation Grant (to edX) to gauge how well MOOC materials met the needs of community college students.

Vision Project Outcome Areas

✓ Student Learning

✓ Research

Research and Data

Project Duration: Jan 2013 to May 2013

- 20 students started the hybrid course and 16 completed the course
- 16 students achieved an A or A- and one student achieved a B+
- The four students who dropped out (withdrew) did so for external (non course-related) reasons.
- The students were uniformly enthusiastic about the hybrid format of the course.
- Result contrasts with the 2012 worldwide low completion rate of 10% (7,000 finish from 84,000 starters)