

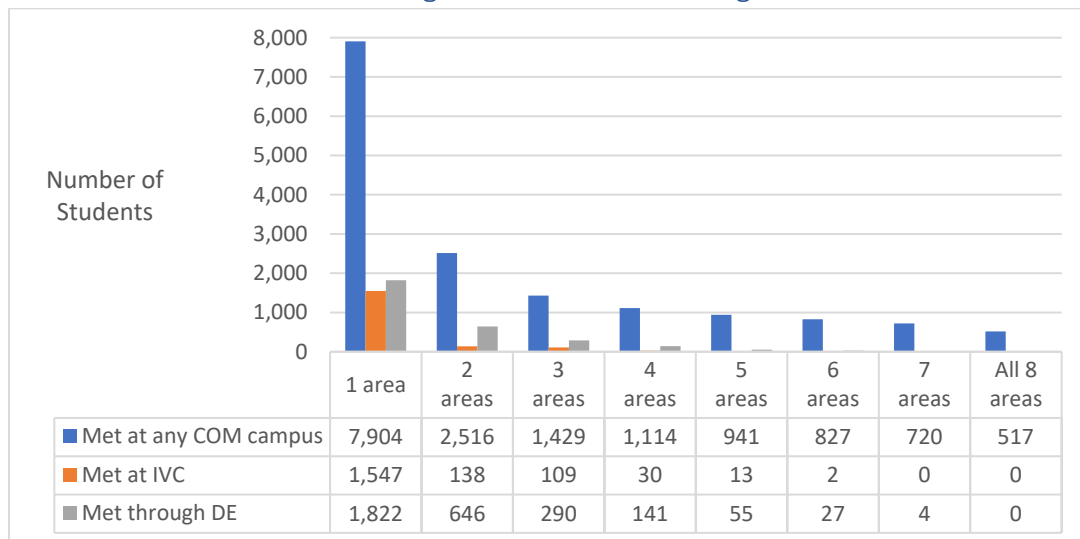
## COM Students Meeting GE Requirements: Fall 2011 through Fall 2018

The following analysis was conducted in response to a request for PRIE to examine where COM students complete their general education (GE) associate degree requirements. Of particular interest is the number of students completing GE at IVC.

For this analysis, PRIE examined grades data from students who had started COM in Fall 2011 through Fall 2018 and had earned a grade in at least one credit course (N=26,634). Of these students, 15,968 (60%) had met a GE requirement in at least one of the 8 areas. Figure 1 shows the number of GE areas met by students who had met at least one area during this time period. 517 completed all 8 area requirements at COM as of Fall 2018. None had met all area requirements exclusively at IVC or through DE courses.

Figure 1.

Number of COM GE Area Requirements Met at Any COM Campus, at IVC, and through DE Students Starting COM Fall 2011 through Fall 2018

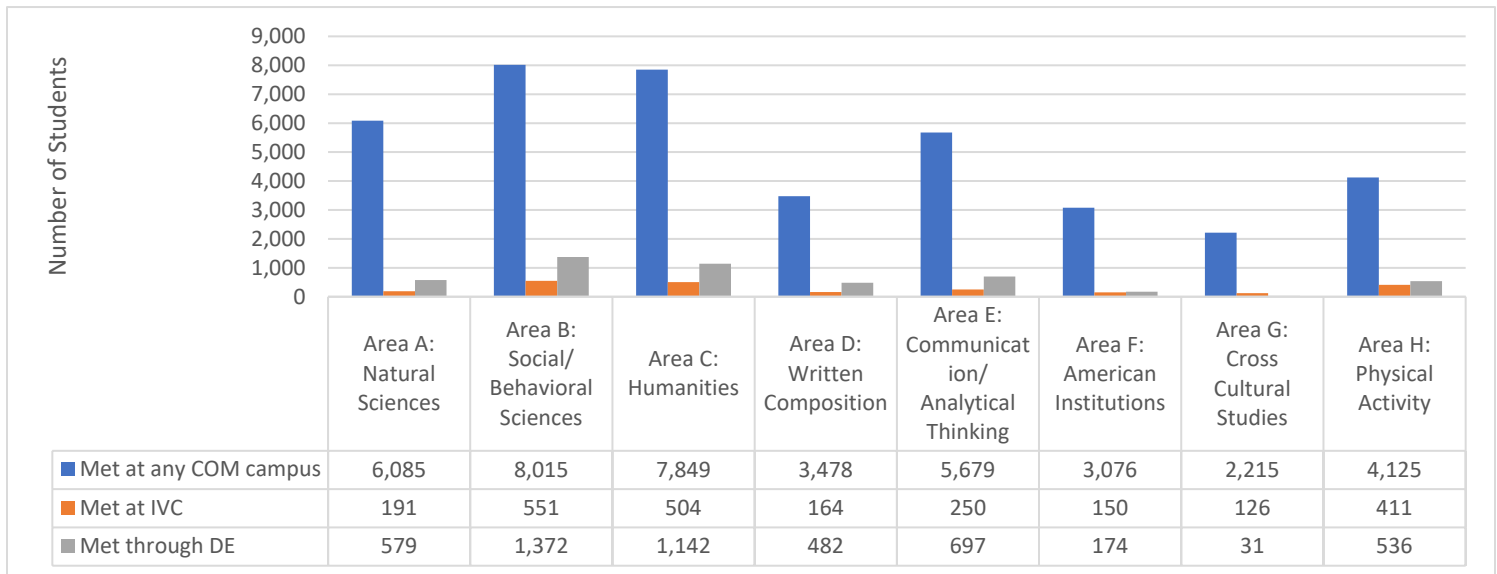


Source: Argos reports "Grades Final by Term with GPA," "Room Report," "Schedule Information," and "GE Catalog\_Degree\_Attribute."

Note: The requirements from the 2017-2018 catalog were used for this analysis. Students entering in earlier years, with earlier catalog rights, may have taken courses which met degree requirements at the time but would not count in this analysis.

Figure 2 shows the number of students who met each of the 8 specific GE areas during this time period and at which campus the requirements were met. The largest number of students meeting requirements at IVC were in area B (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and area H (Physical Activity). The largest number of students meeting requirements through DE courses were in areas B (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and area C (Humanities).

Figure 2.  
Specific COM GE Area Requirements Met at Any COM Campus, at IVC, and through DE  
Students Starting COM Fall 2011 through Fall 2018



*Note: Students may have met a requirement through more than one course and campus. They are counted once in each category in which they've met the area requirement.*

867 of the students in the data analyzed had earned degrees at COM as of Summer 2018. Table 1 shows the number of GE areas they met at COM. Students earning degrees comprised about half of the 517 students from Figure 1 who met all 8 GE areas at COM. About two-thirds of those earning degrees met 6 or more of their GE area requirements at COM.

Table 1.  
Number of COM GE Area Requirements Met at Any COM Campus  
Students Starting COM Fall 2011 through Fall 2018 and Earning Associates Degrees

Number of GE Areas Met at COM	#	%
<b>0 areas</b>	61	7%
<b>1 area</b>	35	4%
<b>2 areas</b>	40	5%
<b>3 areas</b>	31	4%
<b>4 areas</b>	46	5%
<b>5 areas</b>	67	8%
<b>6 areas</b>	132	15%
<b>7 areas</b>	209	24%
<b>All 8 areas</b>	246	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source (Degrees): COM MIS data

It is difficult to differentiate degree-seeking students from other COM students during the time period analyzed because the educational goal specified does not identify degree-seeking students very precisely. Students' educational goal was not regularly updated in earlier years covered by this analysis and often students select the "undecided" category when they apply. COM students are now prompted to update their educational goal during registration.

Most of the students completing GE area requirements had declared a completion-oriented educational goal (AA/AS degree, transfer, or career development) at some time during the period analyzed. However, many students with unknown or other goals (certificate, educational enrichment, basic skills) also met some or all GE area requirements.

Table 2.  
 Number of COM GE Area Requirements Met at Any COM Campus  
 Students Starting COM Fall 2011 through Fall 2018 by Educational Goal

	Completion-oriented educational goal		Other educational goal		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>0 areas</b>	5,849	36%	4,817	46%	10,666	40%
<b>1 area</b>	3,962	25%	3,942	38%	7,904	30%
<b>2 areas</b>	1,753	11%	763	7%	2,516	9%
<b>3 areas</b>	1,053	7%	376	4%	1,429	5%
<b>4 areas</b>	909	6%	205	2%	1,114	4%
<b>5 areas</b>	805	5%	136	1%	941	4%
<b>6 areas</b>	714	4%	113	1%	827	3%
<b>7 areas</b>	630	4%	90	1%	720	3%
<b>All 8 areas</b>	454	3%	63	1%	517	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,129</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,505</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26,634</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source (Educational Goal): COM MIS data