# Lessons Learned from Measuring Student Behavior During Class

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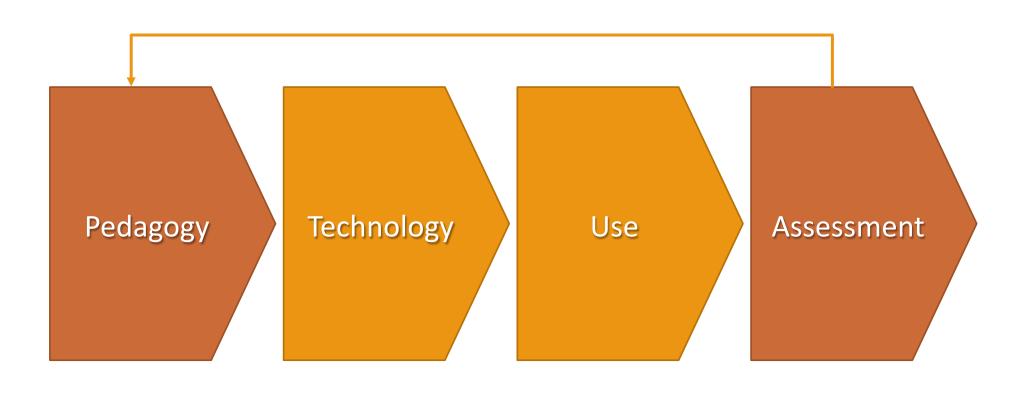
#### What Do We Need in the Classroom?

- Students should be challenged with a wide range of question types
- Students should be able to access my slides
- Students should be able to take notes
- Students should be encouraged to ask questions
- Students should be able to answer each other's questions
- Students should be able to indicate when they're confused
- Student notes should be linked to lecture capture

#### Creating an Ecosystem



#### How to Build Educational Technology

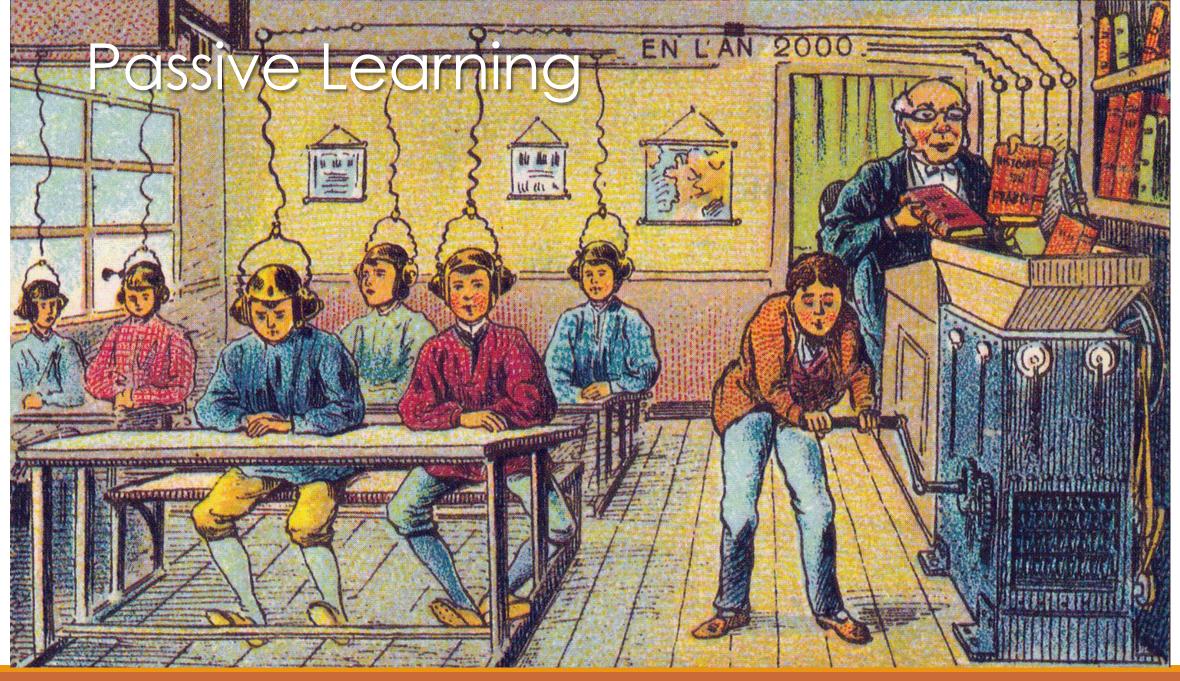


#### Active Learning Definition

**Active learning** is a process whereby students engage in activities, such as reading, writing, discussion, or problem solving that promote analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of class content.

www.crlt.umich.edu/tstrategies/tsal





Villemard, 1900 Prediction for the French School in Year 2000

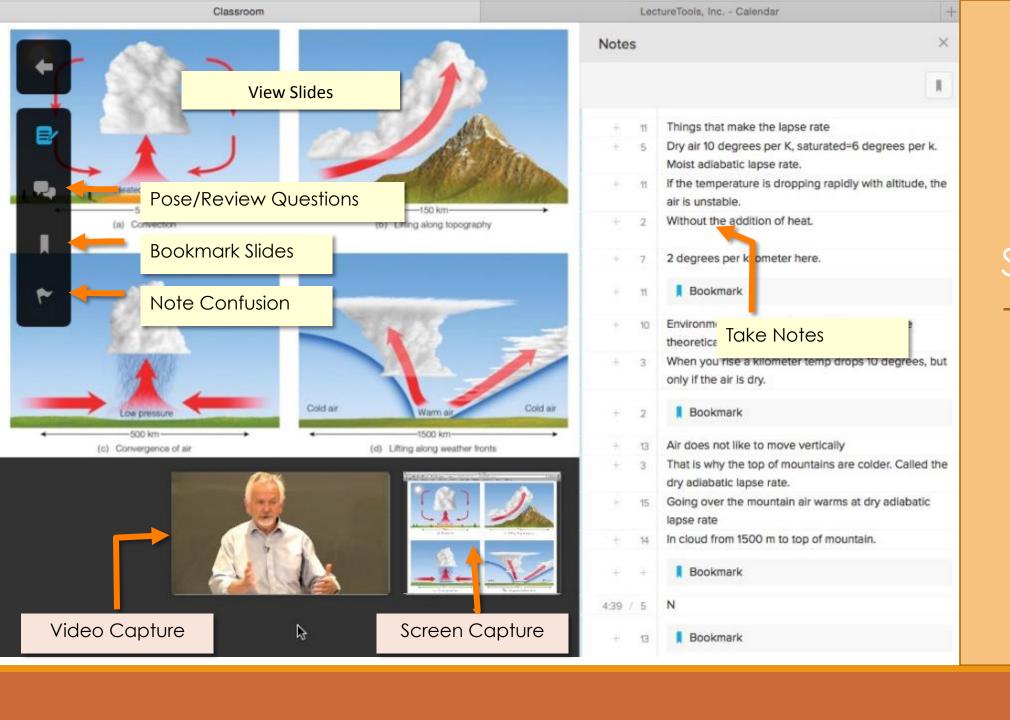
#### Active Learning

"The studies analyzed here document that active learning leads to increases in examination performance that would raise average grades by a half a letter, and that failure rates under traditional lecturing increase by 55% over the rates observed under active learning."

Freeman et al. (2014)

Active learning increases student performance in science, engineering, and mathematics

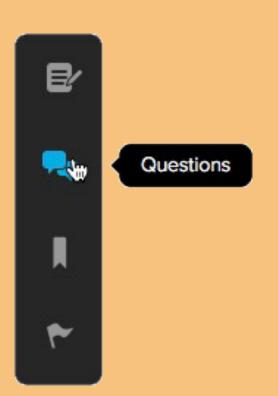
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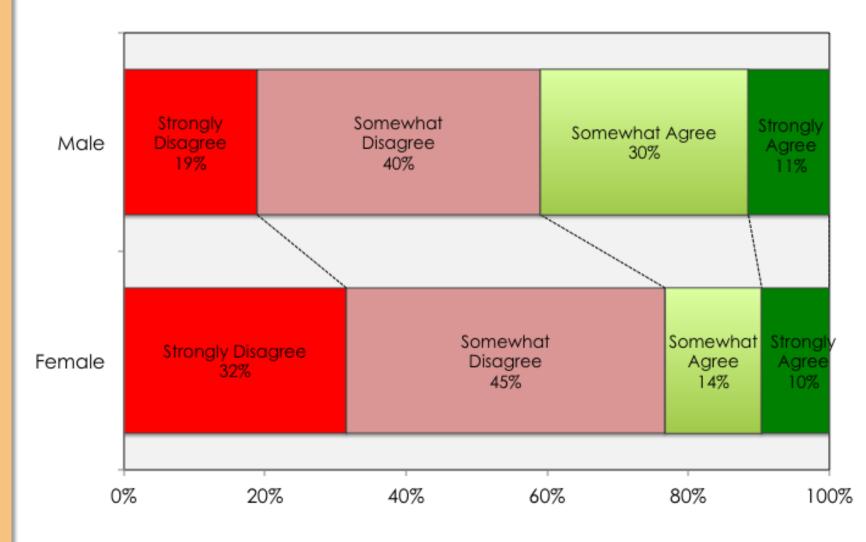
#### Student View

Active Learning Platform

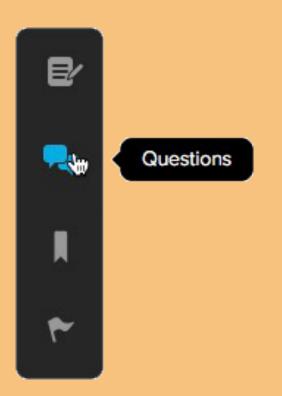
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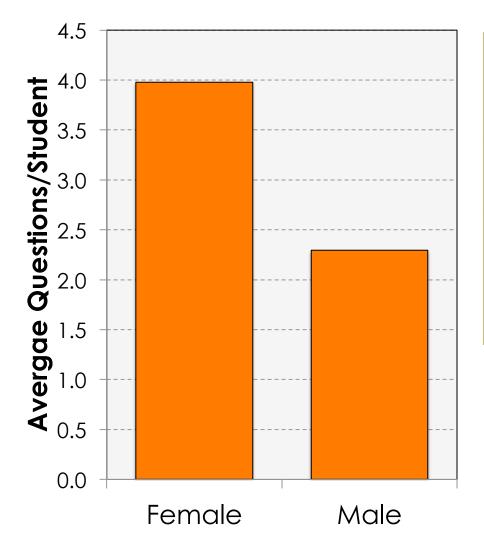
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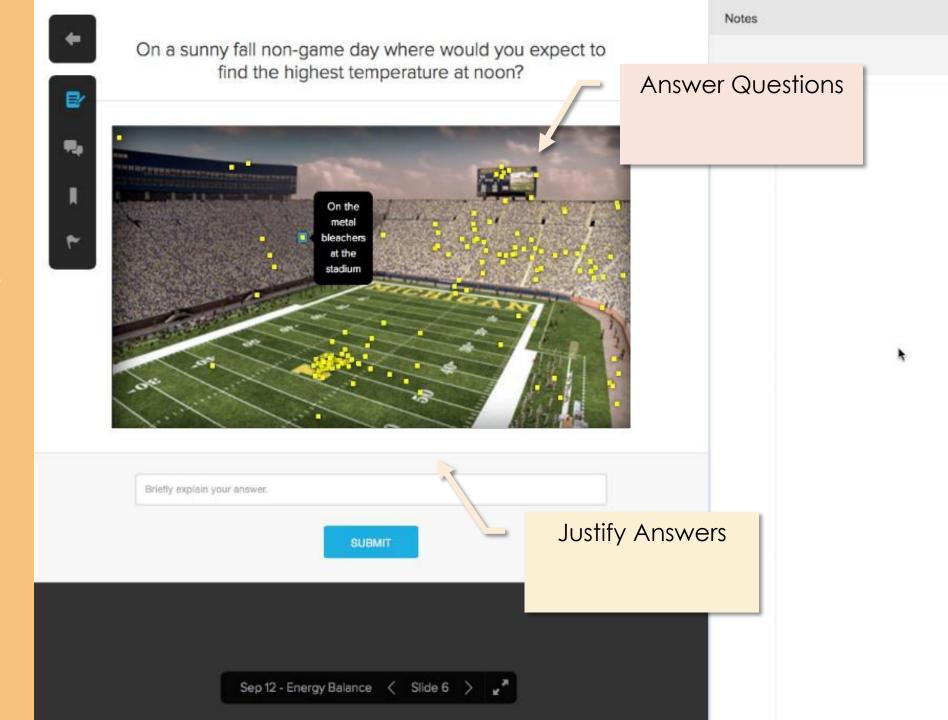
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Number of students	158
Number of questions asked	413
Average number of questions per student	2.7

Optional:

Require students to justify their selection.



#### Multiple Choice

Which air is heavier?

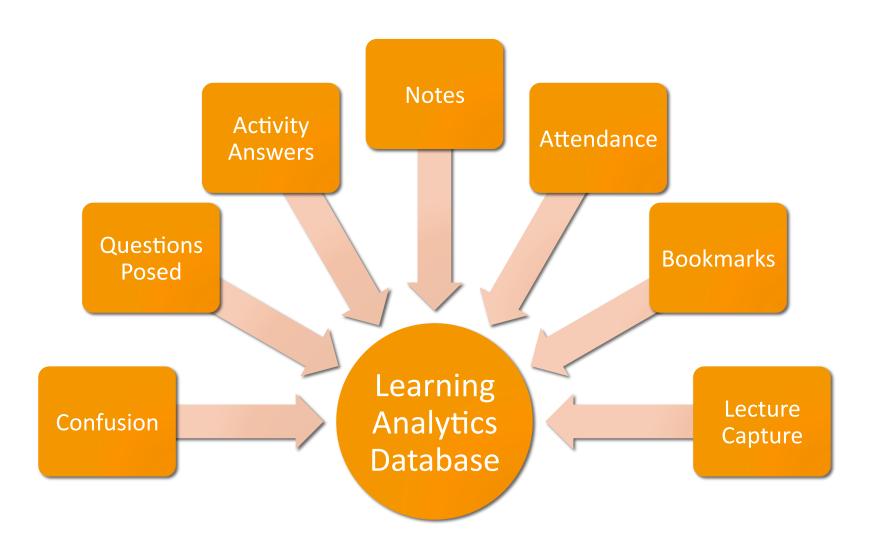
- 1.Alice Springs, Australia at 35C and 15% relative humidity
- 2.Singapore at 35C and 85% relative humidity

#### Image Quiz

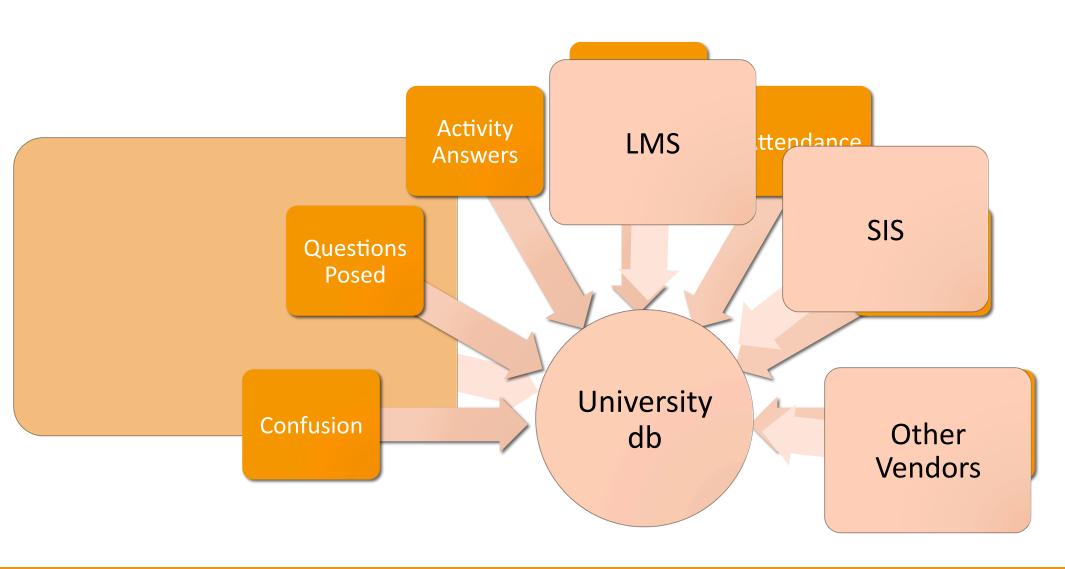
When El Nino happens what part of the Pacific gets much warmer than normal?

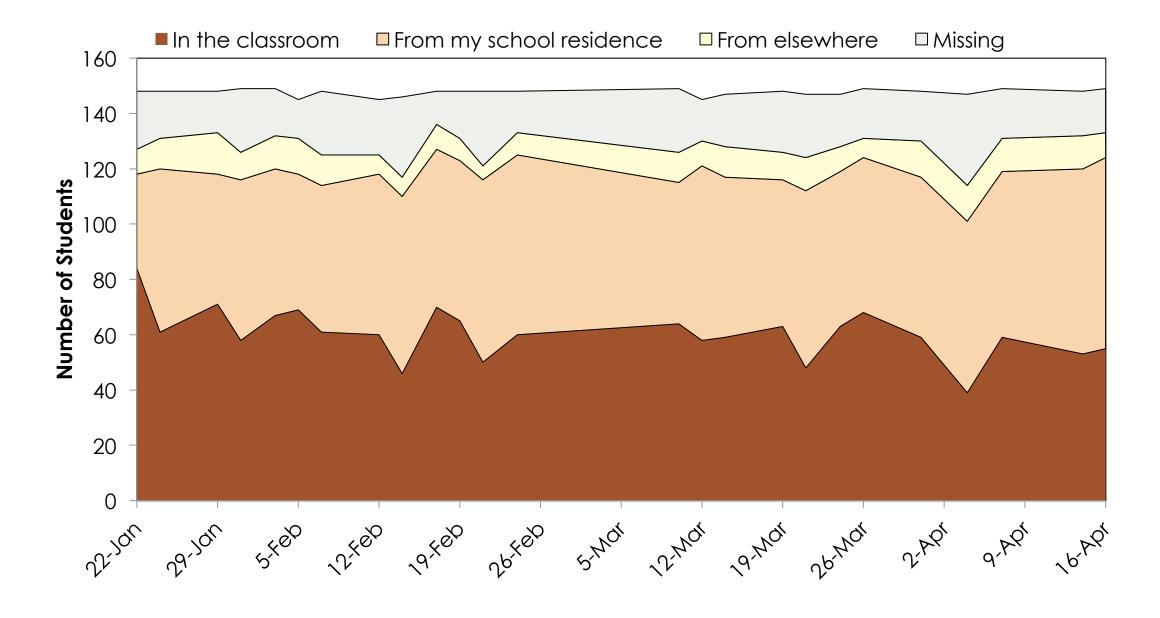


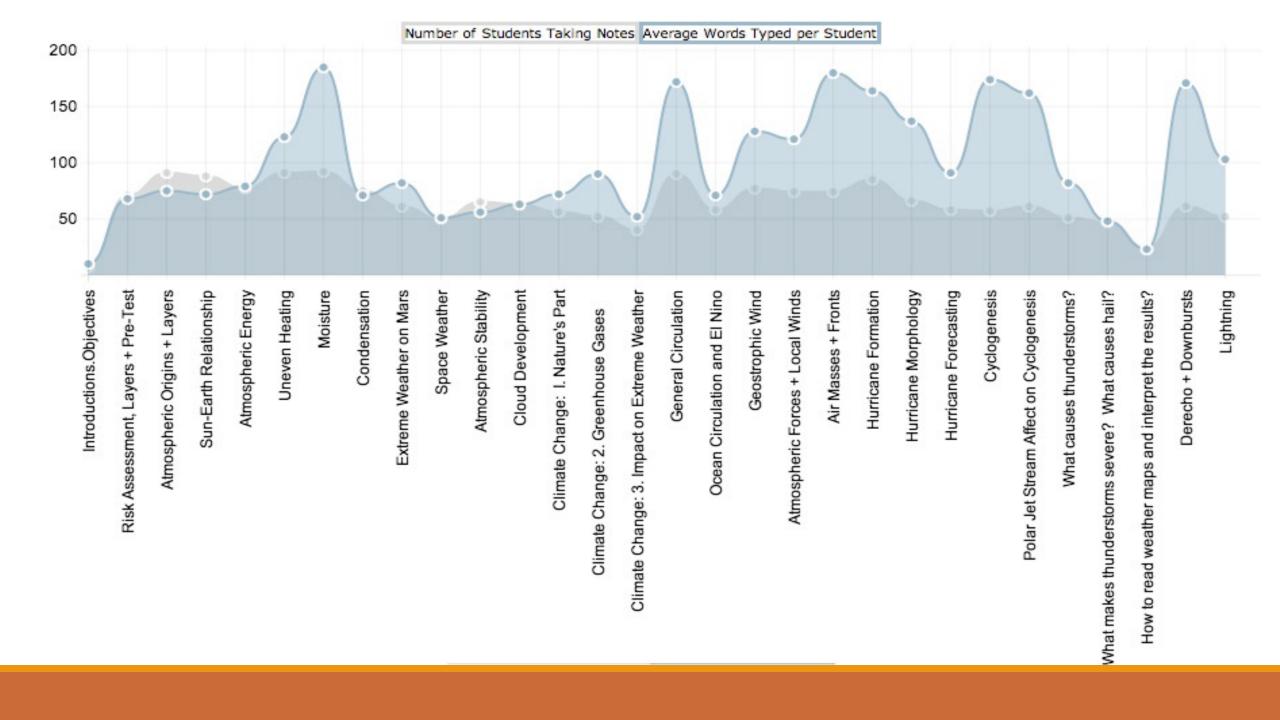
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#### Assume You Knew Everything Your Students Did as Part of Class

NOW WHAT?

#### Forecasting Student Success

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Outcomes = b(background) + m(motivation) + p(participation) + l(life)
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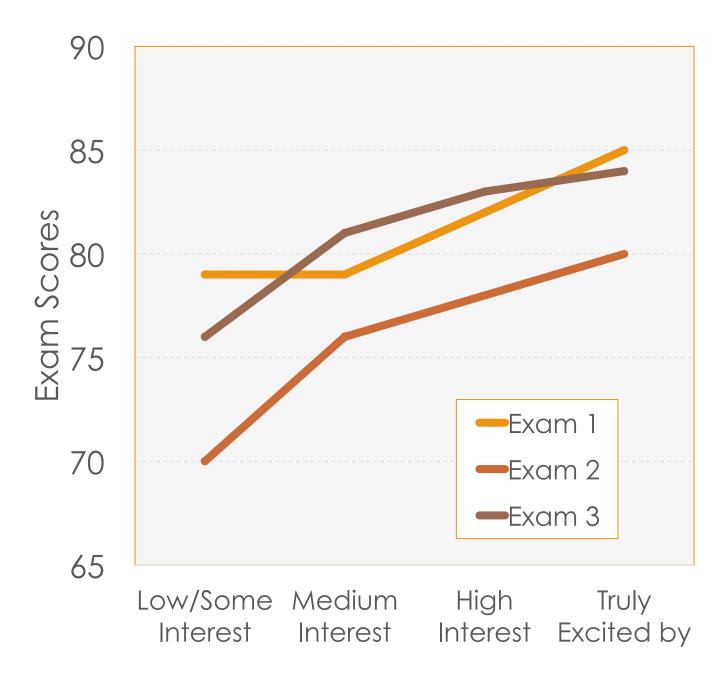
#### What Participation Affects Learning?

- Attendance?
- Taking Notes?
- Participating in Discussion?
- Inquiry?
- Answering Questions?
- Other?



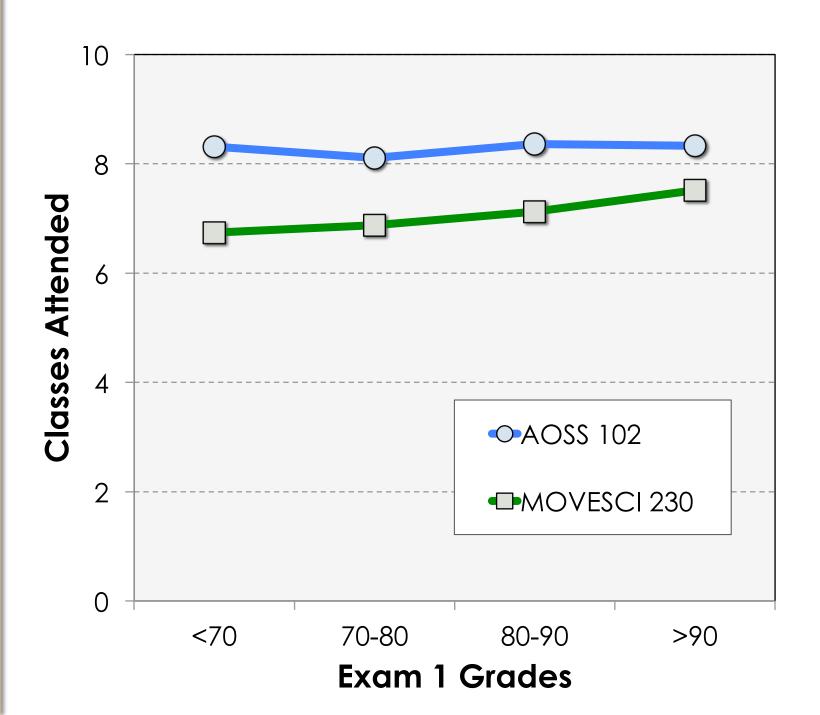
#### Multiple Courses: Winter 2015

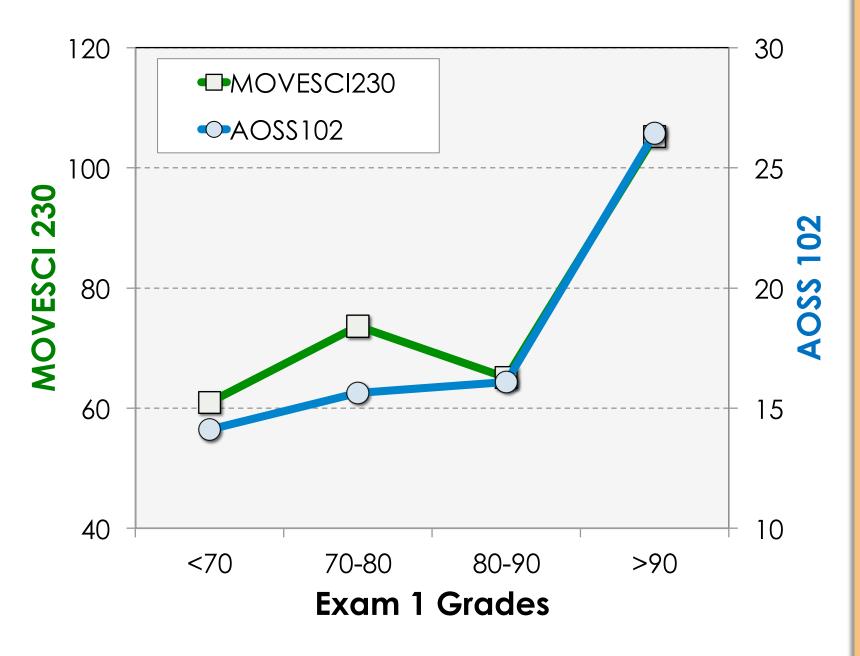
COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	SIZE
MOVESCI 230	M. Gross	103
AOSS 102	F. Marsik	187



## Relationship of Student Motivation vs. Grades

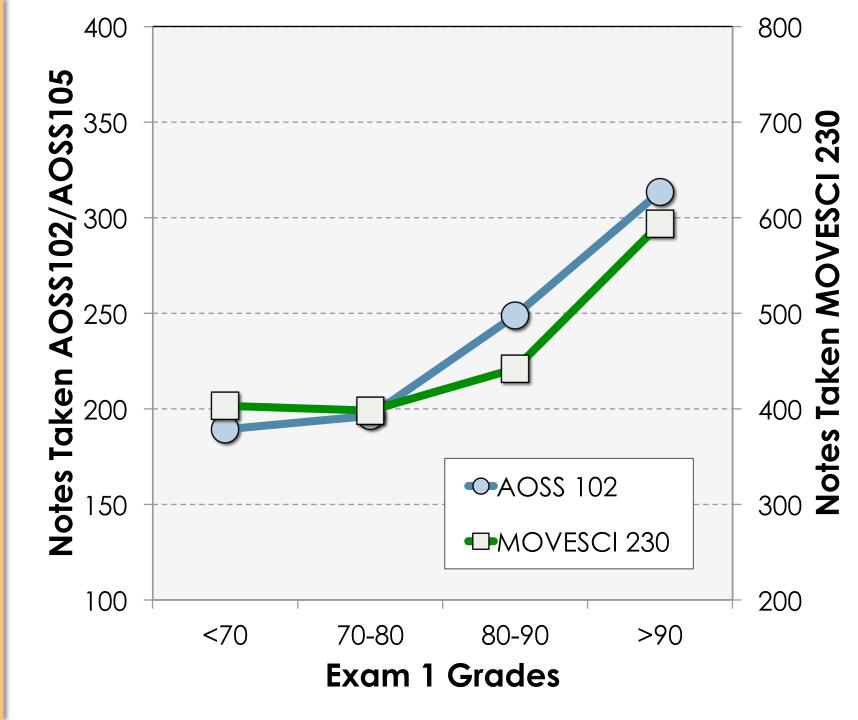
Relationship of Attendance vs. Grades

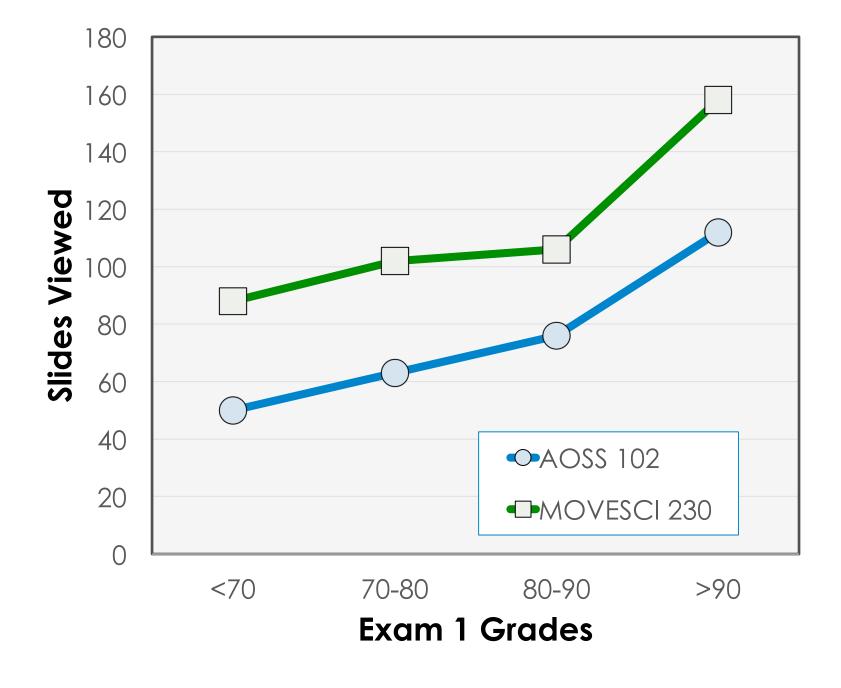




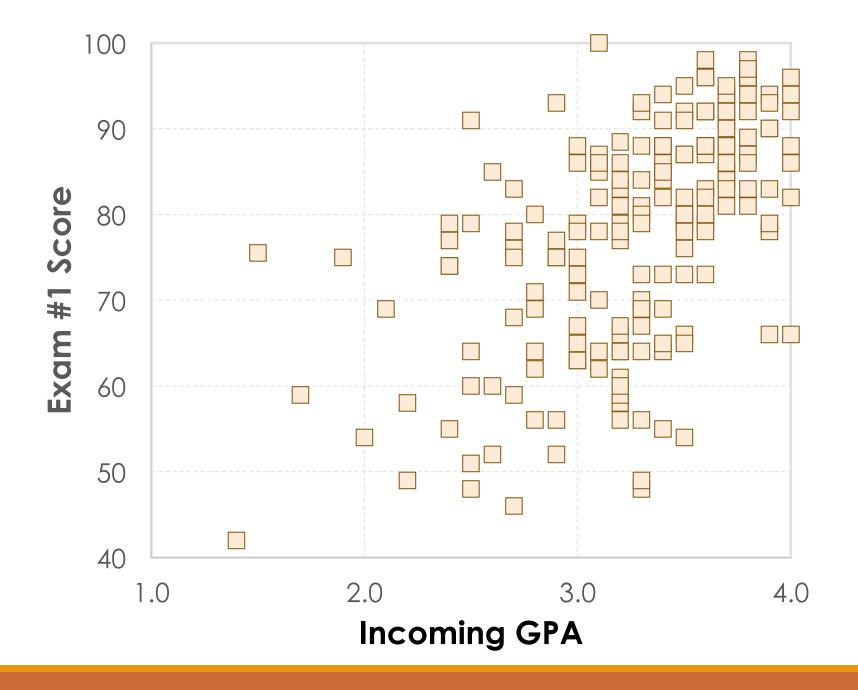
Relationship of Reviewing Lecture Capture vs. Grades

Relationship of Note Jaking vs. Grades





### Relationship of Slide Viewing vs. Grades

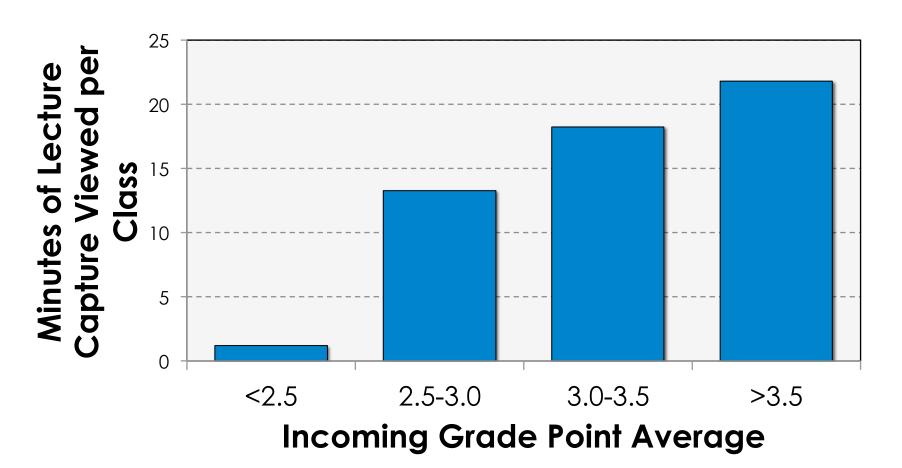


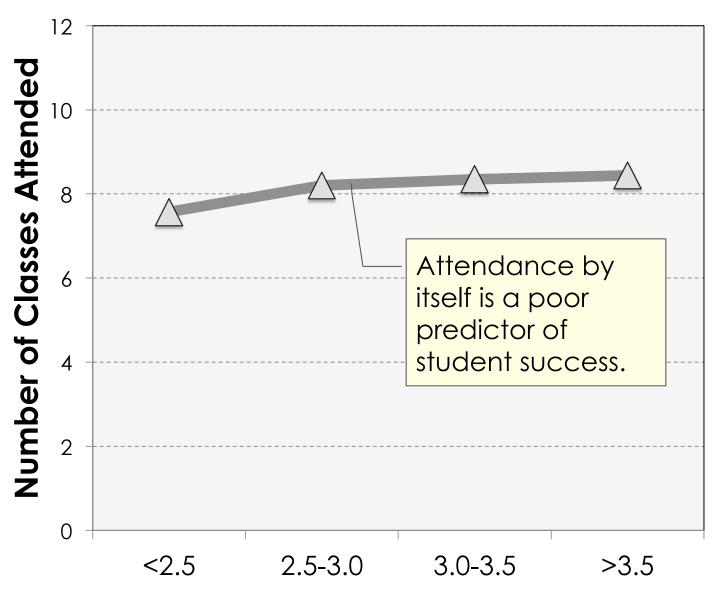
# Do High GPA Students behave Differently from Low GPA Students?

IS IT A DIFFERENCE IN COGNITIVE ABILITY -OR-

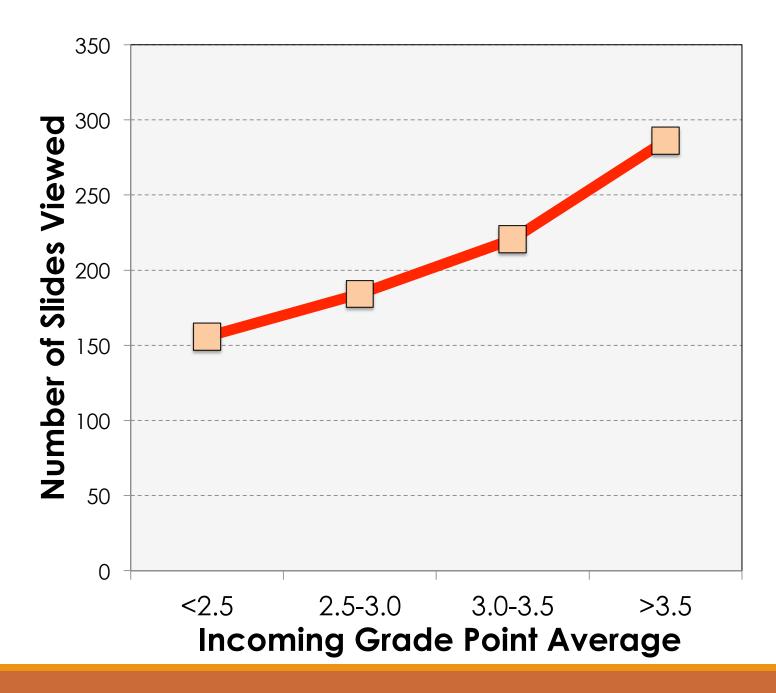
IS IT A DIFFERENCE IN MOTIVATION OR STUDY SKILLS?

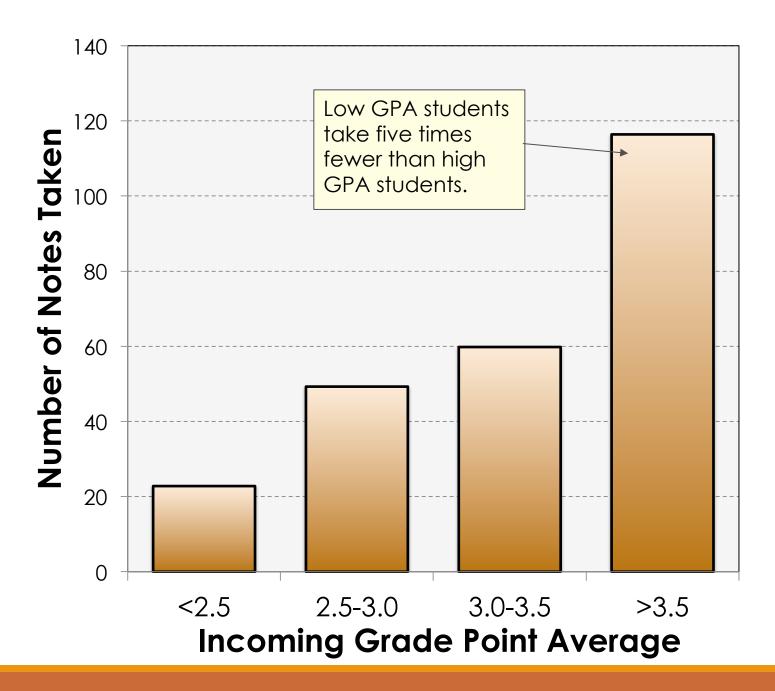
#### Successful Students Behave Differently





**Incoming Grade Point Average** 





#### Lessons Learned

- 1. Student exam scores are related to in-class participation measured as slides viewed, notes taken and more.
  - These terms should be valuable both for predictive analytics and as a basis for development of personalized feedback.
- 2. Levels of student participation are related to students' incoming grade point average.
  - This supports the possibility that low grade point students lack motivation or study skills rather than cognitive ability.

#### Thank you

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