2015 Statistics by Reason Code: Why Do Students Attend the Workshops?

When students register for a workshop using eSARS, they are asked to select a reason for attending. Their choices are: 1) extra credit, 2) personal interest, or 3) required for class.

The data shows that, on average, 51% of the students attend the workshops because it is required for class and 31% of the students attend because they are given extra credit. The remaining 18% attend workshops because they have a personal interest. In the case of the Biology Lab Reports and Careers workshops 41% of the students attended the workshop for personal interest.

The data supports the librarian’s no cancellation policy regardless of the number of students enrolled in the workshop. Considering that 51% must take the workshop as part of their course requirement it is critical that the workshops are available when promised so student can satisfy the requirements of their courses. Additionally, the no cancellation policy is important for student taking the workshop as an extra credit opportunity. If a student has self-selected information competency and library resource as an additional learning experience it is essential that the workshop is available otherwise the library has lost the chance to teach library research skills to interested students.