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7,000 FEWER STUDENTS GET INTO LOS RIOS SUMMER CLASSES

Sacramento—Students are having a hard time getting summer classes at American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges. State budget cuts have forced the colleges to reduce summer offerings by nearly 25% or 330 sections.

Summer classes started this week with 7,000 fewer students than at the same time last year when more than 33,000 students were enrolled.

“There is a huge demand for classes,” said Los Rios chancellor Brice Harris. “If we were fully funded we would have served about 5,000 more students than last year, so in essence, we are turning away about 12,000 students this summer.”

According to district data, 90% of summer classes were full before the end of priority registration and those classes all had full wait lists as well.

With no state budget finalized and the uncertainty about funding for the 2011-12 year, the district’s colleges have also reduced offerings by about 7% or 860 sections for the coming fall semester.

“There is no doubt that our students and community are being hurt,” Harris said. “At a time when more students than ever before need and want a college education, they are finding the door closing.”

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