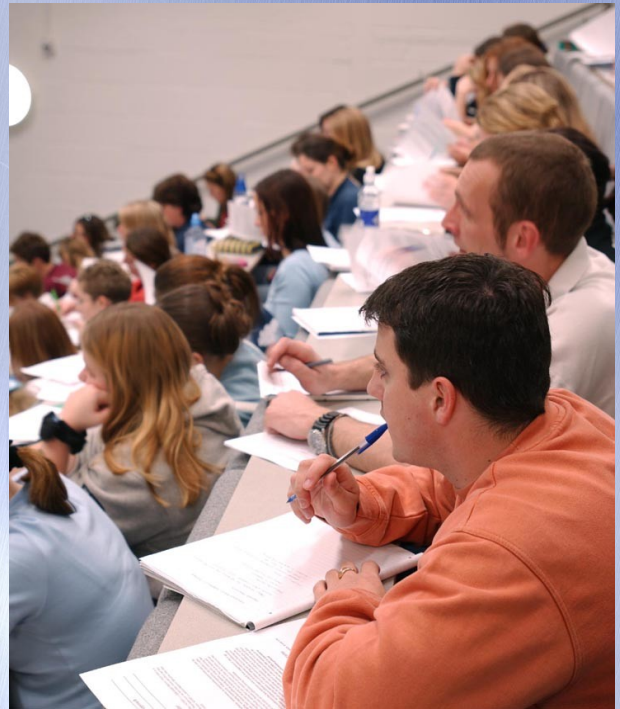


Absenteeism in first year biology students

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Project aims

- To investigate using a questionnaire:
 - the reasons that students are absent from taught sessions
 - students perceptions about attendance at taught sessions
 - remedial actions taken by students who miss

Project outcomes

- 96% of students were able to attend at least 75% of lectures
- The main factors quoted as causing students not to attend lectures were the timing and content of lectures followed by illness and the effects of alcohol and drugs
- Mean actual attendance at lectures was found to be 61.6%

Further details about this project are available from website

<http://www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/projects/tdf/pearce.htm>