# Predicting Student Academic Success Using Virtual Learning Environment Interactions

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#### In 2018 College Students Took Classes:

• 35.3%: some or all classes online. 16.6% online-only

After Covid-19: ????



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<sup>1. &</sup>lt;a href="https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=80">https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=80</a>

<sup>2. &</sup>lt;a href="http://www.guide2research.com/research/online-education-statistics">http://www.guide2research.com/research/online-education-statistics</a>

## Can Predictive Modeling Improve Student Success?



Only if we know who needs it!

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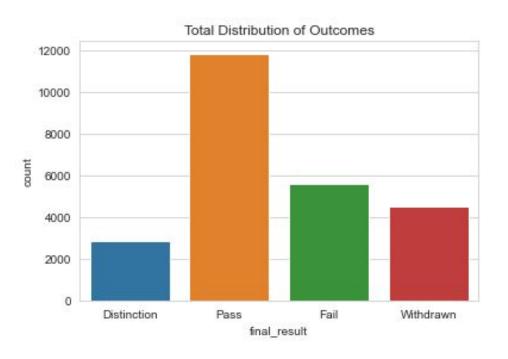
#### The Data:

#### Online University: Years 2013 - 2014

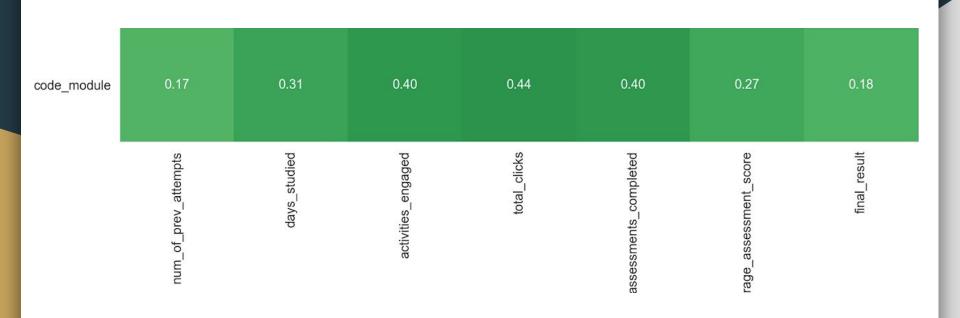
- 24743 registrations
- 22424 unique students22 cohorts
- 7 course modules

10,655,280 Student VLE interactions

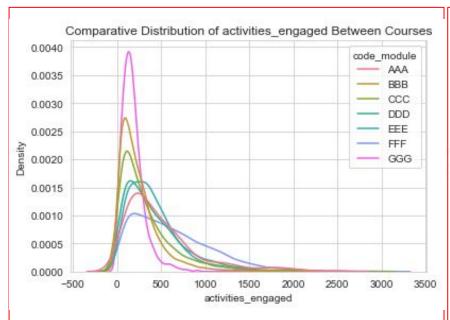
## Distribution of Outcomes

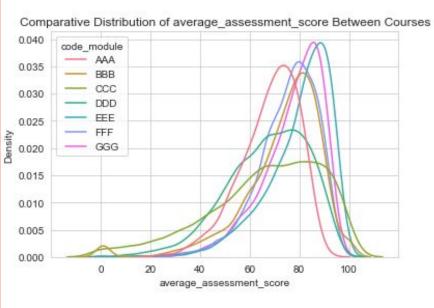


## Some Courses are Harder Than Others.



## Distributions of





#### Normalized Features



XGBoost: 77% Accuracy:

After of 100 days of class

**Needs Intervention:** 73% Accuracy

**Saved Students!** 

0.73

**Missed Students** 

0.27

- 0.6

- 0.7

- 0.5

- 0.4

Wasted **Interventions** 

0.21

**Saved Resources!** 

0.79

- 0.3

**Needs Intervention** 

No Intervention

**Model Predictions** 

**No Intervention Needed:** 

79% Accuracy

## Next Steps:

- Try more model types to improve accuracy
- Evaluate model results to find insights
- Deploy model
- Apply model to larger and more diverse datasets.

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