Study Questions for
“A New Set of Barriers for the Traditionally Underrepresented in Higher Education”

OAPA Pilot Study in Junior Year Writing
February 2002

The reading is available at: http://www.umass.edu/oapa/top_assesr.html. Scroll to bottom of page and click on College Board Article.

1. Summarize the main points in the article, “A New Set of Barriers for the Traditionally Underrepresented in Higher Education.” In summarizing the main points, capture the relationships that the article makes concerning computer access and other variables. For example, what is the correlation between income and online access?
   • Income.
   • Race/Ethnicity:
   • Educational Level/Institution Type:
   • Other points:

2. What does the College Board say is the connection between these factors?
   • For example, what is the correlation between race, income, and computer access?

3. Where might Umass fit in these categories? The current ALANA enrollment at Umass is 17.4% What do you think is the average household income of UMass students?

4. How might a student be disadvantaged at UMass if he or she has limited computer experience?

5. What other implications do you see for UMass faculty and UMass students? Consider your own UMass experiences in answering this question.