Student Grade Expectations

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Grade Expectation at End of Term (Fall 2009)
More students expected an A at end of term than at start of term!
Fewer students expected an A at end of term than start of term
No one expected to fail any course!
Students tend to do worse than what they expected.
First year students tend to overestimate their final grades, upper level students tend to underestimate.
A lot fewer students ended up getting an A!
More students ended up getting an A than expected!
Even at end of term, many students still thought they would pass when they actually failed!
What can be done?

- Provide more feedback to students on their progress throughout the term.
- Conduct focus groups on student expectations and perceptions of the course and their progress.
- Instruct students on effective learning strategies.
- Review learning progress with students through one on one intervention activities.