

The Community College Student Report 2009

1 Did you begin college at this college or elsewhere?

68 Started here 32 Started elsewhere

4 In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	29	35	33	3
b. Made a class presentation	8	20	41	31
c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	19	29	30	21
d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	23	37	29	11
e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	4	10	55	32
f. Worked with other students on projects during class	14	33	40	13
g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	6	16	38	41
h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	3	5	19	73
i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	2	5	16	77
j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	34	31	25	11
k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	22	29	34	15
l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	15	31	44	9
m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor	8	18	45	30
n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class	4	12	38	47
o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance	17	39	36	8
p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	15	34	39	11
q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework	2	7	21	71
r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	19	31	38	12
s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	19	24	34	24
t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	17	24	36	23
u. Skipped class	2	4	43	51

5 During the current school year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	25	39	29	7
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	24	43	28	5
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways	20	39	33	7
d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods	17	34	36	12
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	20	36	34	10
f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill	25	36	31	9

Notes:

* indicates a significant difference and effect size $\Rightarrow .2$ between your college and your comparison group.

Items 2, 29, 30, 33, and 34 are not included in this report. See Table 1.

6 During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done at this college?

More

	None	1 to 4	5 to 10	11 to 20	than 20
a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings	3	42	31	14	10
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	28	48	14	5	5
c. Number of written papers or reports of any length	10	32	31	17	9

7 Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college.

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Extremely easy
Extremely challenging	11	23	34	24	6	2	1	

8 Which of the following have you done, are you doing, or do you plan to do while attending this college?

	I have done	I plan to do	I have not done nor plan to do
a. Internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	17	42	41
b. English as a second language course	9	5	86
c. Developmental/remedial reading course	17	9	74
d. Developmental/remedial writing course	21	11	68
e. Developmental/remedial math course	31	15	55
f. Study skills course	15	18	66
g. Honors course	5	22	73
h. College orientation program or course	27	13	60
i. Organized learning communities (linked courses/study groups led by faculty or counselors)	9	19	73

9 How much does this college emphasize each of the following?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying	29	43	24	4
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college	30	42	23	5
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	19	29	33	18
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	9	17	34	40
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	10	22	40	28
f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	22	24	27	26
g. Using computers in academic work	43	33	18	6

10 About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

	None	1 – 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	More than 30
a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program)	2	42	30	17	6	3
b. Working for pay	21	6	6	13	17	36
c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	82	13	3	1	1	1
d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	44	16	8	6	4	23
e. Commuting to and from classes	7	69	16	5	1	2

11 Mark the number that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at this college.

Your relationship with:

a. **Other Students**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging	27	28	22	15	4	2	1	Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation

b. **Instructors**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Available, helpful, sympathetic	31	32	21	11	3	1	1	Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic

c. **Administrative Personnel & Offices**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Helpful, considerate, flexible	20	23	22	20	8	5	3	Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid

12 How much has YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THIS COLLEGE contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Acquiring a broad general education	29	42	23	5
b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	22	31	30	17
c. Writing clearly and effectively	22	38	29	11
d. Speaking clearly and effectively	20	35	30	14
e. Thinking critically and analytically	27	42	25	6
f. Solving numerical problems	21	34	29	16
g. Using computing and information technology	27	33	27	13
h. Working effectively with others	23	37	31	9
i. Learning effectively on your own	28	41	25	7
j. Understanding yourself	22	32	30	16
k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic	17	27	34	23
l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	17	27	33	23
m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	10	19	35	37
n. Developing clearer career goals	24	33	28	15
o. Gaining information about career opportunities	22	30	30	19

13 This section has three parts. Please answer all three sections, indicating (1) HOW OFTEN you use the following services, (2) HOW SATISFIED you are with the services, and (3) HOW IMPORTANT the services are to you AT THIS COLLEGE.

	(1) Frequency of Use				(2) Satisfaction				(3) Importance		
	Often	Some-times	Rarely/ Never	Don't know N.A.	Very	Some- what	Not at all	N.A.	Very	Some- what	Not at all
a. Academic advising/planning	13	43	35	9	28	44	10	18	62	28	10
b. Career counseling	5	23	51	21	16	29	13	42	50	29	21
c. Job placement assistance	3	9	47	42	7	16	13	63	38	28	34
d. Peer or other tutoring	7	18	46	28	17	23	9	50	39	31	29
e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	15	24	37	23	23	28	7	42	44	31	25
f. Child care	2	3	38	57	5	7	10	78	27	18	54
g. Financial aid advising	17	28	32	23	26	26	13	35	61	18	21
h. Computer lab	33	30	24	13	44	29	5	22	60	25	15
i. Student organizations	5	12	45	39	9	20	10	61	24	35	41
j. Transfer credit assistance	7	21	37	35	15	23	11	51	51	22	27
k. Services to students with disabilities	4	5	33	58	8	10	8	74	44	16	40

14 How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college? (Please respond to each item)

	Very likely	Likely	Some-what likely	Not likely
	a. Working full-time	20	18	21
b. Caring for dependents	12	16	23	49
c. Academically unprepared	7	12	23	58
d. Lack of finances	28	19	23	31
e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	30	18	18	34

15 How supportive are your friends of your attending this college?

50 Extremely
28 Quite a bit
18 Somewhat
4 Not Very

16 How supportive is your immediate family of your attending this college?

67 Extremely
20 Quite a bit
10 Somewhat
3 Not Very

17 Indicate which of the following are your reasons/goals for attending this college. (Please respond to each item)

	Primary goal	Secondary goal	Not a goal
a. Complete a certificate program	30	19	50
b. Obtain an associate degree	60	21	20
c. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	51	22	27
d. Obtain or update job-related skills	42	27	30
e. Self-improvement/personal enjoyment	40	35	26
f. Change careers	29	16	55

18 Indicate which of the following are sources you use to pay your tuition at this college. (Please respond to each item)

	Major source	Minor source	Not a source
a. My own income/savings	39	29	32
b. Parent or spouse/significant other's income/savings	29	18	53
c. Employer contributions	7	8	85
d. Grants & scholarships	34	12	54
e. Student loans (bank, etc.)	22	8	70
f. Public assistance	7	5	88

19 Since high school, which of the following types of schools have you attended other than the one you are now attending? (Please mark all that apply)

- 7 Proprietary (private) school or training program
- 9 Public vocational-technical school
- 20 Another community or technical college
- 23 4-year college or university
- 50 None

20 When do you plan to take classes at this college again?

- 12 I will accomplish my goal(s) during this term and will not be returning
- 5 I have no current plan to return
- 66 Within the next 12 months
- 17 Uncertain

21 At this college, in what range is your overall college grade average?

- 16 A
- 28 A- to B+
- 23 B
- 19 B- to C+
- 8 C
- 2 C- or lower
- 3 Do not have a GPA at this school
- 1 Pass/fail classes only

22 When do you most frequently take classes at this college? (Mark one only)

- 70 Day classes (morning or afternoon)
- 29 Evening classes
- 1 Weekend classes

23 How many TOTAL credit hours have you earned at this college, not counting the courses you are currently taking this term?

- 13 none
- 33 1-14 credits
- 21 15-29 credits
- 13 30-44 credits
- 11 45-60 credits
- 9 over 60 credits

**24 At what other types of institutions are you taking classes this term?
(Please mark all that apply)**

- 87 None
- 3 High school
- 1 Vocational/technical school
- 2 Another community or technical college
- 4 4-year college/university
- 3 Other

25 How many classes are you *presently* taking at OTHER institutions?

- 84 None
- 4 1 class
- 4 2 classes
- 3 3 classes
- 5 4 classes or more

26 Would you recommend this college to a friend or family member?

- 94 Yes
- 6 No

27 How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this college?

- 31 Excellent
- 55 Good
- 12 Fair
- 1 Poor

28 Do you have children who live with you?

- 30 Yes
- 70 No

31 Are you married?

- 23 Yes
- 77 No

32 Is English your native (first) language?

- 87 Yes
- 13 No

35 What is the highest academic credential you have earned?

- 3 None
- 73 High school diploma or GED
- 10 Vocational/technical certificate
- 8 Associate degree
- 5 Bachelor's degree
- 1 Master's/doctoral/professional degree

36 What is the highest level of education obtained by your:

	Father	Mother
a. Not a high school graduate	16	13
b. High school diploma or GED	31	32
c. Some college, did not complete degree	14	17
d. Associate degree	8	12
e. Bachelor's degree	13	13
f. Master's degree/1st professional	7	7
g. Doctorate degree	2	1
h. Unknown	8	5