

Community College Survey of Student Engagement - College of the Desert

2012 Means Report - Main Survey

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Item 4: In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?									
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4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions [ACTCOLL]	CLQUEST	977	2.74	110,497	2.90		451,489	2.94	-0.24**
4b. Made a class presentation [ACTCOLL]	CLPRESEN	978	2.20	110,078	2.12		449,666	2.11	
4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in [STUEFF]	REWROPAP	975	2.72	109,629	2.51	0.21**	447,969	2.52	
4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources [STUEFF]	INTEGRAT	972	2.88	109,720	2.79		448,391	2.79	
4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments [STUEFF]	CLUNPREP	968	1.82	109,484	1.84		447,397	1.82	
4f. Worked with other students on projects during class [ACTCOLL]	CLASSGRP	975	2.69	109,282	2.49	0.22**	446,711	2.51	0.21**
4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments [ACTCOLL]	OCCGRP	974	2.13	109,603	1.91	0.25**	448,048	1.92	0.23**
4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary) [ACTCOLL]	TUTOR	975	1.47	109,869	1.38		448,982	1.39	
4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course [ACTCOLL]	COMMPROJ	973	1.39	109,298	1.32		446,826	1.33	
4j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	INTERNET	969	3.03	109,363	3.01		446,880	3.01	
4k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor [STUFAC]	EMAIL	971	2.64	109,549	2.82		447,772	2.81	
4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor [STUFAC]	FACGRADE	974	2.48	109,663	2.56		448,234	2.59	
4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor [STUFAC]	FACPLANS	973	2.16	109,419	2.03		447,276	2.08	
4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class [STUFAC]	FACIDEAS	965	1.73	109,213	1.75		446,456	1.77	
4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance [STUFAC]	FACFEED	970	2.62	109,395	2.69		447,313	2.70	

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4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations [ACCHALL]	WORKHARD	965	2.67	109,487	2.59		447,717	2.61	
4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework [STUFAC]	FACOTH	965	1.44	108,558	1.41		444,067	1.43	
4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) [ACTCOLL]	OOCIDEAS	965	2.61	109,788	2.56		448,801	2.57	
4s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	DIVRSTUD	968	2.49	109,618	2.46		448,259	2.42	
4t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTUD	964	2.38	109,501	2.36		447,626	2.35	
4u. Skipped class	SKIPCLAS	970	1.48	109,872	1.57		449,228	1.54	
Item 5: During the current school year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?									
1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very much									
5a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	973	3.00	110,076	2.86		449,914	2.86	
5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory [ACCHALL]	ANALYZE	969	3.01	109,703	2.91		448,441	2.90	
5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways [ACCHALL]	SYNTHEsz	966	2.86	109,185	2.77		446,459	2.78	
5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods [ACCHALL]	EVALUATE	967	2.67	109,327	2.61		446,930	2.61	
5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations [ACCHALL]	APPLYING	969	2.77	109,526	2.71		447,745	2.71	
5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill [ACCHALL]	PERFORM	974	2.92	109,949	2.81		449,333	2.83	

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Item 6: During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done at this college?									
1 = None, 2 = Between 1 and 4, 3 = Between 5 and 10, 4 = Between 11 and 20, 5 = More than 20									
6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings [ACCHALL]	READASGN	971	2.88	109,149	2.89		446,012	2.91	
6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment [STUEFF]	READOWN	974	2.06	109,136	2.10		446,057	2.10	
6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length [ACCHALL]	WRITEANY	971	2.87	109,050	2.89		445,728	2.90	
Item 7									
1 = Extremely easy ... 7 = Extremely challenging									
7. Mark the response 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 [ACCHALL]	EXAMS	948	5.02	104,825	4.95		429,161	4.99	
Item 9: How much does this college emphasize each of the following?									
1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very much									
9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying [ACCHALL]	ENVSCHOL	972	3.14	109,069	3.00		445,816	3.02	
9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college [SUPPORT]	ENVSUPRT	968	3.02	108,865	2.97		445,089	3.00	
9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds [SUPPORT]	ENVDIVRS	959	2.69	108,451	2.56		443,446	2.55	
9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.) [SUPPORT]	ENVNACAD	963	2.09	108,451	1.95		443,470	1.97	
9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially [SUPPORT]	ENVSOCAL	952	2.31	107,953	2.16		441,370	2.19	
9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education [SUPPORT]	FINSUPP	961	2.62	108,122	2.50		442,391	2.56	
9g. Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMP	969	3.18	108,847	3.19		445,067	3.20	

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Item 10: About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?									
0 = None, 1 = 1-5 hours, 2 = 6-10 hours, 3 = 11-20 hours, 4 = 21-30 hours, 5 = More than 30 hours									
10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) [STUEFF]	ACADPR01	974	2.10	108,768	2.00		444,798	2.02	
10b. Working for pay	PAYWORK	964	2.74	108,328	2.85		443,191	2.78	
10c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	965	0.34	108,493	0.27		443,673	0.29	
10d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01	960	1.78	108,188	1.70		442,441	1.83	
10e. Commuting to and from classes	COMMUTE	969	1.37	108,343	1.35		443,248	1.35	
Item 11: Mark the number that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at this college.									
1 = Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation ... 7 = Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging									
11a. Other students	ENVSTU	974	5.58	108,872	5.41		445,222	5.49	
11b. Instructors	ENVFAC	974	5.64	108,897	5.63		445,284	5.68	
11c. Administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	972	4.98	108,602	4.83		444,432	4.97	
Item 12: How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?									
1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very much									
12a. Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	971	3.07	108,348	2.96		443,218	2.98	
12b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	966	2.50	108,060	2.51		442,330	2.58	
12c. Writing clearly and effectively	GNWRITE	966	2.92	108,191	2.74		442,760	2.77	
12d. Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	967	2.88	108,163	2.65	0.24**	442,453	2.68	0.21**
12e. Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	969	3.08	108,150	2.91		442,353	2.94	

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12f. Solving numerical problems	GNSOLVE	965	2.71	108,023	2.63		441,913	2.67	
12g. Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS	965	2.81	108,065	2.75		442,067	2.79	
12h. Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	968	2.89	108,129	2.74		442,389	2.78	
12i. Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	968	2.99	108,127	2.93		442,395	2.95	
12j. Understanding yourself	GNSSELF	968	2.87	107,975	2.63	0.23**	441,714	2.66	0.21**
12k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	960	2.67	107,772	2.43	0.23**	440,983	2.43	0.23**
12l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	961	2.71	107,766	2.40	0.30**	440,980	2.43	0.27**
12m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	GNCOMMUN	958	2.21	107,541	2.02		440,025	2.06	
12n. Developing clearer career goals	CARGOAL	966	2.87	108,002	2.66	0.21**	441,919	2.71	
12o. Gaining information about career opportunities	GAINCAR	969	2.71	108,196	2.52		442,595	2.58	
Item 13.1: How often do you use the following services at this college?									
1 = Rarely/Never, 2 = Sometimes, 3 = Often (Don't know/N.A. category not included in means calculations)									
13.1a. Academic advising/planning [SUPPORT]	USEACAD	878	1.82	99,220	1.75		406,379	1.79	
13.1b. Career counseling [SUPPORT]	USECACOU	834	1.67	85,178	1.42	0.42**	350,274	1.43	0.38**
13.1c. Job placement assistance	USEJOBPL	556	1.27	63,233	1.22		259,905	1.24	
13.1d. Peer or other tutoring [STUEFF]	USETUTOR	750	1.59	79,981	1.48		328,381	1.49	

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13.1e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.) [STUEFF]	USELAB	798	1.93	83,002	1.70	0.29**	342,092	1.74	0.24**
13.1f. Child care	USECHLD	404	1.21	46,294	1.15		189,102	1.18	
13.1g. Financial aid advising	USEFAADV	776	1.84	85,021	1.83		358,136	1.89	
13.1h. Computer lab [STUEFF]	USECOMLB	818	1.97	93,018	2.07		383,571	2.09	
13.1i. Student organizations	USESTORG	628	1.46	67,863	1.34		281,412	1.37	
13.1j. Transfer credit assistance	USETRCRD	680	1.63	70,531	1.52		284,390	1.53	
13.1k. Services to students with disabilities	USEDISAB	421	1.45	46,538	1.29	0.25**	188,295	1.31	0.23**
Item 13.2: How satisfied are you with the following services at this college?									
1 = Not at all, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Very (N.A. category not included in means calculations)									
13.2a. Academic advising/planning	SATACAD	801	2.21	87,705	2.18		363,298	2.23	
13.2b. Career counseling	SATCACOU	697	2.15	59,906	2.02		253,112	2.05	
13.2c. Job placement assistance	SATJOBPL	381	1.86	37,402	1.79		161,701	1.81	
13.2d. Peer or other tutoring	SATTUTOR	572	2.19	54,078	2.17		226,901	2.19	
13.2e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	SATLAB	658	2.38	60,589	2.27		256,375	2.29	
13.2f. Child care	SATCHLD	207	1.91	21,401	1.75		92,792	1.78	
13.2g. Financial aid advising	SATFAADV	663	2.25	70,119	2.18		304,794	2.24	

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13.2h. Computer lab	SATCOMLB	702	2.45	80,923	2.49		337,377	2.50	
13.2i. Student organizations	SATSTORG	433	2.06	42,337	1.98		181,914	2.01	
13.2j. Transfer credit assistance	SATTRCRD	548	2.07	50,992	2.05		208,966	2.07	
13.2k. Services to students with disabilities	SATDISAB	265	2.11	26,101	2.02		110,872	2.04	
Item 13.3: How important are the following services to you at this college?									
1 = Not at all, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Very									
13.3a. Academic advising/planning	IMPACAD	911	2.65	102,924	2.55		421,833	2.56	
13.3b. Career counseling	IMPCACOU	899	2.54	101,457	2.31	0.29**	415,843	2.32	0.28**
13.3c. Job placement assistance	IMPJOBPL	887	2.09	100,018	2.07		410,212	2.09	
13.3d. Peer or other tutoring	IMPTUTOR	886	2.25	99,973	2.14		410,421	2.15	
13.3e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	IMPLAB	891	2.39	99,689	2.22	0.22**	408,749	2.23	0.20**
13.3f. Child care	IMPCHLD	875	1.75	98,887	1.73		405,621	1.74	
13.3g. Financial aid advising	IMPFAADV	888	2.56	100,104	2.44		411,191	2.48	
13.3h. Computer lab	IMPCOMLB	881	2.42	100,461	2.44		412,114	2.45	
13.3i. Student organizations	IMPSTORG	871	1.95	98,670	1.86		405,041	1.87	
13.3j. Transfer credit assistance	IMPTRCRD	883	2.39	99,850	2.26		409,565	2.24	

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13.3k. Services to students with disabilities	IMPDISAB	874	2.04	99,373	2.04		407,833	2.05	
Item 14: How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college?									
1 = Not likely, 2 = Somewhat likely, 3 = Likely, 4 = Very likely									
14a. Working full-time	WRKFULL	955	2.20	107,773	2.22		441,555	2.21	
14b. Caring for dependents	CAREDEP	952	1.97	107,462	1.92		440,325	1.93	
14c. Academically unprepared	ACADUNP	950	1.67	107,134	1.71		438,920	1.68	
14d. Lack of finances	LACKFIN	958	2.51	107,419	2.49		440,233	2.50	
14e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	TRANSFER	957	2.52	107,563	2.54		440,535	2.44	
Item 15									
1 = Not very, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Extremely									
15. How supportive are your friends of your attending this college?	FRNDSUPP	959	3.28	107,984	3.21		442,354	3.25	
Item 16									
1 = Not very, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Extremely									
16. How supportive is your immediate family of your attending this college?	FAMSUPP	956	3.55	107,731	3.48		441,270	3.50	
Item 23									
0 = None, 1 = 1-14 credits, 2 = 15-29 credits, 3 = 30-44 credits, 4 = 45-60 credits, 5 = Over 60 credits									
23. How many total credit hours have you earned at this college, not counting the courses you are currently taking this term?	TOTCHRS	958	2.38	106,509	2.03	0.24**	438,564	2.07	0.21**

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Item 25									
1 = None, 2 = 1 class, 3 = 2 classes, 4 = 3 classes, 5 = 4 classes or more credits									
25. How many classes are you presently taking at other institutions?	OTHINST	964	1.41	108,119	1.40		443,000	1.40	
Item 27									
1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Good, 4 = Excellent									
27. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this college?	ENTIREXP	965	3.10	108,194	3.12		443,295	3.14	

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