

The Community College Student Report 2008

Mountain View College

Compared with other Hispanic Student Success Colleges

1 Did you begin college at this college or elsewhere?

62 Started here 38 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	Some-times	Never
a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	26	36	35	4
b. Made a class presentation	9	26	35	31
c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	18	29	36	18
d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	21	37	29	14
e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	3	11	57	29
f. Worked with other students on projects during class	13	29	41	16
g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	7	14	37	41
h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	3	4	20	74
i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	2	4	14	80
j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	34	32	22	12
k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	27	26	35	13
l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	17	28	43	13
m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor	8	16	44	32
n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class	4	10	37	49
o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance	16	34	37	13
p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	17	33	39	11
q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework	1	6	17	75
r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	21	30	36	13
s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	21	29	31	18
t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	18	24	31	26
u. Skipped class	1	4	40	55

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	41	27	7
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	25	42	27	6
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways	24	37	32	7
d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods	17	35	35	13
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	21	35	32	12
f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill	23	36	32	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?

	None	1 to 4	5 to 10	11 to 20	More than 20
a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings	1	45	30	14	9
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	28	52	13	3	4
c. Number of written papers or reports of any length	14	39	29	13	6 *

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	8	26	33	24	5	2	0	

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	11	35	54
b. English as a second language course	12	5	83
c. Developmental/remedial reading course	29	4	67
d. Developmental/remedial writing course	22	7	71
e. Developmental/remedial math course	52	16	32
f. Study skills course	10	29	61
g. Honors course	5	31	64
h. College orientation program or course	19	20	61
i. Organized learning communities (linked courses/study groups led by faculty or counselors)	6	24	70

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	30	42	24	4
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college	31	42	23	4
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	25	31	27	16
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	11	20	33	36
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	12	28	35	26
f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	23	22	25	31
g. Using computers in academic work	44	33	16	7

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)	1	50	32	11	4	1
b. Working for pay	16	4	5	8	13	54 *
c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	84	12	2	1	0	1
d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	36	19	11	8	5	21
e. Commuting to and from classes	12	67	11	7	2	2

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

Your relationship with:

a. Other Students

Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation
	27	24	22	17	6	2	1	

b. Instructors

Available, helpful, sympathetic	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic
	34	32	19	12	3	1	1	

c. Administrative Personnel & Offices

Helpful, considerate, flexible	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid
	20	20	25	19	9	5	3	

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	30	43	23	4
b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	17	29	35	20
c. Writing clearly and effectively	26	36	28	10
d. Speaking clearly and effectively	28	35	26	12
e. Thinking critically and analytically	32	39	25	4
f. Solving numerical problems	29	35	26	9 *
g. Using computing and information technology	32	32	25	11
h. Working effectively with others	27	35	29	9
i. Learning effectively on your own	30	41	22	6
j. Understanding yourself	29	31	28	12
k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic	25	31	28	16
l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	21	28	35	16
m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	12	20	36	33
n. Developing clearer career goals	27	31	31	12
o. Gaining information about career opportunities	24	27	29	20

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	15	41	36	9	28	46	9	17	72	22	6
b. Career counseling	9	23	48	21	20	30	15	36	62	23	16
c. Job placement assistance	2	7	45	46	7	13	15	65	38	27	35
d. Peer or other tutoring	6	18	47	28	17	26	11	47	43	31	26
e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	15	25	39	21	26	28	8	38	51	28	21
f. Child care	1	3	38	59	4	7	12	77	29	19	52
g. Financial aid advising	17	20	39	25	23	23	14	40	61	15	24
h. Computer lab	32	29	27	12	43	28	5	23	62	24	14
i. Student organizations	5	10	47	37	11	19	12	58	31	34	35
j. Transfer credit assistance	9	19	39	34	18	22	14	47	58	17	25
k. Services to students with disabilities	3	4	34	59	9	7	10	74	44	15	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	28	21	20	30
b. Caring for dependents	17	15	21	46
c. Academically unprepared	8	14	24	53
d. Lack of finances	26	21	21	33
e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	36	20	16	27

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

50	Extremely	18	Somewhat
27	Quite a bit	5	Not Very

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

73	Extremely	9	Somewhat
15	Quite a bit	2	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	25	25	49
b. Obtain an associate degree	59	23	18
c. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	71	19	11
d. Obtain or update job-related skills	34	31	34
e. Self-improvement/personal enjoyment	40	33	27
f. Change careers	24	19	57

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	58	23	19
b. Parent or spouse/significant other's income/savings	26	22	53
c. Employer contributions	7	9	84
d. Grants & scholarships	30	6	64
e. Student loans (bank, etc.)	5	4	90
f. Public assistance	3	4	93

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)

- 6 Proprietary (private) school or training program
- 6 Public vocational-technical school
- 28 Another community or technical college
- 23 4-year college or university
- 49 None

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

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

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

- 10 A
- 30 A- to B+
- 29 B
- 20 B- to C+
- 6 C
- 2 C- or lower
- 3 Do not have a GPA at this school
- 0 Pass/fail classes only

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

- 54 Day classes (morning or afternoon)
- 42 Evening classes
- 3 Weekend classes

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

- 12 none
- 39 1-14 credits
- 19 15-29 credits
- 14 30-44 credits
- 9 45-60 credits
- 7 over 60 credits

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

- 83 None
- 1 High school
- 1 Vocational/technical school
- 7 Another community or technical college
- 6 4-year college/university
- 3 Other

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

- 77 None
- 7 1 class
- 7 2 classes
- 5 3 classes
- 4 4 classes or more

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

- 95 Yes
- 5 No

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

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

28 Do you have children who live with you?

- 34 Yes
- 66 No

31 Are you married?

- 21 Yes
- 79 No

32 Is English your native (first) language?

- 62 Yes
- 38 No

35 What is the highest academic credential you have earned?

- 2 None
- 77 High school diploma or GED
- 7 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	39	34
b. High school diploma or GED	18	22
c. Some college, did not complete degree	12	13
d. Associate degree	4	7
e. Bachelor's degree	9	8
f. Master's degree/1st professional	3	6
g. Doctorate degree	2	0
h. Unknown	12	10