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# NSSE 2016

## Student Comments

### California State University-Chico

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The final page of the NSSE survey asked students to respond to the following question in an open text box:

*"If you have any additional comments or feedback that you'd like to share on the quality of your educational experience, please type them below."*

**Important:**

- Confidential student responses to this question appear on the following pages. Because student comments are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS data file. For this reason, please use discretion when using, storing, and disseminating the SPSS file.
- These comments appear exactly as the students entered them and **may not be suitable for distribution without prior review**. Faculty members, administrators, or other students may be mentioned by name, and comments were not edited for grammar, offensive language, excessive length, or otherwise questionable content.
- Comments are sorted by class, enrollment status, and sex. Information for these variables was provided by your institution.

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Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
First-year	Full-time	Female	Limited parking on campus makes it extremely difficult to make it to later classes even when you have paid for a parking permit to avoid this.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I am appreciative and honored to be apart of a well-known university that offers excellent education. I know this is more of a governmental issue verse a university issue, but I feel the need for financial aid needs to be re-evaluated. Family contribution needs to be taken into account, that not all family's contribute. It has been difficult to juggle three part time jobs, being a full-time student, finding study time, family time, personal time, and so forth. I feel a little financial help would have been a great hand. It's unfortunate to see students who have received a whole lot of financial aid and take their education for granted. I wish all students had to work as hard as I feel I have to, because then maybe the appreciation for education would be greater.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I love Chico State! There is many opportunities for students at this institution if they are willing to go find them. However, I feel as though if there was more information put forward to students in a way that could be easily seen and accessed for such opportunities, more students would likely attend them. In fact, I have almost been here at Chico State for two years and am just starting to learn things that would have been really helpful as a first semester student. Despite this though, CSU: Chico is an amazing university. GO CHICO!!
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like for their to be more on campus Work Study opportunities.
First-year	Full-time	Female	love all my professors and faculty, they are all very pleasant to be around. only problem I had so far was with housing. My friends in my dorm and I had asked for long lost mail or letters that had never made it to the mailbox, and the woman assisting us was very rude, saying that the person who wrote my letter addressed it wrong and that my friend's family shouldn't have sent money in their mail. I ended up getting my letter a month later, which should not have taken that long because I live pretty close, so I felt very disrespected by this woman at UHFS. I would never go back to talk to her again. other than that, no problems at all, I love it here
First-year	Full-time	Female	The professors are very nice and they make lecture enjoyable.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Love the campus and staff
First-year	Full-time	Female	It has been very good and I cant wait for the next 2 years!!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Lived in my car for part of last year because of a hostile on campus living situation.
First-year	Full-time	Female	For the question about if I could go back would I choose this institution, I said no because of it's location. Felt like that question wasn't specific enough.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The week of spring break does not accommodate with the Catholic religion. It's only on St Patrick's day to downsize the party influx. The campus should be a smoke free one as well.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Every professor I have come to know has been personable, relatable, and cared about my well being inside and out of class. That is why I enjoy coming to Chico
First-year	Full-time	Female	Study abroad in California was one of my dream and I definitely had the time of my life at California State University, Chico!
First-year	Full-time	Female	I wish sports were more of an aspect(football)
First-year	Full-time	Female	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Female	I'm failing classes because I am too depressed to do the work and go to the classes . I want to drop out
First-year	Full-time	Female	The food quality at the Sutter Dining Hall for Freshmen students was beyond poor. Some poor girl found a bloody band aid in the fruit bar one time. And there have been other incidences as well. Plus, the majority of the food is disgusting and unhealthy. They don't even have a salad bar, but there is always a huge rack of cookies...
First-year	Full-time	Female	Chico State is a great university to study abroad
First-year	Full-time	Female	I will be transferring from this institution at semester's end, but Chico has done nothing but positive things for me during my time here
First-year	Full-time	Male	Chico is a good school and I really love the engineering program here. I wish other majors held higher standards for their students in comparison to an engineering degree. I think ultimately college should be an intense learning experience for everyone. We are all paying the same amount of money we should each have heavily intense learning programs. I think the school could do more to get people involved in activities by requiring enrollment or participation in extracurricular programs.
First-year	Full-time	Male	CSU Chico school system is trash. You guys accost dumb people which makes me feel dumber...

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First-year	Full-time	Male	This school has more emphasis on partying than it does on education. I find it easier to buy booze as a freshmen than it is to get help with my schoolwork.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Overwhelming amounts of readings that aren't extremely relevant to the course. Also it is almost impossible to get the courses I want to as a freshman therefore enter class a week late and I am not informed of the online assignments, or I don't get the full syllabus talk.
First-year	Full-time	Male	What's with all these safe zones, trigger warnings, gender neutral bathrooms, and black lives matter rally? For the safe zones, I don't believe we need or should have them on campus because people will rely on these "zones" and not develop tough skins. For trigger warnings, why should professors have to warn people before they talk about possible sensitive matters or conflicting view points. After all, students are here to achieve more knowledge and develop critical thinking skills and to do that we must hear and understand opposing arguments. You can't just suppress one side of an argument/belief. Gender neutral bathrooms: if you are a guy then you use the mens bathroom. If you are a woman, then you use the women's restroom. Men shouldn't be allowed into public restrooms. And what's with all this black lives matter stuff? I'm not black, so do I matter? I thought we as people are to be treated equally. ALL LIVES MATTER.
First-year	Full-time	Male	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Male	The racism in Chico is really bad. Also there needs to be a cultivation of more minority cultural practices instead of just the dominant culture's.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I don't really have anything against the institution. It just isn't for me and I'd rather go to San Marcos to be close to friends and what I plan to pursue with my education.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Disrespect in freshman dorms are awful and the RA's do very little, makes living in them difficult due to constant rule violations
First-year	Not full-time	Male	This is an institution that I would never recommend to anyone...the vice that partying, drugs, and alcohol have on this school is quite shocking and detrimental. And to say this is an academic institution is a complete understatement--it is quite far from it. Although Chico's efforts to eradicate the negativity has been commendable, a lot of work is still needed to call this institution an academic one. People here are not as friendly as most people claim and the school is situated in a rather dangerous part of town. While safety has been treated as number one priority for the school, more is still needed to make this school not so "dangerous" if that is even possible.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	this school should invest more into student organizations such as the rowing club
First-year	Not full-time	Male	I am not the best person to give an in-depth analysis of the entire Computer Information Systems program at CSU Chico. I was a cross enrollment student from Butte College taking a single class. Two months into the class I had to stop attending due to a scheduling shake up at work. The only suggestion I can offer is this: CSU Chico really needs to do something to improve the late drop process. Having to manually obtain three different signatures from people with limited office hours, that conflict with a normal human 8am-5pm workday, is ridiculous. I should be able to do this via e-mail and telephone.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	CSU Chico has had a bad reputation and it has stuck for many years but our staff and faculty are turning that around. We are no longer that insane party school people wish to depict us as. It is unfair to be labeled as such for the mistakes other have made in the past, we've turned a new leaf and should be treated for who we are not who we were. I love Chico State, it's become my home and a place were I can do anything and be anything. I belong here.
Senior	Full-time	Female	CSU, Chico should offer major-specific tutoring and supplemental instruction (SI) like they have at Butte College.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	This school has no priority towards bullying. I was severely bullied during my first year. I became depressed, became scared to leave my dorm room, fell behind in school work and became suicidal. I reached out to staff that I was told were to help me, but they refused. I attended anti-bullying events on campus which I quickly realized only had to do with bullying that happens in elementary school where kids are called "nerds" or "dorks" etc, and a rap song that was supposed to make victims feel better about being called these names.
Senior	Full-time	Female	n/a
Senior	Full-time	Female	I graduated in December 2015.
Senior	Full-time	Female	When you get lucky to have a professor who is passionate about the subject they are wanting to share knowledge about, it makes a students learning experience more enjoyable and exciting.
Senior	Full-time	Female	PLEASE REFER BACK TO MY MLA FORMAT ESSAY PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN.  also, these bullshit surveys too long.
Senior	Full-time	Female	There is a lot of ignorance among young men. They go around town bragging about selling adderol and sniffing it while driving the Skyway at three in the morning. Cheersing their business school and the drug to being the only reason they actually graduated college. I take Rittilin, and I have taken adderol because I actually need it. Knowing that these idiots are out there snorting it and now going on to represent the student of Chico state when I am in class with intelligent, kind, incredible people who are really Chico's best, it pisses me off to know end that these young men not only make the school look bad, they risk their lives as well as thee lives of others. Business majors...blech.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am honored to be at Chico State, and have confidence in all of my instructors.
Senior	Full-time	Female	none
Senior	Full-time	Female	Academically, I had an amazing experience in the Psychology department. I fell in love with my teachers and learned so much that I am going to Michigan to pursue my master's next semester. I do not regret getting my BA in Psychology at Chico State. The one concern I have for Chico is that they really don't have many resources or ways of getting to know people if you're a transfer student. I came as a transfer almost 2 years ago and I am leaving with making hardly any friends. I am an outgoing, active, extroverted girl and meeting people here was extremely hard. I joined 2 clubs that fell through and another that was predominately foreign students who didn't speak english. This school is SO HEAVILY DOMINATED BY THE GREEK LIFE/SORORITY/FRATERNITY. There are not that many clubs that emphasize meeting new people, I tried CAVE and it was a joke, I didn't meet anyone and regretted doing it because it was so demanding and didn't make any friends like they claim. The clubs on campus are so specific or things I'm not interested in, like a Harry Potter Club or Anime club, or LGBTQ, or Bronies club....really? I have seen other colleges have cooking clubs, workout clubs, yoga. More general interesting clubs that people like me can easily join. You may think that I could have created those clubs myself but I didn't have the time, with school, work, and getting good grades for graduate school. I hope something changes with this school soon because I almost transferred multiple times due to loneliness and depression. Something needs to be fixed in terms of helping transfer students make friends because students don't talk to one another by the time upper division sets in and that came as a shock me, seeing everyone already have their cliques and friends established.
Senior	Full-time	Female	This school should warn that they are such a large Greek school, if you are not interested in participating the the weird cult that is Greek life you either have the choice of joining the many race affiliated clubs (I'm a white girl so the Latino club isn't quite my place) or the LGBT. There is a lacking in clubs, and social events are so lame on this campus. Also this campus is extremely religion/race sensitive. So much to the point that it feels awkward like the school is trying to cover up for itself. The gym is way too crowded there needs to be bigger rooms for the workout classes. Surveys for classes should not be done over just a online format. Most people don't care enough to fill it out and when they do its just to quickly click boxes to get it over with. Towards the end of the semester one class period should be devoted to having someone come in and ask the class the questions and start a group conversation, without the instructor being there obviously.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I was an older, returning student and felt alone in my experience. I would have liked more outreach to older students to network and provide activities. Most all campus get-to-know you activities were aimed at freshman. I sought out the one group that sounded like it was for older students my first semester, and it was for single, older students. Since I'm married with children, I felt uncomfortable attending their events, which were usually at a bar, after hours. Lunch groups, study groups or simply friendship groups were unheard of for returning students. Being a full time student gave me little extra time to organize such a thing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am sincerely thankful for the help and guidance I have recieved from my teachers and advisor during my stay here at Chico State.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Please address the Honors in GE program!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am a recent graduate of CSU Chico and received my degree in February. I was able to walk with my class in May of 2015 and finish my out-of-state internship afterwards. I think it is amazing how the school is so accommodating and willing to work with students in order for them to not only be able to walk at graduation with everyone in their class, but also to get them ready and where they need to be to start the career they have been working the last 4 + years for. Choosing Chico State has truly been the best decision of my life and I am so proud to be a Chico grad. I will continue to promote Chico and the education they provide for the rest of my life; I miss it already.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Over all, I have enjoyed my experience. The instructors that teach courses related to my major have been excellent. However, if I got to start over, I would not have taken international business as a minor at CSU, Chico.</p> <p>The following is my experience with instructors for my international business minor. Professor William Nitzky who teaches cultural is excellent. I liked the course. Professor Charles Cambridge who taught international management should not have taught for as long as he did. He appeared to be showing early signs of dementia. Professor Richard Ponarul is kind, but the class felt a bit too advanced for someone (myself) who only has had intro to finance previously.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	I believe the expectations at CSUChico for undergrad and general ed are fairly low. Due to the high prevalence of drinking/drug use/drop out rate/low performance, I think having a more rigorous course load or high expectations would keep students more engaged and focused.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The professors in my department (Nutrition and Food Science) have gone above and beyond to provide high-quality education that has prepared me for the next step in my educational/career goals. I am very satisfied with the experience that I have had and I am very thankful.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am older, returning to college to finish my degree. For an older person, the social aspect of the college experience is completely lacking. It is a lonely experience, and can be quite difficult at times. I have to remember I am there for my education, not to socialize or make friends. It is not very enjoyable, and I have heard the same from other older students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Teachers need to stop creating their own websites instead of using blackboard. It gets confusing when all of my classes are in different places and are not in the same area like blackboard. Some teachers don't use blackboard and it's hard to keep track of my grades and deadlines on homework.
Senior	Full-time	Female	This particular campus is not diverse enough. I don't think it's the fault of the admissions, I think it's the students that choose to attend here. I feel like a major minority due to my age (28), most of the students are much younger than me. It's difficult to socialize because of that, there's really nothing available for students over 25. Overall the faculty are very tolerant of diversity but the students themselves are not. So overall the school needs to work on attracting a more diverse group of students, starting with age.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Honestly, in my internship I feel the school has not only failed me but also several of my colleagues. We have internship placements within Social Service agencies, but the work we are completing is comparable to secretarial work of making copies and answering phones or simply giving out information at events such as farmers markets or the like, which is fine some of the time but we are not getting more than that. Whereas other colleagues within the program have placements such as child welfare, foster agencies, juvenile detention, esplanade house, behavior health or an agency where they are carrying a case load of clients, interacting with clients regularly, participating in case management, case planning, and learning important documentation skills necessary to enter the field prepared to begin using the skills we are learning about in school. Some of us are in placements where we are receiving no such training as the opportunity is not available within the agency. There should be some sort of quality assurance in place for us as students to prevent such circumstances. We are inexperienced and learning, it is the duty of the University we are all paying several thousands of dollars to, to ensure that we are receiving the experience necessary to enter our field; as is the purpose of our year spent in an internship, yet the program is failing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Weekend Greek life on and near campus gives the campus a bad rep. I am ashamed to be at a school that tolerates the brash drunkenness the fraternities and sororities publicize as you drive by their house. Students prioritize drinking more than academics due to the easy access near campus as well. Chico State would benefit, in the long run, of some kind of city ordinance that obstructed this access. Non-Chicoans think very little of this beautiful city and it saddens me to be unable to stand up for my college, because I agree.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>With how much money I pay for tuition and how much time I put into classes, I'm severely disappointed with the education I'm receiving. My internship is teaching me the design skills, presentation skills, and the necessary design programs I need to know in order to have a chance in the work force. With only my courses I wouldn't feel prepared to even apply for a design job.</p> <p>I can't express how little structure and how little substance there is in the courses. They are easy to pass, there is next to no studying, problem solving, or creative thinking involved. Nothing that challenges students to think about their design in terms of the audience or client. We have had no presentations or projects that teach us how to address clients or discuss our designs. The program has helped students develop average design skills, minimal understanding of design programs, and hasn't covered how to present or work with clients.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	Through my journey at California State University, Chico (CSU, Chico), I have had an excellent experience. All my professors have been wonderful in their own way. I have been able to speak with them and receive feedback as well as advice and encouragement. I still keep in contact with most of them and continue to receive their support. I also have developed relationships with staff and advisors that have been very supportive throughout my CSU, Chico experience. If I had to do it all over again, I would choose CSU, Chico. The career center has also been a great resource for me aiding me with resume, cover letter, mock interviews, and other resources. I would strongly recommend any prospective student to apply to attend Chico State.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Personally, I think the prior questionnaire on religion is unnecessary! Chico State is not a religious facility. I am a religious person but I think the statements lead me to believe this was geared to find out how Muslims feel on our campus. Just a feeling with everything that is going on in the world today!
Senior	Full-time	Female	Almost everything in my main course work here has already been covered more thoroughly at the community college I went to.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I never reported an instructor (Rose, calculus ) from my first day of my first semester at Chico state- who asked me to stand up and give an example of female hysteria in front of the class. Mind you I was 1 of maybe 3 or 4 women in the class. It was extremely inappropriate and sexist. I transferred out of his class the next week

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I began an undergraduate career in 2011 at Chico State. Throughout the years I spent there I saw much improvement in the culture on campus. Still, there are many things that require attention, such as respecting cultural holidays (I can recall many people pretending or dressing up as Mexicans for May 5th), drinking and drug culture on campus (drugs such as aderal, marijuana, and cocaine are easily accessible on campus) and equal opportunities for all. For a student of a low socio-economic background it can be difficult to keep up with the rest of the student body (not being able to afford a cellphone or laptop for example can highly impact your education).
Senior	Full-time	Female	My experience at Chico State was great! I had all the helped that I needed. Instructors, Services and the campus in general were helpful and really made sure I was taken care of! However, for myself I wished I made time for the career fair. However, accomplishing a bachelors degree from Chico State has been a great milestone for myself and by that being a first generation grad too. :) Thank you Chico State for all your useful resources and experience!!!
Senior	Full-time	Female	CSU Chico is not commuter-friendly; the parking situation on campus is horrendous. It is such a pain to drive through 2 floors of empty reserved spaces only to find that there are no general parking spaces available. Often times I have to park my car in sketchy areas because they're the only parking available. Sometimes I don't get out of class until 9pm or later, and I have to walk for up to 15 minutes through not well lit areas to get to my car, worried about my safety the entire time.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It has been great, just wish they had some classes in Redding for my major :)
Senior	Full-time	Female	The personal development was worth it.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Chico State has been an amazing institution for me! I have grown so much here and am incredibly sad to be leaving!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Chico State is an excellent school that has prepared me well for the real world
Senior	Full-time	Male	I am very grateful for everything that I have received at Chico State.  Initially, I did not want to come here. At all. I came here because my girlfriend wanted to come here for her program; and, then I did a bit of research and found that Chico State had the program I was interested in, as well - so, I agreed to transfer here with her.  The other two reasons I came here were because it's a cheaper town to live-in than many others in California that have a University in them; and, because I love my girlfriend.  Everyday I came to campus I was mad, and I didn't want to be here. But, my nature consists of two very strong traits: persistence and patience. Those are strong traits in everyone, so long as they are willing to listen and trust themselves.  Over time, I have found that Chico State was the perfect place to come to school - for both me, and my girlfriend. I cannot really express the amount of time and dedication my girlfriend and I have received from our teachers; it has been a lot, and let's leave it at that. They have encouraged us to learn new skills in our professions, and to continue learning and building upon skills and knowledge we already had. I am indebted to them; but, on the other side of that statement - that is their job, and thus their responsibility. Don't take it lightly. You're partially in control of minds, and have great influence over hearts.  Nobody succeeds alone. Nobody succeeds without friends; nobody succeeds without obstacles.  Chico State has helped me in many ways, and I am very grateful.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My time working at the Community Legal Information Center has shaped me to be a better student, and person. It is a program that stands alone, and above, any other program at CSU Chico.
Senior	Full-time	Male	DAMNNNN DANIEL back at with the white vans. Lower tuition

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Senior	Full-time	Male	There is a huge lack of respect at Chico State. There is clear discrimination and targeting. Students dont want to be here, teachers dont want to teach, and the administration handles these issues poorly. Attending this college has been a waste financially. Based on how the courses are taught I could have just attended once every six months to take a test because the students have to teach themselves. I have had less than 5 teachers who were wonderful and the rest have been less than satisfactory. The creditability of this institution is nonexistent. Please contact me to learn more about the issues that have come up here at Chico State.
Senior	Full-time	Male	You should fire all of your full-time General Education professors. The diversity requirement is useless and your GE pathways programs are bullshit. 2 years worth of my education here was absolutely worthless and did not benefit in my career path or as a person in general.
Senior	Full-time	Male	It's been excellent so far, however having transferred I arrived with a lot of experience in group work, projects, technical and non technical writing, &c to the extent that one semester and one in progress is not going to impact that much.
Senior	Full-time	Male	This campus taught me the importance of sustainability and changed my goals and purpose.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The purpose of college is develop skills that will prepare you for a career, at least in the professional and STEM college majors. These curricula would be better if they cut out unnecessary GE courses and added in more relevant, field specific courses. As it is, a B.S. degree in engineering barely prepares a student for the vigorous field of engineering, and I'd imagine the same is true of other majors. Colleges need to focus less of making a B.S. degree acquirable in a 4 year time frame, and more on insuring that their students are learning the skills they need to succeed in life.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Hold your college to a higher standard. Don't adjust standards to make it so you fit them. Dont advertise pointless achievements as major selling points. The opinions and values of students are the most important metrics you have to improve your institution. If you ignore their opinions because they aren't experts then you really show that you don't have much confidence in your ability to educate. Also, one alcohol death in over 16000 attending students is statistically insignificant and the level of alcohol persecution is an overreaction. You say you value culture of all kinds, but what about party culture? Im sure this last statement completely invalidates all the other useful information ive given you in your eyes, but then again you never listen to students anyway.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Chem and Bio departments offer a lot of lab time. The chem department in particular gives students a lot of experience with the instrumentation.</p> <p>Miller is an excellent department chair who is approachable and easily comes across as caring for the students. Nichols and Otts are amazing instructors.</p> <p>Elementary differential equations is a shitty course, although this isn't news to most people. Like many elementary differential equations courses the content has been relatively unchanged since the days of Cauchy. The techniques it teaches are dismally impractical such as the method of variation of parameters. Unless enjoy solving equations that never appear in engineering or physics, and which aren't even mathematically interesting, then this course serves little more purpose then to scare students out of taking the much more interesting and practical differential equations courses that succeed it.</p> <p>The introductory real analysis course named "Advanced Calculus" has been watered down for the math education majors. For a capstone course for math majors it's honestly pathetic and doesn't measure up to other campuses. The math education majors should have their own course(which I realize won't happen because the class sizes would be too small) so that it can be taught with linear algebra, so the students taking it get a proper introduction to real analysis that will actually serve as a useful foundation for more advanced math.</p> <p>The chem department removed calc-based physics from the major to reduce the total number of units required for the major by allowing students to take the non-calc-based physics. This is not good! Almost all schools require calc-based physics for chem majors, so you are making it really hard for students to transfer. And calc-based physics is particularly useful when you do calc-based quantum mechanics in 1st and 2nd semester physical chemistry which students particularly struggle with (one I know even dropped the major due to these courses).</p> <p>Classes should be easier to challenge. Given how most students don't finish in 4 years, that tuition is expensive, and that classes are perennially at capacity, it boggles my mind how difficult it is to challenge courses. Please, let us move on with our lives rather than keeping us here to take courses on material that is redundant to what we've already learned.</p> <p>Some of the instructors in the bio department hate each other and it is noticeable and makes the environment feel toxic. On the other hand, the professors in the chem department all really like one another.</p> <p>The bio department's student assessment quiz that they give in many bio classes to see what students know, is really poorly done. The last time I took it several of the images didn't render properly, and one of the questions, the one on pesticides, has no correct answer.</p> <p>The school has an unusually high rate of student deaths and assaults. In general I've just come to expect every few</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>For the most part, the strength of this institution is faculty engagement on teaching and learning. Professors are (almost without exception) very approachable, very fair, and deeply concerned with their students learning the material they teach.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Get rid of online courses, it seems cause a ton a headaches with students teaching them selfs or just getting stuck on the details and understanding the reason for learning the material. Make student evals shorter and more simple so that, put a few criteria like would you recommend this professor to a friend or do you feel you could explain the material from the class to a stranger. I have seen students put all one answer for all because the evals are so long. I think shorter evals would allow professors who do a good job to get rewarded. There are some great professors and they don't get the recognition they deserve. I like classes where material is assigned at home, then covered in class, I seem to actually learn the material more than memorizing for the test. Power points alone seem to be useless unless accompanied by in class exercises and group work. Try to get students involved with clubs and college activities especially with their major. I noticed once I got involved good things school wise started happening.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>for this survey, you used the word pagan. while politically correct, its the same as calling an african american a nigger.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	It's a disgusting shame that administrators of this institution are driving new cars and making more than the president of this country, when this very same place is graduating students \$15,000+ in debt, especially since administrators have almost no direct influence on student learning. The integrity of education and learning has been perverted by this degree-factory business that is only concerned about profits and the money that students bring in. Check yo self, administrators, cause more people are aware of this than ever before, and we're tired of your selfish shit.
Senior	Full-time	Male	There sin't enough support for the Engineering and Science departments, many of my colleges and I felt shirked by the administration. To reiterate, I don't appreciate the actions of the Administration not the instructors and professors.
Senior	Full-time	Male	none
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Senior	Full-time	Male	Based on my prior beliefs about my university, I felt I was entering a university where I would receive a standard education. After 4 years of education I have been absolutely shocked and amazed by the quality of education offered by my university. The professors have been generally outstanding and the programs implemented in and out of the classroom have been implemented with the intention of creating the highest level of success to as many students as possible. I am extremely satisfied with California State University Chico and would strongly encourage friends and family to pursue a degree through this university.
Senior	Full-time	Male	There was a high degree of variability in professor quality. The good teachers were fantastic, the bad ones were terrible. Some of the teachers would spend huge amounts of their personal time helping students, and others would completely fail to offer any assistance even during their office hours. After working as a TA, I never want to have to deal with students ever again, they are the absolute worst.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I've never had so many poor teachers at any institution I've been at. All of the science teachers are either so incompetent that they don't know what they are doing and cannot properly explain things, or are so fed up with teaching that they just serve boring straightforward lectures which do not allow students to become intrigued by the subjects, but serve only to waste by time and money.
Senior	Full-time	Male	no
Senior	Full-time	Male	Please correct the teaching styles of the teachers in the Mechatronic Engineering program, specifically Ramesh Vaharmuti. Dr. V has no respect for his students and has a very poor teaching style, so when he gives his tests he just puts whatever grade he wants on them to make the class average a C. Just last week he graded my lab notebook, and when I pointed out that he was not following the posted grading ruberic outline in his syllabus, he told me "I don't care what the document says" that is word for word what he said to me. He is my academic adviser also and when I went to him for help planning my future courses he just handed me the colored sheet and told me to fill it out, and when I told him I already did that he shoo'd me away and told me that's all I needed. Other teachers are incompetent as well but their attitudes aren't as horrible as Dr V.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I feel that a lot of the upper division business core classes are redundant. I'd feel better prepared for a career by completing more accounting, finance, and economic courses. Most of the key points are often discussed in the upper division option courses.
Senior	Full-time	Male	In the chemistry courses which I have taken, it is expected that you will receive about a 50% on the test. This score is reflective of a C- but I feel that educators should try ways to improve scores in the chemistry department because the course material is very interesting but I believe many people shy away from becoming science majors because they do not want to graduate college with a 2.5 gpa. Many people here at Chico State would rather change their major to one that requires a few chemistry or biology courses in order to have a gpa above a 3.0. It is very discouraging when you are in courses in which the professors let you know that the fail rate is tremendous but do not really create an action plant to combat it.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Goodbye Paul.
Senior	Full-time	Male	No additional comments
Senior	Full-time	Male	Spend more money and time on the students (from whom the tuition comes), and less on administrative bullshit and bureaucratic nonsense. Also, quit wasting money on new buildings for future baristas and funnel some of it towards departments where the graduates can get real jobs.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Please increase salaries and hire talented, motivated and knowledgeable instructors.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Too much GE, I hardly remember any of it and none of it was relevant to my major (computer engineering). A massive waste of my time and money.
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I wish there was a more personal way for me to describe my experience at this school. However, this will make due.</p> <p>A good portion of the students at Chico State complain A LOT, about the intensive courses and are partial to courses that are deemed as an "easy A". Most students here are not willing to put in work to obtain a great grade. Rather, they would like to cumulatively complain about the work whilst forever hoping that something goes ill and favors their own academic situation.</p> <p>Speaking for my major, the Graphic Design department is lacking high-standards for students to achieve a reasonable goal.</p> <p>I have been in classes where the professor does not teach, and instead holds 1 or 2 lectures for the whole semester, while the rest of the time, the students are nearly left to their own devices. I feel like some of the professors are unqualified to teach in this field or need to strongly raise their standards. I MEAN STRONGLY. I feel cheated of my education in some of my classes, more than I am comfortable with for the amount of money I spend attending this University.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	I believe that CSU Chico is an excellent opportunity and recommend it for everyone. Everywhere has its challenges, but CSU Chico appears to be interested in addressing them. I additionally believe that the School should partner with the Student Veteran Organization to create a Veteran Program for Veteran Mentorship and to familiarize non-Veteran Students with Student Veteran culture and viewpoints. A program could fall under the University and operate in a similar manner to GSEC and CCLC which do a great job of familiarizing students with ethnic/racial and sexual/gender based identifies. Veterans appear to be the only ones without an actual program and are thus left out!!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Chico is a communications school and we'll always be known for that!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Overall, I am extremely happy with how the student experience is at CSU Chico.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Science and engineering departments are greatly neglected. Tuition keeps rising, required supplies are overpriced and often ignore the university fee policy. Teachers are outsourcing their jobs to 3rd party companies and making the students pay for the services.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I'm a returning adult student. There were no questions about that in the survey even though we make up a significant portion of the student population across the country. I was a college drop out and my grades from those first couple years were abysmal. Since returning, I consistently earn top marks. I've been told by my major adviser that I'm one of the best students in the major however academically I'm the very lowest in terms of cumulative GPA. I've been struggling for years to rid myself of the burden of my earlier mistakes, however it constantly disqualifies me from joining student organizations, applying for scholarships or serving in leadership roles on campus. I believe there should be a process that allows students to appeal for absolution from the university.
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Prevent the strike of California State Universities faculty and professors by e-mailing gov officials or spreading the information in any way possible.</p> <p>-concerned student</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	Get rid of the Supply Chain Management professors. They are all horrible.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I'm good.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I would like to see support for Veterans without the VA office on campus, that group is like the mob. If you are not one of Larry's boys you are screwed on campus. there are approx 300 Veterans on campus and only approx 30 belong to SVO and most of them work for VA office on campus. The reason for this is that most of us returning from combat do not want to be controlled in that way or forced into things like campus dog and pony shows where the VA office on campus parades us around. There is no support on campus for Veterans with PTSD, there is only one Doctor who chose on her own to step up and help us without trying to pump us full of drugs. We are a little dented from war not broken. I did have a lot different mind set of what the College Experience in northern california would be like when I got out but I wish it was as supportive as the Universities in Southern California.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	it was interesting and fun, but now I'm done
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I do not feel challenged by my coursework.

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	Online classes are great, except that some professors are not tolerant of online schedules and dislike online students in general. We can feel the dislike, even though it is not stated outright. We don't want to be given special status as online students, we just want to be treated with respect and given reasonable amounts of time to complete coursework and do exams, with professors realizing that almost all online students work 40 or more hours per week, 8 or more hours during the day.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I wish things had gone differently.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I would like it to be noted that that the religious intolerance I saw and heard about was not directed at me. There were just two incidents if I think off the top of my head. One was a message with a picture of a Sikh student on social media, referring to him as Taliban, which I found ignorant and abrasive. The other one was something that a professor told us about in the hopes that we could be advocates against this sort of thing, and stand up to it when we see it. He told us that there was a Muslim women walking on campus while wearing a hijab and someone spat on her. I took that as an opportunity to educate myself on the Islamic faith. I knew very little about it and knew that approximately a billion people couldn't be bad people. At this time I was also taking a religious studies class and we had to do a final project and I did mine on Islam. I met some people with whom I am friends to this day and would later travel to places that have high populations of Muslims and I would make friends with and work alongside them. I have become a far better person because of receiving news of that incident and then that project.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>I had a handful of exceptionally amazing professors while at my institution, and I intend to keep in touch with these professors throughout my careers. I want to make that as clear as possible. However, often professors seemed so immersed in their unique field that they failed to acknowledge differing approaches to a topic, or forget that non-majors were also enrolled in the class. In these cases, non-major students were penalized for not understanding a topic as well as the major students.</p> <p>When professors are so engulfed in their research, the quality of their teaching suffers. Some of these professors should not be teaching at the undergraduate level. And some of these professors appear to believe that they were at a more prestigious institution, and thus demanded an unfair level of dedication from students in lower-devison classes.</p> <p>Overall, I'd say that I am frustrated with my former institution.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Male	If students transfer in they should graduate with honors if they have an in-house GPA above 3.5. I came in with a low GPA reflecting many years of average grades, but I have excelled at Chico State. It is just a shame that I can not graduate with honors because I have a cumulative GPA of only 2.9. Just a thought.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	It was good, challenging, liberal-- what I expected. I am not disappointed at all.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>I could not be happier with my selection of university to complete my double major. As a veteran and military reservist, small business owner, and adult student with a family and children to support, the faculty and staff of Chico State has been nothing short of remarkable in its support and encouragement, particularly in the area of veterans services and instructor support for non-traditional schedules due to conflicts with military duty. I remain greatly pleased with the wide breadth and depth of both course offerings on campus, as well as in the educational backgrounds of our faculty. And of course, it is an absolutely beautiful campus in the heart of a thriving college community.</p> <p>In addition, CSUC has one of the finest international programs I could have hoped to encounter--from its remarkably successful Model United Nations program, extensive foreign language and international studies educational tracks, and its welcoming of international students from all over the world (as well as offering an extensive Study Abroad program in its own right), I simply could not be more pleased to have this fine institution serve as my alma mater.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Great campus, great experience- but I have noticed that some of the technology majors are being reduced. For example, the Computer Information Systems B.S program no longer has a Master's program available like it had in the past. Bachelor's degrees aren't exactly enough to get employed these days...

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Senior	Not full-time	Male	CSCI could use some better teachers. I'm not sure what it is but you are always put in a position to look stupid and ask questions like "Where do I start...?" Maybe its just the nature of CSCI but the assignments always seem to be very confusing at the start. Tyson is the best teacher for any class ever tho.

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