



California State University-Chico

The final page of the NSSE Web version 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.”

Confidential student responses to this question appear on the following pages. **Please note that these comments appear exactly as the students entered them and may not be suitable for immediate distribution.** 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, gender, and enrollment status. UnitID (your institution’s identification number) is also included.

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Student Comments

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UnitID	Class	Gender	Enrollment	Additional Comments
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	Chico has been one of the best decisions I've made in my life. I never expected the transition to college-life being so easy and comfortable as it has been here. There is always someone there for you - classmates, community members, faculty and staff - whenever you need a helping hand. Chico truly is my home away from home and has ignited a flame in me to learn about the world around me. I've never been so hungry for an education as I am now.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	Chico State is more involved with being sociable rather than spiritual. Since Chico is a very mixed area you have a lot of different people that come together with many different ideas. That very much reflects the college. Integrating isn't a huge deal since CSUC doesn't make it out to be a huge problem. Therefore I think that the ideas and the people come together more naturally.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	Overall, I have learned an extreme amount of knowledge at this university that I didn't know before. I still do not know what i want as a major, but I just hope that all this money going towards schooling pays off in the end and doesn't just leave me broke and in debt with a degree. I do love CSUC.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	I like my college so far. The only thing I don't like is that every where I go I get second hand smoke. I am not a smoker so I just hate to smell the smoke, there are so many smokers at the campus but I know that we can't do anything because too many people likes to smoke. Besides that I like the professors and staff.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	I absolutely love CSU Chico and I cannot picture myself being at any other school. No one could have ever prepared me for how friendly and sincere people are on campus, and in this town in general. It's a beautiful area and I am so happy that I made the decision to go here.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	I have no plan on going back to Chico because of the excessive partying which does not allow students to proceed in higher education because a majority of them become alcoholics. In addition, I do not appreciate how much tuition is and how I feel drained from trying to cough up the money that financial aid does not provide. There are no jobs available on campus or even around school and to be asked to pay ridiculous amounts of money is absurd. I would rather go to a college where I could possibly get a job, or financial aid could provide me with at least enough money to nav for mv classes.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	Thank You.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	Chico is a beautiful campus that should focus more on it's students and less on its appearance.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	I find it very disappointing that us students pay a large amount of money to get a career and we have are waitlisted for classes that are needed to graduate .
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	Horrible academic advising. They claim to be looking out for me but they will not sign me up for the classes I need. They are don't nothing but holding me back from Graduating. I am completely dissatisfied with the college of business advising.

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110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	I love Chico State and it has developed me into a well rounded student and person. I have had my share of good professors and bad professors but the bad. seem to stick with me. I have had some professors that refuse to help the students with homework, general questions, and help with knowing what material we will be tested on. some professors have seemed to not be very knowledgeable in the subject they teach or majored in. I had a few professors that had a very thick accent and made it extremely difficult for myself and my classmates to understand or comprehend. although the professors I have had that were good were excellent. They enjoyed teaching us, enthusiastic and wanted us to learn what they were teaching.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	I love Chico State! Everything about it! Wish it had a Water Resource Management Major!!!
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	My school is changing the General Education program between my first year and second year attending the university, and they are implementing a new limit on the number of units a student is able to take at our university. I feel that my university is hindering my success, and it really doesn't seem fair. I pay a lot of money to succeed here.
110538	First-year	Female	Full-time	N/A
110538	First-year	Male	Full-time	I am struggling a lot with my academics right now. I am always overly stressed; either from intensive school work, my dirty roommates or a complaining girlfriend. I dont know what to do.
110538	First-year	Male	Full-time	NO COMMENT...
110538	First-year	Male	Full-time	the more help and involve with student the better it is.
110538	First-year	Male	Full-time	it was a perfect experience
110538	First-year	Male	Full-time	The major of Kinesiology-Outdoor Education has taught me critical and problem solving techniques I have not learned from general education. I feel that students should be focusing on their majors and possibly make college a three year experience by decreasing general education.
110538	First-year	Male	Part-time	My answers might seem a little off because I was enrolled in a single class for one semester while still in high school.
110538	First-year	Male	Part-time	Excellent learning environment. The class was altogether fun, and I really enjoyed the way the professor taught.
110538	First-year	Male	Part-time	The tuition is so expensive, and it is preposterous.
110538	First-year	Male	Part-time	I very much dislike how the business department handles their advising. It is because of the lack of help by the advisory business department that I am seriously considering changing majors to a more suitable, and better mannered, department.
110538	First-year	Male	Part-time	The academic and educational guidelines that students are forced to work within to receive a degree seem to be engineered to drown out creativity. stop it, please. -Everyone my age (15-22)
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	For the most part very good. Please get rid of smoking on campus.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I absolutely adore and respect the English department in its entirety. On the other hand the administration of this university in general is horrid. I would never, never have stayed here if it wasn't for the English department. Administrators get paid more than professors? How is this possible? This university system is similar to that of communist Russia. We need to appreciate our professors, if it wasn't for them there wouldn't be an administration department in the first place. I am extremely dissatisfied by this university in this aspect. I would never recommend it or support it in anyway once I leave, except for the English department. I truly hope the university reorganizes its priorities, or Chico truly will only be a place for drunk students to stumble around on <u>Thursday mornings</u> .
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	It would be helpful to have more quite study areas. We only have the library. It would be nice to be allowed to eat lunch & study in a quiet area. There is a lot of downtime inbetween classes that is wasted.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	NA
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Concerning the quality of professors and advisers. I have had excellent and terrible experiences with both, and not much in between. The professors at Chico state are mostly of good quality, but it only takes a few bad experiences to feel like my studies are not cared for, encouraged, or meaningful. The bad experiences have been VERY bad. To elaborate, I had a professor tell me that he did not think i ought to be in college, I had one allow another student to consistently degrade and name call in class, I have had multiple who were unavailable to office hours regularly, there have been a few who also did not express that they cared much about their students well being or about accountability. I have received unwarranted and unwelcome personal criticism from professors about trivial items that were not related to the course (such as my email address).
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I sometimes feel that the professors are given too much opportunity to run the classes how they see best. It can be frustrating to pay so much to go to school and to have teachers that don't want to put the time into classes or into doing their best. This doesn't provide the students a positive learning environment. I knew going into each semester that I was going to have four professors, love one of them and just have to deal with the other three classes.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	n/a
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Dealing with the Financial aid office is a hassle and has been for the past 6 yrs! G.E. classes have too many student in them for you to learn anything. Art Department has great staff and teachers but facilities are poor compared to Butte Community college! Campus is beautiful year round. Classes are cut because of budget cuts and can delay graduation plans.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	There should be more
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The faculty for MIS works incredibly hard to find students high paying jobs and internships.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	College has not been a good experience for me and I wish someone had been real with me in high school about what it is really like. Not only did three high schools not prepare me for the course load but no one told me that "you can be anything you want to be" doesn't mean I have to be the doctor, lawyer, or teacher on the poster with the slogan and it doesn't mean I have to go to college.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	For the most part my classes at CSU,Chico are excellent. However, some professors still "teach to the test": instructing us on limited, narrow information for a month, testing us on it and then telling us forget it. We never need to demonstrate that we can put the information into our words, analyze a situation or explain a circumstance. Also, we put way, way, way too much emphasis on online "tools" and "learning". Vista is not a teacher. I would much rather spend more time in the classroom, with my teacher, actually learning, than in front of a computer "learning" dead information from a screen. The way many teachers use blackboard is not teaching us anything besides how to take online quizzes. It's a waste of our time. (For example, my year studying abroad, where we did 0% of our assignments online was some of the best education I've ever had- we just discussed/ practiced everything in the classroom.) In general I love Chico State and I'm really happy with my school. I just think certain professors I've had need to reassess what REAL learning is. (filling in the correct answer on a test has nothing to do with learning- it rewards individuals who are good at following rules without asking questions and does a disservice to students who are better at original, analytic thinking.)
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	All of the teachers of this department are wonderful. They are all really friendly and available when you need any help with anything.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The school offered many opportunities for students to participate in athletics, community service, sororities and fraternities. They facilitated school organizations, educational speakers, and other special artists. The career center was helpful and flexible. Faculty and advisers were available in and out of office hours.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Teachers are teaching classes in special education that they do not have the experiences in teaching severely handicap. For example the coordinator for the concurrent and special education program does not have experiences in moderate to severe educational classroom setting, yet she is teaching you how to work with this population with herself not having hands on experiences. She also teaches dated information and when brought to her attention she will not acknowledged it nor update her curriculum. I feel I have not gotten the education that I have paid for!
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Although I like this school and community, I have a hard time connecting to the party-hard students of Chico State. Most of them have values that are so different than mine that I can't relate.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	My quality of education experience at Chico State has been great. Built relationships with teachers and taken great classes.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I LOVE CHICO STATE!! I have never been so happy with my classes, teachers, classmates, and advisors :)
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	You asked questions regarding the institution's ability to help guide my spirituality and make me more aware with voting, etc. I am already well grounded in my faith, and well informed regarding local through national elections. Because I am an older student I feel I have a good grasp on areas of life away from campus.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Graphic Design option is a complete FAILURE, Chico State should be embarrassed that such a corrupt system is allowed. Courses are unorganized and unfair. Teachers play favorites, namely Barbara Sudick (GD adviser). Adviser seems to have no passion for graphic design, and offers NO help to students. The portfolio review required to pass the major is not based on prep courses whatsoever, and students are expected to fail. the motto seems to be "in order to succeed, others must fail." I changed majors to mass communication (a subject i am less interested) in order to be surrounded by teachers that actually care for student well being. This situation with graphic design has caused me severe depression and disillusionment with Chico State.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I am currently a graduate of Chico State.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The student voice has been eliminated from the University/corporation
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The educational experience at this institution exceeded my expectations.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	These last questions were confusing because I am in two very different service-learning courses. One is a public relations internship where I work on a team of 6 for a local non-profit. The other is a GE Animal Science course where we spend one day a week (3 hours) at the University Farm getting hands-on experience.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Course quality varied dependant almost exclusively on instructor methods and skill rather than on academic content or any other factor.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Graphic Design major. Your user interface would be much improved if this survey had a little percent bar saying how much of the survey has been completed and how much is left.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Overall I've had a really good quality educational experience here. I have some fantastic professors and well designed, thought provoking classes that actively engage me. Unfortunately, I've also had classes and professors which made me stop and ask "what is the point of this?" For every innovative, encouraging, dedicated professor and interesting course there is one professor stuck in an academic rut and two courses that need to be reevaluated for their usefulness and application to the major.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	College was not for me I went in for the wrong reasons and didn't have the motivation to do the work. Just going through the motions and hope to get by.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Overall I feel that there is a great sense of contributing to the community on campus. It seems there are many different organizations, but few whole campus events.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I'll miss you!!! :(
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I love Chico State. The faculty is wonderful. Unfortunatly, the administration does not have enough staff to help students in a timely manner.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I have been satisfied with all of my journalism professors, which is why I think I have had such a great educational experience. I also believe this is why I am prepared to enter the job force (I have an internship in New York this summer) because I am confident in the knowledge I have obtained and prepared/qualified.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Being a Disabled Student, I feel that the accommodations supplied were adequate, I was a registered user of Kurzwhiel when i arrived, and the techs in the DSS dept. helped me by providing disks of textbooks-when I purchased them they scanned them-if did not already have a disk. I think I have had an excellent education.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Being an older student affected my college experience as I did not have a lot in common with younger students. I often feel excluded from activities and social events.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I believe service learning really enhance students learning experience! I enjoyed all of my work on campus.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I believe the school should definitely get professors that actually teach. There is some good professors but it is mostly bad ones.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I am an older student, there is a small amount of discrimination with certain instructors but over all most were fair.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I would have rather to a UC because their form of education is more cerebral. CSU's are known as being more hands on. I can appreciate this but not all people in a major (especially one like Health Ed.) are going into the same kind of occupation. I understand this major requires working with others and service learning but almost everything I did required I work in groups. I felt this major was more working with people and doing projects than actually learning something I could only learn in a university. Many of my classes were things I could have learned from buying a book. I do not think I didnt gain anything from this and I do believe I am doing something that will help me find a career. However I do feel if i had attended a UC, I would have learned more, the subject matter would have been deeper and I would have had a more intellectual experience. For example, one of my classes began with the professor passing out candy. The professor and class proceeded to joke around about subjects completely unrelated to the course. We were on a Power point slide of 10 words that lasted about 20 mins; almost 1/3 of the class time. This is an everyday occurrence. Another class consisted of bringing markers, glue sticks and scissors and making lists of our favorite songs, things we are thankful for and so on. I have had many classes like this and I have noticed that sometimes, I find the things we are doing so trivial or merely an example, nothing that will apply to my real life, that I don't feel motivated to try very hard. I know I could be an A student but am not. I am a B student because some of this is just silly. I had one class this semester that included a scavenger hunt, making up a skit and speed dating (activities that took up the whole first week) which where made by the teacher so we can get to know fellow students well enough to choose group members while in my next class I was told in the real world you dont get to choose the people you work with so the group members would be assigned. I agree with the latter and feel the other class idea was immature and degraded the higher education reputation. I have had very informative and reasonable classes which I appreciated. The experience has been mixed but overall, I would say that Chico State is a good school, but had I been able to choose again, I may have chose a UC.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Chico State is amazing! Except for spending millions to build a parking garage. Unnecessary to say the least.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I transferred to CSU Chico due to unavoidable family reasons. I feel that it has seriously affected my education and future education plans in a negative fashion.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The main reason I love Chico is because of the dance community. I was a transfer student, decided to live in the dorms to meet people, but I really got a sense of community and friendship from the Ballroom Dance Classes. I love Chico because of the fun I have had here. It is safe, non-alcoholic, social party every time we have a Friday night dance. The school is taking that away and that is a big mistake on their part. The benefits from ballroom are amazing. Exercise, etiquette and manners, joy, social challenges, and being comfortable with yourself. It is a great class to meet other students and feel safe. It has made my educational experience in Chico better because I had this stress free outlet to go too. My major is very demanding and competitive and having this escape has made all the difference
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The farm needs to be more organized.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I take issue being taught by students at the academic level as myself. I also have an issue with Professors who are constantly late or canceling class and are unprepared.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The Liberal Studies program needs to be reviewed. There are many classes required for the Lib Studies concentration that have zero to do with the concentration. I have taken many units for my English Concentration that were based on English majors only, and my presence in the classroom, despite it being required by Liberal Studies, was not wanted.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I am very grateful for the online degree completion program at Chico State as it provided me with the opportunity to work full time and still finish my bachelor's degree. The program and the way it is run is outstanding, all of my professors have been amazing and very helpful, and it is one of the best experiences I have had in my entire life.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	Coming to Chico State was the best decision I ever made. The experiences I had with students and faculty were amazing, and challenging and helped me grow into the person I want to be.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The Recreation Program at Chico was so much fun, and I never want to leave.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The Chico State College of Agriculture faculty and staff work closely with one another and the community. Each course builds upon the other, and nearly all courses in the college of Ag require you to apply your skill in a lab section. In the labs we conduct research, learn about new technologies and working directly in the field. This 'hands on experience' is the most valuable part of my education. The instructors among all the sciences are all incredibly knowledgeable in their fields and passionate about teaching.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The quality of my educational experience is not rated wholly on what my institution can only offer but by the experience and knowledge that I get from my professors. My institution is great and if I wanted to explore activities and anything I wanted, I know that my institution can give me the best information and experiences possible.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I felt like the school overall did okay with teaching the material. I was not assigned any advisor when I came to Chico and basically had to navigate everything myself. I feel like the school charges WAY too much in tuition though. Almost every semester I have been here, the tuition has increased. I had a really hard time with the social aspect of the school as well. I found it very difficult to fit in and meet new people.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	The graduation track plan is absolute crap. The University requirements are different from the Major course requirements, so there are a lot of holes in planning your graduation track. Also, the budget cuts in California are so bad, they keep cutting-out classes, or offering them once every 3rd semester, but still require you to take them to graduate, so your 5 year grad plan turns into 8 just because the classes aren't available. There are "Theme" requirements, which make no sense because they have nothing to do with your major, and if they're supposed to be for diversity's sake, THAT's what the first two years of general college classes are for. Things like printing costs... I have to pay \$3.00 to fax a single piece of paper, and only one place on campus allows color printing, which I have to pay 75 cents per sheet AND get special permission to use. Sorry my \$8,000 tuition doesn't cover printing homework assignments. Also, there is only career help and placement available for a few majors, (such as business and engineering) not for all or even most majors. As a music major, there is only one person on campus who is allowed or able to help me, and they have no connections or information on the area of business I want to work in. Parking around the institution are a joke, and the price for a pass is insane, not to mention you need a separate pass for each individual parking lot. The teacher's don't hardly teach anymore because they just put everything up online. If I wanted to teach myself everything to get a degree, I wouldn't be paying full tuition. I want to be taught by professionals not told to read some articles online to find all my answers. What did I learn at college? ...How to fight through 1,000 loopholes to get prestige.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I'm not a typical student, and that is the main way I feel marginalized. So it's very unusual in my experience for you to be so persistent in soliciting my opinion... usually I'm invisible unless a campus club is looking for fundraising money or petition-signing.
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	No support for parents. Even less for single parents. Thankfully there is the Associated Students Child Development Lab, but other than that there is no recognition or support by the University for "alternative students". This has had a major negative impact on my studies and my overall view of this institution. There is insensitivity and distancing from other students, and administration could care less about the hardships on parents striving for a degree while trying to keep a job in this economy and balancing school and work with taking care of a home. The focus is on those that party and trying to keep alcohol use safe. Students that are also parents are largely ignored. No organizations exist in support of alternative students-and I feel that older students, those that have been working for 20 years and come back to college in their later years receive the same type of treatment.

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110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	I think most of the general education classes that I was forced to take at Chico State were a complete waste of my time, especially Logic and Critical Thinking, United States History and the required Math. Other than that most of the classes have been interesting and most of my professors have been great. Although the online classes that I took were terrible and I did not learn a thing. Food Forever PSSC 390 was the worst class I have ever taken. <u>Professor Baviere was the worst professor I have ever had.</u>
110538	Senior	Female	Full-time	If I could do it over again, I definitely would have picked a different major or the same major at a different school. Given that it was a technological major, the teachers did not keep up with newer technologies which made me feel like I was learning irrelevant things at times and some of the teachers in the Computer Science department <u>definitely should not have been teaching anymore.</u>
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	I am a Distance Education student returning to CSU Chico last fall after twenty years. I work full time and have a husband and three children. I am enrolled in two CSU Chico classes and one 5 unit math course at my local community college. I will graduate in December of 2012. I am considering attending CSU Chico later to complete a Masters Degree in Social Science via online distance ed courses.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	I have an AS degree in Nursing, and have worked at Enloe Med.Center since 1984. My two daughters are adults. Completing this degree in a behavioral and social science background will help me in the psychiatric crisis unit I have worked in for 11 years.If people need anything besides basics, it's understanding.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	This was a poorly written survey. Sorry.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	The online degree program at Chico allowed me to complete my goal of obtaining a BA in Social Science. If online education was not available, I would not have been able to attend college or pursue a higher education. Access to online degree programs in the social science/psychology fields are in great need. I am grateful to be a <u>graduate in Chico's online degree program.</u>
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	My quest for a higher education has been truly life changing. We must keep the cost of tuition down; administration must take a cut in their astronomical salaries.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	My degree is not worth the money paid for it.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	This is the most frustrating school I have ever attended. It's almost pointless to make long distance calls to the school to try to get academic advising or to try to get questions answered from departments like Financial aid, Admissions or the Registrar. The material in some classes is misleading because it isn't well organized and does not correspond to the tests. A couple classes have been interesting and I loved them, but my overall experience here has been frustrating. and, this is not my first online school experience.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	The ballroom dance club has been a wonderful social outlet for me. It would not be saying too much to say this <u>club and the free workshops provided made my college experience.</u>
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	I am not a typical student. I said that I only study and prepare for classes a few times a week. I have long been considered gifted academically so that prep time is not a reflection of teachers not challenging the average student but rather a natural aptitude for integrating information naturally without studying.

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110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	I have been disappointed in what appears to be a new trend of hiring teachers with MA/MS degrees rather than PhDs, while continuing to raise tuition each semester.
110538	Senior	Female	Part-time	I have had a great experience with being the older/oldest person in my classes and have been encouraged by both professors and fellow students alike. I've had great conversations outside of class as well as in class with my fellow students.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Poor advising, this led me to choosing for myself the education path. This proved problematic and an extra year was necessary to graduate. This is unacceptable, the school needs to get its act together pronto, I pity any other student who has had such an experience.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The only things I have gained from this college are thousands of dollars in debt and utter contempt for most of the students and faculty. The professors here that give a damn about the students are far and few between. Most of them treat the students as a nuisance that they have to deal with just to cash a check. I am in no way prepared for life outside of college or a job. I want my money and the last five years of my life back.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I am a vice president of a organization on campus, having to pay to use facilities on weekends is ridiculous. part of our newly increased tuition was supposed to go to that.....so where is the new tuition money really going? faculty salary increases? a parking structure we dont need?
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	There are great student organizations, especially within the College of Business, that provide personal and professional development that will significantly benefit life after college.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Age is a factor with gaining support and service at this college. As an older student I was not supported with tutoring, counseling, and employment opportunities. Also the fact that I am a veteran I received little to no help from the college. Disability services are also bias to the older students and do not help us as much as the younger students. I was a student employee and I felt not welcome by the staff and younger students.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Please procure for me an airlift out of here. Thanks
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Who the fuck cares about all the race/gender/diversity bullshit?
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I feel like (the engineering department in particular) gives out so much required homework that it's discouraging for those who already understand the material. There's only so much practice you can do before it gets mind-numbingly boring. Homework should be optional or be offered as a grade incentive but not required in my honest opinion. Also, with regards to some of the questions take into consideration I am a transfer student and that has vastly affected my experience at Chico. For instance, I don't think that Chico has improved my professionalism or self-motivation any because I was already in that mindset before I came here.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Just not a fan of this place. Low expectations makes for low achievement.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The ability to create a powerpoint presentation or read a powerpoint presentation does not make a teacher good, especially if those teachers only ever read off the powerpoint.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	chico rules!

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110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	no.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	<p>This is relevant: Dear University Alumni Office, I'm sorry to hear that the university's \$750 million endowment has fallen in value to \$500 million because of the recession and because your bank died. I'm also sorry to hear that you're dealing with declining enrollment due to the fact that middle-class families are no longer willing or able to bet their homes on a \$45,000-a-year higher education for their children. I really am. So, what I want to know is, why are you wasting money on glossy fundraising brochures full of meaningless synonyms for the word "Excellence"? And, why are you sending them to ME? Yes, I know that I got a master's degree at your fine institution, but that master's degree hasn't done jack shit for me since I got it! I have been unemployed for the past TWO YEARS and I am now a professional resume-submitter, sending out dozens of resumes a month to employers, and the degree I received in your hallowed halls is at the TOP OF IT and it doesn't do a fucking thing. You know, maybe if you wanted a little bit of money from me (and these days you'd get about \$3) maybe you should send me a fancy color brochure admitting your role in the bubble economics that got us all in to this mess. For example, since 1987, higher education expenses have gone up 450 percent, while personal income in this country has gone up 87 percent, making tuition IMPOSSIBLE to afford without special financing. But, during this time, you were thriving because people could come up with the cash in two ways: 1. Get a home equity loan and use the inflated value of their house to pay for their kid to get drunk and/or raped at your school and then lose the house when the market crashed. 2. Get a federal loan. HAD IT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT NEITHER OF THESE SOURCES OF MONEY ACTUALLY EXIST? THAT IT WAS BEING MANUFACTURED BECAUSE YOU MADE PEOPLE THINK THAT ONE OF YOUR DEGREES WAS NECESSARY TO CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE BUBBLE? Oh yes, federal loans. I've got \$40,000 of those, which are in "forebearance" right now because I'm unemployed, meaning that the feds are paying the interest for a while, which is convenient for me, but not for our government which is now owned by China. You know, the idea behind federal loans was that it would allow more students to attend your university, not let you INFLATE your tuition to obscene levels! I mean, what the fuck were you spending the \$16,000 per semester on, anyway? I was in a public policy program, so that meant we got to sit in classrooms and listen to Professor God up at the front of the lecture hall glorify Himself and Creation as He saw it and talk about how much smarter he was than anyone else and how much he'd learned at MIT and the RAND Corporation. Really, that's about all you did for us -- gave us a lecture hall, gave us an arrogant bastard to listen to, and gave us a room full of computers we could use sometimes, and you gave us a degree that employers look at and say "This guy knows how to write reports. Amusing." And I will be paying for this privilege until I am 51 years old. So I'm sorry that the economy's been rough on you. Maybe, if you wanted to save a little money, you could stop printing and sending brochures to my parents' house (oh yeah, that's where I live because I can't afford rent on</p>
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	It has been a great school
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The faculty is awful, rude, and invasive.

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110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	My universities career center is amazing, advising there is great, but the academic advising office and more specifically the advising within my major (recreations administration) is terrible. Poor teacher student relationships and poor advising has turned my love for college into the most frustrating experience of my life.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Science majors such as myself should be required to take a philosophy of science course prior to receiving their degree.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I liked my community college teachers better than the CSU, Chico teachers.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I really hate those questions about religion, race, and such. Every time I answer it, I feel like my department is going to be penalized because of it. We're engineers; we don't care about your fucking skin color, or what fucking god you pray to; we care what you know and how well you work with a team. Let the philosophers worry about that while we go do useful things for the world.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Having been a teaching assistant in two courses, I believe freshmen are given too much leniency in lower level courses. The standards are too low, especially when it comes to English and being able to properly write. The general level of writing and grammar I saw when grading papers was horrific to say the least. I do not understand how many of them have managed to get into college or how they could pass with such terrible writing and English skills.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Some instructors need improvement in teaching techniques. There is no doubt that all of them are very knowledgeable in their respective subjects, however, there is a difference between knowing a concept and teaching a concept clearly and effectively.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The Professors in the English department have went above and beyond what I could have ever expected. Aiping Zhang and Matt Brown in the field of Literature, and Rob Davidson and Jeanne Clarke in the Creative Writing field, have made Chico State's English department an enjoyable and educational environment. Without them and their continued support, who knows wwhere I would be headed. Thanks for everything.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I am also a Psychology minor. I believe that CSU Chico is an invaluable and underrated educational institution the Cal State system, and deserves love and help to make sure it can flourish. It also needs a bit of guidance in where it allocates its funds, but I would not have wanted to go anywhere else. I am proud of who I've become here at CSU Chico, and I hope others will continue to grow and feel the same way.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Teachers are fine, Students are fine, Theater is the best department in terms of staff and students.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	i would like more discussion classes. lectures seem like a waste of time. i believe i would have done better at school if i could read the text then come to class and discuss what i did not understand, rather than attending a lecture that does not give time for questions.

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110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I have been in and out of college for many years now and have been witness to the dramatic tuition increases that still plague students today. It disturbs me that the education system is run more like a business for profit than a place of higher learning. The cost for a degree has gone up substantially but the worth of said degree and the relative quality of teaching has remained stable or worse yet, diminished in comparison. I understand the school is hurting for money, but I don't understand how can it say that it cares for a student's education when it nickel-and-dime students for everything. For example, the manuals that are required for laboratory classes are about \$20-\$30 each, yet the same PDF used to print the manual could be placed online and at the student's discretion be printed out for no more than \$5. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I'm sorry if it's just venting, but I feel that the problem with our education system now is that people have stopped taking pride in being educated, but rather just consider college as a set of hoops one must jump through.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Returning to college after 20 yrs. learning many new aspects of education system including blackboard.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	College is more than education about ideas. It's education about life and yourself in relation to it. For me, all the right people, influences and environment here at CSU Chico have helped me to grow in ways unimaginable when I first chose to attend. I'm so glad I was accepted and the experience has been so rewarding.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I also have a minor in Computer Science
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	There appears to be a growing apathy in my age group concerning education and participation. At the same time pulling millions of dollars out of the budget is placing teachers in a similar position with regards to teaching. Ultimately I felt that I received a higher grade education at an international high school in a smaller topic area. Versus the totality of my college experience which had extremely bright high points and very dull lows that felt like a <u>simplified repeat of material learned in the 6th grade.</u>
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	My educational experience was all online through this institution. Many of the questions didn't really apply to me. I graduated in Fall 2011, so I am not currently enrolled in school.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	My college experience was aveall great! EXCEPT WHEN I WAS FINISHING THINGS UP I THOUGH I WAS ALL DONE AND THE UNIVERSITY CAME UP AND POSTPONED MY GRADUATION.

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110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I was extremely offended at the negative attitude towards Religious activities or Religious Students: Professors think that it is appropriate to mock Christianity in particular, yet feel it's "ethnocentric" to mock other religions-- a double standard. Also, promoting homosexuality is overemphasized in every way at Chico State: Just as a student has a right to be homosexual, others have a RIGHT TO NOT BE AND NOT APPROVE. It is NOT against the law to think that homosexuality is wrong, and I do not appreciate a PUBLIC learning institution deciding which stance to take on such a controversial topic!! Also the University provides opportunities for women to make false claims of "feeling comfortable", yet men are shown very little sympathy in cases of harassment. Overall, I made the best out of my educational experience so that I could further myself, but for how much students sacrifice/pay to go to college I felt that Chico State was a terrible college which treats its students like Children and doesn't listen to their voices or opinions. Chico State is more interested in Government funds and making their campus more architecturally attractive: Building the new EXTREMELY overpriced dorms when unneeded, and building the new Parking structure DESPITE AN OVERWHELMING STUDENT OPPOSITIONAL STANCE!! I feel enlightened and wise through my few communication courses such as Org. Comm., Propaganda, Advanced Interviewing, Rhetoric, Interpersonal Comm. & Intercultural Comm. were all fantastic courses taught by fairly decent professors (Professor Justus, Professor Cho, Professor Sprague, Professor Polsan, and Professor McEuen were great teachers: THEY WERE THE ONLY GOOD TEACHERS I ENCOUNTERED), AND FURTHERMORE I am NOT proud of the college I attended.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Make education more challenging and interactive... cut salaries of those higher up than the deans and stop wasting money... oh and fire Chancellor Reed and use his salary for scholarships for those who want to learn... but that won't happen, I'll just spend another 20 min so you guys can pad your statistical analysis database and talk about what should happen
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Academic advisors where useless, they don't know anything about my major and provide little to no help. a child could do their job
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The learning experience was negatively correlated with the tuition bumps every semester - enjoying and learning less while paying more. Aside from one or two specialty courses (computer security, programming), most of my learning was done in GE classes. The additional classes and major option courses didn't really add or reinforce much. And even the GE courses were just thorough "brush-ups" on things taught again and again throughout school. Ultimately, understanding is a personal quest that can be hinted at but not given. Only when we are inspired to learn do we actually do so. In that respect, I guess what I'm saying here is that the school and faculty failed to inspire me throughout my experience. It began to feel like I was being sold the product of a degree, not the service of an education
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I love CSU Chico.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	CS department is extremely small and filled with near-retired professors - needs more staff to teach more efficiently.

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110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	My college experience overall was mediocre at best. The combination of faculty retiring and budget cuts were debilitating to us as students since we were not able to get the education that we expected. It is a shame.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The Philosophy Department at CSU, Chico is outstanding. The students of the university are, for the most part, anti-intellectuals with no real interest in learning or bettering themselves in an academic sense.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	CSU Chico should think about finding a new president
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	it was good, tenure should be removed it causes lazy professors
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	i received more phone calls for donations from the school than for assistance or check ups and how my school year was going.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Tuition hikes with cost of living increases and slow job growth make it very difficult to finish a 4 year degree on time (if at all). Most people that have to pay for their own education can barely afford to eat. We go to school full time and (if we get lucky and actually get a job) work full time to make ends meet.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	My education was great here... The only reason i would change is to i could go to Organ to run track
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Too many bros and shit
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	some of the questions on this survey seemed kind of asinine. It shouldn't be the role of a state funded university to expand my spirituality, I could not answer less than 'very little' it also did not allow me to talk about the uselessness of working with international students. There was a question about being a tutor and whenever I have to work with an international student I have to re-teach the class so does that count? Sure the college says it tries to promote integration and learning, but honestly it only holds the students who want to learn more back. With rising costs of education I don't know if I would go to college if I hadn't started when I did..
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I am a transfer student with military experience and severely disappointed in the level accreditation given to military courses. Additionally the "themes" have reduced my competitive advantage with graduates with similar degrees from other institutions. As where I have been forced to take 3 "theme" classes they have been free to take other accounting, mgmt and other degree specific courses. Why isn't there a business theme, it seems to students as if administration is saying they do not value these programs enough to create a equal theme program or similar for them? ~shane
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The biology department didn't really care what I was doing. The school itself was a good experience though.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Worst school ever terrible teaching terrible students and general malaise are rampant. Avoid!
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Its over all a good campus. however budget cuts are greatly effecting it. Since class sizes are going up and important classes are being cut. Even REQUIRED MAJOR classes for Philsophy. In additional the campus has begun charging for student use of campus rooms after hours so weekend and Friday club events on campus are now quite limited.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Survey too long!!!

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110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	I think that the college should focus more on guiding the students towards a career path rather than just providing them with a general education in one major. Possibly create a class for each major in which you explore your career options and have connections with the community and businesses to get students to observe their career opportunities. This would help provide real-world context to all of the knowledge you gain in class.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	The quality of my education would be greatly increased if the Applied Computer Graphics department received more funding for additional professors. The teacher/student ratio for the current academic year is roughly 1-70. In a major where professor feedback on progress and projects is crucial, this is simply unacceptable and students work, including my own suffers because of it. CSU Chico needs to wake up and realize that our major is growing faster and faster every year with no equivalent staff or class equipment growth. By refusing to expand our major, Chico State is only hamstringing itself and losing students to other schools who are recognizing the growth of the digital media industry and responding accordingly.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Chico State has provided me with much more overall happiness and academic integrity than I had expected on my arrival in 2007. The institution as a whole strives to be the best in the State and Country and I feel like through its minimal resources does a great job providing excellent academic resources and professors to assist in the learning experience. The community as a whole is a warm and welcoming place its environment is one that is set up for success both academically and socially. I am proud to say I am a Chico State graduate and <u>recommend this University to anyone looking to achieve a Bachelors degree.</u>
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	Most of the work I had to do was outdated and irrelevant, providing no useful help for real world problems. I had to spend most of my time trying to understand the computer science field on my own because most of the teachers have not had any real world job experience other than teaching and were basically incompetent. Most of the actual study time was spent on memorizing vocabulary and almost none to practicing new and/or useful skills and techniques. Because of this, my ideas conflicted with theirs and was considered "wrong," giving me low grades in the classes, even though the ideas are actually applied in real world problems.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	religious studies is an excellent major with the most intelligent and caring teachers I had throughout my experience at csu chico.
110538	Senior	Male	Full-time	College is suppose to decrease the learning curve. It is suppose to help you gain knowledge and mentor students through ethical and professional instruction. Chico fails in this respect. There were some excellent professors but not many. They have too many tenured professors who have no intent of teaching, they are just there for the <u>paycheck which is sad and unfortunate.</u>
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	Team/group work, I believe are over stressed. Almost every class has some team/group assignment requirement.

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110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	Lee Altier is the worst teacher ever. I had to complain to the Dean about him. During his online PSSC 390 course, he was completely unavailable, answered no emails, depended 100% on his teaching assistant, and gave no feedback. This was particularly ironic as he is the director of Chico State's Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching. Just look at what others have written about him on ratemyprofessors.com. All of my other professors, every one, have been committed, prepared, and responsive teachers.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	This was fantastic for my social and personal growth, but did not so a lot for my academic goals.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	Some professors completely disregard the fact that a student may be working a job, an internship, as well as several other classes on top of theirs, unfairly judging them for not having all the time in the world to spend daily towards their class. I'm not the one to slack off when things are due and when I need to study, but with those professors' "Lets weed off as many students as possible" attitude makes life worse for those that actually take the class seriously. I've seldom had more than 4-6 hours of sleep daily for several semesters due to stress and the workload caused by those unrelenting professors.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	Loved my teachers, the campus and my fellow students but had mostly bad experiences with administrators besides my departmental adviser (who was great). Also felt like the Upper Division Theme was a waste of time and I gained almost nothing from it.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	I spent the last 6 months doing a fulltime internship, and this semester I only have 3 classes that involve coursework. I'm not a good subject for this study, and am not representative of any population that is relevant. My answers should be disregarded.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	I did volunteer internship work at a local police department.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	This survey was too long.
110538	Senior	Male	Part-time	Teachers can't answer questions. Students sit in silence. I don't know how to fully complete my homework. There are no resources to help upper division engineering majors. I can't connect with anyone on campus. I'm regretting my life the first time in my life. Hate this fucking school.