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# NSSE 2014

## 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.

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
First-year	Full-time	Female	I really enjoy being a student here, just wish there were some resources that other campuses have that our campus does not. A 24-hour library, more faculty and student involvement, more activities on campus. Something to make the walk from my apartment to campus worth more than just class.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The faculty here are very friendly and always willing to help with anything they can and are great for networking with other faculty if the need be.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Thankyou
First-year	Full-time	Female	Chico State is a great campus however I wish some of the students would get more involved (myself included). Sometimes I feel like groups separate themselves from everyone else and I want this school to feel more like a community. Sometimes I feel intimidated to join groups on campus because a lot of them expect you to act a certain way and want you to conform. The sororities and fraternities need to learn to have a little class, they are supposed to be the leaders of this campus and they are the worst examples. They party way too much and I have never seen them do anything that doesn't benefit themselves.
First-year	Full-time	Female	None
First-year	Full-time	Female	My educational experience has been pretty great here except for a few weird teachers, but overall very good. However, the drinking aspect of this campus is much crazier and detrimental to me as a person than I would have ever expected, sometimes even effecting my education. I am now transferring due to insufficient college life not of the academic aspect!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Great questions!
First-year	Full-time	Female	I wish the cafeteria was better and had more options available
First-year	Full-time	Female	hope my survey is useful to your purposes.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Excellent professors
First-year	Full-time	Female	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Female	Lower housing costs
First-year	Full-time	Male	Some courses really need more flexibility for when they are scheduled, for example Human Anatomy is only at 8AM on Tuesday and Thursday.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Beige!
First-year	Full-time	Male	iClickers kill brain cells and get nothing accomplished other than reduce truancy. Pop quizzes are unnecessary, as they serve only as punishment if they are not marked as extra credit. The professors treat us like babies by giving us graded homework. Non-graded homework, however, only benefits those who are truly academically inclined.  Please. Kill the quizzes and graded homework. Our flexibility is already dead.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Professors give poor feedback on assignments submitted! A score does not dictate what was done well, and which areas need improvement.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Overall it's been good, but it costs way to good damn much. Work on that.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Get better food and quit being so naive about alcohol
First-year	Full-time	Male	this report is unnecessary
First-year	Full-time	Male	thank you

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First-year	Full-time	Male	I'm really satisfied with what I've academically experienced in CSU Chico. Before I studied out there, I didn't even know if I really should believe in myself for my future job, and learning a lot through the theatre courses that I took for the past year allowed me to know that it is even possible to achieve what I desired to achieve. I am currently studying other things in my country but I am sure that studying abroad in Chico told me how far I can go and it is possible for me to make my dream come true
First-year	Full-time	Male	Chico has a very small town community feeling, and provides the people around with a sense of friendship and love for everybody on campus. I walk to class ever day and see people I have met in all my classes and everyone is down to say whats up. My teachers have all been very nice and welcoming to give help to me and anybody who needs it. I think that colleges need more professors like Chico because at anytime in the year you can connect on a personal level with the professor and get to know them and learn from them and there life experience. there have been plenty of times were I stop my old professors and ask them how there doing and they know me by name. I think this is mainly because I look at my self as a professional student who other students can learn how to act and behave in a class room, and not to be scared and speak up, and ask question. I believe this higher education is in the best interest for everybody in college but I think across the US there needs to be more students who are actively involved in the classrooms. Not being afraid and not caring what other think is the best way to go about college. We are all here for the same reason and no one should judge others for trying learn and better themselves in a positive manner. Joining a Fraternity really made my experience at college incredible and provided me with a huge connection of other students reaching out for success. If you surround you self with like minded people there is a better chance that you can push each other and hold each other accountable for our success. Phi Phi. Pi Kappa Alpha Thanks for reading
First-year	Full-time	Male	I would appreciate lower book prices.
Senior	Full-time	Female	teach students how to use APA writing if it is a requirement by the instructors Social Workers require APA style
Senior	Full-time	Female	Chico State has been a disappointment and fell short of my expectations of "higher education". I will get my diploma and check my "box" that is about it. This institution has been a waste of money, but I felt I needed to complete what I started. I will never recommend or suggest this university to anybody I know now or in the future.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Thoroughly loved this experience at Chico State!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I feel honored to be a student in the Business: Accounting program, and I think the professors are excellent.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I believe that although I have had a great experience with my professors and related faculty, my dealings with general staff on campus have been less than democratic (especially those in certain offices of the SSC). I have been very pleasant and kind to those I engage with, but I have noticed that many staff are very short and unpleasant with students seeking help. It seems that long days or difficult students may wear on some staff members who then treat all students as if they were inconveniencing them or being difficult. All I would like to see is that these kids are treated with respect. They should not be given a hard time or an attitude by those who are supposed to be there FOR them. Thank you.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have enjoyed my time at Chico State, however I was disappointed in some of the teachers in the Social Work program. I have complained about the teachers before with others in the class and nothing came of it. I have one teacher tell me that he didn't care if we complained about him because we would be gone in a year and it wouldn't matter. I don't think this is the correct attitude for the teachers to have and I was disappointed to discover this. I don't know what else I could have done to make the school more aware of these particular faculty.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Overall, I like the campus and the classes. I don't care for many of the students I encounter and most often go out of town for social and physical activities. I tend to not seek out advice from academic advisers due to a couple instances of misguidance and impersonal interactions.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Interdepartmental communication is lacking. The reality of working life is different from that of a student life. Scholastic environments are supposed to be the paragon of learning and growth. How can we, as students, do this if it is so very separate from the world of the already working men and women in our fields. Every class demands its own right to a certain amount of work, every endeavor classified by a single instructor, this leaves the student disconnected, bouncing from one section of work to another. The idea should be to find as many cooperative elements in each section of classes to promote continuity and an overall life akin to that which will be had outside of the scholastic environment. Life outside of school is not harder or easier than that of taking classes every day. The transition is often insurmountable simply because the fractured nature of individualized classes is nothing remotely resembling the cohesive flowing nature of the "real world" worker, wherein every element slides to support or undermine the other, but all work together to create a "life". Instructors have this aversion to "double dipping" that prevents the stalwart and genuine student from combining the possibilities of each class together for a superior end result. Instead allotting much energy and thought to keeping separate and in its proper place each thing that is required. Interdepartmental communication and cooperation. That's what I suggest. Without it, we'll become more of what we are, frantic students spending more energy attempting to keep everything straight, in its proper place, than we do focusing on the overall goal of what the fuck we're even doing here.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Information regarding challenging a course and taking courses credit/no credit should be better advertised. I've only known about the existence of either from other students rather than the institution. I feel like it should be easier to challenge highly impacted GE courses, especially if one has taken enough upper division coursework to justify it.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Some professors give it everything they have got. They are the ones who made a difference in my education and life. The difference was not due to the school or the atmosphere, in fact, it was despite the school. Poor professors were able to keep their positions and there is a lack of accountability for poor teaching. Professors need to remember that they are in the employ of the students and should respect them as such. All too often the professors are on power trips or out of touch with the struggles the students are facing. There is more reading than is necessary to convey important concepts or information. There is a lot of busy work, but if you don't do the busy work you can't earn good grades. This does not teach students to think logically or conceptually, but rather to simply memorize and repeat what they have read or are told. Often, professors assign what is easy for them to grade, rather than what will help the students understand the material and apply gained knowledge. Advisers are often unaware of the rules and/or requirements and make many errors, which are costly for students. This causes undue stress and burden on students. Overall, I can only thank a handful of faculty/staff for all the wonderful things I have learned. This isn't right. I should be able to thank all the faculty and staff.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am unsure if this is the appropriate place for this, but as an older student I have commitments outside of school in the evenings. The library has changed its hours to late in the day to help provide a safe place for students to go at night. However, it is no longer open early in the morning when I am usually available. I understand the need to later hours, but why must it be at the cost of the earlier hours that I was able to, and did in fact, use? I know that I am not the only one who uses the library in the early morning hours, as there is typically 15 - 20 students waiting for the library to open at 7:30 a.m.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think that my educational experience at this institution would be greatly improved if the major required class list was re-evaluated; for example, classes required for the completion of the Asian Studies degree are rarely offered. It makes planning to graduate on time both impossible and stressful.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think you send us way too many surveys during the course of a school year. I am survey monkeyed out and tired of completing just one more survey...This is probably moving into my third hour total this year.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>The sense of community I felt on campus was more the sense of community within my major's department. I actually felt a sense of opposition between my department and the other departments within my college, and a sense of indifference between myself and most other colleges and departments university-wide. The only time I felt a sense of community with students from majors significantly different from mine was in the Upper Division Honors GE Theme (which is now extinct) and in Momentum Dance Club.</p> <p>When encountering faculty and older staff members who didn't know me personally, there seemed to be a lack of initial engagement. I perceived this to come from a disbelief on the faculty/staff member's part that every student was serious about ensuring his/her success and learning in class. After consulting with faculty/staff members who did know me and could be frank with me, I discovered this was not far from the truth. The president is concerned with lifting the prestige of this school by coming down hard on alcohol and the Greek life organizations - but I think he should tackle this problem at the root, which is the students admitted to this university in the first place. I think higher admission standards need to be set in place, which could mean that prospective students with lower grades may need to prove their salt with extracurricular activities and admission essays.</p> <p>I honestly believe that a stronger campus-wide sense of community can be established if each student CAN BE assumed to be serious about their education.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Some required courses for my major were not offered every semester. Also, would like to see more courses offered in evening or online to accommodate working students. Overall, very happy with quality of education received.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I graduated in December 2013 with my B.A. in Humanities. I am pleased with my degree and my experience at CSU Chico. I am currently working toward my M.A. at another institution only because CSU Chico does not offer a Master's Program in Humanities. My academic advisor, Dr. Wyrick, was wonderful. I would not have graduated if he had not been there to advise and guide. I hope to return to CSU Chico someday and pursue a second Bachelor's degree in Music.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>To a certain extent, this evaluation wasn't entirely fair to the institution because I'm a first year transfer student who came here not knowing anybody, so it has been hard for me to build a social circle. This has contributed to some minor depression which has made it difficult for me to reach out and become more involved in campus life, although I have been trying. I'm going to be honest here, though, by saying that I was really disappointed by the academic advisor for my major; I felt intimidated and helpless when discussing my transfer coursework here, and I was very surprised to find that they are much, much snootier about accepting transfer coursework from other colleges (even from my other 4-year university) than UC Santa Cruz was, and I had been given to believe that the CSUs were better in this respect than the UCs. I am planning on fighting to have my 3 basic Anthropology major courses from Santa Cruz transferred here so that I can actually graduate in 2 years (if I have to take all three classes over again, I will have to stay on at least one more semester), but I am not optimistic as I have heard from many other students that they have refused to transfer their classes; as for the reasoning behind the refusal to accept these classes (that they are lower division at other colleges or universities and 'upper' division here, although they actually seem to be middle; it's very confusing here), I have spoken with students who have said that the classes were the same difficulty level as ones they had already taken at other institutions. I have to admit that I'm somewhat at a loss as to what to do, and if I do have to spend more time here taking classes that I have already taken, it will definitely color my view of the university.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Chico State has been a huge influence on who I have become today. It is a challenging institution that has given me many opportunities to grow and learn about who I am as a person. It has given me a sense of community and place of belonging.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Some professors are completely approachable and have office hours, but many others are intimidating and difficult to approach, usually these professors do not have many office hours either. Since I learn best one on one, and I find that many lecture times especially the 50 minute blocks are not designed so that a professor can do anything other than "talk at you" and not gauge for understanding, this is not helpful. Additionally, many student run tutoring groups are not helpful, or the students don't show up for shifts to tutor. And the free tutoring offered from the tutoring center has maybe one to two hours for students in need. And you can't go too often either. Which is not how it had been at the tutoring centers at Community colleges. I used to be able to go to two hour-sessions each week at a tutoring center at the community college and get help. Now I am struggling to succeed in many courses with no help from tutors and minimal help from office hours.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Female	So far in my experience at this school, the instructors don't seem that concerned about student progress. They move quickly through the course material and expect you to go to tutoring if you do not understand what was covered, but there is a shortage of tutors for subjects like accounting or calculus that have high-fail rates. It's also really difficult to find time to go to tutoring when you are taking five classes and each instructor treats their class like it's your only class, so you have 3+ hours of homework for each class every day. I can't join any clubs because I don't have time, and I couldn't fit a job into my schedule even if I needed to. Being a student here is stressful, and the majority of teachers don't understand that; it makes it difficult to get the help you need, academic or otherwise.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Academic advisors have been little to no help at this institution. I have heard different feedback from every single advisor. As a transfer student, if my advisors would have helped me more and overlooked my transfer credits, I would have been graduated by now with an additional minor and also could have planned my pathway more accordingly. Advisors really need to help the student population more when it comes to these issues.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I graduated from the university in December of 2013 but I completely re-surveyed anyway because you emailed me 3 times about completing it. I used the information from my last semester at Chico state to complete the survey.
Senior	Full-time	Female	CSU, Chico offered a plethora of opportunities to be involved within the campus as well as the community, get extra help, and have a good time while gaining a great education. Whether or not students decided to take advantage of those opportunities is a whole other question. Overall, if I had the chance to start over, I would definitely do it at Chico State. I only wish that our Federal Government would decide that public education, at all levels, is more important than national defense. I say that because the more educated our country is a whole, the more opportunity to find alternative solutions to such problems.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Class sizes for my major are very tight, and in a lab intensive hands-on major smaller classes would have drastically made my experience more meaningful. Also, as a slightly older student, it was hard to come to terms with not fitting in to a club, those which very often have access to "test banks". Cheating degraded the education.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I love Chico State and the professors in my major are all great.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The Kinesiology, Physical Education Teacher Education program is AMAZING. Faculty is dedicated to student learning and fostering individual growth at a personal level with each student. Undergraduates are immersed in hands on experiences, internships, and community programs. Students gain experience in their field of interest, collaboration experience, networking, and much more. Graduates leave feeling extremely prepared to enter the credential program. The Kinesiology faculty and program are hands down the best part of my experience at CSU, Chico, and the number one reason I am so grateful to have chosen Chico State.
Senior	Full-time	Female	professor should be assigned to courses they have knowledge on. it does not help when they teach a class based on the book and cannot provide answers to questions asked because it is not in the book or when the teacher stretches course material to fit their knowledge on a different but relatable subject. Most teachers love providing students the knowledge they need to understand concepts and ideas which has made my experience very pleasant.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Meh.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am taking double majoring in CSU-Chico with Accounting and MINS, at the same time I have a minor in computer science. I believe all those 3 areas are going to help me lead to a successful future. CSU-Chico recently come up with a solution of pushing students to graduate within 4 years, personally thinking it is not quiet realistic to the student who wants to learn more or who changed their major in between their school years.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am no longer an undergraduate, so I don't know if my answers are relevant
Senior	Full-time	Female	The survey is too long.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Overall my time spent at Chico State was amazing. Only a few things i wish to see some changes in. I wish the faculty and students would open up to the LGTBQ community. homophobia is still present on this campus/its just well hidden. Also bringing diversity to campus would help students feel comfortable. there is not enough Latino, Asian, Black students. Making the campus and surroundings safe. I know they are trying, but its still not enough. students are still in danger and are afraid like i was. lastly, making sure freshmen know all their resources. Its obvious to me now, but when i came in i had no idea what to do for my first year.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Chico State is an amazing university. The students are a community of social people who work well with other students and faculty.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I love CSU Chico! It is one of the best colleges I have ever attended and I am so glad that I made the decision to attend this college. It is such a blessing with the staff, the students, and the faculty. Love it!
Senior	Full-time	Female	On the last question I would've answered took out loans provided to me by financial aid or else I would not have been able to afford college.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Instructors are awesome! Never thought that I would have instructors that generally care about my well being and success. Love the instructors that I had- Tia Newby was one of my favorite instructors! She made me feel empowered, boosted my confidence to get straight A's... Love her!!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I hope this survey takes into account that I am a full-time online distance student. For both years I took classes at Chico, every class was online.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Class availability for my major is slim. Required classes should be offered at more days and times.
Senior	Full-time	Female	CSU Chico was a wonderful experience. I can truly say Chico State helped form me into a more mature, knowledgeable, and stronger adult. The most life-changing thing I found at Chico State was the sense of community found throughout the campus and city. I was continuously awed at how well the students, professors/ faculty, staff members, and members of the outside community worked together to form such a unique world filled with loving support, art, brain power, and a foundation to change the world. The thought of leaving Chico to return home to San Diego pains me because I love how easily life in Chico allows you to be mindful of how your daily choices affect the environment and world around you. I hope to bring all of the 'Sustainability Practices' back home with me, and hope to see a sustainability-minded community blossom and thrive in the urban atmosphere as I have experienced in Chico. I am so proud to have attended Chico during the time where the University's reputation phases from 'Party School' to 'World Class Sustainability School'. If this University continues on the right track, it will be sure to save the world. Thank you for such a warming and empowering experience!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am not sure that I was very helpful throughout this survey, I graduated in December so most of the questions not longer applied
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have had a great experience with the psychology major and the department.
Senior	Full-time	Female	As a transfer student I have felt alone and confused if I am on the right track. Personally I have not witnessed this, but I have heard other transfer students say that teachers have told them that they are not as good as the students attending there since the beginning. I did notice a major jump up in my writing abilities and have sought help to achieve the grades I want in the writing aspect. Preparation of transfer students with regards to writing and reading requirements should be thought over.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The school needs to add more lights around campus and needs to add cameras in the old parking structure by the student service center.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I had to take out loans to pay for my entire college education. As far as support, there are limited opportunities that help students pay off their loans.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I've always said that Chico State was one of the best decisions I've ever made. One thing that I am happy to see is that on campus Sociology students recently got a new academic adviser.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I love this school & all of my teachers have been amazing as a Health Education major. The only reason I said probably yes to answering if I would go here again is because I am not a fan of how small Chico is and the weather. All around great experience though and met some amazing people.
Senior	Full-time	Female	As a transfer student I have felt generally disconnected from the campus community. Transferring in the spring seemed to make that even worse. I find that education is more valuable when you've developed a relationship with instructors and since I did not have that same experience here because I transferring I feel like I am lacking in the value of education I could have gained. I also feel that a lot of courses taught at my community college were actually more rich with information that some courses I've taken here. However there are some excellent instructors here as well who have greatly contributed to my education and life.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Please open more classes for business. I had barely any to pick from on my last semester. Also, many of the business teachers are not up to par. Especially the accounting teachers. The marketing teachers are fantastic most of the time though!

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Senior	Full-time	Female	The biggest struggle I faced at Chico State was the attendance policy implemented by most professors. I work an extreme amount of hours to stay enrolled, and most have strict attendance policies that did not take that into account. Understanding work or illness as an excuse to miss class is important. If I cannot go to work consistently then I cannot afford to eat, and I felt a constant pressure to chose class over work, even if I did not feel that attending class was necessary to my education, understanding of the course, and/or grade in the class. I worked a full-time job and commuted to class my freshman and sophomore year and I felt penalized for having adult responsibilities, and often felt that I was judged as a child when my life was much more difficult than professors requiring ridiculous and rigid attendance standards.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The much older teachers & ones that have been employed at CSU Chico the longest need to alter their teaching style. Some are sexist & some work too hard to make sure the students who don't do the work fail as opposed to rewarding the good students. Should be more promotion of individual academic & personal success than just on a letter grade. Too much time spent forcing students to work in groups which is literally never beneficial, except maybe to the students who don't do any work ever. The campus should work harder to promote on-campus events such as theater, music, seminar events.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I graduated in December.... I was more than happy to fill out this survey, however, several of the questions are clearly directed at current students, so I responded as accurately as I could, but am unsure whether I was supposed to participate in this survey as a graduate student. I would suggest some questions be re-worded to reflect that the survey taker may be graduated, because recent grads have a plethora of opinions about their undergrad experience
Senior	Full-time	Female	First coming here, it took me a while to like Chico. I seriously looked into transferring schools because I did not feel I was challenged enough by the academics or community at Chico. I felt a lack of support from academic advisers as well as faculty and felt I was not being stimulated enough by my classes. It took me four years to truly enjoy Chico and take advantage of everything it has to offer. While I love it now, it was not the college experience I was expecting to have.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have to say, this is my first year at Chico and overall I really like it. I am an online distant education learner and absolutely love my advisor Rena! She has helped me tremendously and always is available to help. I have had some issues here and there that did not please me very much and Rena helped me through every one of them. I am looking forward to continuing my education here as well as graduating next year.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Almost everything negative about this institution was because of one math professor that I had, Simon Goberstein. Had I known that I would have to be subjected to such a poor quality educator, I would have considered attending a different university. It is absolutely ridiculous that he has been able to teach at Chico State for so long, and now that he is retired, students will still have to deal with him for one semester out of the year. He makes me lose faith in the education system as a whole. Fortunately, I have also had a couple math professors that have made attending this university worthwhile. I do not think that I would have had the opportunities I have had here elsewhere.
Senior	Full-time	Female	no
Senior	Full-time	Female	Although both academic advisors and faculty did provide support and additional information about resources and people to meet, I don't think the departments and the student service center or the higher-upper have a clear communication. I have had to be redirected on several cases to individuals who were no longer involve with the campus or were working in a different department. Its confusing and time consuming.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Some of these questions asked about how my experiences at my current institution shaped or helped the development of my personal opinions and skills. I do not want my low-grade answers to reflect negatively upon California State University, Chico; those low scores are due to the fact that I had many of these experiences instead at the community college I attended. And I haven't been at CSUC for a full year yet.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have enjoyed my educational experience here, although I do feel that courses student's need are not readily available. I have had to re-work an entire schedule multiple times due to courses being cancelled, or times changed at the (very!) last minute. As someone who works nearly 30hrs/wk and is responsible for multiple things in my family, it is difficult to appropriately coordinate when the campus can make changes to things at the last minute and expect the students to immediately adapt.
Senior	Full-time	Female	None. My overall Chico experience was fine.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	its been fun and informative.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More tables in areas around the campus to utilize for studying, and parts of the campus that supports coverage from the elements. Extra library hours is much appreciated so thank you.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I really wish you would stop raising tuition. I cannot afford college. I won't have 50K\$ in debt when I graduate (thankfully). But I am so fed up with your generation forcing crippling debt on my generation before we even have a chance to get out in the world and make a difference. And if the person who is reading this doesn't have any 'power' over how expensive tuition is- Do me a favor and find someone in power who will. I'll be too busy paying off my loans and hoping against hope that I don't get stuck at chico state for ANOTHER extra semester. I wish I hadn't come to college. That is what debt makes me feel.
Senior	Full-time	Female	MATH 310 online at Chico state is a nightmare. No text, no teacher support, etc. Other than that, every teacher I have encountered has been great! Rena Marino, counselor, AMAZING!
Senior	Full-time	Female	This institution has a huge problem with not enough professors for Accounting courses which limits the number of classes available for students to sign up for. Also, majority of the Accounting professors are not helpful which makes it very hard and challenging for students to go through the courses because of limited choice of instructors.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I liked being at Chico. This survey was way TOO LONG!!!!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I had high hopes for college, but as a person who deals with social anxiety I feel I fell through the cracks. I had no personal advisor and very few friends. Much of my education was regurgitation instead of critical thinking and evaluation. Much of what I learned in school were from textbooks. I could have spent that last 5.5 years reading and would have gained the same knowledge on my own that I gained from the college I went to. Due to my financial situation I was forced to work more than pay attention to school and no one understood that. I tried to explain my issues to advisors and professors but they brushed it off and said I needed to stop working as much. I tried to explain that I wasn't getting enough financial aid to keep a roof over my head and that the work was necessary to even survive, let alone pay tuition. I had a handful of classes with a handful of professors that made my time even barely worth it, but the rest of the classes were useless and worthless to me. These few professors were the only ones who taught me anything. They took the time to learn about each student and their situations. They offered me the assistance I needed, which is why I did well in their classes. I don't think more than 3 professors know my name, and they probably only know my face. This university is so generalized, there is no personal relationships between professors and students. If I could do it again, I would go to a college that emphasizes relationships between faculty and staff. Not a university that just shuffles people in and out. There is so much wrong with this university I could go on for a long time about how it can be fixed.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Barbara Sudick should consider stepping down from her position and hiring a new replacement that has more knowledge, energy, enthusiasm, and current skills.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have enjoyed my time at CSU Chico for the past four years. I have been able to get involved in a variety of different organizations and clubs that met my interests and helped me become a well-rounded person. Chico State has given me endless opportunities and resources for my future development. I could not imagine going to a better institution. There are so many opportunities to get involved I always feel I can do more, the university pushes me to be a better student and community member. I will miss the community connection that the university and community hold. This experience has shaped me into the person I wanted to become.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I was a transfer student that came into Chico State only knowing the people I went to high school with. My educational experience was a great success with the advising, teaching and learning I had acquired over the past 3 years at Chico State. I would say however, by the time I got into Chico people already had friends, people were clicking with the people they have known for a few years, and it was difficult to find friends other than the ones from my high school. College is about the experience, though Chico has the sense of community and focus on the college as the epicenter I found it difficult to put myself out there to find more friends. Even though I was active in the clubs and some organizations on campus, I find myself leaving Chico with the sense that I only got my degree here and not many long time friends.

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
Senior	Full-time	Female	My college has a pretty good reputation in the engineering field, and with good reason. We have some amazing students who participate in extracurricular projects, and meet their goals with flying colors. The faculty on the other hand... Nearly every semester, out of an average of four classes, I would have one extremely bad teacher - either bad at teaching, or horrible to the students - and three mediocre teachers. I have had teachers that were engaging and interesting, but only mediocre in their teaching, and teachers who knew their subject extremely well but weren't good at conveying that information. I also have had at least one teacher who was verbally abusive to his students, nearly every day. He has a reputation for it, yet nothing has been done to remove him from his position, at least nothing that the students can see. I have never had a teacher who was engaging, fun, taught well, or who was someone I could look up to as a mentor. I am rather disappointed with my college experience so far.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Some of the more negative responses came from outside circumstances completely unrelated to school. Chico State is a very good, very diverse, school with plenty of help available to students that also offers a very critical look at the real world. I already have a firm basis for my major, can properly study and attend class, and am already quite aware of real-world problem solving. Because of some other extenuating circumstances related to my father's death, my own health, and general problems, my grades have not been, in the main part, satisfactory from my point of view. C grades are a failure and I've not had the usual A/B type grades I am capable of maintaining.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The CMSD department needs an overhaul. The teachers can be very nasty and not helpful. I have faced discrimination on campus and the campus vice president did very little. The campus has done nothing to prevent further discrimination. I do not feel emotionally or physically safe. Too many bikes are stolen each day. The director of the disability center has been more of a hinderance than helpful. I really just don't like it here at all. The professionalism on campus is so poor it seems noone in any department knows what is going on and the departments do not communicate. People seem very competitive and my teachers seem to feed that rather than cooperation. I dislike it here and would not choose to go here again. The lack of faculty in our department made it a lot harder on our education. Teachers don't like students that ask a lot of questions and I have gotten treated poorly. They say my good grades don't matter when trying to get into grad school. I just really think this whole institution is terrible and should be dismantled and rebuilt. There is no real protection for students from discrimination and it is discouraged. My case is still on going and it was filed a year ago. Terrible student affairs and they do not even inform you of the right forms to fill out or processes. The food is good that is about it.
Senior	Full-time	Female	One suggestion would be to offer more opportunities for students to interact with faculty (professors, advisors, etc) on a more casual and personal basis. That is, rather than requiring an appointment or meeting one-on-one in offices, maybe offer a chance for a social gathering between students and faculty. This would create a stronger relationship between those who attend, as well as, give the faculty a chance to seek further improvements that may be made (including how a professor teaches or how the SSC responds to inquiries), while also allowing the students an opportunity to grow their social network (which is only growing in importance in today's economy). And, with this, the school can improve and prove to the rest of the nation that it is not just a "party school", but rather a well-rounded institution; one that recognizes the importance of knowledge AND social skills, and instills these in their students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have no educational comments. My only comment is a social link. Transfer students do not get the same network opportunities that many at my university get offered. This hindered my connection to the school.

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I feel that this institution bases much of its teaching/learning practices on theory. The most successful semesters that I have had are the ones where my work was based in practice. I am not going to learn the expectations that my future employer has of me by reading them in over-priced textbooks. Classes should be based more in activities and projects that reflect experiences that will be likely encountered in our futures.</p> <p>Also, as a student who, financially, supports myself, I do not see that there can be a proper balance of scholastics, campus involvement, philanthropy, social interaction/self care, and having a job if needed when so much of the "classroom" experience is expected outside of class- when that experience comes in the form of reading to subsidize what is not being taught during classroom time. If these were more hands-on and project-based, or perhaps even incorporated any of those balancing needs this would be a much more active and successful campus. My college and educational experience has come from my time spent on these "extras" outside of the classroom. If I hadn't finally become involved my junior year I would have been miserable and, likely, would not have stayed to graduate or have become employed for post-grad - both of which I am now proud to say I am.</p> <p>Chico State can be a magical place, but the experience has to be right. What I gain solely from my classes never would have made this experience worth it. The focus needs to change and encouragement of student involvement needs to be boosted and reinforced by faculty, staff, and peers. Its time for a culture shift on this campus.</p> <p>I feel that not enough faculty make themselves aware of all of the other aspects that contribute to the well-roundedness of students. I have never had one professor who knew how many other units I was taking, how many hours of homework for other classes was expected of me, that I worked 30+ hours a week, that I was heavily involved in student organizations and activities on my campus, or that, for all of the money I am paying to be here-sometimes I'd like some time to spend with my friends as well. This has probably been the largest contributor to my struggles as a student at Chico State.</p> <p>All-around have still loved my experience though. There are great faculty and staff around, and I very much appreciate the ones who have been encouragers and supporters of me.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Term Fall of 2013 was my first semester at Chico State and there are some areas that I'm not quite satisfied. First, this was the second semester where I could not get into a class (Physics 202B for example), which is forcing me to stay one semester longer than I should be. My registration appointment was one day behind the initial enrollment date, and as soon as I was able to enroll multiple classes were already filled and waitlisted. I'm considered a junior and should have priority, but to my understanding some seats are held for freshman and sophomores. I'm not the only student who had this problem, and feel that raising tuition and student enrollment is not a smart decision of CSU leadership when the campus cannot even accommodate students for their requirements for upper division courses. Secondly, I purchased a lab manual, which is hole-punched printer paper with a glossy-colored cover for a three ring binder that cost \$77.00. I could have bought boxes of paper from Costco and ink for that price, and don't understand why things like that cost so much. On top of that, a lab section was left out by whoever made the manuals, and since the cellophane wrapping was torn off I could not return it. In a technological word, and at a campus that claims to be environmentally friendly, maybe an electronic version would be more suitable and affordable for students to use and print out on their own. Not all students have the luxury of mommy and daddy paying for everything, and lowering costs might make the college experience a better one for those who are less fortunate. And finally, more bike racks would be awesome</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	none
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The quality of education provided here has been great overall. Depending on the major and area of study, some of the staff could be better. I learned that the teacher makes the class. You can be very bright, but if the teacher is not doing her job she can affect all of the students in his/her class.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Great staff and programs to help student succeed. Especially since I am a low income student. My major advisers helped me a lot later towards my major about class. What helped me the most and kept me in check was SSS. A program from chico state that helps low income student succeed in college. Without this program I wouldn't have gotten all the experience in college and friends that i have created. I wouldn't have made it this far in college!</p>

## NSSE 2014 Student Comments

### California State University-Chico

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Blackboard is chaos. I never know what is where. Instructors change things at the drop of a hat. Each instructor has a completely different way of using it. Instructors who maintain their own class website are always more effective.</p> <p>My html/software classes included almost no instructions of any sort. If you can't follow the in class demo, you're out of luck. I don't understand this. Why are we forced to utilize a "hunt and peck" mode of learning? There needs to be better access to information about the software we are supposed to be competent using in the workplace after graduation. This makes learning unnecessarily difficult.</p> <p>The Accessibility Resource Center has been extremely helpful to me. Without this solid foundation of support, I am sure I would not have finished college. There were always there for me. There are not enough superlatives in the English language to adequately describe the A.R.C.!</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Coming from Nevada and spending time at the University of Nevada Reno as well as many junior colleges, I feel like I have fallen in love with the city of Chico as well as the University that I currently attend. All of my instructors and advisors have been more than willing to help if I need it. This college provides the necessary education for any student, as long as the student makes it their own. The only issue I see with the University is that of alcohol related problems that have caused many needless deaths. I hope that the city and university complete current efforts to hedge this problem and create a different culture for both CSU and the city of Chico.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Would have liked to see more support for unmotivated students. The transition from high school to collage can be a disaster for some. There were activities but they seemed to lack heart or character. Just people doing their job and not really caring if students were taken care of.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Thanks, Chico!</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>After transferring to CSU, Chico for the Outdoor Education program, I was thoroughly impressed and benefited greatly from the major and those who taught it and were apart of the program. As for the some of the department members, college dean and other administrators, I'm thoroughly disappointed by how some handled the situation regarding the suspension and possible discontinuation of the program, how some communicated or lack thereof, how immature and unprofessional some people were and frustrated that a college dean and department chair would flat out lie to my face. I have just graduated this past semester and am glad to be done with the institution that I paid to receive an education and received much less than what I paid for--classes that they promised in major, but did not offer. I will say that there were some amazing and supportive folks as well. The institution on the whole has some amazing aspects, i.e. Adventure Outings and other such student-led programs, but also has/had some poor chosen faculty and administrators that I believe don't deserve to be at the university.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-small class size makes learning much more enjoyable and beneficial</li> <li>-class availability needs to be much better (either expand classes you can take or make them available)</li> <li>-books are getting ridiculous, somebody needs to step forward and do something</li> <li>-real world projects and group assignments seem to make the most sense</li> <li>-fun and recreation is needed to get mind off everything going on academically</li> </ul>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The opportunity to work autonomously is nearly non-existent for civil engineering majors at CSU, Chico. There are not nearly enough online classes in science and engineering to say the least.</p> <p>The amount of assigned work is too great and the pace of deadlines encourage an unhealthy influx of material without retention. In fact, some professors even encourage disregarding material after tests on the material are carried out.</p> <p>The classroom is centered around a single voice (the professor lecturing) as opposed to peer interaction. In this fashion there is no collective, or collaborative benefit gained from attending a class.</p> <p>There is no value placed in a student-defined curriculum. Instead absolute authority is given to professors to teach what they deem important. The questions that truly spark my own interests are rarely addressed. In other words, I am never really given the opportunities to explore content through my own unique perspective. This feels quite stifling and hardly ever encourages me to produce my best work.</p> <p>There is no flexibility in the way a student proves his or herself competent in a subject matter. Tests, lab write-ups, and homework questions from the text are the primary parameters for competence in all classes I have taken.</p> <p>Labs are focused on producing a superficial lab report, rather than teaching students practical work skills or providing an opportunity to devise one's own lab procedures.</p> <p>There is not enough opportunity for students to voice their opinions on the way a class is structured. This survey is not enough. It feels like complaining to an imaginary voice in the sky, without ever hearing back. It feels futile.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Get rid of the terrible professors. There are some that have been here forever and don't keep up with technology, and when you are in an engineering field, this is extremely detrimental. The tenure system isn't really having the effect it was meant to have.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I graduated already... Took the survey anyways. Got a 70000\$ base salary at Workday inc with a gpa of 2.3! Tell my professors who gave me poor grades for my testing abilities to go reevaluate the way they setup tests or teach. Obviously not working. I'm not stupid I just have testing anxiety! At heart I deserve a 3.0!!! It's funny when the private industries see the potential in students which professors overlook. Grades from tests have too much leverage.. It's completely unbalanced.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>My time at Chico State has been good overall. I have greatly enjoyed the faculty inside the History Department. They have challenged me to become a better undergrad student, and I look forward to working with them in Graduate School. As a returning student, I have often felt frustrated with a campus life centered around 20 year-old students. While I understand this is the majority of the student population, it would be nice if activities and clubs didn't meet at times most adults are working.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I am very impressed with the amount of focus which is placed on sustainable agriculture in the classes which I have been a part of. The teachers are very knowledgeable and extremely welcoming making for a wide resource base in advising and academic help. Dr. Johns is very active in promoting job opportunities and graduate program opportunities which shows a confidence and support for us as students; i would like to see more of this.</p> <p>I am upset my the classroom setting by the management of student interest and effort. At one level, I feel that teachers allow the attitude of students to affect their enthusiasm and expectations. I feel cheated by this because I put a great deal of effort into class and would like to have dense lectures. I have also found it very frustrating to work in groups with students who do not care about their grades and completing quality assignments. It takes away from the experience of group work (i know that i will have to deal with this in the future..) as I feel responsible for bringing in slack to ensure my own grade and compromise time from my other studies.</p> <p>I strongly feel that my education is preparing me for excellent opportunities in future careers and hope that my performance at Chico State will get me into a competitive graduate program in Soil Science.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>This survey was a waste of time, much like the majority of the education I received. I learned to write and present information. It was not worth the money I paid. I was not able to move beyond the curriculum because the standards don't allow for testing out of the redundant criteria. I was going to attend grad school, but after the last year of crap teaching I can not see the value of being again tied to the anchor that is the standard level of thinking of my peers. Forced participation in the group functions was always a chore, and the lack of actual tools to improve the group/civil discussions made the experience frustrating. Give me my educational receipt, I'm not sure that the title of a degree is valid anymore. Homogeneous ignorance and reduced instructional design provide the foundation of loan debt and sales jobs. Whatever, I'm out.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>CSU Chico is a wonderful place. i feel blessed to have been able to attend this university in a great small city. Education is great, I have no complaints at all about this institution and would not be the person I am today had I not spent many years in Chico</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I am a 380 year old transfer student from Sacramento. After completing my first semester at CSUC (fall 2013) with 15 units, I earned a place on the dean's list with a GPA of 3.74. But, when I went to apply for jobs on campus, the automated JobCat system would not let me apply for certain jobs because of my overall GPA was at a 2.83. I talked with someone at the student employment center and they informed me that it does not matter what my Chico GPA is, it's the overall that counts. After explaining that the lower GPA was related to course work from 20 years ago, it did not matter. Really? I was under the impression that all transfer students start out on an equal footing! Further, it's a student's performance at the University that determines these factors! Not community college coursework from 20 years ago that has absolutely nothing to do with CSUC! As a returning student, I did not feel very welcome at Chico State! As for my Fall Semester "Dean's List" status, it was bitter-sweet! When students perform well, they should be a rewarded, not a punished! I absolutely would not recommend Chico State to any older student! The student jobs seem to be reserved only for the younger students! I will complete my BS degree here in the Spring of 2015. Then, I will happily move on to a school that does not discriminate based upon age!</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Throughout my time here it seems like Engineers are not the focus of the school. Engineers are taken care of by clubs like LSAMP and MEP and student clubs like IEEE, AIME, LTC, and SWE. It's as if people don't know how to help them. It is a different way of learning when it comes to engineering. It's not just about memorizing facts, it's about understanding concepts and applying them. you can't just memorize definitions.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>My advisor was great and I hope I don't get him in trouble but I did not graduate on time because it was missed that I needed one additional class for upper division GE and I could have finished when I thought if we had seen that. but now I have to take an online summer class when I'm trying to move on with my next step after college. It's just a bt frustrating. Other than that, Chico provided me with the best 4.5 years of my life and I will remember it for the rest of my life. Thank you so much.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	It is unfortunate that this institution does not support basic education in majors. Most of my studies must be done with those in my field of study and after hours. The university does not provide much space for student study other than the library where students interfere with studies and make for difficult study time. After hours are never supported by having space and snacks to keep studying. The administration does not support clubs or students who act independently raising funds that support students (IE snacks and space).
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>When there is a bad teacher with many complaints by faculty and students is teaching, a special plan should be implemented to salvage the learning so the students are not handicapped for proceeding courses. Teachers need to be held accountable for their actions whether they have tenure or not. Keeping a bad teacher on payroll only propagates a bad reputation for the school and derails the learning that is supposed to occur. I was burned by a bad teacher a long with many other students and it has made me not want to come back to Chico state.</p> <p>The saving grace of my feelings towards this school is the tech 598 class where actual business owners / successful people for industry present and answer questions for students. This allows for vital insight into industry and lessens the shock of graduating into the real world.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	Education is what you make it. CSU, Chico consistently encourages students to make it worthwhile and to put forth the effort required to succeed. The students and faculty here are great people.
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The Instructors here at CSU Chico are great, the students here are great.</p> <p>Admissions office are of ZERO help and give incorrect information, (not the students that work behind the counter) but the idiots "working" (using the term loosely) in their offices.</p> <p>The Accessibility Resource Center treat people like garbage and the supervisor on duty is especially rude.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	California State University, Chico has taught me many skills to develop after graduation. Coming here, I was able to create lifelong friendships that would help me develop as a person. I also joined organizations that developed my network and grow my professional career. I also gained knowledge in understanding different cultures since i studied abroad. Chico state is definitely a school I would recommend for those wanting to be different and explore outside their boundaries.
Senior	Full-time	Male	No comments
Senior	Full-time	Male	Research through the chem department is the highlight of my academic experience. Without it, my education would be significantly lacking.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The experience I had in this university is unique. I really enjoy learning with the friendly staff and faculties. If let me choose again, I might transfer to another University due to the lack of Master program in CSU,Chico. But I will still chose chico as my first step.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Recent graduate so some of these questions were not quite oriented towards me but I based it off my previous years experience. However, my only major complaint after graduation or so I thought I graduated was I had not completed my cultural diversification (general education class) when I thought a class I took had cover it. The advisors did NOT catch this missing course therefore after achieving a great job upon "graduation" I have to take one more class that has nothing to do with my major to complete my degree. However, I am lucky to be able to keep my job. I believe there should be an active online checklist showing all requirements have been met for graduation so I, along with the other 200+ people who thought they graduated December 2013 do not have to make up a course they thought they didn't have to. After not receiving my degree in the mail I contacted the school and was told that the department I needed to speak with would not be available until the end of February. I would have had plenty of free time while I was waiting for my interviews to finish up to complete this course before employment however I could not receive any information on what was holding up my Degree till I was already employed full-time. Overall Chico has been a great school both intellectually and socially, I have gained great communication skills from the atmosphere this college town has created for its residents it's just the advising department could use a little work.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Prior to entering this endeavor, i can say with a great degree of confidence that i was lost. What this institution did for me is far beyond a hop for economical stability. I have been transformed. My perceptions of reality, life and justice are no longer simplistic rather i can observe the nuances and comprehend the complexities of many occurrences that i once overlooked. my ability to comprehensively analyze and solve problems has increased ten fold. My writing skills, although not quite where i want to be yet, has also significantly gotten better.
Senior	Full-time	Male	If I knew what I was going into when I chose this degree I would have done something else entirely.
Senior	Full-time	Male	too long of a survey
Senior	Full-time	Male	The department made the college experience for me. CE department and ECC college allowed for me to make the most of my opportunities here. Held the most responsibilities of anyone I knew within the university, was donated tens of thousands of dollars the past two years to work on projects for the school and to distribute as I saw fit to allow for other students to gain experience through hands on projects and solutions to real world problems. I led projects that are currently being instituted by government agencies on multiple continents, and I was the go-to for multiple disciplines in a professor needed help form an undergraduate student. I was a T.A. and tutor. Everything that I could've wanted to do, and more than what I wanted to do, I was given the opportunity to do. The only problem on this campus is that not enough students are encouraged to step up to leadership roles and sit back quietly doing nothing but bare minimum required school work. More students need to realize that grades aren't everything, get out and get some experience.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My experience is actually very different between majors. For example since EE is for my career I talk with my advisor a lot about jobs and industry while I'm doing math for the additional knowledge and while it will be very helpful professionally I have a much more informal relationship with my advisor. I feel also that my answers for my math classes vs engineering classes would be very different. In EE I study in a group while math is generally individual studying and I tend to do better in EE classes.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Is an easier process of major/minor change possible?
Senior	Full-time	Male	I'm not at all interested in the social crap that the college foists upon the students. I'm just here to get an expensive piece of paper and get out. Anything that I learn here can be learned online for free, but employers like to see people with the motivation to spend dozens of thousands of dollars for a slip of paper.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My Department has some of the best teachers I ever had and did a really good job.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The CSU system, like the UC system, is a fine one. Both offer excellent academics, community, and athletics, but both also struggle with a lack of funding. It disappoints me to see an honest and dedicated CSU board try to appropriate scarce resources. The education I received changed me in ways I can't easily explain; I thank Chico State for its message of diversity and community responsibility.
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Dr. Tyson Henry was my academic advisor for my major and throughout my academic career, unofficially. He is not assigned as an academic advisor however he is a faculty member who provides professional and academic guidance both outside of the classroom and inside of the classroom. If I had to attribute my academic success, it would be to Dr. Henry's encouragement throughout my academic career.</p> <p>Dr. Henry provided the facilities and the time for students who needed advice on personal issues or academic issues. At many times the waiting area outside of his office on the 2nd floor of O'Connel Technology building would be veiled with a mass array of students awaiting help on assignments. It is both a wonder and curious that he had any time at all for much of anything else other than for his family.</p> <p>In the end, Dr. Henry was more than just an instructor throughout my courses. He was both an endearing friend, figuratively a light at the end of a long, black tunnel and one of--if not himself--the best instructors at this institution for the computer science department. I honestly immense and sincere efforts were recognized more often by other faculty members of the university outside of the 2nd floor of O'Connel.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	I love the school and faculty, its been much more enjoyable than expected
Senior	Full-time	Male	thanks!

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Senior	Full-time	Male	I hate these fucking surveys.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My major's professors are amazing and do great work and help me everyday that I'm in class to be more prepared for my career after college, but I feel like my college doesn't take my major seriously.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Teachers need more help. Education is not effective when teachers are so stretched among duties that they do not have the time and energy to do their job to a truly effective level. Students also get discouraged when faced with confusion about a topic that they feel they cannot ask about. This occurs because teachers cannot take the time to address all students. More funding is needed!
Senior	Full-time	Male	The school has a dated educational philosophy which discriminates against non-biological computation and memory. There is functionally no difference between the two In practice. We live in the digital age and are merging with technology as a species at a faster rate than the institution is adapting. A child with an I-pad can accomplish as much as an adult with a bachelor's degree 50 years ago, and as soon as higher education recognizes the implications of this and shifts focus from memorization to brain computer interface streamlining skills, the advancement in science and technology will be startling.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Some of the questions would have severely different answers if individual teachers were talked about
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The experience at Chico is amazing. I sincerely believe that any student who is motivated and willing to put in effort can get anything they want out of this university. That being said, I do believe there is a large population of students who only go to college because it's expected of them. I have had a number of classmates who don't show any interest in their major. I checked the box that said I feel more prepared in my major classes than my peers, and that is very true. I am disappointed that the classes could not progress faster, because the students can't keep up with the material. I wish I could condense the classes I took into one year, and have the opportunity to learn more during my time at Chico.</p> <p>I am an undergraduate finance major at Chico, and during my time here I have managed multi-million dollar investment portfolios, taught upper division classes, started a business, worked with faculty on research projects, and met fortune 500 executives. Students at Chico are presented with opportunities that the general population could never experience, and I wish some of them wouldn't take that for granted.</p> <p>I would recommend Chico to any student motivated enough to be actively seeking an education.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	The program adviser for Concrete Industry Management (CIM) is hardly available to students. I was not able to enroll in a required class this semester because to get a response from them took several months. To have major advising available to students to suit their needs is completely necessary. Having a program adviser for students who is not available to them defeats the purpose of having one.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I feel that many of these questions were very leading, I believe the majority of skills and life lessons I've learned while being enrolled at this institution have not come from the educational course work required for my major. My skill set and personal development has come from the vast leadership opportunities I have been exposed to. Being on the Associated Students Government, President of my Fraternity for 2 years and working Summer Orientation have given me way more knowledge, skills and an overall education than any of my classes have. Within the Math education degree we have content courses, pedagogy courses, and pedagogical content courses. The courses focused on pedagogy and pedagogical content were very enriching and helped give me an idea of what teaching will look like and best practices but the content courses were far too demanding for what we are looking to get into as a career. Many of these courses have information that is completely irrelevant to teaching at the High School and JR high level and were an absolute waste of time. Overall I've had an amazing collegiate experience because of my outside and extracurricular involvement.
Senior	Full-time	Male	If you ask me, the quality of my EDUCATIONAL experience was POOR. I can't tell you how much I learned from going to college because I don't know. I feel that most of my classes were there for me to be graded on what the teacher was asking and not on what I knew. With this kind of system it seemed to me that there was more emphasis on memorization than on learning. I don't know how to change this because there needs to be some type of measuring system in place to let people know where they stand. With information so easily accessible I feel that higher education, unless it is in a specific field, is not worth the price you pay.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I left Chico State in 2001 to join the Army after 9/11. Ever since I've been back, I've been automatically on academic probation and it's added a lot of extra stress to my time at Chico State.</p> <p>I want to open my own business and be an entrepreneur, however the GI Bill (and entrepreneurship program) forces me to take classes in a program that have nothing to do with what I want for myself and prevent me from taking classes in other disciplines that are VITAL to my path. I will have left this school without taking any courses in graphic design, engineering or writing code. These are essential to what I plan to do with my life.</p> <p>As a veteran with disabilities, I'm extremely discouraged from asking instructors for help. Even if I let them know at the beginning of the semester about my special circumstance, there is typically zero forgiveness or leniency on makeup work. It's extremely disheartening when you have a physical disability and rely on the bus to get to school. If you don't make it to the bus due to circumstances beyond your control, you are still punished for it. Meanwhile all the rich girl students have to do is say their tummy hurts from PMS and they get off the hook, easily. I HATE this double standard.</p> <p>I thought being a Chicoan my entire life that I would be proud to attend this school, but all I feel like is a piece of monetary cattle being pushed through the system while fat cat teachers pull in over 100K/year when they can't even be considerate of their students needs.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>CSU, Chico is a great place. It has some great faculty, but also some not so great faculty. Reciting textbooks, 'dumbing' down classes to pass students so you look good, and calling yourself an educator needs to end. Undergraduate education is pointless, I had to pay to not learn everything I already learned in High School. The real learning took place outside of the classroom. The discussions with friends, the life lessons from work, the struggle for autonomy, those are the true educators. University life should be about inspiring creativity, cultivating understanding, and promoting academia. CSU, Chico has the first and second one down, but needs to re-evaluate its departments staffing to ensure that the students who are paying hard earned money to learn, are actually being taught by people capable of teaching.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Administration on this campus is completely inept and fails in nearly every aspect of their role. From Student Judicial Affairs to the Office of the President, they are only interested in the image of the campus and themselves, and have no concern with the well being of their students. My time dealing with the bureaucracy of this campus has been an experience that no one should have in their college career. To clarify, my dealings with the administration comes as a victim of an assault case during the investigation of which myself and my friends were harassed and interrogated by the administration, trying to find any way to slip up what happened so they wouldn't have to impose sanctions on the offending student. The administration does NOT take the safety of their students seriously in this way in order to preserve the "sparkling" reputation of this campus. I will be absolutely offended if the Alumni Office calls me asking for donations after commencement.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Stop the cutting of school funding and bring back all the classes needed in the biology program! Nobody graduates with a strong job connection coming out, and it stems from lack of opportunities, lack of classes and knowledge from those classes demanded by employers. Also, job fairs that are fair and not heavily weighted by one major so much.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I am very unhappy with the amount of homeless people that loiter in the library. I do not feel comfortable with them sitting close by. Many of them use the restrooms to bathe, creating an uncomfortable experience for students. I often find them digging through the trash for recyclables. This is a problem that is ignored and accepted by faculty. I have been asked to leave the library because I was a butte college student. I have never seen any faculty ask the homeless people to leave. I come to the library for a safe and comfortable place to study. When the library is cluttered with undesirable homeless people I cannot go there to study.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Chico State has long been considered a "Party School", and a lot of students tend to die from alcohol-related problems, be it from drunk driving or alcohol-induced coma. It is bad for the image of this school to have so many deaths related to alcohol abuse, and I feel like some of these deaths are, in part, the responsibility of those who encourage a lifestyle of substance dependency.</p> <p>There have been multiple occasions where a Professor is asked a question by a student, and in the middle of the Professor answering, the student raises their voice and yells the question louder in the middle of a lecture hall of 70, in an extremely unprofessional manner. The Professors, in turn, restart their response in an extremely patient and graceful way. Many of the students simply do not care to further themselves, and do not understand that the task of learning is only guided by Professors, not commanded by them. It feels like in order to succeed in this institution, I need to limit my interactions with ignobly minded students, whom seem prolific. I am constantly impressed by the faculty of upper division courses, but I'm ashamed to be grouped as a student with many of my peers (although this is significantly less true within upper division).</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Survey too long, only looked closely at first page. My experience was good overall, some horrible instructors and some great.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Classes are far too easy to pass. Two-thirds of students won't learn very much because they can graduate earning C's and D's. Employers are not fooled by the fact that we have degrees, because it is so easy to get degrees that their value is greatly diminished. Employers know that earning a degree now means you didn't work full time and paid seven thousand a year to get a degree that wasn't necessarily diligently worked for. Overall I am very disappointed with the weakening affect this has had on my own degree and the university system in general.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I would really prefer if the California state university system would stop celebrating mediocrity. This is a result of extreme grade inflation and the lack of expectations placed on students. The overall 'hold-my-hand-teacher' method is crippling the education system in the United States of America and leading to an unintelligible society. Furthermore, the overall reliance of most professors and faculty on this so-euphemised 'objective grading method' or commonly as 'multiple choice' is absolutely absurd and shameful, and frankly not worth anyone's time. However, the sense of community usually emphasized at CSUs does indeed prove useful for networking and future business. If we were to improve on this system, it would have to begin with this amazing concept of connection and a whole new outlook on education that would and should be, indeed, subjective and case-by-case. Treating students like robots on a factory line is a waste of both time and resources.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The nature of questions in this survey implies that the American college system is designed primarily to expose students to an atmosphere of social and ethnic diversity. Although I understand the benefits of such an exposure, I also feel that placing this much emphasis on one facet of education is a waste of time and money. I feel my educational quality is suffering as a result of requirements at the University designed to broaden a student's horizons, with respect to diversity and general social issue awareness. Granted, any well-rounded, functional member of society should be able familiar with diversity, and comfortable working in a variety of environments, however, I feel the emphasis on this at the school, and all schools is distracting. I would have more time to take courses pertinent to my major, bettering my self as a student and future professional, if I wasn't burdened by some of the ridiculous general education requirements.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I attempted to answer the questions you have on this scale which I don't fully believe is a good measure of obtain correct information only information that you wish to produce statistic for. So I'm not sure how useful my information is. I've worked in the field I'm studying for a number of years and just would like to complete a degree. I would say that being exposed to a real world job makes it a bit of a challenge to go back to school as I can identify what is actually relevant to my situation or my real life job. I believe that college is a general overview of a field and doesn't dive into any one specific area. Having to go back and take classes I've taken at a JC that do not give me credit at this four year school is a waste of time and resources. I feel as if I'm going through motions to get a piece of paper to say I went through this and that's pretty much it. I couldn't tell you if I'm *better* after doing these classes except maybe in a social way of people accepting this paper. I also see limited resources having impacted the teaching process, class availability, teacher pool, time of teachers etc. I could go on but I have to do more class work.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Had a great experience at Chico State. It took about two years to really grow to love it and once I got involved in organizations on campus like the GSEC and Sociology Association I had some of the best time in my life.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I love the major and I love the school.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I took 2 GE classes at this institution. I thought I got a better education at the community college that I transferred from. The nursing program is disorganized and poorly planned. I wish I would have gone to a two year institution instead.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I wish there is no Spring classes or Fall classes, they should be available every semester, cause it delays everything.
Senior	Full-time	Male	It's hard to say that I feel any sense of connection to my university. Of the dozens of different professors that I've had, less than 5 stand out as being absolutely stellar; those are the ones that I continue to interface with after my enrollment in their courses ended. The rest seemed disinterested, uninformed, or aloof. Both of my parents are educators so in that respect, my expectations might be set slightly higher for the professors that I've had. The system is designed to cater to the lowest common denominator, so if that is the target audience, then the California State University system is doing a stellar job. The material presented through my major is close to a decade behind the technology actually utilized in the industry. There have been relevant courses, to be sure, but in the field of technology, there should be more of an emphasis on current trends. The curriculum is simply not flexible in this way. The greatest skill and talent that I've learned from my tenure in the university system is the ability to game another system through convincing people that what they need to hear is the same as what they want to hear. If I could make the decision again, I would attend a trade school to gain experience and real-world application. University was a waste of money and time, although the social interaction was plentiful and likely invaluable in the real world.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My experience at Chico State was extremely positive. When I started on campus, I thought I was going to go to medical school and become a doctor. Through my experience at the campus newspaper, The Orion, I discovered that I loved journalism and spent the next four years pursuing my new passion. I will graduate in may with a career I love, a job I'm extremely excited about and a purpose in life. And I owe much of that to the opportunities afforded to me while I was a student here.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Let me start saying that after going through all that I kinda feel disappointed that is all. The system is set up in a way that if you got the mold it will all be good but if your one of the ones who don't, more don't than do, there really isn't much you can do. You have to find your own way around. It is set up in a way that cheaters prosper and those of us doing the right thing struggle to keep up with them. That being said I would not trade my experience at CSU Chico for anything. It is a special place. The sense of community use overwhelming. Anything you could want to do is available in some way or another. They do a great job of providing support, especially in Acesability Resource Center. It was a pleasure to be there and be a part of the university. They create something special and extra. There is a certain social aspect that we all seem to develop after leaving Chico I have not seen anywhere else. We gain the technical skills of course but there is something more that I can't really explain. It is a gift we all seem to leave with for working with othersand bringing people together. I will always charish my time in Chico!
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Critiques: The atmosphere here at CSU Chico is of drunken highschool kids who are simply looking for ways to skate by. Only when they hit the 500 level classes during the end of their Junior year do they start failing and then kick their cheating/begging/etc. into overdrive to finish off a degree. There are only a few that should graduate from this College and I will not be proud of my diploma knowing what trash made it through with the other successful students.</p> <p>I would love to see 1) some accountability instilled in students from day 1 and 2) better teachers (there are a few great ones) that can inspire without coddling.</p> <p>That is all.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	The Theme/pathway Program is a major waste of time and energy. Very few of the students see the courses as helpful but rather a annoyance. Very few of the students take the courses seriously. I believe that they hinder students from graduating in a timely manner. If you remove these courses it will help streamline the education process.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>As a Chico local, the university is a fine compliment to the community I grew up in. I only wished I had adopted better study habits prior to this semester.</p> <p>I love going to school in my hometown; versus my freshman year at CSULB.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>On this subject, I do not wish to think, or speak, or write, with moderation. Tell a man whose fellow students are falling like flies, to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his choking friend from the hand of the ravisher; tell the mother to gradually dis-en-thrall her babe from the pyre we have created; -- but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like this. I am in earnest -- I will not equivocate -- I will not excuse -- I will not retreat a single inch -- AND I WILL BE HEARD. The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal, and to hasten the resurrection of the dead. The lack of transparency between students and administration is laughable. The approval ratings through the grapevine are akin to that of the contemporary US Congress: flat lining. Grow up and listen to us. This is the students university. Not Zingg's or Wei's.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I have had some of the worst professors at this institution. The fact that their is no accountability or oversight of how these professors teach is absurd.</p> <p>Also, as an engineer, there is no time, and we are not encouraged, to join any extracurricular actives.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Tyson Henry and Todd Gibson in the Computer Science department single handedly take the department from a 3/10 to a 9/10. If I ever recommend Chico State to a friend thinking of doing computer science, which is likely, it will be because of these two people.</p> <p>On a related note, the fact that the department stresses Linux so much (whether officially or not) has made me 10x the student I would have been if I had continued using Windows for development.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Classes offered solely online create students with fraudulent educations. If you (the institution) deem it necessary to require a class for graduation, the class should be offered in a real classroom setting. The use of an online class is theft. It degrades the human faculty of reason. Regardless of the effort put in by the teacher to the class, the students at this institution will not take the class seriously as a whole. The process of sitting behind a computer for a class is simply training students to be lazy, to stay stagnant. It prevents risk taking, social involvement, and real academic growth through intellectual discussion. The argument that classes have to adapt to the times is humorous at best as an argument for online classes. This argument only would support parts of classes being online, perhaps online interactive lecture or student projects posted online for other students to watch. These would be reasonable aspect of technology in the university classroom. Please consider these comments seriously. They are true and must be addressed if we are committed to creating the most enlightened country in the world.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>CSU Chico has been a fantastic educational experience. The Recreation Administration department is fantastic, with the instructors truly caring for the progress and success of their students... it's more like a family than anything else I've seen on the CSU Chico campus! It's been a pleasure to be in the Rec Admin program!</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The Engineering department is hands down the most well put together and well run department on campus. If you look at the other departments like math or any service department (financial aid, registrar, etc) they are a huge mess and have destroyed my experience at Chico State due purely to ineptitude, laziness, and rudeness. The quality of the education is superb, its the people like the president and the higher ups that are running this quality education into the ground for an increase in salary, they are quick to take and quick to waste.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I enjoyed my experience at the school very much! I'm glad that it's Religious Studies department provided such a great program with friendly and knowledgeable professors. Small class sizes were a great benefit too. Some upper-division GE courses could have afforded to be a little less intense considering that more effort needs to go into upper-division classes that I take for my major. Much upper-div GE coursework proved to be distracting (esp. PSSC 390).</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	The Chico experience has been a very influential experience in my life. I think the faculty in the Civil Engineering department go above and beyond in the classroom. I have no complaints for my department I am receiving a degree from. The academic advising in my opinion is a joke however. I have to wait an extra semester to graduate because of incorrect information I was told on graduation requirements. The engineering graduation requirements are so convoluted with useless information and the layout is borderline impossible to follow. I am proud to say where I am going to get my degree from and I believe the experiences I have been able to have already, stem from the quality of education I have received.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) at CSU, Chico has provided me with experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I am incredibly thankful to be part of that program and I hope to see the program flourish in the future of this institution. The faculty have been very supportive throughout my tenure at CLIC.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Teachers in the art department need to be younger and more open-minded. I was told by my own teachers that what I do isn't art (illustration) and was actually told to NOT apply to the BFA program because they would all vote "No" on my portfolio. This was very heartbreaking and hard to hear, considering that they should be teaching ART, not their own opinions. I would have rather gone to CSU Long Beach where they have an Illustration major if I knew I would have been facing such adversity and hate from my own teachers. My teachers for my education/teaching credential classes, however, have been amazing and very supportive. They understand my needs (I have depression) and are always willing to listen. They welcome thoughts and opinions different than their own and enjoy learning from their students. I have a great relationship with them and meet with them outside of class often, while I don't even want to talk to my art teachers anymore.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I deeply regret attending this institution. Many of my teachers didn't care about you as an individual, didn't provide career advice, didn't want to put time outside of class to help you. Both faculty and student body is majority white and I didn't like the feeling of being a minority all the time.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I feel like I received a very good education - having trouble getting a job in the situation.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I love the Chico State online education program, If I had the opportunity to attend on campus I definitely would because the office staff and teaching staff are very helpful and nice. I also get the sense that the Chico State community is a very positive environment that would be conducive to learning.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I am an older student working as a registered nurse for 30 years. My assoc.degree is in nursing, the degree I am completing within a few more semesters is in Multicultural/Gender studies with emphasis on Women's studies. I am fortunate nursing provided myself as a single mother the ability to raise my two daughters (and myself). I've been in and out of college classes or professional continuing education all of my adult life. I am hopeful retirement will allow me to attend Elder College/Osher classes. Tuition needs to be more affordable so students can add international travel to their life journey, after all most on the job training is what you tend to apply to work, and learning other cultures and lifestyles is theory in itself. Vocational colleges are great for preparing and training for job skills. ROP, etc. Make it older student appealing, and job retraining is easier.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>I'm a 100% online student. The teachers that know how to use Blackboard effectively make learning a much better experience. Those that know how to organize their pages, understand that it's not helpful to name each writing assignment "writing assignment" and posting it on the welcome page make life much easier. (You have to open every freakin "writing assignment" link to figure out which one is the right one.)</p> <p>Having a good sound set up is so important. TLPs that monitor the online chatter for questions is helpful. TLPs that cut the camera to the classroom and know how to control the camera to focus on a student is helpful. Teachers that require students to having read the assignments make it better. For example, Dr. Janja Lalich is probably the best online teacher I've had so far. She is engaging, challenging and makes people think about concepts and the readings. Right behind Dr. Lalich is Dr. Lianha Gordon, and excellent and engaging instructor. For those classes I would prep because I had to.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I really enjoyed the Social work program,the instructors were great in helping their students in our studies.

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	My major is actually quite different from normal major that we use to be in the atmosphere that similar to the real industry (Animation and Game). We tend working in teams and presentations are routines. Faculties and some graduated students from our majors often share their experience or tips about this industry.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I believe that it was very beneficial to my personal and professional career to work on campus. However, I feel that that it is completely unfair to pay students minimum wage for certain professional jobs on campus. I am thankful that I was able to have my job because it allowed me to pay for food and my bills but I barely got by. For students that are trying to be dedicated to their studies, making rent should be the last thing on their mind. It was such a stress that I considered dropping out of school. I hope that Chico State would realize this and support students by increasing pay on campus.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I probably do not fit the typical mold of a college student as I am a re-entry one, working full-time along side of my current pursuit of my Bachelors Degree. I literally cannot promote any higher in my career until I have that degree. I have found that when I am interested in the topic I succeed and retain with greater ease and I can see that as well in many of my fellow classmates.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I loved Chico State and all of the experiences I've had, both educational and social.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I hope you can learn from our business department. They are very efficient to teach and they do care about their students. I don't see great progress in other department than business department.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Some instructors have been experience with technology and others are technologically impaired, which can affect the learning experience in class. It also takes away from class time due to problems. Also, I wish that Chico State offered more online courses, and Business degrees offered online.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I am a distance student. I take all of my classes on line. Thus, all of my educational experiences are limited.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	California State University, Chico, is one of the best institute Ive ever been to. Great education, experience, friendly facilities.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Student that come in for the first time are unaware of what the college experience is about and how to manage it. This is something that I believe is very important but is not though here. First year should be a close interaction with students (somewhat like High School) to make a well established transition. This is something that I struggled with and affected me to be successful. Being first generation to ever graduate from High School none less College it is very difficult to know what to expect when there is not anyone close in relation to talk to. This is where the school should come in. -Financial learning -Time management -Social Interaction -Program club involvement
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I am a distance learner, since my beginning of the online Sociology program the academic advising has been very inconsistent or unavailable. I believe this has extended my time at the institution and caused delays in my graduation.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The Financial aid office was very inflexible when it comes to maximum units reached. The lack of understanding and unwillingness to help with financial matters after reaching maximum units requirement was unhelpful and not warranted.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Being caught in the middle class "too rich for financial aid, parents not smart enough to save for college" gap sucked. I feel like I more or less made it through college on my own, I didn't really need a whole lot of help. Chico State is a good fun school in a cool city. I wish I could have been more active on campus, or that I didn't need to work to go to school, but you can't win them all. Taking out 2 years of student loans to study abroad was an awesome decision.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Hitting the institution at a time when there was turnover in the faculty of the department was rough.  Realizations of the true nature of the line of work that a Computer Science degree qualifies one for came too late for a change of major to something more to my liking.  Coursework became more challenging and less engaging as my academic career wore on because of this.

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Senior	Not full-time	Male	I am a distance 'online' student but receive the administrative support, faculty contact, and academic advising as if I were an on-campus student. I very much enjoy my academic pursuits at Chico State!
Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>Hello NSSE.</p> <p>Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at Chico State. After I graduated I found a full-time job in my field in under a months time. My only wish is that I could of spent more of my time taking classes that pertained to my major or career. Out of all the classes I took in my college career, only 20% of them were directly related to my major. It is discouraging to think that 80% of my time was directed towards GE classes that I didn't care about nor would use in my career. I think back and wonder how awesome I would be in my field if 80% of my time would have been classes for my major and 20% would have been for GE. Others have asked me about my experience and asked me if they should take the same route I did. I start off by telling them I had a great experience but am more into the idea of trade school. From what I have observed, this option is a more effective way of honing in specifically on your career skills. Thanks for reading.</p>