

Community College Survey of Student Engagement - College of the Desert (2024 Administration)
2024 Means Report - Main Survey

Comparison Group: Large Colleges in the 2024 Cohort*

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Item 4: In your experiences at this college during the current academic year, about how often have you done each of the following?									
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4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions [ACTCOLL]	CLQUEST	928	2.74	52,239	2.95	-0.24**	203,371	2.97	-0.26**
4b. Made a class presentation [ACTCOLL]	CLPRESEN	927	2.03	52,192	2.07		203,137	2.09	
4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in [STUEFF]	REWROPAP	923	2.28	52,103	2.49	-0.20**	202,733	2.50	-0.21**
4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources [STUEFF]	INTEGRAT	925	2.84	52,187	2.92		202,977	2.93	
4e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments [STUEFF]	CLUNPREP	923	1.84	52,158	1.76		202,858	1.75	
4f. Worked with other students on projects during class [ACTCOLL]	CLASSGRP	919	2.69	52,024	2.43	0.26**	202,399	2.41	0.27**
4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments [ACTCOLL]	OCCGRP	922	1.91	52,073	1.85		202,633	1.88	
4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary) [ACTCOLL]	TUTOR	923	1.31	52,071	1.34		202,639	1.35	
4i. Participated in a community-based project (service-learning activity) as part of a regular course [ACTCOLL]	PARTICCBP	926	1.28	52,003	1.34		202,449	1.37	
4j. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor [STUFAC]	EMAIL	923	2.93	52,079	3.12	-0.21**	202,679	3.13	-0.23**
4k. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor [STUFAC]	FACGRADE	923	2.44	52,117	2.61		202,865	2.64	-0.22**
4l. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor [STUFAC]	FACPLANS	919	2.17	52,046	2.23		202,530	2.28	
4m. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class [STUFAC]	FACIDEAS	917	1.67	51,905	1.82		202,120	1.84	
4n. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance [STUFAC]	FACFEED	923	2.79	52,016	2.94		202,548	2.95	
4o. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations [ACCHALL]	WORKHARD	918	2.50	52,070	2.67		202,637	2.68	

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4p. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework [STUFAC]	FACOTH	912	1.46	51,829	1.52		201,711	1.54	
4q. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) [ACTCOLL]	OOCIDEAS	920	2.56	52,074	2.53		202,726	2.53	
4r. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you	CONVSTUDIFF	926	1.81	52,088	1.89		202,694	1.90	
4s. Skipped class	SKIPCLAS	922	1.38	52,127	1.39		202,818	1.38	
Item 5: During the current academic year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?									
1 = Very little , 2 = Some , 3 = Quite a bit , 4 = Very much									
5a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	925	2.94	50,057	2.83		196,023	2.83	
5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory [ACCHALL]	ANALYZE	925	3.01	49,946	3.03		195,572	3.01	
5c. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information [ACCHALL]	NEWIDEAS	916	2.96	49,881	3.00		195,266	2.99	
5d. Making judgements about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods [ACCHALL]	EVALUATE	919	2.59	49,899	2.72		195,380	2.72	
5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations [ACCHALL]	APPLYING	925	2.76	49,920	2.87		195,491	2.87	
5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill [ACCHALL]	PERFORM	926	2.95	50,054	3.00		195,971	3.01	
Item 6: During the current academic year, how much reading and writing have you done at this college?									
0 = None , 1 = 1–4 , 2 = 5–10 , 3 = 11–20 , 4 = More than 20									
6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or packets of course readings [ACCHALL]	ASSIGREAD	921	2.05	49,482	1.84		193,635	1.87	
6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment [STUEFF]	BKREADOWN	924	1.03	49,528	1.07		193,875	1.06	

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6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length [ACCHALL]	NUMPAPRRPTS	924	1.69	49,558	1.73		193,937	1.75	
Item 7									
1 = Extremely easy, 2 = (2), 3 = (3), 4 = (4), 5 = (5), 6 = (6), 7 = Extremely challenging									
7. Mark the response that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current academic year have challenged you to do your best work at this college [ACCHALL]	CHALNGXAM	860	4.94	48,811	5.18	-0.21**	190,362	5.20	-0.23**
Item 9: How much does this college emphasize the following?									
1 = Very little , 2 = Some , 3 = Quite a bit , 4 = Very much									
9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying [ACCHALL]	ENVSCHOL	925	3.18	48,654	3.05		190,709	3.04	
9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college [SUPPORT]	ENVSUPRT	924	3.19	48,590	3.18		190,495	3.17	
9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds [SUPPORT]	ENVDIVRS	919	2.79	48,536	2.79		190,153	2.78	
9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.) [SUPPORT]	ENVNACAD	916	2.16	48,552	2.27		190,187	2.26	
9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially [SUPPORT]	ENVSOCAL	917	2.41	48,500	2.43		190,098	2.44	
9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education [SUPPORT]	FINSUPP	918	2.84	48,540	2.73		190,147	2.76	
Item 10: About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?									
0 = None , 1 = 1–5 , 2 = 6–10 , 3 = 11–20 , 4 = 21–30 , 5 = More than 30									
10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, etc.) [STUEFF]	ACADPR01	924	2.21	48,243	2.15		189,226	2.15	
10b. Working for pay	PAYWORK	917	2.83	48,073	2.86		188,568	2.82	

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10c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intramural sports, etc.)	PARTXCUR	924	0.25	48,132	0.31		188,846	0.35	
10d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01	921	1.60	48,119	1.55		188,578	1.62	
10e. Commuting to and from classes	COMMUTE	917	1.31	48,143	1.14		188,830	1.12	
Item 11: How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?									
1 = Very little , 2 = Some , 3 = Quite a bit , 4 = Very much									
11a. Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	919	2.49	47,425	2.59		186,439	2.64	
11b. Writing clearly and effectively	GNWRITE	922	2.81	47,496	2.83		186,695	2.84	
11c. Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	923	2.81	47,461	2.76		186,570	2.76	
11d. Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	922	3.08	47,457	3.08		186,570	3.09	
11e. Solving numerical problems	GNSOLVE	921	2.50	47,456	2.64		186,474	2.65	
11f. Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	923	2.97	47,445	2.83		186,518	2.84	
11g. Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	921	3.11	47,498	3.14		186,666	3.14	
11h. Developing clearer career goals	GNCARGOAL	920	2.89	47,509	2.85		186,689	2.88	
11i. Gaining information about career opportunities	GNGAINCAR	923	2.74	47,539	2.74		186,774	2.77	

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Item 12.1: How often have you used the following services during the current academic year?									
0 = Never , 1 = 1 time , 2 = 2–4 times , 3 = 5 or more times									
12.1a. Academic advising/planning [SUPPORT]	FREQACAD	904	1.48	46,683	1.56		183,398	1.61	
12.1b. Career counseling [SUPPORT]	FREQCACOU	900	0.89	46,595	0.62	0.31**	182,897	0.61	0.31**
12.1c. Job placement assistance	FREQJOBPL	889	0.18	46,470	0.19		182,423	0.20	
12.1d. Peer or other tutoring [STUEFF]	FREQTUTOR	885	0.72	46,473	0.65		182,339	0.63	
12.1e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.) [STUEFF]	FREQLAB	882	0.92	46,426	0.68	0.23**	182,099	0.73	
12.1f. Child care	FREQCHLD	879	0.10	46,436	0.08		182,102	0.10	
12.1g. Financial aid advising	FREQFAADV	890	1.09	46,525	0.97		182,518	1.05	
12.1h. Computer lab [STUEFF]	FREQCOMLB	885	0.89	46,461	0.75		182,325	0.81	
12.1i. Student organizations	FREQSTORG	884	0.45	46,370	0.39		181,910	0.42	
12.1j. Transfer counseling	FREQTRADV	877	0.55	46,291	0.50		181,562	0.51	
12.1k. Library resources and services	FREQLIB	883	1.70	46,431	1.28	0.36**	182,208	1.31	0.34**
12.1l. Services for students with disabilities	FREQDISABSV	884	0.27	46,518	0.25		182,371	0.23	
12.1m. Services for active military and veterans	FREQMILSVCS	883	0.12	46,529	0.13		182,368	0.13	
Item 12.2: How satisfied are you with the services?									
0 = Not at all , 1 = Somewhat , 2 = Very									
12.2a. Academic advising/planning	SATACAD	699	1.39	38,550	1.53	-0.24**	153,050	1.54	-0.27**

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12.2b. Career counseling	SATCACOU	425	1.40	17,073	1.47		66,416	1.48	
12.2c. Job placement assistance	SATJOBPL	95	1.09	5,373	1.34	-0.38**	22,369	1.36	-0.41**
12.2d. Peer or other tutoring	SATTUTOR	303	1.51	15,659	1.54		60,210	1.54	
12.2e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	SATLAB	348	1.52	15,714	1.53		64,376	1.53	
12.2f. Child care	SATCHLD	30	1.33	1,777	1.27		8,093	1.30	
12.2g. Financial aid advising	SATFAADV	515	1.42	25,777	1.52		107,290	1.54	
12.2h. Computer lab	SATCOMLB	347	1.64	17,096	1.62		71,148	1.61	
12.2i. Student organizations	SATSTORG	219	1.47	10,280	1.48		44,193	1.49	
12.2j. Transfer counseling	SATTRADV	274	1.43	14,837	1.48		58,297	1.48	
12.2k. Library resources and services	SATLIB	627	1.74	29,067	1.69		115,909	1.68	
12.2l. Services for students with disabilities	SATDISABSVC	91	1.62	5,407	1.53		19,924	1.52	
12.2m. Services for active military and veterans	SATMILSVCS	49	1.65	3,090	1.47		12,132	1.45	
Item 12.3: How important are the services to you at this college?									
1 = Not at all , 2 = Somewhat , 3 = Very									
12.3a. Academic advising/planning	IMPACAD	858	2.66	45,803	2.68		179,587	2.68	

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12.3b. Career counseling	IMPCACOU	838	2.48	45,393	2.41		177,708	2.38	
12.3c. Job placement assistance	IMPJOBPL	830	2.07	45,107	2.18		176,678	2.16	
12.3d. Peer or other tutoring	IMPTUTOR	825	2.29	45,118	2.23		176,875	2.21	
12.3e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	IMPLAB	814	2.29	45,078	2.20		176,480	2.19	
12.3f. Child care	IMPCHLD	809	1.95	44,917	1.75	0.23**	175,694	1.76	0.22**
12.3g. Financial aid advising	IMPFAADV	819	2.56	45,263	2.48		177,293	2.49	
12.3h. Computer lab	IMPCOMLB	812	2.24	45,096	2.13		176,661	2.13	
12.3i. Student organizations	IMPSTORG	804	2.03	44,882	1.97		175,910	1.97	
12.3j. Transfer counseling	IMPTRADV	803	2.34	44,888	2.29		175,788	2.27	
12.3k. Library resources and services	IMPLIB	825	2.59	45,238	2.42	0.23**	177,274	2.42	0.23**
12.3l. Services for students with disabilities	IMPDISABSVC	820	2.16	45,119	2.05		176,473	2.04	
12.3m. Services for active military and veterans	IMPMILSVCS	815	2.01	45,093	1.87		176,325	1.90	
Item 22									
0 = Never , 1 = Less than 1 time a week , 2 = 1–2 times a week , 3 = 3–4 times a week , 4 = More than 4 times a week									
22. During the current academic year at this college, I have participated in supplemental instruction/supplemental learning (extra class sessions with the instructor or an experienced student).	PARTICSI	912	0.34	46,225	0.38		181,921	0.37	

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Item 23: How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college?									
1 = Not likely , 2 = Somewhat likely , 3 = Likely , 4 = Very likely									
23a. Working full-time	WRKFULL	909	2.40	45,933	2.31		180,839	2.28	
23b. Caring for dependents	CAREDEP	902	2.04	45,807	1.97		180,321	1.95	
23c. Academically unprepared	ACADUNP	899	1.86	45,700	1.83		179,839	1.80	
23d. Lack of finances	LACKFIN	907	2.43	45,824	2.47		180,386	2.45	
23e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	TRANSFER	902	2.21	45,812	2.14		180,343	2.09	
Item 24									
1 = Not very , 2 = Somewhat , 3 = Quite a bit , 4 = Extremely									
24. How supportive are your friends of your attending this college?	FRNDSUPP	912	3.45	45,986	3.34		181,138	3.35	
Item 25									
1 = Not very , 2 = Somewhat , 3 = Quite a bit , 4 = Extremely									
25. How supportive is your immediate family of your attending this college?	FAMSUPP	911	3.61	44,993	3.55		177,270	3.56	
Item 29									
1 = D or lower , 2 = C , 3 = B , 4 = A									
29. At this college, in what range is your overall college grade point average (GPA)?	COLGPA	863	3.10	43,493	3.18		172,445	3.18	

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Item 30									
1 = D or lower , 2 = C , 3 = B , 4 = A									
30. In what range was your overall high school grade point average (GPA)?	HSGPA	837	3.00	41,019	3.07		162,068	3.10	
Item 32: During the current academic term, how many classes are you taking...									
0 = None , 1 = 1 , 2 = 2 , 3 = 3 , 4 = 4 , 5 = 5 or more									
32a. Face-to-face (a class in which all instruction is face-to-face in a classroom)	NUMCLF2F	910	2.25	45,216	1.89	0.25**	177,959	1.84	0.27**
32b. Online (a class in which all instruction is online)	NUMCLOL	876	0.82	44,413	1.10	-0.22**	175,269	1.21	-0.29**
32c. Hybrid (a class that is a mixture of face-to-face and online instruction)	NUMCLHYB	836	0.29	43,360	0.41		170,908	0.45	
Item 33									
0 = None , 1 = 1–14 credits , 2 = 15–29 credits , 3 = 30–44 credits , 4 = 45–60 credits , 5 = Over 60 credits									
33. How many total credit hours have you earned at this college, not counting the courses you are currently taking this academic term?	TOTCREARND	895	2.28	45,241	2.17		177,925	2.19	
Item 34									
1 = This is my first academic term , 2 = This is my second academic term , 3 = This is my third or fourth academic term , 4 = This is my fifth or sixth academic term , 5 = I have been enrolled more than six academic terms									
34. How many total academic terms have you been enrolled at this college?	TOTTERMS	925	2.69	45,349	2.65		179,052	2.63	
Item 36									
1 = Poor , 2 = Fair , 3 = Good , 4 = Excellent									
36. How would you evaluate your overall educational experience at this college?	OVRALEXPER	930	3.27	45,683	3.30		180,399	3.29	

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