

The Community College Student Report 2009

College of Southern Idaho

Compared with other Medium Colleges

1 Did you begin college at this college or elsewhere?

74 Started here 26 Started elsewhere

4 In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	29	32	36	3
b. Made a class presentation	4	23	41	32
c. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	19	29	29	23
d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	19	37	29	15
e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	3	7	55	35
f. Worked with other students on projects during class	12	30	45	14
g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	6	15	39	40
h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	3	4	18	75
i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	1	7	21	71
j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	37	32	21	10
k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	30	27	34	9
l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	17	25	49	9
m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor	7	15	47	31
n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class	3	13	39	45
o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance	16	40	37	7
p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	11	36	41	12
q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework	2	6	20	72
r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	18	32	38	12
s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	13	25	36	27
t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	16	27	34	22
u. Skipped class	1	3	47	49

5 During the current school year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	20	39	31	10
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	16	45	32	7
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways	16	37	38	9
d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods	13	36	37	14
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	16	39	34	11
f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill	20	40	35	5

Notes:

* indicates a significant difference and effect size \Rightarrow .2 between your college and your comparison group.

Items 2, 29, 30, 33, and 34 are not included in this report. See Table 1.

6 During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done at this college?

More

	None	1 to 4	5 to 10	11 to 20	than 20
a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings	6	42	32	11	8
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	24	47	16	6	7
c. Number of written papers or reports of any length	13	32	29	17	9

7 Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college.

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Extremely easy
Extremely challenging	9	24	35	25	5	2	1	

8 Which of the following have you done, are you doing, or do you plan to do while attending this college?

	I have done	I plan to do	I have not done nor plan to do
a. Internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	21	38	41
b. English as a second language course	6	5	90
c. Developmental/remedial reading course	11	12	78
d. Developmental/remedial writing course	16	12	72
e. Developmental/remedial math course	27	14	59
f. Study skills course	12	17	71
g. Honors course	6	17	77
h. College orientation program or course	7	14	79
i. Organized learning communities (linked courses/study groups led by faculty or counselors)	5	20	75

9 How much does this college emphasize each of the following?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying	28	48	19	5
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college	33	43	21	4
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	17	30	34	19
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	8	14	37	41
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	9	24	41	25
f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	27	31	24	18
g. Using computers in academic work	47	36	12	6

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10 About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

	None	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	More than 30
a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program)	2	35	34	19	6	4
b. Working for pay	23	6	7	15	17	32
c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	75	18	3	2	1	1
d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	44	13	7	8	3	25
e. Commuting to and from classes	8	73	14	4	1	1

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

Your relationship with:

a. Other Students

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging	26	27	24	13	6	3	1	Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation

b. Instructors

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Available, helpful, sympathetic	32	33	19	12	3	1	0	Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic

c. Administrative Personnel & Offices

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Helpful, considerate, flexible	21	27	19	20	8	5	1	Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid

12 How much has YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THIS COLLEGE contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Acquiring a broad general education	29	41	23	7
b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	20	27	35	19
c. Writing clearly and effectively	20	37	30	13
d. Speaking clearly and effectively	19	35	31	15
e. Thinking critically and analytically	26	42	25	7
f. Solving numerical problems	21	39	28	12
g. Using computing and information technology	28	33	27	12
h. Working effectively with others	21	39	29	12
i. Learning effectively on your own	25	42	27	6
j. Understanding yourself	20	27	34	19
k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic	13	23	37	27
l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	13	27	37	24
m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	6	20	38	36
n. Developing clearer career goals	20	36	28	16
o. Gaining information about career opportunities	18	29	33	20

13 This section has three parts. Please answer all three sections, indicating (1) HOW OFTEN you use the following services, (2) HOW SATISFIED you are with the services, and (3) HOW IMPORTANT the services are to you AT THIS COLLEGE.

(1) Frequency of Use

(2) Satisfaction

(3) Importance

	(1) Frequency of Use				(2) Satisfaction				(3) Importance		
	Often	Some-times	Rarely/ Never	Don't know N.A.	Very	Some-what	Not at all	N.A.	Very	Some-what	Not at all
a. Academic advising/planning	10	41	39	10	28	44	11	17	60	30	10
b. Career counseling	3	25	50	23	14	34	12	40	50	30	21
c. Job placement assistance	1	9	48	42	5	17	16	62	36	32	32
d. Peer or other tutoring	7	19	50	24	17	29	9	46	43	34	24
e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	13	22	42	24	18	29	10	43	43	35	22
f. Child care	1	1	38	60	4	6	9	81	29	20	51
g. Financial aid advising	25	27	29	19	33	31	10	26	69	15	17
h. Computer lab	30	29	25	16	44	27	3	26	58	26	16
i. Student organizations	5	12	46	36	9	23	11	57	24	41	36
j. Transfer credit assistance	6	17	36	41	11	23	10	57	49	19	32
k. Services to students with disabilities	3	4	34	58	7	9	6	79	46	15	39

14 How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college? (Please respond to each item)

	Very likely		Not likely	
	Likely	Some-what likely	Not likely	Very likely
a. Working full-time	18	20	27	35
b. Caring for dependents	11	18	20	51
c. Academically unprepared	4	10	26	60
d. Lack of finances	34	19	23	25
e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	28	17	21	34

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

52 Extremely
32 Quite a bit
13 Somewhat
3 Not Very

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

71 Extremely
20 Quite a bit
8 Somewhat
2 Not Very

17 Indicate which of the following are your reasons/goals for attending this college. (Please respond to each item)

	Primary goal			Secondary goal			Not a goal		
	Primary goal	Secondary goal	Not a goal	Primary goal	Secondary goal	Not a goal	Primary goal	Secondary goal	Not a goal
a. Complete a certificate program	31	19	50						
b. Obtain an associate degree	62	22	16						
c. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	45	27	28						
d. Obtain or update job-related skills	40	29	31						
e. Self-improvement/personal enjoyment	42	37	21						
f. Change careers	29	16	56						

18 Indicate which of the following are sources you use to pay your tuition at this college. (Please respond to each item)

	Major source	Minor source	Not a source
a. My own income/savings	35	33	32
b. Parent or spouse/significant other's income/savings	23	20	57
c. Employer contributions	9	7	85
d. Grants & scholarships	42	13	44
e. Student loans (bank, etc.)	24	9	67
f. Public assistance	5	4	90

19 Since high school, which of the following types of schools have you attended other than the one you are now attending? (Please mark all that apply)

- 8 Proprietary (private) school or training program
- 6 Public vocational-technical school
- 15 Another community or technical college
- 21 4-year college or university
- 60 None

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

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

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

- 15 A
- 26 A- to B+
- 24 B
- 20 B- to C+
- 9 C
- 1 C- or lower
- 4 Do not have a GPA at this school
- 1 Pass/fail classes only

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

- 71 Day classes (morning or afternoon)
- 29 Evening classes
- 0 Weekend classes

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

- 17 none
- 32 1-14 credits
- 17 15-29 credits
- 12 30-44 credits
- 12 45-60 credits
- 11 over 60 credits

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

- 90 None
- 1 High school
- 0 Vocational/technical school
- 1 Another community or technical college
- 5 4-year college/university
- 4 Other

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

- 84 None
- 4 1 class
- 4 2 classes
- 4 3 classes
- 5 4 classes or more

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

- 97 Yes 3 No

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

- 38 Excellent
- 51 Good
- 10 Fair
- 1 Poor

28 Do you have children who live with you?

- 33 Yes 67 No

31 Are you married?

- 32 Yes 68 No

32 Is English your native (first) language?

- 88 Yes 12 No

35 What is the highest academic credential you have earned?

- 3 None
- 72 High school diploma or GED
- 10 Vocational/technical certificate
- 9 Associate degree
- 4 Bachelor's degree
- 2 Master's/doctoral/professional degree

36 What is the highest level of education obtained by your:

	Father	Mother
a. Not a high school graduate	20	17
b. High school diploma or GED	27	27
c. Some college, did not complete degree	19	21
d. Associate degree	8	11
e. Bachelor's degree	12	14
f. Master's degree/1st professional	6	3
g. Doctorate degree	2	0
h. Unknown	8	6