

The Community College Student Report 2007

College of Southern Idaho

Compared with other Medium Colleges

1 Did you begin college at this college or elsewhere?

75 Started here 25 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	Some-times	Never
a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	29	35	35	2
b. Made a class presentation	6	17	43	33
c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	19	30	25	26
d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	22	37	26	16
e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	3	10	59	28
f. Worked with other students on projects during class	14	31	42	14
g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	8	17	33	41
h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	3	6	19	73
i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	2	6	15	77
j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	36	28	19	17
k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	21	28	33	18
l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	13	33	44	11
m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor	5	17	44	33
n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class	2	14	38	46
o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance	20	42	30	7
p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	14	39	38	9
q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework	3	6	23	68
r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	19	33	36	12
s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	15	22	35	27
t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	18	26	35	21
u. Skipped class	2	4	46	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	23	35	27	14
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	25	42	26	7
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways	20	41	30	9
d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods	15	36	36	13
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	21	35	33	12
f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill	27	37	30	6

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	10	35	31	13	11
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	28	48	15	4	5
c. Number of written papers or reports of any length	16	33	30	13	7

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.

Extremely challenging	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Extremely easy
	12	26	32	20	7	2	2	

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	23	29	48
b. English as a second language course	7	4	89
c. Developmental/remedial reading course	15	5	81
d. Developmental/remedial writing course	24	9	67
e. Developmental/remedial math course	32	12	56
f. Study skills course	14	10	76
g. Honors course	5	15	81
h. College orientation program or course	8	8	84
i. Organized learning communities (linked courses/study groups led by faculty or counselors)	8	14	78

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	31	40	26	3	
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college	32	47	18	3	
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	18	29	34	19	
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	8	21	35	36	
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	11	25	41	23	
f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	25	31	23	21	*
g. Using computers in academic work	50	33	12	6	*

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)	4	37	26	20	9	4
b. Working for pay	19	7	7	13	16	39
c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	74	19	3	2	1	1 *
d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	42	14	6	8	4	26
e. Commuting to and from classes	11	68	15	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	25	32	24	14	4	1	0	Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation

b. **Instructors**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Available, helpful, sympathetic	38	34	17	9	2	0	0	Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic *

c. **Administrative Personnel & Offices**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Helpful, considerate, flexible	22	24	27	16	6	4	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	34	42	22	2
b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	30	28	25	17
c. Writing clearly and effectively	22	39	29	11
d. Speaking clearly and effectively	17	36	33	13
e. Thinking critically and analytically	28	43	24	6
f. Solving numerical problems	23	34	30	13
g. Using computing and information technology	30	34	24	12
h. Working effectively with others	23	38	32	8
i. Learning effectively on your own	31	39	24	6
j. Understanding yourself	25	29	33	13
k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic	14	25	37	24
l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	17	26	34	23
m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	12	21	38	29 *
n. Developing clearer career goals	27	29	28	17
o. Gaining information about career opportunities	22	28	33	17

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		
	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	8	39	38	15	26	42	7	26	53	33	14
b. Career counseling	4	23	49	24	19	28	11	43	46	33	21
c. Job placement assistance	3	7	48	43	8	16	14	62	38	30	32
d. Peer or other tutoring	8	21	45	26	21	22	7	49	41	33	26
e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	13	22	38	27	21	25	6	48	43	32	25
f. Child care	1	2	35	62	5	6	7	83	33	18	49
g. Financial aid advising	20	32	28	20	31	27	10	32	65	17	18
h. Computer lab	40	25	17	18	52	21	3	24	66	18	16
i. Student organizations	5	13	46	37	12	22	7	59	23	41	36
j. Transfer credit assistance	6	16	33	44	14	17	9	61	47	23	31
k. Services to students with disabilities	4	3	31	62	9	8	6	78	48	14	38

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	Likely	Some-what likely	Not likely
a. Working full-time	17	18	21	43
b. Caring for dependents	14	17	19	50
c. Academically unprepared	6	11	24	59
d. Lack of finances	30	20	21	29
e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	27	21	18	35

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

56	Extremely	11	Somewhat	*
32	Quite a bit	1	Not Very	

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

72	Extremely	8	Somewhat
18	Quite a bit	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
a. Complete a certificate program	32	17	51
b. Obtain an associate degree	61	17	22
c. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	44	25	31
d. Obtain or update job-related skills	45	27	28
e. Self-improvement/personal enjoyment	44	36	19
f. Change careers	28	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	40	32	29
b. Parent or spouse/significant other's income/savings	22	16	62
c. Employer contributions	12	8	80
d. Grants & scholarships	40	15	45
e. Student loans (bank, etc.)	23	8	69
f. Public assistance	6	3	91

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)

- 7 Proprietary (private) school or training program
- 7 Public vocational-technical school
- 14 Another community or technical college
- 22 4-year college or university
- 56 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
- 6 I have no current plan to return
- 57 Within the next 12 months
- 25 Uncertain

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

- 14 A
- 30 A- to B+
- 24 B
- 17 B- to C+
- 8 C
- 2 C- or lower
- 3 Do not have a GPA at this school
- 2 Pass/fail classes only

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

- 75 Day classes (morning or afternoon)
- 24 Evening classes
- 1 Weekend classes

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

- 7 none
- 33 1-14 credits
- 16 15-29 credits
- 12 30-44 credits
- 15 45-60 credits
- 17 over 60 credits

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

- 85 None
- 2 High school
- 1 Vocational/technical school
- 1 Another community or technical college
- 8 4-year college/university
- 4 Other

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

- 83 None
- 7 1 class
- 3 2 classes
- 3 3 classes
- 4 4 classes or more

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

- 99 Yes
- 1 No

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

- 40 Excellent
- 53 Good
- 7 Fair
- 0 Poor

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28 Do you have children who live with you?

- 33 Yes
- 67 No

31 Are you married?

- 38 Yes
- 62 No

32 Is English your native (first) language?

- 91 Yes
- 9 No

35 What is the highest academic credential you have earned?

- 3 None
- 67 High school diploma or GED
- 9 Vocational/technical certificate
- 11 Associate degree
- 5 Bachelor's degree
- 4 Master's/doctoral/professional degree

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

	Father	Mother
a. Not a high school graduate	17	16
b. High school diploma or GED	28	27
c. Some college, did not complete degree	16	21
d. Associate degree	8	11
e. Bachelor's degree	17	13
f. Master's degree/1st professional	5	6
g. Doctorate degree	2	1
h. Unknown	6	4