

# The Community College Student Report 2009

## De Anza College

Compared with other SSPIRE Colleges

### 1 Did you begin college at this college or elsewhere?

53 Started here      47 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	21	35	41	3
b. Made a class presentation	9	25	43	24 *
c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	16	28	32	23
d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	22	37	32	9
e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	4	10	58	29
f. Worked with other students on projects during class	16	37	38	9
g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	8	18	46	29
h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	2	5	23	69
i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	2	8	20	70
j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	36	30	24	10
k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	22	33	34	11
l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	11	27	48	14
m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor	5	13	42	40
n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class	3	11	39	48
o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance	15	35	40	10
p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	11	35	42	12
q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework	2	5	21	72
r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	17	27	42	14
s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	22	27	30	21
t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	17	26	33	25
u. Skipped class	2	5	43	50

### 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	21	39	32	8
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	28	43	26	3
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways	22	42	31	5
d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods	20	34	35	11
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	23	38	31	8
f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill	27	34	31	8

#### 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	2	35	34	19	10
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	19	53	17	5	5
c. Number of written papers or reports of any length	10	29	26	20	15 *

**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	6	19	37	26	7	4	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	13	46	41
b. English as a second language course	19	5	76
c. Developmental/remedial reading course	23	18	59
d. Developmental/remedial writing course	24	20	56
e. Developmental/remedial math course	25	18	57
f. Study skills course	18	22	60
g. Honors course	5	22	73
h. College orientation program or course	36	13	51
i. Organized learning communities (linked courses/study groups led by faculty or counselors)	13	20	67

**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	42	26	4
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college	28	39	28	4
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	24	34	29	13
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	9	15	34	42
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	10	19	38	33
f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	13	18	29	39 *
g. Using computers in academics work	43	31	20	7

**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)	1	34	32	21	8	4	*
b. Working for pay	38	7	7	14	14	20	*
c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	86	10	3	1	0	1	
d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	47	17	13	6	4	13	
e. Commuting to and from classes	7	70	16	5	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	20	27	25	20	5	3	1	Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation

**b. Instructors**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Available, helpful, sympathetic	23	35	23	14	3	2	1	Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic

**c. Administrative Personnel & Offices**

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Helpful, considerate, flexible	12	21	23	26	9	7	2	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	38	24	9
b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	21	28	29	21
c. Writing clearly and effectively	19	34	31	15
d. Speaking clearly and effectively	19	35	28	18
e. Thinking critically and analytically	27	34	29	9
f. Solving numerical problems	18	29	30	23
g. Using computing and information technology	26	29	27	18
h. Working effectively with others	23	34	31	12
i. Learning effectively on your own	26	39	26	9
j. Understanding yourself	23	31	30	16
k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic	20	32	31	17
l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	16	30	31	23
m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	10	23	33	34
n. Developing clearer career goals	22	32	30	16
o. Gaining information about career opportunities	17	28	33	22

**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	10	35	39	16	15	42	11	31	*	59	25	16
b. Career counseling	5	26	46	24	11	29	14	46	*	53	27	21
c. Job placement assistance	2	9	47	43	4	16	12	68		35	31	34
d. Peer or other tutoring	7	22	42	29	15	29	9	47		38	33	29
e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	13	22	37	28	17	29	7	47		40	32	27
f. Child care	2	2	37	60	2	7	8	83		24	19	58
g. Financial aid advising	8	16	43	33	12	23	11	54		44	23	34
h. Computer lab	30	29	26	16	35	32	6	27		57	25	18
i. Student organizations	3	11	45	40	6	20	12	62		24	34	42
j. Transfer credit assistance	8	19	40	33	13	25	11	51		49	21	29
k. Services to students with disabilities	3	4	34	58	7	10	7	76		41	16	43

**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	Some-	Not
	likely		what	likely
a. Working full-time	26	20	19	34
b. Caring for dependents	12	19	19	50
c. Academically unprepared	6	12	22	60
d. Lack of finances	20	18	21	41
e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	37	14	14	36

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

40 Extremely  
33 Quite a bit  
22 Somewhat  
5 Not Very

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

54 Extremely  
26 Quite a bit  
14 Somewhat  
6 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	34	21	45
b. Obtain an associate degree	30	28	43
c. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	56	13	31
d. Obtain or update job-related skills	39	29	31
e. Self-improvement/personal enjoyment	39	38	22
f. Change careers	27	18	55

**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	55	25	20
b. Parent or spouse/significant other's income/savings	43	18	39
c. Employer contributions	6	7	88
d. Grants & scholarships	9	8	82
e. Student loans (bank, etc.)	5	4	91
f. Public assistance	4	3	94

**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
- 9 Public vocational-technical school
- 27 Another community or technical college
- 39 4-year college or university
- 34 None

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

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

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

- 18 A
- 31 A- to B+
- 23 B
- 15 B- to C+
- 6 C
- 2 C- or lower
- 6 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)**

- 73 Day classes (morning or afternoon)
- 26 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?**

- 8 none
- 23 1-14 credits
- 23 15-29 credits
- 14 30-44 credits
- 10 45-60 credits
- 21 over 60 credits

\*

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

- 83 None
- 1 High school
- 1 Vocational/technical school
- 7 Another community or technical college
- 3 4-year college/university
- 3 Other

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

- 80 None
- 6 1 class
- 7 2 classes
- 4 3 classes
- 3 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?**

- 36 Excellent
- 53 Good
- 11 Fair
- 0 Poor

**28 Do you have children who live with you?**

- 27 Yes            73 No

**31 Are you married?**

- 28 Yes            72 No

**32 Is English your native (first) language?**

- 51 Yes            49 No

**35 What is the highest academic credential you have earned?**

- 2 None
- 56 High school diploma or GED
- 4 Vocational/technical certificate
- 7 Associate degree
- 23 Bachelor's degree
- 10 Master's/doctoral/professional degree

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

	Father	Mother
a. Not a high school graduate	13	17
b. High school diploma or GED	17	22
c. Some college, did not complete degree	13	14
d. Associate degree	8	9
e. Bachelor's degree	24	19
f. Master's degree/1st professional	12	10
g. Doctorate degree	5	1
h. Unknown	8	7