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## **Background to the Institutional Learning Outcomes Assessment Project**

In 2011, the San Luis Obispo County Community College District (SLOCCCD) initiated a project to define and assess Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs). The Academic Senate Council approved the ILO statements on March 16, 2012. An electronic assessment for the ILOs was distributed to all district degree applicants in the spring semesters in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

The District considers the ILO statements to encompass the outcomes in the General Education program. The combined ILO statements are the expected student learning outcomes for Cuesta College students either graduating with Associate degrees (A.A., A.S., or A.D.T.) or transferring to a four-year college or university. These students will be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills contained within all of the six ILO areas based on General Education and discipline-specific courses at the lower division level. In addition, these ILOs address areas of learning that are specified by the Accrediting Commission for Colleges and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in Standard II.A.3 (of the 2002 standards) that go beyond the current General Education patterns for degrees. Therefore, all students who attend Cuesta College will be exposed to at least one ILO as a result of their overall experiences with any aspect of the college, including courses, programs, and student services.

## **Assessment Administration**

The assessment of student attainment of the ILOs was initiated in spring 2012. An electronic assessment tool was created and delivered via the district-issued email addresses to all students who applied for A.A., A.S., or A.D.-T. degrees at the end of the spring terms in 2012 (746 applicants), 2013 (843 applicants), 2014 (856 applicants), 2015 (980 applicants), and 2016 (1036 applicants). The assessment contained 16 common questions that were given to all students. The common questions were a blend of student self-report questions on the attainment of the ILOs and questions regarding the impact of specific college experiences. In addition, the assessment was customized with additional, discipline-specific questions in order to assess students earning degrees in the areas of social and behavioral sciences, arts and humanities, and science and mathematics. In 2015, 3 new questions pertaining to Cuesta College's mission statement were asked, that were asked again in 2016.

The assessment sent to the science and mathematics degree earners contained content-related direct assessment questions to determine the ability of students to use the scientific method and mathematics for solving problems. Appendix A contains the exact questions in the assessment tools.

In 2016, students were given a deadline of June 1 to respond to the survey in order to qualify for prizes. A follow-up reminder message was sent approximately one week after the initial notice. As an incentive for students to complete the assessment, the Vice President of Academic Affairs arranged for a \$200 Amazon gift card grand prize and four Amazon gift cards (\$25) to be randomly awarded to participating students. Numbers were chosen randomly by one SLOA Coordinator and award information was sent by the other to maintain impartiality.

## **Assessment Results**

The 2016 ILO assessment was completed by 322 students for a 31.1% response rate (19.2% response rate in 2015, 31.4% in 2014, 30.1% in 2013, and 25.2% in 2012). The data was tabulated both within degree areas and by aggregating all assessment subgroups into one category. The following figures present the assessment results from the persistent questions over the four-year period. The three new questions that were added in 2015 about the college's mission statement are shown separately, following the persistent questions.

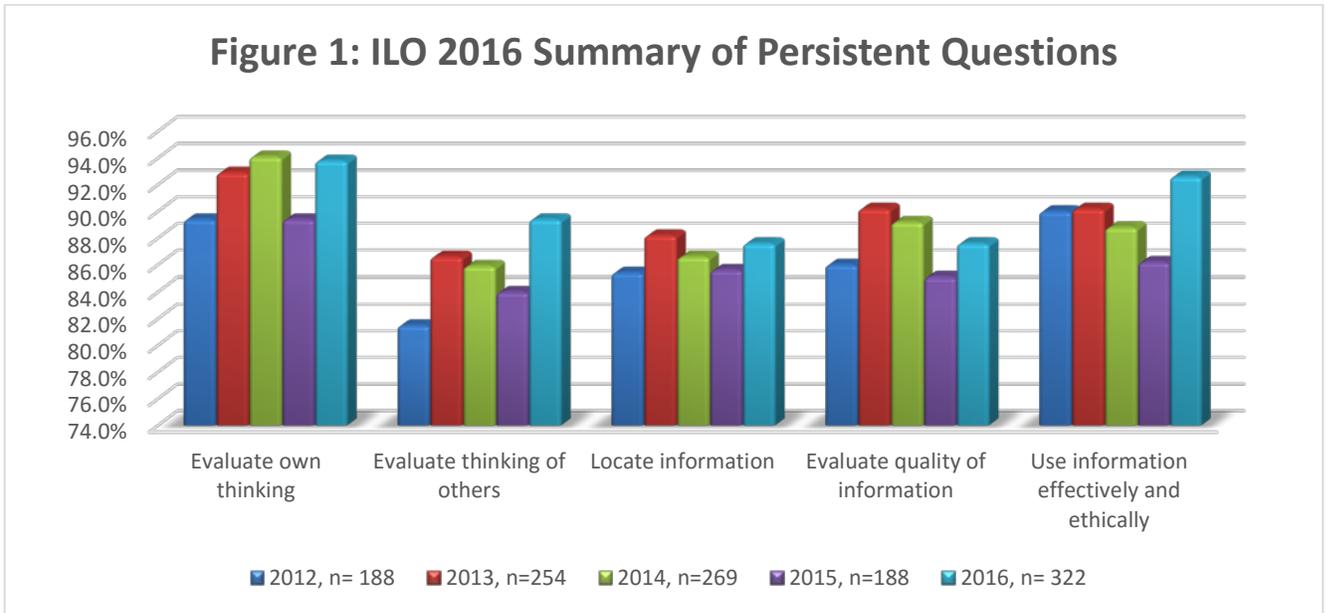


Figure 1: The percentage of students who agree or strongly agree that their abilities in selected ILO areas have improved while at Cuesta College.

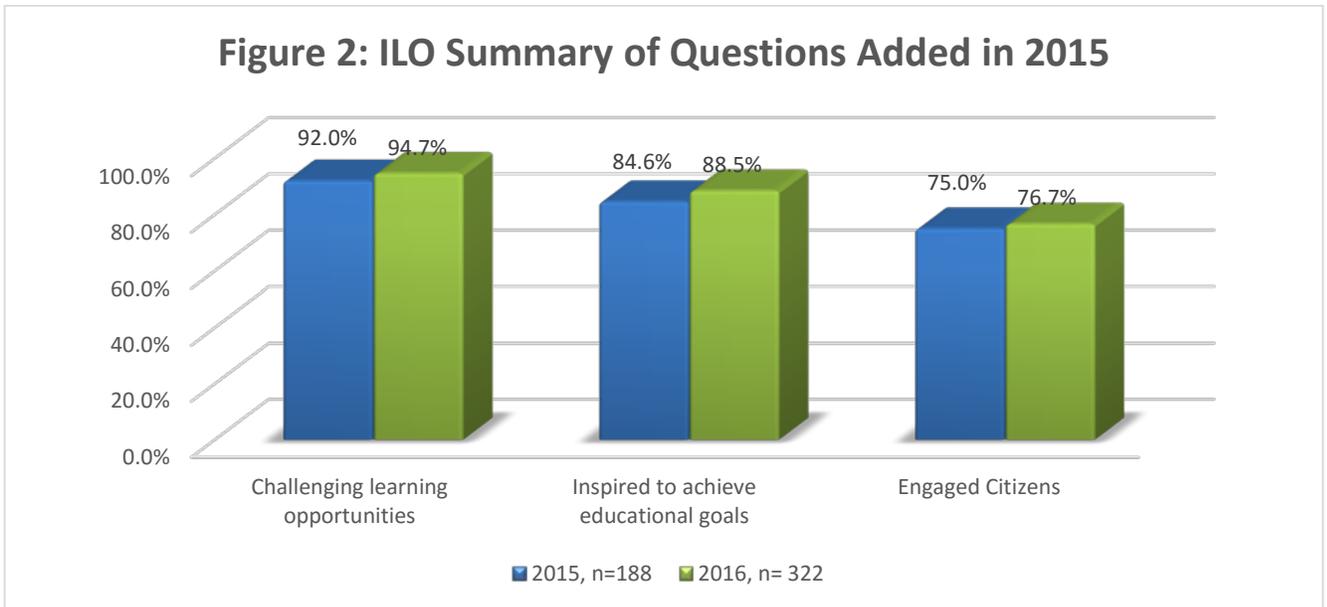


Figure 2: Students who agree or strongly agree that their abilities in selected areas relating to the district’s mission statement have improved while at Cuesta College.

**Figure 3: Percent Agree of Persistent Questions by Discipline**

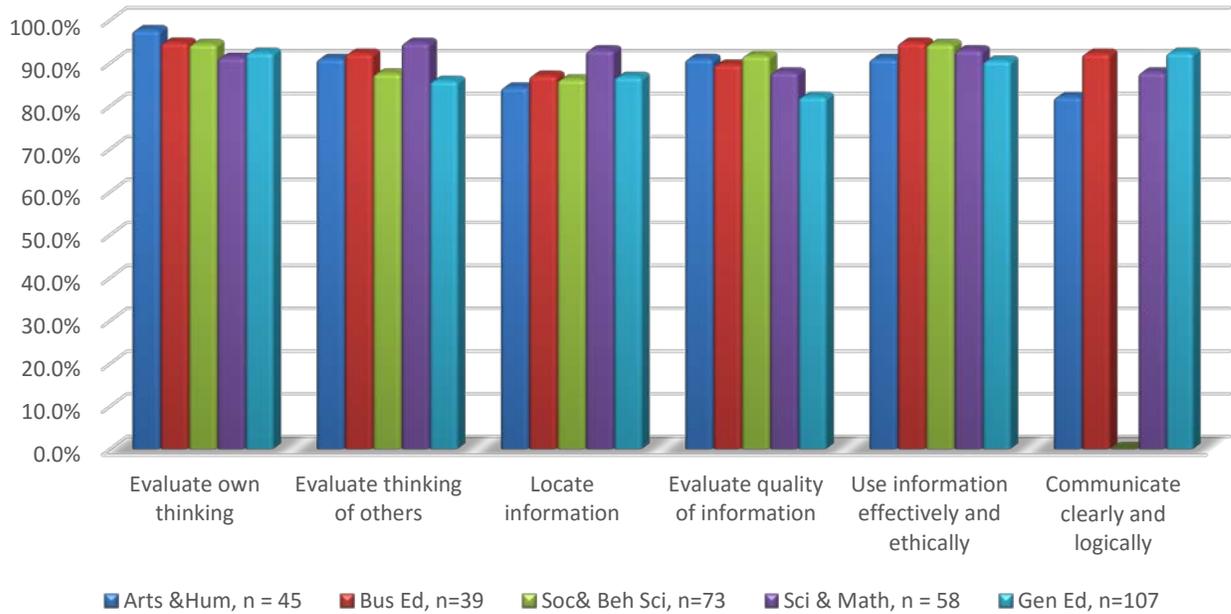


Figure 3: Students who agree or strongly agree that their abilities in selected ILO areas improved while at Cuesta, broken down by discipline. \*Please note that the question regarding “communicate clearly and logically” was accidentally left off the survey for the Social & Behavioral Science students, and thus no data exists.

**Figure 4: Percent Agree of 2015 Question by Discipline**

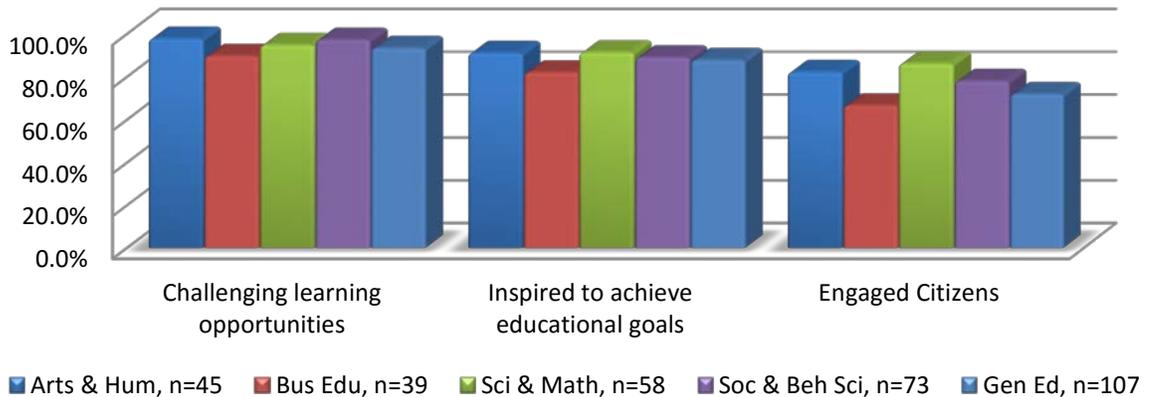


Figure 4: Students who agree or strongly agree that their abilities in selected areas have improved while at Cuesta College, broken down by discipline.

## Discussion of Assessment Results

In the ILO survey, students were asked to identify their primary goal in attending Cuesta College and 19.9% of respondents were there for workforce preparation, while 73.0% identified that transfer to a 4-year college as their primary goal (the remaining identified 'other' as their primary goal). Unsurprisingly, those not identified within a particular discipline were more likely to attend Cuesta College for workforce preparation.

When asked to identify their primary campus, 82.6% of students identified the San Luis Obispo campus, 14.6% identified the North County Campus, and 2.8% identified as primarily distance education students.

The responses for most of the questions fell into the 80-95% agree, with one notable exception: Engaged Citizens. This was the second year that this question was asked, but since the 2015 ILO report was not disseminated before the 2016 survey was collected, this data can only be seen to confirm the data collected in 2015 which also saw that the lowest responses for the ILO survey was also when students were asked if they felt that "Cuesta College prepares students to become engaged citizens." This question was even lower (less than 70%) for student respondents in Business Education and Social & Behavioral Sciences

## Actionable Improvement Plans

### 2016 Action plans

- It is recommended that the ILO survey be changed in the future to reflect changes in campus processes, most notably the implementation of eLumen. Since eLumen has the capability to map course student learning outcomes (CSLOs) to institutional learning outcomes (ILOs), the ILO report and its self-survey feature can be used to show confirmation of results or areas where students rank themselves differently from the achievements noted in assessment data. To pursue this, a shorter version of the ILO survey without discipline specific questions, will likely be given in the future.
- One of the questions regarding "communicate clearly" was inadvertently left off the survey for the Social & Behavioral Science students. This has been added to the survey for 2017.
- Discuss what it means to be an 'engaged citizen' with different constituent groups across campus and potentially re-write the question (in case there is some confusion on what an engaged citizen is) or add follow-up questions to the survey to get more information as to what can be done to help better this outcome.

**Appendix A: ILO Assessment Questions**

1. I experienced interesting and challenging learning opportunities at Cuesta College.
2. Cuesta College inspired me to achieve my educational goals.
3. Cuesta College prepares students to become engaged citizens.
4. In my courses at Cuesta College, I improved my ability to critically evaluate the quality of my own thinking.
5. The following courses most improved my ability to analyze and evaluate the quality of my own thinking.  
(use 3-4 letter course abbreviate and number code, i.e. POLS225 or BIO209A)
6. In my courses at Cuesta College, I improved my ability to critically evaluate the quality of other people's thinking.
7. The following courses most contributed to my ability to critically evaluate the quality of other people's thinking: (use 3-4 letter course abbreviate and number code, i.e. POLS225 or BIO209A)
8. During my time at Cuesta, I improved my ability to locate information that helps me answer questions or solve problems.
9. Rank the impact of how the following experiences improved your ability to locate information that helps you to answer questions or solve problems.
  - Interactions with librarians
  - Help from the library website
  - English 201A coursework
  - Interactions with instructors
  - Interactions with students
  - Other individual research
10. During my time at Cuesta, I improved my ability to evaluate the quality of information that I locate or receive.
11. During my time at Cuesta, I improved my ability to use information effectively and ethically.
12. During my time at Cuesta, I improved my ability to communicate clearly and logically.
13. I received clear and accurate information from counselors at Cuesta College regarding requirements and processes for transfer to a four-year university.
14. I received clear and accurate information from counselors at Cuesta College regarding the courses that I needed to earn my associate's degree.
15. Please provide any additional comments you have regarding your educational experiences at Cuesta College, or this survey
16. What is your primary goal after earning your degree?
17. Select the campus location where you took the highest number of units.

**Arts and Humanities discipline specific questions (19 total questions)**

12. During my time at Cuesta College, I have improved my ability to identify, create, or critique key elements of inspirational art forms, such as visual arts, performance arts, or literature.
13. During my time at Cuesta College, I have improved my knowledge of how history and culture influence artistic expression.

**Social and Behavioral Sciences discipline specific questions (20 total questions)**

14. During my time at Cuesta College, I have improved my ability to explain how societies and social groups function.

15. During my time at Cuesta College, I have improved my ability to evaluate competing interpretations of historical events.
16. During my time at Cuesta College, I have improved my ability to evaluate my opportunities and obligations as a citizen in a complex world.

Science and Mathematics discipline specific questions (21 total questions)

14. During my time at Cuesta College, I have improved my understanding of the methodologies of science as investigative tools.
15. A scientific theory is best defined as:
16. An experiment for a new medication was designed with the goal to see if the new medicine was effective in reducing asthma attacks. The patients were divided into two groups. Group one was given the new drug for asthma, while group two was given an herbal supplement whose label reads that it improves breathing. Describe the most significant problem with this experiment, and propose a solution.
17. Science differs from other disciplines, such as philosophy and the arts, because science relies upon...

Business discipline specific questions (19 total questions)

14. In completing a degree in the Business Administration Program, I have learned the skills and knowledge necessary for immediate entry into, or advancement within, the workforce in business related fields.
15. Rate the extent that the Business Administration Program improved your skills and knowledge in the following areas. Mark N/A if you didn't take at least one course in a particular area: Accounting, Computer Applications, Customer Service, Economics, E-Commerce, Entrepreneurship, Law, International Business, Management, Marketing

**Appendix B: Cuesta College's Mission Statement**

"Cuesta College is an inclusive institution that inspires a diverse student population to achieve their educational goals.

We effectively support students in their efforts to improve foundational skills, earn certificates or associate degrees, transfer to four-year institutions, and advance in the workforce.

Through innovative and challenging learning opportunities, Cuesta College enhances lives by promoting cultural, intellectual, personal, and professional growth. We prepare students to become engaged citizens in our increasingly complex communities and world."

### Appendix C: Student Comments from the ILO Assessment

Student comments from the 2016 ILO survey, some grammatical errors have been fixed and some comments were edited for brevity.

A lot of my classes were an exercise in test taking instead of learning. I loved the material but in a lot of cases because of the need to learn what would be tested, I had less time to actually immerse myself in the material. Somehow tests have got to reflect learning the concepts and detailed materials with less focus on carving out what will be covered so you can really learn during the semester.
Although we did graduate high school and were supposed to be independent, as a student I feel like there can be way more information given to students and encouragement to ask for help and show us all the opportunities to better ourselves.
Amazing campus and atmosphere. Every student, professor, cafeteria worker, security, and even the maintenance workers are very friendly and helpful. This Community College is more helpful than the last one I have attended.
Amazing teachers. I think the education offered at Cuesta is outstanding.
An overall good experience
Best College EVER! Keep that up...
Counselor Katherine Blum really helped me reach my academic goal and I really don't know if I would be where I am today (transferring to a 4 year) without her. She is an outstanding counselor.
Cuesta College has always been a reliable trustworthy place for education. The administration and faculty actually make the students feel important and worth their time. I have always felt that Cuesta College is a 4 year university stuck inside a 2 year college body!
Cuesta College has been the best educational experience of my life. I found working with staff and professors to be easy. The financial aid process was simple compared to previous experiences at other colleges. The counselors I have worked with were nothing less than extremely helpful. I was able to map out my educational goals quickly and accurately. The professors I have had here have been the most approachable and friendly and I have made several good relationships with them.
Cuesta College has excellent professors and goes to great lengths to keep its students safe and entertained.
Cuesta gave me a perfectly acceptable educational experience and challenged me in many ways. I appreciate the overall experience.
Cuesta has great teachers that have taught me an incredible amount.
Cuesta is a fantastic school, with great teachers who are passionate about their fields. Personally, I would rather see the direction of funding go towards more classes and teachers instead of thrown into the library databases, which seem to only be used when specifically required by assignments. I think a particular strength of Cuesta is what a comfortable place it is - very easy to find a quiet nook to study, good internet coverage across both campuses (except that dead zone in SLO). There were at least half a dozen teachers at Cuesta that really improved my understanding and appreciation of their fields, and consider myself fortunate to have been able to learn from them.
Cuesta is a great school and I would highly recommend it to anyone who inquired. I ran into few issues that had more to do w/ individual teacher's policies on classroom mechanics--but at least they made it clear on the first day so there wasn't any misunderstandings.
Cuesta rocks! I've loved my experience, I learned a lot and I feel prepared to move on to a University
Cuesta was an excellent stepping stone, getting me from high school level to college level learning speed.
Cuesta was great, but I wish I knew about the business course that helps with internships sooner.
Dr. Maliszewski is the best professor I have ever had.

Every teacher I have engaged with at Cuesta has been invested in the success of their students and passionate about their subjects. I have almost always left a classroom feeling inspired and empowered by their belief in and commitment to their students.
Experienced and helpful professors
Gina Vriend is very good at her job. I wasn't missing any classes. She's better than UNLV counselors.
Go Cougars!
Going to Cuesta College was one of the best decision I've ever made!!
Great campus, all the available classes are transferable and most of the time small enough to have a 1 on 1 interaction with the instructor.
Great school with great professors and counselors.
Great teachers
Happy now I can get associate degrees while working towards transferring also, in my earlier days at Cuesta, 2004-2007 it didn't seem possible.
High quality distance learning in addition to the classroom courses.
I am going to truly miss Cuesta, and plan on coming back to learn new things or improve my knowledge in fields other than my career path, like nutrition courses so I can better myself.
I appreciate having a good community college in San Luis Obispo County.
I believe that Cuesta College is a great place to earn an education. I am very grateful for the time I spent here.
I enjoy the efforts Cuesta College goes through to educate their students and to guide them to help here at school.
I enjoyed my time at Cuesta and all the instructors I had. Mr. Haynes is my all-time favorite teacher. The lessons he taught were not just about criminal justice, they were about life. He really expanded my way of thinking.
I enjoyed my time at Cuesta and attending its classes, and I learned much that I wouldn't have before.
I feel like I received a well-balanced education overall during my time here.
I found the math lab extremely helpful and put it to full use. My teachers were overall helpful, genuine, and accessible.
I got to meet a lot of people with different mind sets, which I enjoyed a lot.
I had a fantastic time at Cuesta, and would not be transferring to Cal in the fall without the hard work and devotion of all the faculty and staff. I am beyond happy I ended up making my return to higher education here.
I had a great experience at Cuesta. Sometimes the administrative employees (people at the front desk of the counseling office and admissions/registration) were a bit impatient and sometimes they didn't call/email me back which made it difficult to get the information I needed. However, I was always able to get my questions answered eventually. The best part of my experience at Cuesta were my professors. I had some incredible professors at this school.
I had a great time at Cuesta couldn't have asked for a better JC.
I had a great time attending Cuesta College.
I had a very good experience at Cuesta College, I would not recommend going to see any other counselor besides Teri, otherwise you may get your schedule messed up. I do also wish they were better food on campus and possibly a gym that EVERYONE could use outside of a workout class. Other than that it is amazing school and beautiful campus in a very safe area!
I had a wonderful experience at Cuesta. I believe it truly helped me prepare to transfer to a University.
I have enjoyed my time at Cuesta. I was challenged enough to push myself and wish I could keep going with Cuesta.
I have enjoyed my time here and I learned some good things along the way.

I have grown as a person, and as an individual here at Cuesta College. My education is huge and Cuesta College helped to shape my goal, and achieve them.
I have loved my time spent at Cuesta College and am sad to be leaving.
I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cuesta College. I have had several incredible teachers and met many inspiring classmates. Cuesta offers a great learning environment, and manages to do it for an incredible price, allowing anyone to pursue their educational goals.
I have very much enjoyed my time at Cuesta. I have enjoyed most of my instructors and classes as well as the extra opportunity of being an ambassador for the school. I tell people how I thoroughly enjoy the school all the time and do not regret attending at all.
I improved my logic and writing skills a lot from going to Cuesta College.
I look at Cuesta College as a necessary stepping stone in my education. I think it's a college like any other and I am happy for its low cost--truly appreciative for that. I think there are a few remarkable instructors that have inspired me to reach further than I originally expected, and question my life's direction. I would like to acknowledge those mentors as Silvio Farvereto, Allison Merzon, Dr. Koeninger, Nancy Mann, and Ron Rupert. Each one of them has left an impact on my life and I value you them for their abilities to teach, lead, insipid and captivate students.
I love Cuesta and will miss it! I'm thankful for the opportunity and for all of the wonderful staff here.
I love Cuesta! I wish I could earn my PhD from Cuesta.
I love my political science teacher he's definitely amazing.
I really enjoyed my science classes at Cuesta and all of the teachers have been so helpful and supportive. They all really care for us and helped me achieve my goals in transferring to a 4-year university.
I really enjoyed my time at Cuesta College and learned a lot.
I really enjoyed receiving education here, the staff and students here are awesome and amazing and I hope I can come back here to receive other degrees as well.
I really enjoyed the business courses, especially Snyder's Intro to Bus., McAustin's CIS 210 and Downing's Econ 201A/B
I strongly feel that if I wasn't driven to achieve a particular outcome or if I hadn't set goals for myself, I would have been unsuccessful despite using Cuesta's resources.
I tell everyone to go to Cuesta. I've honestly had the best experience
I think additionally that Cuesta College was able to provide a learning environment that is suitable for all learning abilities.
I think all the professors/courses I've taken really helped me meet goals I wouldn't expect would happen.
I think Cuesta College provides a comfortable transition from high school to college. I feel I am very prepared for university after attending Cuesta, and I wouldn't have been right out of high school.
I thought Cuesta College really taught me a lot of valuable lessons and strategies for studying and critical thinking.
I very much disliked my time at Cuesta College. I felt as though (minus a few fantastic professors) it was a waste of my time and education with its limited resources and powerless student body.
I was held back in the seventh grade, dropped out of high school, and grew up a troubled youth. My opportunity at Cuesta College changed all that. Now I'll be the first in my family to have finished and will receive an associate's degree with a transfer.
I was very pleased with my time at Cuesta, and thought that it gave me the foundation to solidify what I wanted to study at a university, and the both the counselor and especially the teachers were a very big part of that.
I wish there was more biology classes because I love them!

I would add to this survey something regarding emails and communications from Cuesta regarding how many times emails are read, if students forward Cuesta emails/ know how to, feedback on better communication ways to get out messages so students stay informed.
I'd like to express my thanks to the science department who were a beacon of hope in an otherwise disappointing three years. Specifically, Jeff Grover, Debra Stakes, Anika Clements, and Laurie McConnico. Their classes were always enjoyable and I left them with skills and knowledge that I will use for the rest of my life. They're also just awesome people and deserve a medal/parade/raise for their hard work.
I'm happy I chose Cuesta.
I'm planning on continuing here at Cuesta.
It does not feel like a college meant for the community but rather it focuses its efforts to please Cal Poly. It is a college that does not allow serious students to remain on campus instead it closes its facilities early and forces everyone to leave as early as 4pm
It has been an enriching and constantly challenging experience to attend Cuesta, one that I will take with me for the rest of my life, both in and out of academia.
It took a long time to accomplish degrees, wasn't advised well about what classes I needed to take. However, the teachers are extraordinary, I feel the great teachers have been one of the best experiences at Cuesta. I sincerely believe they should be paid more.
It would be super helpful if it was clearly stated that some classes are only offered every other semester, especially when there are required for major prep.
Its website is one of the easiest websites to use compared to other community colleges in my opinion. Helped me figure things out for myself easier.
I've been to multiple colleges, and Cuesta College has risen above the rest. The instructors are thoughtful and challenging, and the support staff gives personalized attention and really care how students do.
I've noticed a distinct difference in education from those instructors that have obtained their tenure, from those whom haven't. Professor Rubin, Miller and Snider have been among my favorites.
Just finished the RN program and it was amazing. All of the hospitals around here are hiring us because of how exceptional the program is.
Like I stated above, Cuesta offers many great tools students can use to help them on their educational journey, it's up to the students to seek it out.
Love Cuesta. I'm a Cougar for life.
Math and science teachers are the best.
Most of the faculty is awesome and deserves a raise. Cuesta helped me immensely! Financial aid Karen is the best... Other financial aid advisors don't compare, unfortunately.
Most of the teachers I met at Cuesta were extremely helpful and engaging. I am glad to have had the opportunity to meet such experienced and knowledgeable teachers.
My CAO instructors were very accommodating and the guidance counselors were eager to help me in pursuing my AA course. I just wished that they offered much subject, then I could have finished it in two years.
My experience at Cuesta has been very positive. I was able to enter after time off and feel comfortable enough to continue and make new goals for the future. Professors are supportive on the most part.
My experience at Cuesta was nothing short of excellent.
My experience was great, and I feel that the instructors really cared about my education and provided me with everything that I needed to successfully transfer.
My experiences at Cuesta were great. I loved all of my teachers- they deserve better earnings!

<p>My only issue that really held me back was being able to only take certain classes once, general ed you were allowed to repeat but not everyone is there to transfer and sometimes the vocational classes are the main focus and if you have some reason you failed it once, you should be allowed to repeat it. Some people take courses to become hands on (blue collar) workers but if you are unable to have the option to repeat easily it will drive people away.</p>
<p>Next week, I will graduate with an AS in Library Science. It has taken a long time, but I did it and would never have made it without the help of the staff at Cuesta. I am forever indebted to them for making this such a positive experience for me. I can now cross this off my bucket list. I cannot thank you enough for making it possible.</p>
<p>One on one conversations with instructors greatly helped direct my focus.</p>
<p>One thing I noticed about Cuesta and other universities (for architecture) they do not prepare you with knowledge of many different programs. Instead we learn two and often two that are not commonly used in other universities, but are however used in the real world.</p>
<p>Online courses at Cuesta were not consistent in instruction. A couple of the online instructors were great; I remember the Bus Communications instructor and the Managerial Accounting instructor and really appreciate the effort they put forth to teach in the online environment. My other online instructors did not teach well online but perhaps they were good instructors face-to-face. Some of them did not seem as committed to educating students in the distance ed courses where it is often necessary to be more creative in presenting material to keep the course fresh and interesting. I think Cuesta will have to improve the quality of their distance ed courses soon to prevent students from choosing a different community college for their online classes.</p>
<p>Overall a good experience.</p>
<p>Overall, I am very happy with my experience at Cuesta College. The only suggestion I have is that the Legal Studies program ought to include emphasis on Business letters, MS Word, Outlook, and MS Excel. More than just the basic use, because many law offices rely on these programs, and students are NOT prepared.</p>
<p>Personally, I never had very good experiences with the counselors. I figured out most of my classes on my own. I frequently ended up in tears after meeting with the Cuesta College counselors because they were brutally honest. It was helpful to have the transfer workshop, but even after that experience I left in tears.</p>
<p>Please update the website. It is old, it has glitches and sometimes it's hard to find certain things.</p>
<p>Please work on a more user friendly website. All in all, it has been a positive experience thanks to most of the teachers.</p>
<p>Positive experience</p>
<p>Professor West, as well as many of my other English Professors, helped me delve deeper into literature than I had previously gone which I enjoyed immensely!</p>
<p>Quality school overall providing incredible opportunities and preparedness for careers.</p>
<p>Small campus but great services</p>
<p>Some of the abilities and knowledge I've learned "during my time at Cuesta" are not so much "due to Cuesta."</p>
<p>Some teachers were great while others made me feel like I had to do all the learning by myself and that I couldn't approach them as easily as others. The teacher that made the greatest impact in my learning at Cuesta was Mr. Taylor, the statistics teacher. It was a tough class for me but with his office hours and step by step process I was able to pass the class.</p>
<p>Teachers allowed for creativity and I liked that</p>
<p>Teachers at Cuesta have been consistently available for extra help and constructive corrections. I found each different teaching style conducive to determining my own preferences and challenge my mind to understand information in different ways.</p>

The art department rocks. All professors, lab techs, colleagues were awesome.
The biggest suggestion I have is to make 200 level, category A classes required for ADTs more available. For the English AA-T there are only four classes which meet the state approved guidelines. While I was working towards fulfilling that category's requirements those same classes were only offered on a rotating schedule of once every three semesters. For someone to plan to receive an AA-T they would need to look for those classes from the very beginning of their time at Cuesta in order to receive their degree in two years.
The biological and physical science department is awesome! Professors Len and Machado were amazing. It felt like I was receiving a UC education for a CC price.
The Biology department is in a league of its own. There is not a single professor in the Bio dept. that is not willing to go the extra mile to make sure a student is successful.
The Cuesta counselors were readily available for me through appointment, walk up counseling, and email.
The instructors were all great and tried to make the experience personal for every student
The math lab was very helpful for me
The music department is amazing; I don't think people realize how blessed we are to have such an outstanding program. It needs more funding though, and we need to bring back the second half of the recording arts program. This program will thrive even more if it receives even a little more support.
The RN program (and the prerequisites) were a challenge that was well worth the effort. I received a great education at a minimal price, and now I can get a local job that will pay well.
The RN program is a strong program and I would recommend it to anyone going into the nursing profession.
The science department is amazing! All the instructors are passionate, well educated, and a pleasure to learn from. Dr. Babu, Dr. Clark, Prof Favoreto are really amazing!
The teachers at Cuesta genuinely care for their students, and as a result, I have learned a great deal. The teachers are inspiring and encouraging, and have challenged me with their curriculum and information.
The teachers at Cuesta superseded my expectations.
There are several surveys given through-out the year. One of which, is at the end of the semester. It is given to every student. On that particular survey, you ask the question similar to "when are you able to attend classes? Morning, noon or evening?" I think that most students would be able to attend evening classes. Yet, you are constantly removing evening classes from your schedule. Why is that? If anything you should offer more general education classes during this time. Overall, I would say my education experience at Cuesta has been great. However, Cuesta has made it very difficult lately for a student working 40+ hours during the day to attend classes.
There are so many great professors who really want their students to succeed and who go out of their way to make sure their students DO succeed. Namely: Debra Stakes, Peggy Wright, Ron Ruppert, Michelle McAustin, and Solveg Cooper. These professors have really had a positive impact on me these past two semesters, as I complete my degree.
There is not much control over some students. I have seen rowdy behavior and heard loud foul language on many occasions. Also, I don't like seeing people spit on the ground on campus; that happens more often than it should. Also, some students continue to vape on campus in no-smoking areas.
Through general requirements, I have learned many useful things that will help me in life despite not being related to my major.
Very good experience overall friendly instructors and classmates!
Wonderful English faculty.