

College Outcomes Survey - Student Comments – Spring 2004

Academic Affairs

Offer a lower level statistics class for students who are management majors.

I benefited greatly from the English dept. I just wish there were a greater variety of classes offered, and offered at a variety of times and semesters.

Offer some dance courses i.e. jazz, tap, ballet. Offer certain classes more than once a year!

Need to offer more elective courses in accounting. There are several listed in catalog but NEVER taught. Also offer Master of Accountancy Degree so that students are not forced to leave Columbus for CPA.

Make more options available for transfer students so that they are not mostly disadvantaged by transferring to Columbus State. Have more professors to teach higher level courses.

I wish there was more credit and attention given to Professional Writing Major. It covers many different fields of writing and shouldn't be classified as one.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my education experience at CSU. I have, at times, been frustrated with class offerings (particularly over the summer) but found it to be a good experience overall.

I wish CSU would offer the PhD program in Business (Finance).

In the health science department, I feel more flexibility with classes should be offered and better advising on future careers.

The level of education should be higher (core-classes).

I truly appreciate the study abroad opportunities this college has given me.

I wish that there was more night classes offer, or internet courses offer to the working students.

Need to add more class availability in the communication department so students can have more flexibility in their schedules—too rigid right now.

I feel the History Dept is not the only department that fail to meet the needs of non-traditional students and threw numerous attempts no one cares.

I think CSU needs to offer more classes and that would help students graduate faster. The problem is with the limited amount of classes offered. Better student advising would be good too.

I have learned a lot in the Psychology department. However, due to its size, it is extremely difficult for non-traditional students to attend. The fact that a required series of two classes begins in the spring and ends in the fall is also distressing.

There needs to be the removal of so much liberal agenda being forced on us by a great deal of the professors.

The main problems I experienced were: Availability of upper division courses!!

I would like to see CSU develop academic study in film and video making to go along with the theatre and art classes. Combine both department and have film program.

The way intech is taught way too slow, completely unrealistic relating to how lesson plans need to be in the real world of education. The whole program needs an overhaul.

Also, within the past year I have had two first-time teachers that had no idea what they were doing. That is not right.

Professors in other departments are not concerned with education majors. They seem more “bothered” by questions than concerned.

I am very happy with this university. My only complaint is the time major classes are offered and the lack of classes offered.

Dr. Cruzen was the best professor that I had while at CSU. Our professors should sit in one of his classes and take notes.

The Psychology Program is too small. It is hard to schedule classes in order to satisfy graduation requirements.

Student evaluations of faculty should be taken more serious. There are some faculty members who have a hard time explaining material in an understandable manner.

In general, there should be more world history and philosophy requirements. Anyone with 2 years college education should be able to make a general history and philosophy outline at least for Western civilization.

Grading should be consistent and across the board (grading should be the same in all of the same class regardless if there’s more than one teacher teaching that class).

Overall I thought my upper level college requirements were good, applicable but this does not offer enough courses at convenient times to consider re-enrolling. The morale, enthusiasm, and communication needs improvement on campus. The workload was very heavy—more advertising/PR must be done to show the quality degree of what we got.

Strategic Management is too complex a course for marketing majors—it should be restricted to Management majors or “toned down.”

In regards to a degree is special education—more classes need to be offered—not just night classes!

Courses in the art dept are offered too far and few in between and semesters due to lack of professors.

CSU’s College of Business has made great improvements in almost all areas in the past year!

There are more nontraditional students these days and the Education Dept needs to make classes available in the evening to accommodate them.

I am very pleased with my major courses and the flexibility of my advisor working with me. I think the Criminal Justice program is great here.

CAPP reports are inaccurate for BSEd Theatre students. I have completed all possible course work but, due to catalog changes, my CAPP doesn’t reflect.

The Education Dept is outstanding. I feel I am very prepared for my career because of them. ☺

I had a really bad advisor. He treated advising like a chore and did no research into my personal situation or possibly the advising process at all.

Some of the classes are only offered once a year (i.e. Georgia history) and only by one teacher. This created a problem for me when it came time to graduate.

Need to offer more types of business courses. Need more degree programs (i.e. HR mgmt). The campus has come a long way in the last 8 years—it looks great!

Standardized testing should not be a requirement for some majors. Example: Praxis I and II for teaching.

The Education program could be improved by offering existing classes at more times.

Please instruct professors not to tell students to “shut up” when they are trying to ask questions about assignments. (I had one tell me to shut up and I don’t like it!)

I wish I could have had the opportunity to experience practical career possibilities applicable to my major while attending CSU.

My degree is General Studies. Older classrooms are crowded; Desks too small. Advising was poor when in History Department.

Columbus State should offer more degree programs and majors such as Interior Design.

As an older student I came here to do one thing—graduate. It has been difficult. Things keep changing and lengthening my stay!

We need more teachers for the Health Science major.

In the Health Science Department more flexibility of classes needs to be offered more often throughout the school year...

CSU should hire more teachers and focus less on building new structures. The (un)availability of class is shameful.

Grading policies should not be flexible. If CSU policy is 90-100 is an A then certain professors should not take it upon themselves to make it 93-100!!!

My main issue with the school involves the casting process in the theatre. The professors cast the same people, leaving no opportunities for other students. They pick favorites and don't open up to new options.

They need a course study on how to get jobs and sell artwork in the Art Department.

There should be more than one (math) section offered for classes required in order to graduate. We should not have to beg professors to let us in.

For early childhood majors, the required math classes need to be offered every semester. Only Nature of Numbers 1 and 2 are.

I was very pleased with the Biology department, and strikingly disappointed regarding other courses and professors from other departments.

Political Science has been an extremely valuable major. I feel I have gained a wealth of information from the department.

Make required major courses more available. If can't inform students when they will be offered if available in future terms.

The department of Music is really good. Specially the faculty!

Campus Facilities, Safety, and Services

The classroom needs bigger desk. I would suggest having tables and chairs in all of the classrooms.

Please make the parking lots more convenient to campus buildings, or provide more security on campus. Female students will feel much safer.

Quit wasting student's time with this survey. Instead, the university could provide desks in each class that are actually designed for adults.

The classrooms on CSU main campus should be better equipped.

Yes, there is always a lot of trash laying around the campus, this needs to be cleaned and give the campus a more neat appearance. Thank you.

This college needs more parking.

Student parking is a big problem that needs to be addressed. Security, especially at night is another serious problem that needs addressing!!

Solve the parking problem.

Attending CSU has been a wonderful learning experience for me. The biggest suggestion I offer is to update the buildings—such as classrooms and bathroom facilities.

Get REAL DESKS for Adult students. CSU's Blatant Disregard and LACK of consideration for nontraditional students is DISGUSTING! You should be very Ashamed of your staffs attitudes!

Students need more available parking spaces.

Parking has gotten a little better. The new technology building is a wonderful new added resource for students.

Most of what I've learned has come from other students and people in Columbus, GA. I feel that safety at CSU should greatly improve!!

Rapes on campus need to be stopped as well as other crimes.

This school needs more sidewalks. People drive too fast and it's very frightening walking around.

There also needs to be better and more campus security.

The school needs to let students know about sexual harassment and other crimes. So people will know to look out for their safety.

The school needs more security and better lighting for security purpose. A lot of violence has been taking place and I feel unsafe.

The campus should have more lights in order to prevent crime. Also, the campus really needs a makeover.

Cafeteria staff are unbelievably rude to women. Howard and library need remodel. Need SPED classes in day. More 7:00-8:00 a.m. classes. Life planning/Ethics waste of time. Need more diet Mnt Dew in drink machines. ☺

Food services is poor since privatized-service is bad, food is high-not open enough hours. Not enough variety of places to eat and food.

Bookstore prices are very expensive compared to online prices.

Student and Enrollment Services

Student Activities fee is a waste of my money. I've yet to see with any consistency, any quality programs brought to campus via this fund.

There should be more social events for everyone, the campus life needs a definite improvement.

I also think the financial aid office needs a lot of improvement in their customer service skills.

Also, people like Ms. Silva Richmond make Financial Aid a much happier place.

It takes too long for financial aid checks to be disbursed. Generally, they are released two weeks after the start of the semester. GSU releases them two weeks before the semester.

A grievance policy should be instituted for students in the nursing program. This policy would allow students to voice their opinion about injustices towards them by faculty.

Registration procedures have kept me from getting the classes I needed a lot sooner.

The main problems I experienced were: Admissions!! Advising.

At Columbus State, it seemed as though EVERY time I asked someone a question, I ALWAYS got the Run around. "Go to this office." Then when I got there it was "Not here... Go to that office." Absolutely Ridiculous! And transferring was terrible!! My hours from Auburn are STILL messed up!!!

This school does not cater to student organizations!

As an international student, I believe this school should provide scholarship opportunities to minorities as us. In order for this school to achieve its mission statement "Promote diversity" they should consider providing more attractiveness to international students.

What I don't like most about this school is the system of transfer credits and financial aid. I had to fight through the business department to get my credits transferred. Only one or two classes accepted. Also the system of financial aid is terrible. I am use to private lenders. I am a mother of 3 children so to be put on a budget is not reasonable. I am only here because of ROTC. Those two reasons alone I would have transferred. I only transferred here because of the military. Being made an out of state student because of the military is also inappropriate. I was a resident at Augusta State then transferred here and CSU says I am not. I have been a resident since 1998.

Overall this University has a very professional staff. However, I am too old for it to have effected me much and I have not taken enough courses to respond to most questions.

Campus rec. is on top of their game with very competitive games to play for stress relief.

Get a summer graduation back! Redo the book voucher process.

I am very dissatisfied with the transfer of courses from other colleges!!

I'm a transfer student and have battled terribly with getting my credits transferred in fact I'm still battling this in order to graduate in a timely manner.

Provide more scholarships for international students.

Change the order of when classes can register. Make class sizes larger for more availability. Better communication between the departments and the registrar's office.

Non-teaching faculty is extremely unconcerned with student needs, and are hesitant and usually unwilling to help unless convenient.

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I have had numerous complications with registering for my classes. For example, early registration for juniors is on the last day, so you still don't have any classes. This is frustrating!!

Degree requirements and Advising are areas that need to be worked on. None of the faculty/staff knows what to look for or where to look.

The changes made recently to the campus, student housing, and classes have made this place really feel like a University.

Registering is the worst experience I have had at this school.

I am most dissatisfied with the college's inability to help students find jobs after they graduate, especially in the English department.

The ladies in the health center are Rude and not nice. They make everything difficult, even something as simple as making an appointment.

I recommend more flexible hours of student activities for the working student. I've had too many friends drop because they feel this school isn't for the working person.

General Comments

The questions on this test skew too far to generally held beliefs/principles of an overtly Xian society.

Proud to say I have been part of and a student of CSU. Thank you.

This college is a great institution, and has changed my life. I am very proud to be here.

My answers are based on my experiences only at CSU, because I came from another university.

Test given around midterm, should be given at beginning of semester.

Good school.

We fill out evaluations every semester- but never know if our voices are heard. It would be nice if the results were reported- or when changes are made based on our responses we were informed.

Don't make us take these tests!

I enjoyed my experience at Columbus State University. The communication department is awesome. Anyone that I know, I would recommend CSU to them.

The Glory of the Lord shall rise among us in this campus.

I enjoyed my time here at Columbus State and I would recommend this college to others.

I enjoyed attending Columbus State University. Thank you!

This was an unnecessary waste of time.

This is black and white, cut and dry. If you really want to know how students think, allow them to actually write their answers. You may be surprised at the greater depth of information you get that way.

Have a career option general occupation for the military services on your list.

Are we being graded on this?

Stop treating this school like a community college!

Question #1 – Include athletics.

I would recommend a different survey for non-traditional students such as myself. I fear that my limited time at this school and different life objectives skews this survey quite a lot.

CSU is a great starting point for higher level learning!

I have had the worst experience here at CSU. I would not advise anyone to attend. The departments give you the runaround on everything. Nothing gets done right. I can't wait to get out of here.

Columbus State University is an excellent educational institution!

Thank you!

Columbus State is a wonderful school providing its students with a life-long intellectual experience.

There is too much that can be said about my apathy towards college.

I just want to say Thank you to all the Faculty and Staff at Columbus State University, you are doing a great job. Thank you for having me here. Special thanks to the Criminal Justice department, especially D. Dowis.

A lot of the questions didn't apply due to my having to work 40+ hours the whole time I attended college.

Keep up the Good Work!!

I love CSU!

I have enjoyed being at Columbus State.

At age 51, my values and morals are (have been) set. I didn't need help from CSU in this area. Between school and outside employment full time, I did not utilize the campus activities.