



High School Students Survey: Fall 2024

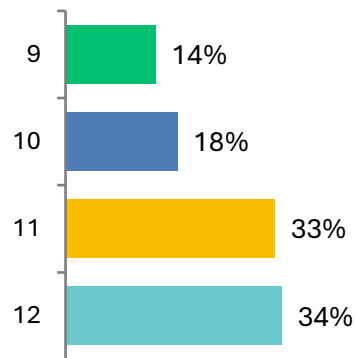
- Surveys were distributed on November 8, 2024
- Survey collection closed November 22, 2024
- 1,496 students were invited to respond
- 174 students responded, resulting in an overall response rate of 12 percent
- Four collection options were utilized, including COC email, Canvas link, text message link, and faculty announcement.

Q1: Which High School do you attend?

Responses	%	N
Academy of the Canyons	29.3%	51
Castaic High School	23.0%	40
Canyon High School	10.3%	18
West Ranch High School	8.1%	14
Golden Valley High School	6.3%	11
William S. Hart High School	5.8%	10
Gorman Learning	5.2%	9
Valencia High School	3.5%	6
Other (please specify)	2.9%	5
Saugus High School	2.3%	4
Methods School	1.2%	2
Opportunities for Learning	1.2%	2
Santa Clarita International Charter (SCVi)	1.2%	2
Total number of respondents - 174		

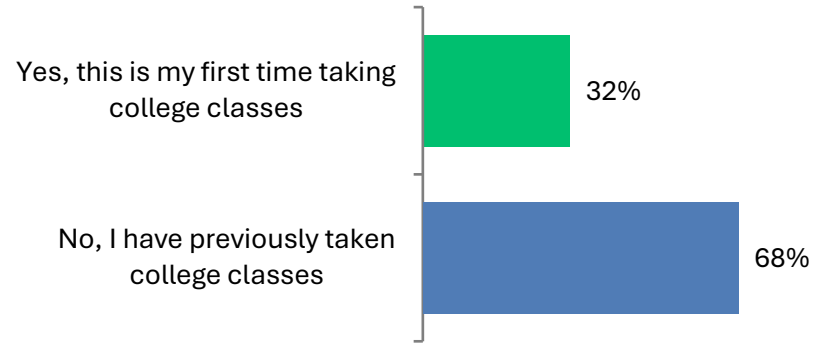
Five students indicated “other” high schools they attend; specifically, homeschool (2 students), Golden Valley Charter School, Notre Dame High School, and Oak Park Independent school.

Q2: What high school grade are you in?



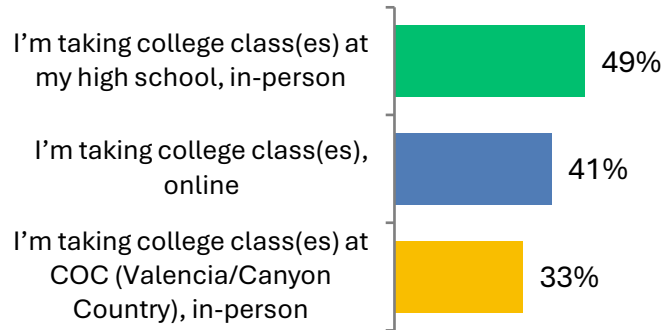
Responses	%	N
9 th	14.4%	25
10 th	17.8%	31
11 th	33.3%	58
12 th	34.5%	60
Total number of respondents - 174		

Q3: Is this your first semester taking college classes?



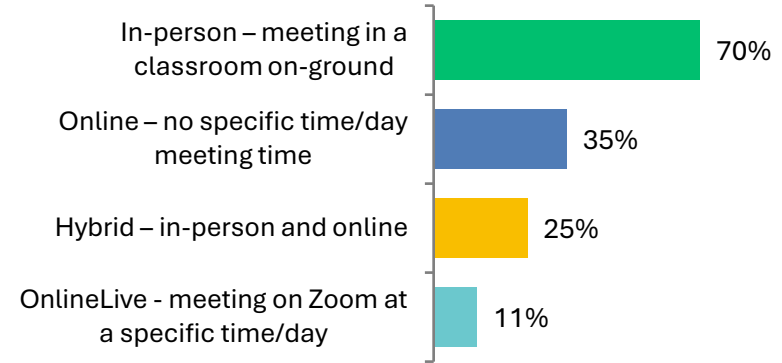
Responses	%	N
Yes, this is my first time taking college classes	31.8%	55
No, I have previously taken college classes	68.2%	118
Total number of respondents - 173		

Q4: Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)



Responses	%	N
I'm taking college class(es) at my high school, in-person	49.4%	86
I'm taking college class(es), online	40.8%	71
I'm taking college class(es) at COC (Valencia/Canyon Country), in-person	33.3%	58
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Q5: Select the modality in which you are taking college classes (Check all that apply)



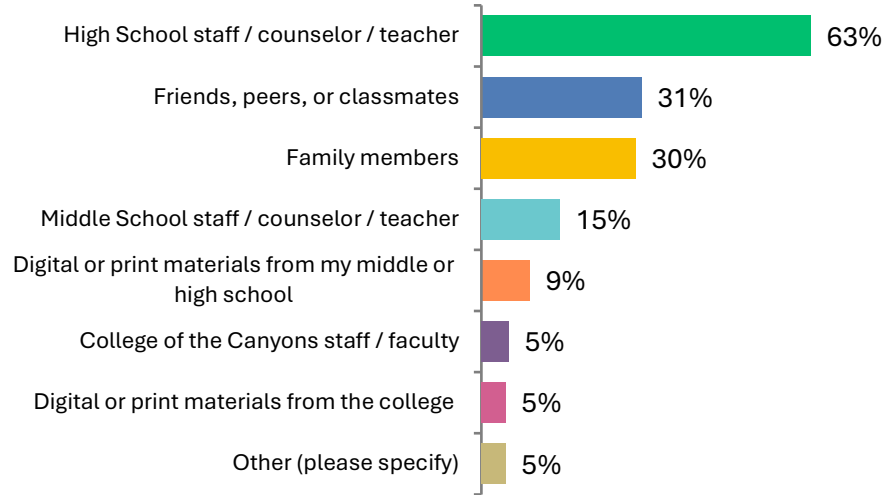
Responses	%	N
In-person – meeting in a classroom on-ground	70.1%	122
Online – no specific time/day meeting time	35.1%	61
Hybrid – in-person and online	24.7%	43
OnlineLive - meeting on Zoom at a specific time/day	11.5%	20
Total number of respondents - 174		

Q6: Are you enrolled in any of the following college classes through your high school or at your high school? (Check all that apply)

Responses	%	N
Career-Life Planning (COUNS-110)	25.7%	28
Fundamentals of Public Speaking (COMS-105)	18.4%	20
Empathy (NC.CSKL-017)	13.8%	15
Introduction to Business (BUS-100)	12.8%	14
Career Exploration (NC.CGSL-004)	11.9%	13
Health Education (HLHSCI-100)	11.9%	13
Introduction to Sociology (SOCI-101)	11.9%	13
Intro to Entrepreneurship (BUS-117A)	6.4%	7
History of American Cinema (CINEMA-121)	6.4%	7
Student Success (COUNS-150)	5.5%	6
Time Management (NC.CSKL-001)	5.5%	6
Total number of respondents – 109		

Responses (continued)	%	N
Public Speaking in Workplace (NC.CSKL-014)	4.6%	5
Dinosaurs (GEOLOGY-103)	3.7%	4
Entrepreneurial Mindset (NC.CSKL-018)	2.8%	3
History of Animation (MEA-102)	2.8%	3
Introduction to Administration of Justice (ADMJUS-101)	2.8%	3
Measurements and Computations (MFGT-090)	2.8%	3
Introductory Shielded Metal Arc Welding (WELD-101B)	2.8%	3
Resilience (NC.CSKL-019)	0.9%	1
Workplace Communication Strategies (NC.CSKL-008)	0.9%	1
Introduction to Health Professions (HLHSCI-101)	0.9%	1
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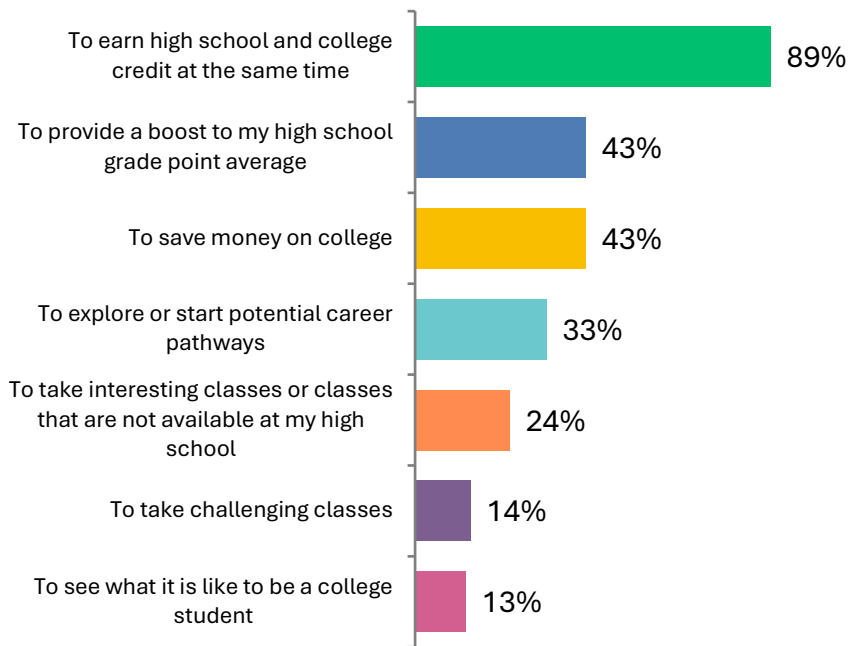
Q7: How did you learn about the opportunity to take college classes at COC? (Check all that apply)



Eight students indicated “other” ways they learned about the opportunity to take college classes at COC; specifically, enrolled at AOC (7 responses) and through email.

Responses	%	N
High School staff / counselor / teacher	63.4%	109
Friends, peers, or classmates	30.8%	53
Family members	29.7%	51
Middle School staff / counselor / teacher	15.1%	26
Digital or print materials from my middle or high school (middle or high school website, social media, billboards, advertisements, etc.)	9.3%	16
College of the Canyons staff / faculty	5.2%	9
Digital or print materials from the college (college website, social media, billboards, advertisements, etc.)	4.7%	8
Other (please specify)	4.7%	8
Total number of respondents - 172		

Q8: Why did you decide to take college classes during high school? (Select top three)



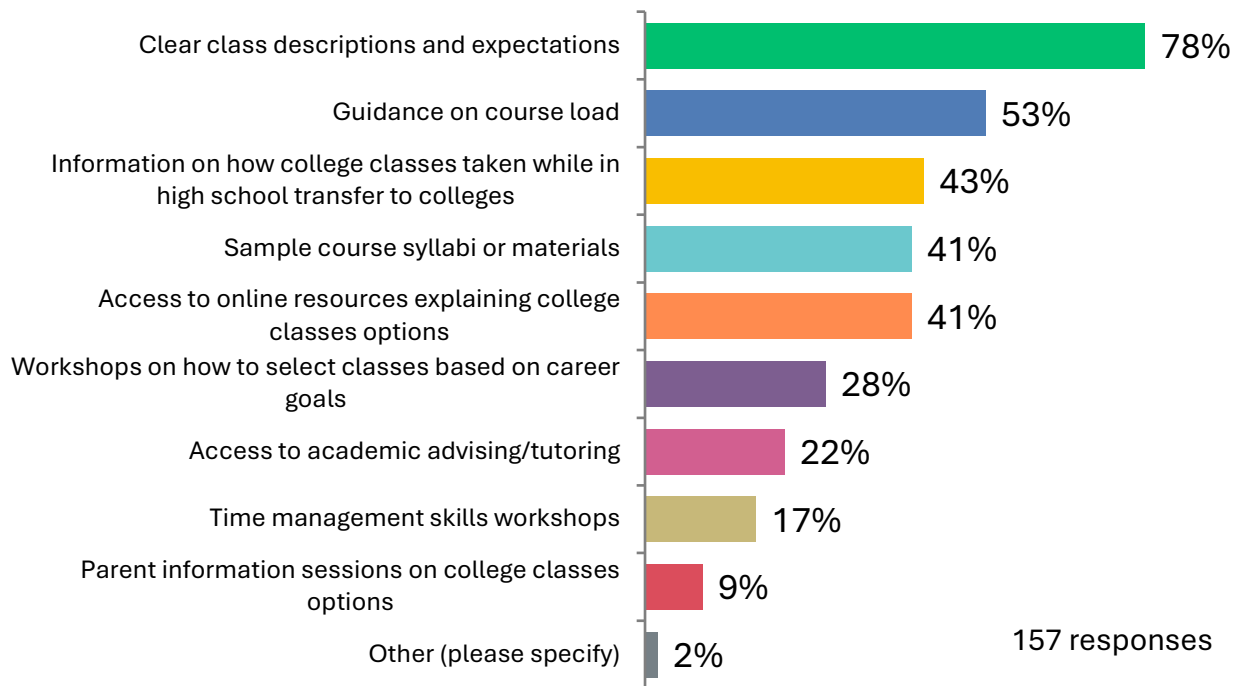
To earn high school and college credit at the same time	88.51%	
To provide a boost to my high school grade point average	42.53%	
To save money on college	42.53%	
To explore or start potential career pathways	32.76%	
To take interesting classes or classes that are not available at my high school	23.56%	
To take challenging classes	13.79%	
To see what it is like to be a college student	12.64%	
Total number of respondents - 174		

Four students provided “other” reasons they decided to take college classes during high school; specifically, to complete prerequisites for the Nursing program, to start working towards a career, family obligations, and to obtain an Associate Degree.

Q9: On or before the first day of classes,

	Yes	No	Total # of Responses
I was able to log into MyCanyons using my CanyonsID	96.9%	3.1%	160
I was able to access my classes on Canvas	95.6%	4.4%	158
I checked my MyCanyons email	91.1%	8.9%	157
I reviewed the orientation letters	88.1%	12.0%	159

Q10: Which of the following would help you when choosing your college classes? (Check all that apply)



Three respondents indicated “other” things that would help them when choosing their college classes; specifically, help in the process of enrolling in classes.

Q10: Which of the following would help you when choosing your college classes?
(Check all that apply)

Responses	%	N
Clear class descriptions and expectations	77.7%	122
Guidance on course load	52.9%	83
Information on how college classes taken while in high school transfer to colleges	43.3%	68
Sample course syllabi or materials	41.4%	65
Access to online resources explaining college classes options	41.4%	65
Workshops on how to select classes based on career goals	28.0%	44
Access to academic advising/tutoring	21.7%	34
Time management skills workshops	17.2%	27
Parent information sessions on college classes options	8.9%	14
Other (please specify)	1.9%	3
Total number of respondents - 157		

Q11: Thinking about the college classes you are taking right now, how many of your instructors did the following?

	All	Some	None	Total # of Responses
Provided a syllabus on the first day of class	90.4%	9.0%	0.6%	156
Clearly explained class grading policies	85.8%	13.6%	0.7%	155
Shared information about office hours to meet with instructor outside of class time	81.4%	16.0%	2.6%	156
Clearly explained the class attendance policy	79.4%	17.4%	3.2%	155
Created a supportive and engaging learning environment	71.6%	25.2%	3.2%	155
Clearly explained academic and student support services available at College of the Canyons	69.2%	22.4%	8.3%	156
Provided timely feedback (written or oral) on assignments	66.7%	30.8%	2.6%	156

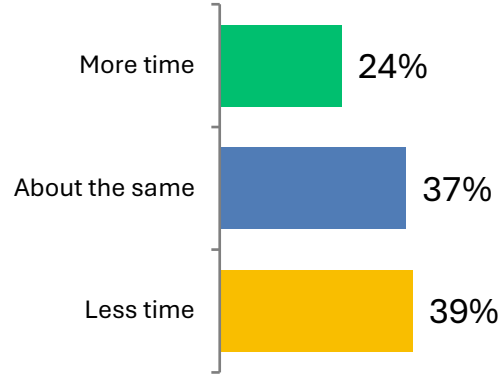
Q12: Thinking about the COC classes you are taking right now, have you done any of the following with your instructor(s)?

	Yes	No	Total # of Responses
Communicated with an instructor through Canvas or via email	88.4%	11.6%	155
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	76.8%	23.2%	155
Asked for help from an instructor regarding questions or problems related to a class	76.1%	23.9%	155
Talked about career plans with an instructor	37.0%	63.0%	154

Q13: Thinking about your college class(es) you are taking right now, how often have you done each of the following?

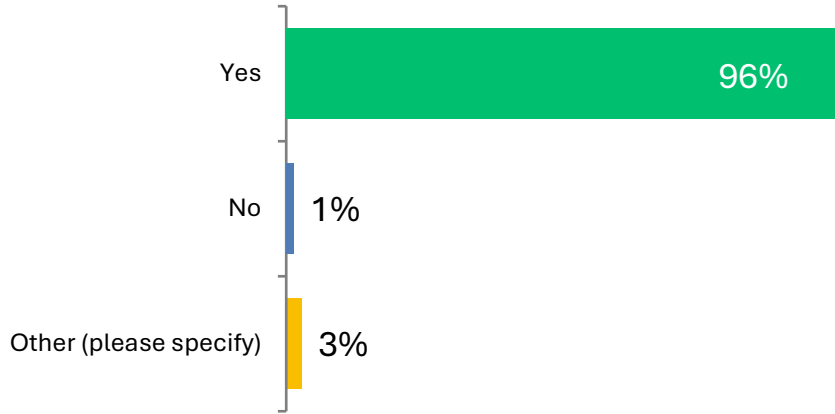
	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	Total # of Responses
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	7.6%	26.9%	41.4%	24.1%	145
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	5.5%	37.0%	32.2%	25.3%	146
Worked harder than you expected to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	17.0%	38.1%	30.6%	14.3%	147
Attended class sessions (in-person or online) without completing the required readings or assignments	51.7%	32.7%	4.8%	10.9%	147
Not turned in an assignment	68.0%	30.6%	1.4%	0.0%	147
Skipped class	81.5%	17.1%	1.4%	0.0%	146
Showed up late, left early from class	68.7%	29.3%	0.7%	1.4%	147

Q14: Do you spend less time or more time studying for your college class(es) than for your high school classes?



Responses	%	N
More time	24.3%	36
About the same	37.2%	55
Less time	38.5%	57
Total number of respondents - 148		

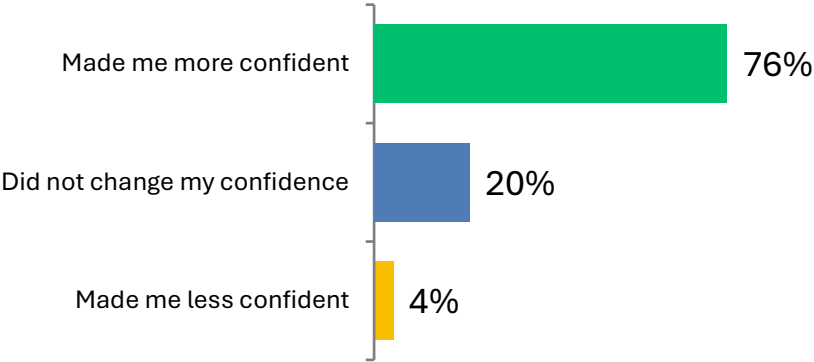
Q15: Prior to taking college classes, had you considered attending college after high school?



Four students indicated “other”; specifically, that they are still considering whether they want to attend college after high school.

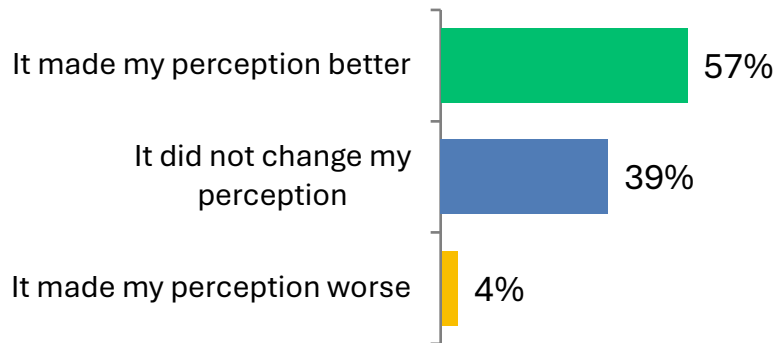
Responses	%	N
Yes	95.9%	141
No	1.4%	2
Other (please specify)	2.7%	4
Total number of respondents - 147		

Q16: How has taking classes through COC impacted your confidence in your ability to succeed in college after high school?



Responses	%	N
Made me more confident	75.5%	111
Did not change my confidence	20.4%	30
Made me less confident	4.1%	6
Total number of respondents - 147		

Q17: Has taking COC college classes changed your perception about attending a community college?



The six students indicating “It made my perception worse” were asked **Q18**: What about your enrollment experience changed your perception about attending a community college for the worse?

Five students provided feedback; specifically, feeling mentally unprepared (3 students) and faculty interaction (2 students).

Responses	%	N
It made my perception better	57.1%	84
It did not change my perception	38.8%	57
It made my perception worse	4.1%	6
Total number of respondents - 147		

Q19: What about your enrollment experience changed your perception about attending a community college for the better?

56 students provided responses; specifically:

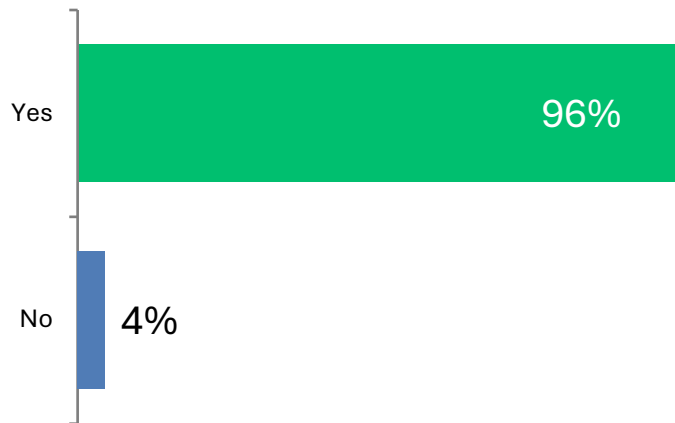
- Prepares students for college (13 students)
- Provides a good education (11 students)
- Is affordable (9 students)
- Provides strong faculty support (6 students)
- Provides an attainable educational goal (6 students)
- Is accessible/flexible (6 students)
- Provides good student support/resources (5 students)

Q20: Please list college classes that you would be interested in taking at your high school.

77 students provided responses; specifically:

- **Science** (16 students); including Physics (4 students) and Chemistry (3 students)
- **Business** (13 students); including Intro to Business (3 students) and Principles of Electronic Commerce (2 students)
- **Media/Entertainment/Arts** (12 students); including Music courses (2 students), Film and Television (2 students) and Graphic Design (2 students)
- **Welding** (7 students)
- **Psychology** (6 students)
- **Math** (6 students); including Calculus (5 students)
- **Engineering** (6 students)
- **Health classes** (6 students)
- **History** (5 students)
- **Communication Studies** (5 students)
- **English** (4 students)
- **Administration of Justice** (4 students)
- **Foreign Language** (4 respondents); including Spanish (3 students)

Q21: Would you recommend College of the Canyons classes to other high school students?



Responses	%	N
Yes	95.7%	132
No	4.4%	6
Total number of respondents - 138		

Q22: Please provide any comments or feedback you would like to share about your experience with your college classes so far:

48 students provided responses; specifically:

- Positive comments about the experience (25 students)
- Positive comments about faculty (16 students)
- Frustration with faculty (8 students)

See next page for sample comments

Q22: Please provide any comments or feedback you would like to share about your experience with your college classes so far:

Positive comments about the experience (25 students)

- “My experience has shown me that community college is the best route for my future. ”
- “I only have one comment on my COC experience. It has been amazing. These classes have been SO helpful and I know that it will help me later in life. I would recommend this college to anyone I know and don't.”
- “So far I have learned so much about the different lifestyles and cultures surrounding college.”
- “The experience was good , pleasant I may add and if you want to find more about yourself or what you want to do this program is there.”

Positive comments about faculty (16 students)

- “Kind and competent instructors”
- “...My professors have been very nice and give amazing feedback and make things very clear.”
- “The teachers are kind, understanding, and prepare us well. They accommodate to our schedules. I appreciate their efforts!”

Frustration with faculty (8 students)

- “I think that the professors need to be more clear in person on when assignments are due”
- “...some of the teachers wait till grading to the last minute. This means that I have no clue what my grade is looking like ”
- “It has been overall good, but my instructors haven't always been very good, especially for the [department] prerequisite courses”

For a complete list of open-ended responses, please contact the IRPIE office at irpiecoc@canyons.edu