

Fall 2009 Entering Student Questionnaire

The survey was administered to students who attended orientations. Approximately 58% (605/1047) of all incoming new freshmen responded to the Entering Student Questionnaire at orientations conducted for Fall 2009. Their responses in percentages are summarized below.

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. Please describe your primary residence while attending CSU-Pueblo (*Circle only one*):

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| A. CSU-Pueblo Belmont Residence Hall (36.4%) | D. Rent off-campus residence (6.9%) |
| B. Walking Stick Apartments (0.5%) | E. Don't know yet (1.3%) |
| C. Home (42.6%) | F. Other (10.6%) |
| | G. Missing info. (1.7%) |

2. Please indicate where you are from (*Circle only one*).

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| A. Pueblo County (40.5%) | C. Other areas in Colorado (21.8%) |
| B. Other southeastern Colorado counties (24.3%)
(Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, El Paso, Fremont,
Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Teller) | D. States other than Colorado (12.4%) |
| | E. Outside U.S. (0.5%) |
| | F. Missing info: (0.5%) |

3. What ethnicity/race do you identify yourself with? (*Circle the one that most closely describes your ethnicity*)

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| A. Non-Resident Alien | - A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis (Resident Aliens are to be reported in the following racial/ethnic categories.) (0%) |
| B. Black, non-Hispanic | - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa (except those of Hispanic origin) (9.8%) |
| C. Native American | - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition. (0.5%) |
| D. Asian or Pacific Islander | - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. (4.3%) |
| E. Hispanic | - A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race (30.7%) |
| F. White, non-Hispanic | - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East (52.6%) |
| G. Missing info. (2.1%) | |

**4. If you are a transfer student, please indicate the reasons of your transfer to CSU-Pueblo. (*Circle all that apply*)
If you are not a transfer student, please go to question #5.**

Following responses are based on those who responded for transfer information (4.4%),

- A. My previous institution did not offer baccalaureate degree. (29.6%)
- B. My previous institution did not have the major or program that I wanted. (14.8%)
- C. I experienced academic difficulties at my previous institution. (33.3%)
- D. Convenient location (33.3%)
- E. Other (*please describe*):

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5. Highest education level attained by both parents (Check only one degree for EACH parent below):

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
A. Grammar school graduate or less	(0.3%)	(0.5%)
B. Middle school	(4.0%)	(2.3%)
C. High school or GED	(43.3%)	(41.5%)
D. Community or junior college (e.g., AA, AS)	(11.2%)	(15.9%)
E. Baccalaureate degree (e.g., BA, BS)	(17.7%)	(18.0%)
F. Other post-secondary school degree (vocational/ technical)	(2.8%)	(4.1%)
G. Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS)	(7.9%)	(9.4%)
H. Doctoral level degree (e.g., PhD, MD, JD, EdD)	(1.5%)	(1.5%)
I. Unknown	(7.6%)	(4.0%)
J. Other (please specify):	(0.8%)	(0.8%)
K. Missing info.	(3.8%)	(2.0%)

Note: About 47% of entering students have neither parents with bachelor's degrees or higher.

II. FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

(Your responses will not affect your financial aid award in any way)

6. Have you been awarded Financial Aid? (71.7%) Yes (25.6%) No Missing (2.6%)

7. Do you have a paid job for this coming semester? (36.0%) Yes (52.1%) No Missing (11.9%)
If yes, how many hours per week do you plan to work at your paid job? (Circle only one)

A. 0 (1.0%)	C. 11-20 (17.5%)	E. 31-40 (3.5%)	
B. 1-10 (7.6%)	D. 21-30 (10.4%)	F. 41+ (0%)	G. N/A: (60.0%)

III. ATTENDING CSU-PUEBLO

8. As of today, please indicate your first and second area of interest. (Please enter a "1" by your first primary area of interest and a "2" by your secondary area of interest)

	<u>1st Choice</u>	<u>2nd Choice</u>
A. Humanities (e.g., English, art, music)	(7.3%)	(8.8%)
B. Social Sciences (e.g., psychology, mass communication)	(15.2%)	(10.2%)
C. Engineering/Engineering Technology	(7.8%)	(3.3%)
D. Business (accounting, econ, finance, mgmt, marketing)	(11.4%)	(11.4%)
E. Computer Information Systems	(2.3%)	(4.1%)
F. Education (teacher certification)	(7.9%)	(8.4%)
G. Science (e.g., biology, chemistry)	(12.4%)	(10.2%)
H. Mathematics	(0.7%)	(4.8%)
I. Medical (e.g., pre-med, nursing)	(17.0%)	(9.4%)
J. Sport related (e.g., exercise science, physical education)	(10.1%)	(14.7%)
K. Other (please specify):	(6.0%)	(5.8%)

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9. How did you learn about CSU-Pueblo? (Circle all that apply)

- A. I grew up or lived in Pueblo (36.0%)
- B. Family member (12.1%)
- C. The university graduates/alumni (3.8%)
- D. Friends (16.7%)
- E. High school counselor/teacher (22.6%)
- F. Visits of the university representative(s) (9.6%)
- G. By attending a university sponsored event (4.8%)
- H. By visiting the university's web site (10.4%)
- I. Television or radio advertisement (1.7%)
- J. Newspaper (0.3%)
- K. Other (please specify): (6.6%)

10. Do you intend to complete your degree at CSU-Pueblo?

- A. Yes (63.6%)
- B. Not Sure (27.8%)
- C. No (please specify why) (5.1%)
 - 1. Plan to transfer to another institution (6.3%)
 - 2. Financial limitations (2.5%)
 - 3. Other (0.7%)

11. How many colleges/universities, including CSU-Pueblo, have you applied to within the last 12 months (i.e., you submitted all of the required paperwork)? (Circle only one)

- A. 1 (43.5%)
- B. 2 (19.0%)
- C. 3 (19.0%)
- D. 4 (9.1%)
- E. 5 (5.0%)
- F. 6 or more (3.6%)
- G. Missing info. (4.6%)

12. How many of the following types of institutions offered you admission within the last 12 months? (Circle all that apply)

- (1) Two-year institution: A. 1 (37.2%) B. 2 (9.9%) C. 3 (4.1%) D. 4 or more (5.8%)
- (2) Four-year college/university: A. 1 (42.1%) B. 2 (24.3%) C. 3 (12.6%) D. 4 or more (13.9%)

13. Was CSU-Pueblo your _____? (Circle only one)

- A. Only choice (19.8%)
- B. 1st choice (46.8%)
- C. 2nd choice (24.3%)
- D. 3rd choice or beyond (8.4%)
- E. Missing (0.7%)

14. At this time, what is the highest degree you intend to obtain during your lifetime (Circle only one)?

- A. Bachelor's degree (32.7%)
- B. Master's degree (40.3%)
- C. Doctoral degree (20.5%)
- D. Other (3.5%)
- E. Missing (3.0%)

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15. What attracted you to CSU-Pueblo? (Rank your top 3 choices using "1" as your first reason, etc.)

	1 st Reason	2 nd Reason	3 rd Reason
A. New athletic programs	(8.3%)	(2.8%)	(4.1%)
B. Convenient location	(25.8%)	(14.7%)	(8.8%)
C. Affordable	(19.7%)	(18.2%)	(12.9%)
D. Financial aid (including scholarships)	(5.5%)	(8.9%)	(6.8%)
E. Quality of academic programs	(4.0%)	(5.6%)	(4.8%)
F. Type of majors offered	(13.2%)	(10.6%)	(10.9%)
G. Professional career focused-programs	(2.1%)	(1.3%)	(4.1%)
H. Classes taught by degreed instructors	(0.8%)	(1.3%)	(1.7%)
I. Size of university	(1.8%)	(4.1%)	(5.5%)
J. New Buildings	(6.8%)	(13.2%)	(14.0%)
K. Small class-size	(0.7%)	(0.5%)	(2.0%)
L. Student support services	(0.7%)	(2.5%)	(3.1%)
M. Student Life experiences	(5.3%)	(4.3%)	(4.6%)
N. Sports programs	(0.3%)	(1.5%)	(3.3%)
O. Diverse student population	(0.2%)	(0.8%)	(1.3%)
P. Campus safety/security	(1.2%)	(1.3%)	(1.5%)

IV. EXPECTATIONS OF YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

16. How many hours, do you expect to spend on studying (Circle only one)?

A. 1-10 hrs/wk (12.6%)	C. 21-30 hrs/wk (19.5%)	E. Not sure (20.2%)
B. 11-20 hrs/wk (42.5%)	D. 31+ hrs/wk (4.1%)	F. Missing (1.2%)

Using the following five point scale, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree to what each statement describes for items #17-#22. (Circle your response.)

	<i>Strongly Agree A</i>	<i>Agree B</i>	<i>Neither Disagree Or Agree C</i>	<i>Disagree D</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree E</i>
17. I feel comfortable going to my instructor for Assistance.	(43.6%)	(45.5%)	(9.9%)	(1.0%)	(0%)
18. I enjoy working on group projects.	(22.0%)	(41.7%)	(24.9%)	(8.8%)	(2.6%)
19. I like to participate in classroom discussions.	(41.5%)	(41.5%)	(13.2%)	(3.1%)	(0.7%)
20. I am comfortable with using e-mail to communicate with my instructors.	(47.7%)	(31.6%)	(10.0%)	(6.5%)	(0.5%)
21. I expect the classes at CSU-Pueblo to be challenging.	(23.1%)	(58.5%)	(16.8%)	(1.5%)	(0%)
22. I am motivated to do well in my classes.	(68.1%)	(30.1%)	(1.8%)	(0%)	(0%)

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23. While attending CSU-Pueblo, I intend to participate in the following activities (Circle all that apply):

- A. Professional clubs related to my major
(such as, American Society of Mechanical Engineering, English Club, Chemistry Club, Art Club, Society of Women Engineers, etc.) **(21.7%)**
- B. Intercollegiate Sports
(such as, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, Softball) **(27.1%)**
- C. Intramural sports
(such as, Table-tennis, Co-ed Volleyball, Flag Football, etc.) **(26.4%)**
- D. Recreation/sports clubs
(such as, Racquetball Club, Ski Club, Rodeo Club, etc.) **(17.4%)**
- E. Special interest/social clubs
(such as, Veterans Club, Women and Non Traditional Students - WANTS) **(8.3%)**
- F. Social activities
(such as, Dances, poetry readings) **(28.4%)**
- G. Student government **(5.0%)**
- H. H. Military Science – ROTC **(2.1%)**
- I. I do not plan to participate in any of the extra-curricular activities listed above. **(3.3%)**
- J. I do not know yet. **(37.4%)**
- K. Other (*please specify*): **(2.1%)**

V. DIVERSITY AT CSU-PUEBLO

Using the following five point scale, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree to what each statement describes for items #24-#28. (*Circle your response.*)

	<i>Strongly Agree A</i>	<i>Agree B</i>	<i>Neither Disagree Or Agree C</i>	<i>Disagree D</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree E</i>
24. I feel comfortable interacting with people of different races.	(72.1%)	(25.1%)	(2.6%)	(0.2%)	(0%)
25. I am aware of different perspectives based upon race.	(50.6%)	(42.5%)	(6.8%)	(0.2%)	(0%)
26. I think the university's brochures and publications Reflect a culturally diverse campus environment.	(34.2%)	(43.8%)	(21.0%)	(1.0%)	(0%)
27. I think the university has a reputation for providing A climate that promotes diversity.	(32.9%)	(46.1%)	(20.5%)	(0.5%)	(0%)
28. I am open to learning more about students with Different racial and ethnic backgrounds.	(53.1%)	(38.3%)	(8.1%)	(0.2%)	(0.3%)