

Student Experiences with Los Medanos College

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Every five years we, at Los Medanos College, conduct a study in order to understand the experiences and perceptions that students have concerning the college. The issues covered in the survey range from student aspirations and relations with instructors, to the adequacy of various aspects of LMC. Results of this survey will be used for the improvement of student programs, as well as assessing the overall status of the college. If you would like a summary of the results, please call the Office of Institutional Research (Ext. 3370) at the end of the semester. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this effort.

If you have already responded to this survey in another class, we sincerely thank you and you don't need to respond again.

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First, we would like to know about your EDUCATIONAL PLANS. Circle number of response.

Q-1 What is your primary reason for attending LMC? Circle number for ONLY ONE choice.

- 1 Earn a certificate/ or an Associate Degree
- 2 Maintain a certificate or license
- 3 Learn new skills for current job/ job change/ career advancement
- 4 Transfer to a four-year college with or without an A.A. degree
- 5 Improve basic skills in reading, writing, math, etc.
- 6 Complete high school credits
- 7 Pursue personal interests unrelated to any of the above goals
- 8 Undecided
- 9 Other

Q-2 In deciding what you want to study, have you worked with a counselor at LMC to develop an educational plan? Circle number of response.

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

Q-3 What is the TOTAL NUMBER OF SEMESTERS (including this semester) that you have attended LMC? Write number in blank.

SEMESTERS ATTENDED: _____

YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT LMC'S PUBLICATIONS

Q-4 Do you agree or disagree about the following statements of the **COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS** (catalog, class schedule, etc.)? Circle number.

	Agree	Disagree	I Don't Know
a. Information in the class schedule is CLEAR and EASY to understand	1	2	3
b. Information in the college catalog is CLEAR and EASY to understand	1	2	3
c. Information in LMC's website is EASY to find	1	2	3
d. Information about LMC in the website is HELPFUL	1	2	3

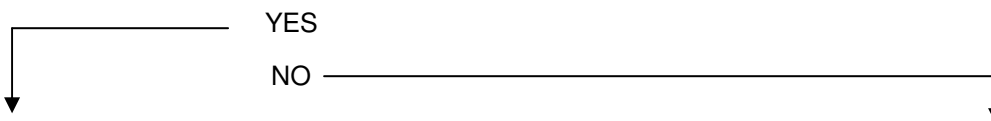
STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AT LMC

Q-5 Please indicate if you are **AWARE** of and **USED** the following student services. Also, indicate what you thought of the services. Mark boxes.

SERVICE/ OFFICE	You are Aware of Office/ Service		Received Services		Office was easy to find (of those who received services)		Found services to be helpful (Of those who received services)	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
a. Information Center								
b. Admissions and Records								
c. Assessment Center								
d. Counseling Center								
d. Transfer Center								
e. EOP & S/ CARE								
f. Financial Aid								
g. Employment Center/ Career Center								
h. Student Activities/ Student Government								
i. Disabled Student Program (DSP & S)								
j. High Tech Center								
k. Cal Works								
l. Library								
m. Tutoring Services "free of charge" at LMC								

TUTORING AT LMC

Q-6 Have you received any form of tutoring at LMC? (Circle response)



Q-6A If YES, for what reasons you requested tutoring?

- Tutoring is required for (or is part of) a class
- I needed to catch up on work when I was absent from class
- I needed specific help to study for an exam
- I needed specific help to write a paper
- I needed help in understanding course content
- I wanted to improve my study skills, time management, and/or test taking
- Instructor offered extra credit for attending tutoring
- Other (please indicate) _____

Q-6B If you DID NOT receive tutoring, why?

- I did not need tutoring
- I am too busy
- Tutoring is not available at the time I needed it
- I don't know where to access tutors.

YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH INSTRUCTORS, STUDENTS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THE COLLEGE

Q-7 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about instructors.

	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Neutral/ No Opinion	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. For the most part, instructors present controversial material in a balanced manner.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Most instructors are competent in their subject areas.	1	2	3	4	5
c. Most instructors encourage students to express their ideas in class.	1	2	3	4	5
d. Most instructors are motivating in classroom presentations.	1	2	3	4	5
e. Most Instructors are accessible to students.	1	2	3	4	5

Q-8 How many times have you met with at least one faculty member outside the classroom for the following purposes? Please indicate only those contacts of 10 minutes or more. (Circle the number of your response)

- a. To discuss matters related to your future career 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7-OR MORE
- b. To discuss intellectual or course-related matters 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7-OR MORE
- c. To talk informally about events occurring in society 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7-OR MORE

Q-9 Would you say that LMC INSTRUCTORS, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS and other students treat you with respect? Circle number for each.

<u>TREAT YOU WITH RESPECT</u>	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Neutral/ No Opinion	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Instructors	1	2	3	4	5
b. Staff	1	2	3	4	5
c. Administrators	1	2	3	4	5
d. Other Students	1	2	3	4	5

Q-10 Regardless of your gender, ethnic, sexual orientation, and/or religious background, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the college helps create an atmosphere that supports student diversity? Circle number.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Moderately Agree
- 2 Neutral / No Opinion
- 3 Moderately Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree
- 5 Don't Know

Q-11 To what extent do you experience a sense of belonging or community on campus? Circle number

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Slightly
- 3 Moderately
- 4 Very Much

- 5 No Opinion

YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH THE LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Q-12 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about the library/learning resource center. (Circle number)

LIBRARY/ LEARNING RESOURCES

	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Neutral/ No Opinion	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The number of books in the library is adequate for students at LMC.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Books in the library are up to date.	1	2	3	4	5
c. Audiovisual resources and equipment are adequate for students.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The computerized databases in the Library/LRC are adequate.	1	2	3	4	5
e. The hours of operation of the Library/LRC are adequate.	1	2	3	4	5
f. The space in the Library/LRC available to students for studying/reading is adequate.	1	2	3	4	5
g. The Library/LRC staff are polite and helpful.	1	2	3	4	5
h. The size of the Library/LRC is adequate	1	2	3	4	5

Q-13 How often do you use the Los Medanos College Library? Circle response

- 1 Daily
- 2 2-3 times a week
- 3 About Once a week
- 4 Two Times a month
- 5 About Once a month
- 6 About Twice a Semester
- 7 Never

IMPACT THAT LMC HAS HAD ON YOU

Q-14 Please indicate how much your experiences at Los Medanos College have contributed to your growth in the following areas. (Circle number)

EXPERIENCE AT LMC HAS HELPED YOU Not at All Slightly Moderately Very Much No Opinion

a. Become more aware of what you value and believe	1	2	3	4	5
b. Develop skills that you can apply to a career or vocation	1	2	3	4	5
c. Prepare to transfer to a four-year college	1	2	3	4	5
d. Develop a sense of personal responsibility	1	2	3	4	5
e. Develop your skills in math	1	2	3	4	5
f. Develop your skills in English	1	2	3	4	5
g. Develop your analytical skills	1	2	3	4	5
h. Achieve your educational goals	1	2	3	4	5

YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT LMC'S CLASSES AND PROGRAMS:

Q-15 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about LMC classes and programs.(Circle number)

	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Neutral/ No Opinion	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. The courses that LMC offers are of high quality	1	2	3	4	5
b. The courses I have taken at LMC have helped me achieve my educational goals	1	2	3	4	5
c. The information I have received about LMC courses has been accurate	1	2	3	4	5
d. The courses I have taken at LMC have made me more academically prepared	1	2	3	4	5
e. LMC offers high quality academic programs	1	2	3	4	5

ADEQUACY of various aspects of LMC.

Q-16 How **ADEQUATE** is the following at LMC?

LEVEL OF ADEQUACY

INSTRUCTIONAL ASPECTS

	Not At All	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Don't know
a. The quality of teaching	1	2	3	4	5
b. The classes that you have taken	1	2	3	4	5
c. The variety of courses available to students	1	2	3	4	5
d. Availability of courses at different times	1	2	3	4	5
e. classroom facilities – Size, Desks, Equipment, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
f. The maintenance of the classroom equipment	1	2	3	4	5
g. The instructional labs (e.g., math, business)	1	2	3	4	5
h. The Reading and Writing Center (LRC1)	1	2	3	4	5
i. The library resources	1	2	3	4	5
j. The tutoring services at LMC	1	2	3	4	5
k. The computer labs	1	2	3	4	5

THE ENVIRONMENT

	Not At All	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Don't Know
l. The parking facilities	1	2	3	4	5
m. The lighting of parking	1	2	3	4	5
n. The lighting of hallways	1	2	3	4	5
o. The cleanliness of the campus	1	2	3	4	5
p. The cleanliness of the classrooms	1	2	3	4	5
q. The cleanliness of the restrooms	1	2	3	4	5
r. The appearance of the landscaping at LMC	1	2	3	4	5
s. The aesthetics of the campus	1	2	3	4	5
t. The safety of the campus	1	2	3	4	5

Q- 17 How satisfied are you with **YOUR RELATIONSHIPS** with the following groups?

	Not At All	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Don't Know
a. Other students	1	2	3	4	5
b. Staff	1	2	3	4	5
c. Instructors	1	2	3	4	5
d. Administration	1	2	3	4	5

Q-18 How would you rate your overall experiences as a student at LMC?

- Excellent
- Average
- Fair
- Poor
- No Opinion

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Q-19 What is the best estimate of your household total income during 2005? (Circle number)

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | \$10,000 or less |
| 2 | \$11,000 - \$20,000 |
| 3 | \$21,000 - \$30,000 |
| 4 | \$31,000 - \$40,000 |
| 5 | \$41,000 - \$50,000 |
| 6 | over \$50,000 |

Q-20 What is the highest level of education that your parents have completed? (Circle Number of One Choice in Each Column)

<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Level of Education</u>
1	1	No Formal Education
2	2	Some Grade School
3	3	Completed Grade School
4	4	Some High School
5	5	Completed High School
6	6	Some College
7	7	Completed College
8	8	Some Graduate Work
9	9	A Graduate Degree

DEMOGRAPHICS

Lastly, for purposes of statistical analysis and to get a representative understanding of the views from LMC students, please answer the following **QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF.**

Q-21 What is your ethnic background? Circle number

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 White | 2 Chicano/ Latino | 3 American Indian |
| 4 Asian / Pacific Islander | 5 African-American | 6 Filipino |
| 7 Other (Please specify) _____ | | |

Q-22 What is your gender? Circle number.

- 1 MALE
2 FEMALE

Q-23 Circle your age group.

- 19 or younger 20-24 yrs. 25-29 yrs. 30-34 yrs. 35-39 yrs. 40 or over

YOUR JOB (Write number in blank)

Q-24 How many hours per week of paid work are you doing this semester while attending LMC? (Write number in blank.)

NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: _____

THANK YOU very much for your cooperation in this effort. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS, please stop by the Research Office or call ext. 3370 at the end of the semester.