# Whitman Center Survey Results: Current Students Office of Institutional Research Jamie DeLeeuw, Ph.D. January 10, 2014



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During the Fall 2013 semester, Whitman Center instructors who taught credit classes were asked to administer surveys to their students regarding satisfaction with the Whitman Center. Students were instructed to complete the survey only once. The response rate was excellent; surveys were returned from 74.6% of instructors, totaling 406 respondents.

# Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Female	253	63.1
Male	148	36.9
Total	401	100.0

# Age

	Frequency	Percent
14-16	13	3.3
17-24	290	72.7
25-35	62	15.5
36+	34	8.5
Total	399	100.0
Mean	22.8 yrs	
Median	20.0 yrs	

# What is your current employment situation?

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	Frequency	Percent		
Not employed	85	21.4		
Part-time (1-35 hrs)	220	55.3		
Full-time (36+ hrs)	93	23.4		
Total	398	100.0		

# Are you a dual enrolled student (high school student taking college courses)?

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	Frequency	Percent
Yes	40	10.0
No	362	90.0
Total	402	100.0

What high school did/do you attend?

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	Frequency	Percent
Achiever Model College	1	.2
Airport	4	1.0
Bedford	176	44.9
Blissfield	3	.7
Bowsher	4	1.0
Britton-Macon	2	.5
Capitol One	1	.2
Chadsey High School	1	.2
Dundee	6	1.5
East Detroit High School	1	.2
Edgewood Ashtabula, OH	1	.2
Emmanuel Christian	2	.5
Erie Mason	6	1.5
Fort Mill, SC	1	.2
GED	1	.2
lda	22	5.6
Jefferson	4	1.0
Jesup W. Scott	2	.5
Keystone National	1	.2
Kings Fork High School, Suffolk, VA	1	.2
Libbey	2	.5
Mason	29	7.4
Milan	1	.2
Monroe	10	2.6
Monroe County Middle College	4	1.0
Morenci	1	.2
Northview-Sylvania, OH	2	.5
Northwestern	1	.2
Oakdale High/Oakdale, TN	1	.2
Patrick Henry	1	.2
Pattonville Sr. High	1	.2
Phoenix Academy	1	.2
Prosper	2	.5
Puerto Rico	2	.5 .5
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Rogers Toledo, OH	3	.7
Roy C. Start	3	.7
Saline	1	.2
Skyline & Saline	1	.2
Southview	2	.5
Springfield (OH)	1	.2
St Ursula/ Whitmer	1	.2
St. Francis de Sales	2	.5
St. John's Jesuit	1	.2
St. Mary Catholic Central	4	1.0
Start	2	.5
State Line Christian	4	1.0
Summerfield	5	1.2
Swanton & Evergreen	1	.2
Swanton High School	3	.7
The Performing Arts School of Metropolitan Toledo	1	.2
Toledo Central Catholic	3	.7

Toledo School for the Arts	1	.2
Trenton	1	.2
Waite	3	.7
Whiteford	30	7.7
Whitmer	18	4.6
Wildwood Environmental Academy	1	.2
Woodhaven	2	.4
Total	392	100.0

If you did not graduate from high school, nor are you about to (currently dual enrolled), please check which of these descriptors apply:

	Frequency	Percent
Earned a GED	25	92.6
Homeschooled	2	7.4
Total	27	100.0

In what city do you reside?

	Frequency	Percent
Ash Twp.	1	.2
Bedford	6	1.5
Blissfield	2	.5
Carleton	2	.5
Dundee	1	.2
Erie	35	8.5
Fayette	1	.2
lda	9	2.2
Kalkaska	1	.2
Lambertville	57	13.9
LaSalle	7	1.7
Luna Pier	3	.7
Maybee	1	.2
Monroe	26	6.3
Newport	1	.2
Newport/Temperance	1	.2
Ottawa Hills, OH	1	.2
Ottawa Lake	23	5.6
Petersburg	12	2.9
Romulus	1	.2
Samaria	5	1.2
South Rockwood	1	.2
Sylvania, OH	3	.7
Tecumseh	1	.2
Temperance	144	35.1
Toledo, OH	50	12.2
Trenton	1	.2
Woodhaven	1	.2
Total	397	100.0

What is your primary purpose for attending MCCC?

	Frequency	Percent
Occupational certificate or degree	143	36.0
Take courses to transfer to a 4-year institution	254	64.0
Take a course occasionally to transfer to "home" institution	3	.75
Take courses specified by my employer	3	.75
Take courses out of personal interest	24	6.0
Other (see below)	28	7.1
# Respondents	397	114.6*
# Responses	455	

<sup>\*58</sup> respondents checked two, as opposed to one purpose; percentages were calculated using the number of respondents, thus the cumulative total exceeds 100%.

# "Other" Responses

	Frequency
Also obtain A.S. Degree	1
Cheaper	1
Don't know yet	1
Dual enrollment	2
Getting classes done Because UT classes were too large then transferring back to UT	1
Job advancement opportunities	1
Location	1
Looking into several interests	1
Prerequisites for a program	1
School offered scholarship	2
Take course to meet prerequisite for graduation program	1
Take courses required by a degree.	1
Take courses to get them out of the way	1
Taking as may courses for my future career	1
Taking courses to earn my associate's	1
Taking general education classes while in high school	1
Time killer until I find work	1
To get done with the basic, but I'm not going to college after this.	1
To get my basics done	1
To get my basics done and figure out what I want to be	1
To graduate	1
Was planning on doing RN/RT, but class times not flexible; have to transfer out	1
Total	24

How many college credits total are you taking this semester at MCCC?

	Frequency	Percent
0	1	.3
1-3	56	15.1
4-6	63	16.9
7-9	68	18.3
10-12	109	29.3
13-15	62	16.7
16+	13	3.5
Total	372	100.0
Mean	9 credits	

Are you attending a college/university in addition to MCCC this semester?

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	Frequency	Percent	
No	386	98.2	
Yes	7	1.8	
Total	393	100.0	

If "Yes", where?

	Frequency
Eastern Michigan	1
Madonna	1
Owens	1
Siena Heights	1
The Hebrew University	1
University of Toledo	2
Total	7

If "Yes", number of credit hours elsewhere?

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Credits	Frequency	
1	1	
3	2	
4	1	
9	1	
15	1	
Total	6	

My experience with the Whitman Center has been satisfactory.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	4	1.0
Disagree	1	.2
Neutral	19	4.7
Agree	170	41.9
Strongly Agree	212	52.2
Total	406	100.0

My experience with the Whitman Center has been unsatisfactory.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	220	54.2
Disagree	162	39.9
Neutral	18	4.4
Agree	4	1.0
Strongly Agree	2	.5
Total	406	100.0

I am satisfied with the breadth of services (e.g. advising, tutoring) available at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	4	1.0
Disagree	20	4.9
Neutral	105	25.9
Agree	130	32.0
Strongly Agree	84	20.7
N/A	63	15.5
Total	406	100.0

I am satisfied with the quality of services (e.g. advising, tutoring) provided at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	5	1.2
Disagree	18	4.4
Neutral	91	22.4
Agree	135	33.3
Strongly Agree	98	24.1
N/A	59	14.5
Total	406	100.0

I am satisfied with the quality of instruction at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	3	.7
Disagree	9	2.2
Neutral	46	11.3
Agree	175	43.1
Strongly Agree	173	42.6
Total	406	100.0

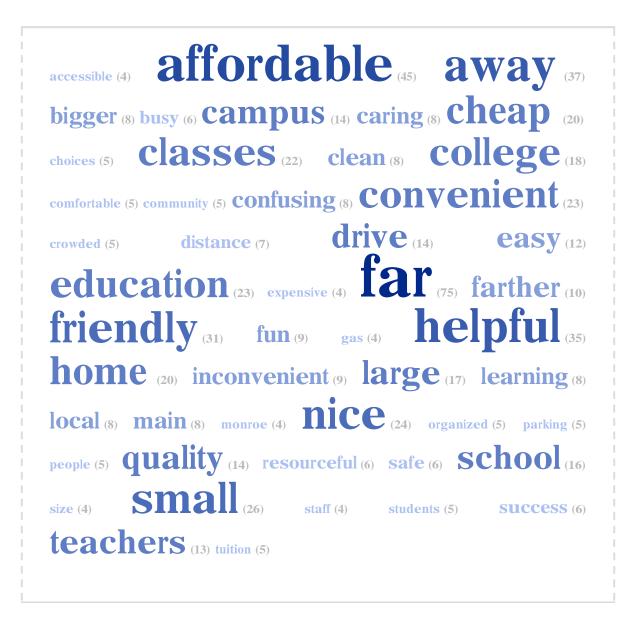
How did you first learn of the Whitman Center?

	Frequency	Percent
High school counselor	62	15.7
High school teacher	20	5.1
Parent	74	18.8
Friend	56	14.2
MCCC faculty member	15	3.8
MCCC mailing	5	1.3
MCCC newspaper ad	1	.3
MCCC billboard	13	3.3
MCCC mobile ad	1	.3
MCCC website	33	8.4
MCCC online ad	1	.3
Saw the building driving or riding by	60	15.2
Don't remember	23	5.8
Other (see responses below)	26	6.6
Total	394	100.0

"Other" Responses

Other Responses	
	Frequency
Live in the area	9
Family member	8
Dual enrollment	2
Knew the Whitman family	2
Middle college	1
Advisor at Owens CC	1
Manager at work	1
Former student	1
Specific person named	1
Total	26

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accommodating (5) affordable (21)
accessible (12)
atmosphere (6) awesome (6) boring (5) busy (3) calm (6) caring (4)
               clean (38) closer (6)
                                                 cold (7)
comfortable (26)
                                               community (3)
convenient (152)
                                            easy (24)
educational (19) efficient (4) encouraging (5) enjoyable (3) far (7)
friendly (41) fun (14) helpful (47)
learning (14) local (5) location (15) love (3) nearby (4) needs (3)
nice (34) organized (6) perfect (3) personal (15)
quality (9) quiet (15) reliable (4) resourceful (4) safe (4) Size (13)
                     smaller (12) staff (7)
teachers (11) teaching (3) useful (5) welcoming (3) wonderful (5)
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I am proud to tell others I attend MCCC.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	5	1.2
Disagree	9	2.2
Neutral	81	20.0
Agree	135	33.3
Strongly Agree	169	41.7
N/A	6	1.5
Total	405	100.0

My high school tended to speak favorably of MCCC.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	8	2.0
Disagree	7	1.7
Neutral	69	17.1
Agree	97	24.0
Strongly Agree	127	31.4
N/A	96	23.8
Total	404	100.0

My high school tended to encourage enrollment at MCCC.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	8	2.0
Disagree	6	1.5
Neutral	74	18.3
Agree	98	24.2
Strongly Agree	122	30.1
N/A	97	24.0
Total	405	100.0

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I am hesitant to tell others I attend MCCC.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	204	50.4
Disagree	110	27.2
Neutral	56	13.8
Agree	11	2.7
Strongly Agree	6	1.5
N/A	18	4.4
Total	405	100.0

My high school tended to discourage enrollment at MCCC.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	207	51.1
Disagree	71	17.5
Neutral	28	6.9
Agree	2	.5
Strongly Agree	5	1.2
N/A	92	22.7
Total	405	100.0

Overall my family views my enrollment at MCCC unfavorably.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	245	60.5
Disagree	73	18.0
Neutral	32	7.9
Agree	18	4.4
Strongly Agree	14	3.5
N/A	23	5.7
Total	405	100.0

I am proud to tell others I take course(s) at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	4	1.0
Disagree	8	2.0
Neutral	65	16.0
Agree	121	29.9
Strongly Agree	198	48.9
N/A	9	2.2
Total	405	100.0

My high school tended to speak favorably of the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	7	1.7
Disagree	3	.7
Neutral	64	15.8
Agree	96	23.7
Strongly Agree	122	30.1
N/A	113	27.9
Total	405	100.0

My high school tended to discourage taking courses at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	196	48.4
Disagree	69	17.0
Neutral	27	6.7
Agree	4	1.0
Strongly Agree	5	1.2
N/A	104	25.7
Total	405	100.0

I am hesitant to tell others I take course(s) at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	233	57.5
Disagree	95	23.5
Neutral	38	9.4
Agree	16	4.0
Strongly Agree	3	.7
N/A	20	4.9
Total	405	100.0

My high school tended to encourage enrolling at a four-year institution directly after high school completion (#19).

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	43	10.6
Disagree	39	9.7
Neutral	126	31.2
Agree	59	14.6
Strongly Agree	54	13.4
N/A	83	20.5
Total	404	100.0

High schools of those who "Agreed" or "Strongly Agreed" to #19

	Frequency	Percent
Bedford	51	46.4
Mason	11	10.0
lda	6	5.5
Whitmer	5	4.5
Whiteford	4	3.6
Monroe	3	2.7
State Line Christian	3	2.7
Others	27	24.5
Total	110	100.0

Overall my family views my enrollment at MCCC favorably.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	5	1.2
Disagree	4	1.0
Neutral	35	8.6
Agree	116	28.6
Strongly Agree	230	56.8
N/A	15	3.7
Total	405	100.0

My family encouraged me to take courses at the Whitman Center.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Disagree	6	1.5
Disagree	3	.7
Neutral	58	14.3
Agree	79	19.5
Strongly Agree	222	54.8
N/A	37	9.1
Total	405	100.0

How many <u>courses</u> are you currently taking at the Whitman Center?

	Frequency	Percent
0	1	.3
1	118	30.0
2	106	27.0
3	75	19.1
4	82	20.9
5	7	1.8
6	3	.8
12	1	.3
Total	393	100.0

# What is the <u>primary</u> reason you are taking <u>this</u> course at the Whitman Center, as opposed to the main campus in Monroe?

	Frequency	Percent
Close to home/work	285	74.8
Course start time	36	9.5
Atmosphere	18	4.7
Sections on the main campus were full	7	1.8
Course not offered on the main campus	7	1.8
Section instructor (does not teach on the main campus this semester)	7	1.8
Student body	2	.5
Other	19	5.0
Total	381	100.0

"Other" Responses

Other	Responses	
		Frequency
	Cheaper tuition	1
	Closer to high school (dual enrollment)	1
	Cost of gas to main is too much	1
	Course schedule coincided with days I work	1
	Dual enrollment	3
	I am in a wheelchair, and it's easier for me to get around	1
	Less people in the course	1
	Only class that was available at Whitman campus that I needed to take	1
	Other class was supposed to be out here (it was changed last minute)	1
	Preliminaries out of the way	1
	Required	1
	Save money on gas	1
	Sections at main campus did not fit with other classes I am taking	1
	Smaller class size	1

To balance my schedule for work and one class a week here saves a lot of gas	1
To drive my instructor crazy	1
To start out college slowly, small steps compared to just heading right in to main campus.	1
Too many immature students at main	1
Wanted to take it at Whitman, taken classes here before	1
Total	19

This semester are you also taking a course(s) at MCCC's main campus in Monroe?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	127	31.7
No	274	68.3
Total	401	100.0

Have you ever taken a course on MCCC's main campus?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	196	48.8
No	206	51.2
Total	402	100.0

Where would you rather take courses, at the Whitman Center or the main campus in Monroe (#26)?

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	Frequency	Valid Percent
Whitman Center	323	80.5
Main campus	42	10.5
No preference	36	9.0
Total	401	100.0

classes (19) closer (66) convenient (37) drive (9) easier (5) easy (8) enjoy (4) environment (4) gas (9) house (7) learn (4) live (4) location (7) love (4) mins (4) minute (3) money (2) nice (2) parking (4) prefer (2) saves (6) school (8) size (9) small (7) Smaller (34) staff (3) students (6) teacher (4) toledo (3) welcoming (2) Work (27)

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home (2) live (2

options (2)

resources (2)

Note

College = feels more like college

If a distant relative were to come into town and ask where you attend college, what would you say?

	Frequency	Percent
Monroe County Community College (MCCC)	24	58.5
Monroe Community College	3	7.3
MCCC Whitman Center	3	7.3
Local community college	3	7.3
Eastern Michigan because I dual-enroll	1	2.4
I attend MCCC and some classes are at Whitman	1	2.4
I would say, "Monroe Community, but next year I'm going to UT."	1	2.4
MCCC main campus and the Whitman Center	1	2.4
Middle College Student	1	2.4
Monroe	1	2.4
Monroe Community	1	2.4
Start at MCCC	1	2.4
Total	41	100.0

If all the MCCC courses you wanted to take were offered at the Whitman Center, would the Whitman Center be your exclusive higher education site (#28)?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Yes	316	78.6
No	37	9.2
Don't know	49	12.2
Total	402	100.0

Why?: "Yes" Responses to #28

	Frequency
Close/convenient/saves gas	118
Close and small (building/classes)	18
Because I enjoy/like/love Whitman Center.	6
All but a couple teachers have been extremely helpful, and its close.	1
Because I love the Whitman Center. Do not get rid of it!!!	1
Because it is close and a great environment to learn	1
Because it is closer and the staff are more caring and helpful	1
Because it is closer than the main campus and I would rather take the classes at the Whitman Center rather than online	1
Because it is so much closer, but I would still have to go to main campus sometimes.	1

Because it is way easier to commute here, also I plan on transferring to UT anyways so I will get a "big" college experience there	1
Because it is!!! Ok	1
Because it's close and less busy Because the Whitman Center seems to have more personal interaction	1
between the students and the teacher, because of the smaller class sizes.	
Better parking, more personal	1
Close to home and everyone has been very helpful	1
Close to home and I still feel I get the best education	1
Close to home and learn the same stuff.	1
Close to home, better parking	1
Close to home, easier to get to	1
Close to home, friendly and helpful staff	1
Close to home, small class sizes, friendly atmosphere.	1
Close to home, smaller classes, more likely to get into the classes I want.	1
Close to home/work/great instructors.	1
Close, and I have had a better experience	1
Close, convenient and friendly staff	1
Closer to home and I'm more familiar with the Whitman Center	1
Convenient and friendly like a little family Convenient, accommodating, very nice atmosphere, allows more time for stud closer to my job	1 1
Easier to get to, convenient and great place to attend college	1
Easier to get to. More familiar.	1
Hated driving to main for science classes	1
I feel comfortable here	1
I feel I have a better connection with the teacher since the classes are smaller	1
I feel like this school is more inviting, and I just really enjoy this center.	1
I just feel more comfortable	1
I like the courses here much better	1
I like the location, size, and people	1
I love the environment	1
I love this area! It is convenient if I have to travel then, I'd travel to Toledo!	1
I will always choose the Whitman Center over main campus I wouldn't have to go to a bigger school and spend thousands upon thousands be in such big debt.	s and 1
I'd be able to take more classes and it wouldn't conflict with my schedule	1
I'd rather be here	1

If it offered all the classes I need for the degree, I would be happy. Not planning on transferring.	1
If it wasn't offered at Main campus I'd take it at the Whitman Center. It would be easier access to those courses	1
If you would offer Physical Therapy Assistant, and it was at Whitman, I would take everything and never transfer.	1
It is better, more comfortable for me.	1
It is closer and I am happy with the instructors. It is closer to home. I would transfer colleges if I had to take them all at the main campus.	1
It is much more peaceful at the Whitman Center opposed to the main campus	1
It is near my home and I like the atmosphere better then main campus.  It is very convenient for me. It is a safe/clean facility. Everyone so friendly. I really like it here.	1
it's affordable and atmosphere is great	1
It's close to all the graduates around here.	1
it's closer & I feel more comfortable with everything so close	1
it's closer for me and you can have better relations and Q & A with professors	1
It's closer to home and I like the atmosphere. It's closer to where I live. It's comfortable and classes are smaller and more focused	1
It's closer with a better atmosphere	1
It's friendly, close to home, great teachers - smaller classes - if classes are not available here, I choose to do internet classes.	1
It's more convenient & a friendlier atmosphere	1
Location and size, really friendly staff	1
Love the location. Quality, challenging instructors.	1
More to offer	1
My degree is there with an associate degree	1
Nice campus, close to home	1
No need to go elsewhere.	3
Place to get started on the road to a better education	1
Relaxed easy to get around environment	1
Still has amazing teachers	1
That's where I'd take my classes.	1
The best solution	1
The instructors are very knowledgeable and know their material.  The location is perfect for me as MCCC campus and Owens are equal distance from me, and neither are all that convenient to drive to on a work day, which is basically every day.	1
Total	215

# Why?: "No" Responses to #28

	Frequency
WC is further away.	12
Transferring to a 4-year institution	7
Because I like new environments	
I am a writing fellow; thus, the main campus is necessary	1
I like going to the main campus as well	1
I think Main Campus is bettter, plus, they're the same distance from home	1
I work in the writing center, and writing fellows don't usually come down here. Less resources.	1
I would make my first choice the main campus then choose Whitman Center as a last resort.	1
No gym	2
No library on campus	1
The easiest option isn't always the best	1
This is just a building; Monroe has a campus of buildings	1
Too far of a drive and no cafe to eat at. No relaxing place to sit.	1
too small of class sizes	1
Whitman Center is too small for a welding shop	1
Total	32

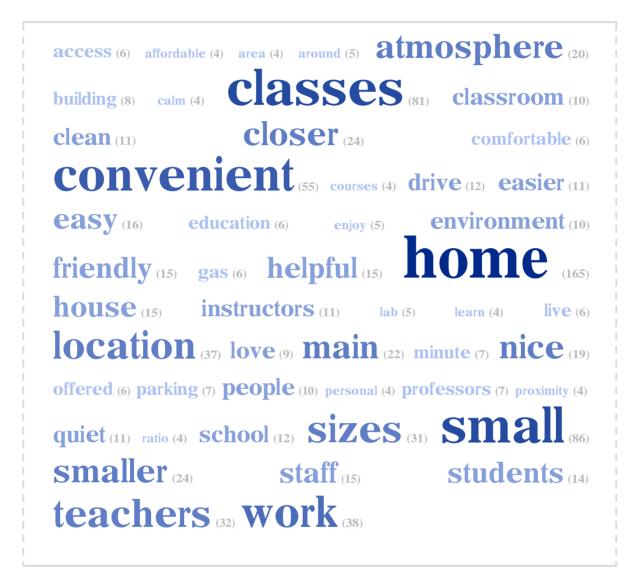
# Why?: "Don't Know" Responses to #28

	Frequency
Because of my principal	1
Because you can't bring labs into such a small building	1
Close, convenient	1
Depends	1
Doesn't matter	1
Further away from home, I prefer the main campus	1
How would it affect me in a familiar environment?	1
I like the Whitman Center, but I think the main campus would be better	1
I'm only dual enrolling	1
Maybe if it offered a 4 year degree plan	1
The Whitman Center is closer to school but the main campus is closer to home.	1
Total	11

Which best describes how you view the Whitman Center?

	Frequency	Percent
A place to take courses	96	24.9
A campus	68	17.6
A college	169	43.8
A center	53	13.7
Total	386	100.0

Note: In hindsight this question could have been improved, as the responses are not necessarily mutually exclusive.



### **Notes**

Area = lobby area

**Around** = easy to get around

Education = quality education

Classes = small, easy to find

Main = closer and smaller than the main campus

Offered = course times and abundance of courses

**People** = positive statements toward staff and the students who attend

Ratio = favorable student:teacher ratio

**School** = similar to high school, close to school

add (12) adding (7) area (5) available (13) better (12) bigger (18) Classes (195) computer (14) Courses (55) degree (4) education (4) fall (5) fine (6) food (5) hours (7) lab (18) larger (4) library (9) main (17) major (4) math (10) night (5) nothing (6) Offer (139) online (8) open (11) program (6) range (4) science (9) services (4) spring (4) staff (5) students (12) study (7) summer (6) teachers (6) times (4) tutoring (20) variety (7) writing (7)

# **Notes**

Add = courses, more times, clocks in rooms, educational material in lobby rather than magazines like Rolling Stone

Area = add a computer or study area

**Better** = variety of courses, teachers, staff, atmosphere, food, and vending machines

Fall = have to wait until Fall to take courses

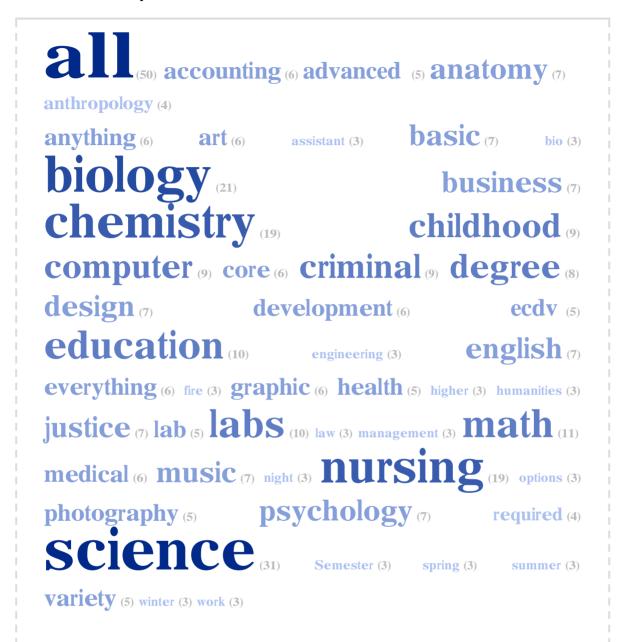
Online = more online classes; some complained that math is online while others said it should be completely online

**Open** = have more computer lab hours; open in the spring/summer

**Program** = add a peer tutoring program, add more programs, modify the math program

**Writing** = increase the number of writing fellows

**Education** = two references to childhood education



## Notes

Many of the words within the cloud comprise phrases (e.g. childhood development, criminal justice, fire science, graphic design).

**Assistant** = the request of a physical therapy or occupational therapy program.

Work = social work

**Education** = stands alone or refers to early childhood education