

**Foothill College Student Accreditation Survey  
Overall Observations, Foothill Research, November 2010**

Survey Administration

The student survey was developed in conjunction with De Anza College to provide evidence of student perceptions of the colleges for the accreditation self-study process. The initial questions were based on those asked in the 2004 Accreditation Survey, with additions and modifications made by both Foothill and De Anza College administrators, faculty, staff, and students. The Foothill College survey was reviewed and approved by the shared governance process (Academic Senate, Accreditation Committee, Administrative Council, Associated Students of Foothill College, Classified Senate, and Planning and Resource Council) during Fall 2010. During the last week of October 2010, all enrolled students were invited to participate through an email invitation from President Judy Miner that provided the link to the survey site. The response rate was 10% of 15,353 or 1,480 students.

The survey included five sections for a total of 44 questions. These sections included questions about

"Knowledge related to my academic field of interest" received the highest mean score rating in the learning section, while "using library resources for a research project" received the lowest mean score in that section.

"Clean campus," "computer access," and "safe and secure campus" received the highest mean score ratings in the resources section, while "help in selecting classes and developing an educational plan," "help in getting financial assistance to pay for college," and "help in registering for classes" received the lowest mean scores in that section.

## Foothill Student Accreditation Survey Tables

Note: There were 1,480 respondents to the survey - tables listed here only give valid, non-missing responses on each question.

Table 1. Age Groups

Age Group	N	%
18 or younger	125	9%
19 to 24	356	24%
25 to 29	196	13%
30 to 34	110	8%
35 to 39	97	7%
40 to 49	182	12%
50 to 59	245	17%
60 or over	159	11%
Total	1,470	100%

Table 2. Gender

Gender	N	%
Female	903	63%
Male	538	37%
Total	1,441	100%

**Table 3. Ethnicity**

Ethnicity	N	%
Asian	267	18%

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**Table 8. Summary of Responses to Learning Experiences Items**

**Note:** Students were asked to rate their agreement to whether or not Foothill had improved their knowledge, skills, and abilities in each area.

**Note 2:** Mean scores are calculated on SA=4, A=3, D=2, SD=1 scale.

**Note 3:** Mean scores are calculated using Valid Ns.

**Note 4:** Items are ranked by their mean scores.

#	Learning Experience Item	Valid N	Mean Score	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do Not Know Does Not Apply N
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**Table 9A. Summary of Responses to Resources Items**

**Note:** Students were asked to rate their agreement to whether or not Foothill had provided resources that met their needs as a student in the listed areas.

**Note 2:** Mean scores are calculated on SA=4, A=3, D=2, SD=1 scale.

**Note 3:** Mean scores are calculated using Valid Ns.

**Note 4:** Items are ranked by their mean scores.

#	Resource Item	Valid N	Mean Score	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do Not Know Does Not Apply N
5.	Clean campus	1,209	3.41	1%	4%	47%	47%	229
1.	Computer access	1,004	3.40	2%	5%	44%	49%	429
7.	Safe and secure campus	1,163	3.37	1%	4%	52%	43%	268
6.	Sustainable and environmentally-friendly campus	1,051	3.35	2%	5%	50%	44%	374
11.	Health services	666	3.30	3%	6%	49%	42%	756
10.	Access for students with disabilities	537	3.26	3%	8%	49%	40%	886
14.	Places to study	910	3.25	3%	8%	51%	39%	513
13.	Laboratory equipment	684	3.24	3%	6%	55%	36%	742
12.	Library materials	461	3.24	3%	8%	49%	40%	886

**Table 9B. Summary of Responses to Resources Items, Continued**

**Note:** Students were asked to rate their agreement to whether or not Foothill had provided resources that met their needs as a student in the listed areas.

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#	Resource Item	Valid N	Mean Score	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do Not Know Does Not Apply N
8.	Parking	1,189	2.98	7%	16%	49%	28%	249
18.	Help in selecting classes and developing an educational plan	840	2.97	9%	16%	46%	30%	576
17.	Help in getting financial assistance to pay for college	564	2.96	9%	18%	41%	32%	852
16.	Help in registering for classes	1,031	2.90	9%	19%	44%	28%	391
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,480</b>						