

GAVILAN  COLLEGE
STUDENT VOICES PROJECT

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE HERE AT GAVILAN COLLEGE?

1. My English class (5)
2. "General Counselors should care more about students."
3. Figuring out what pre-requisite classes I needed to take and fitting them in my Ed. Plan
4. Independent study – finding instructors to oversee it and what's available.
5. Trying to get my grades up with help of an advisor
6. To communicate with Bilingual people (3)
7. Transportation – hard to get to Gavilan
8. Finding out about nursing program – What classes are needed, what the schedule is, rules always seem to be changing.
9. Contacting my teachers (2) – trying to communicate via email and having them not respond
10. Getting to class on time (4)
11. The counselors here need to be more informed. I'm tired of one counselor giving me advice only to speak to another counselor and find out I was given wrong information. "
12. Finding times/days for classes that suite me
13. Completing all the assignments, turning them in complete, studying for tests (2)
14. Getting into classes filled by pre - priority registration (2)
15. Limited classes, registration
16. Communication between departments
17. Trying to juggle work, family and school (4)
–"needs to be more flexibility with classes, more online classes, more evening/weekend classes"
18. Math (6)
 - a. Finite class
 - b. Math 402
19. To finish school (4) -
 - a. -completing units, not dropping all my classes
20. Focus (7)
21. "Finding out what requirements are for transferring to a 4-year institution - counselors never told me that it takes 1 year to start your application process"
22. Do good in my classes (3)
"Getting good grades"
23. Identifying as a student. I need support to know I can get through school and that I belong
24. Coming to class everyday
25. Making time for studying (4) , staying on top of out-of-class assignments, making sure I understand the assignments and getting homework correct
26. Finding a counselor who takes the time to do their job

27. Not having safe drinking water because of the pipes
28. Getting information on the things I need to know
29. Avoiding procrastination (3)
 - a. "I could get away with it in High School but not in college"
30. Deciding to come to school (2)
31. Paying for units and high prices of books
32. Finding Scholarships (2)
33. "Not getting into the classes wanted (full), Taking tests in a hurry...since when is knowledge timed?, On-line classes are hard to use. The school needs a program for older students that want to do the work faster, like Monday thru Thursday 12-6 with one class per month"
34. Passing difficult classes such as Biology
35. Speaking English
36. Stress (2) and meeting instructors demands
37. Finals
38. Filling out FAFSA
39. Not knowing where to get help or how to apply for Financial Aid or scholarships

Q: WHAT DID YOU FIND THE MOST USEFUL AS A NEW STUDENT?

1. Financial Aid (3)
2. Counselors (9)
3. Trio
 - a. "Finding a program (TRIO) with a counselor that took the time to get to know me and my goals (a 30 min. appt.)"
4. Puente
5. DRC (2)
6. Gavilan website (on-line resources)
7. Self-Service Banner (2)
8. Conversation Group and Grammar class
9. Tutoring (4)
 - a. "Finding the tutoring center, this has been the key to academic success for me"
10. Writing Center (2)
 - a. "Found a community of friends and writers"
11. Sara Aranyukal (2)
12. Mesa
13. Book lending
14. Computer lending
15. Fellow students (8)
16. Teacher's help in class (5)

17. Attending class everyday
18. Balanced schedule
19. Joining Rho Alpha Mu
20. Posted information at the Hollister Briggs building
21. SI instruction in classes
22. Math lab (2)
23. Library
24. Cafeteria
25. Supportive boyfriend
26. EOPS Counselor
27. EOPS/Care program helped me tremendously. They gave so much information.

Q: WHAT FACTORS HAVE ASSISTED YOU IN SCHOOL?

1. Family and faculty has helped a lot. I got help with Financial Aid and with Judy.
2. I was able to get into a class because of ROP. They've helped a lot this year. (2)
3. I found DRC assistance very useful. (5)
4. The Faculty email list.
5. TRIO (9) – Leticia Palacios!
6. Being involved in clubs! Science Alliance (2) helped me connect to the school. Before I just came to class then went home but now I have connections with students, faculty and the campus. Its opened a lot of doors for me!
7. The Mesa and EOPS centers. The help with school books was very needed and Mesa has great counselors and academic help.
8. Mesa program – Sarah and Eddie big help. (7)
9. Tutoring Center (6)
10. SI sessions (2)
11. Denise Besson-Silva Communication Club!
12. The EOPS/Care staff have helped me so much, it's like having a family at school. (5)
13. RAM
14. Instructors
15. Teachers who interact with the students and care for input have always made school more comfortable and have helped to push individualism which in turn makes students stronger and more willing.
16. The help in funding for my education. (Financial aid) (9)
17. Writing center – very useful and helped (4)
18. My counselor (6)

19. Counseling department
20. Information in the front lobby. (2)
21. The college staff members have played an important role in my success. I can even name several staff members that have really given support.
22. PUENTE (3)
23. Family (5)
24. Students (2)
25. My girlfriend because she pushes me to study and do better.
26. My family, friends, teacher support and encouragement, as well as support from fellow classmates
27. FAFSA on-line
28. As working full time and being a full time student, the professors have been helpful in working with my schedule and the time I have and the time they have available to assist me.
29. Math Lab (3)
30. Teachers as well as the printed catalog have helped me pick the right classes to add
31. My friends and family have really supported me in going to college. And the staff has helped me to stay.
32. Ilearn
33. On-line assistance with information for classes (2)
34. Library reference desk
35. Computer lab (3)
36. Library (3)
37. I get help in both Math Lab and writing center. I love going to the writing center because I get a lot of work done in there and the people there are very nice. I will hopefully apply there and start helping others.
38. Having a schedule and following it has helped me the most.
39. Darlene Del Carmen who assisted me with setting up my Ed Plan.
40. The greatest factor that has assisted me this semester and throughout school is Darlene Del Carmen for helping me out, find my classes and the great advice being the best counselor.