

**Community College Survey of Student Engagement - Taft College**

**2012 Means Report - Main Survey**

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Item 4: In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?									
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4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions [ACTCOLL]	CLQUEST	481	2.94	133,138	2.99		451,985	2.94	
4b. Made a class presentation [ACTCOLL]	CLPRESEN	479	2.23	132,583	2.11		450,165	2.11	
4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in [STUEFF]	REWROPAP	478	2.78	132,122	2.52	0.25**	448,466	2.52	0.25**
4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources [STUEFF]	INTEGRAT	478	2.97	132,320	2.78	0.21**	448,885	2.79	
4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments [STUEFF]	CLUNPREP	474	1.84	131,965	1.79		447,891	1.82	
4f. Worked with other students on projects during class [ACTCOLL]	CLASSGRP	474	2.58	131,778	2.53		447,212	2.51	
4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments [ACTCOLL]	OCCGRP	475	2.01	132,136	1.96		448,547	1.92	
4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary) [ACTCOLL]	TUTOR	475	1.53	132,386	1.40		449,482	1.39	0.20**
4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course [ACTCOLL]	COMMPROJ	473	1.39	131,854	1.35		447,326	1.33	
4j. Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	INTERNET	470	3.09	131,827	3.02		447,379	3.01	
4k. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor [STUFAC]	EMAIL	472	2.83	132,099	2.82		448,271	2.81	
4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor [STUFAC]	FACGRADE	472	2.70	132,208	2.63		448,736	2.59	
4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor [STUFAC]	FACPLANS	477	2.22	131,946	2.16		447,772	2.08	
4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class [STUFAC]	FACIDEAS	474	1.92	131,757	1.81		446,947	1.77	
4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance [STUFAC]	FACFEED	472	2.89	131,967	2.71	0.20**	447,811	2.70	0.22**

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4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations [ACCHALL]	WORKHARD	472	2.70	132,144	2.63		448,210	2.61	
4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework [STUFAC]	FACOTH	471	1.50	131,109	1.48		444,561	1.43	
4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) [ACTCOLL]	OOCIDEAS	472	2.61	132,440	2.58		449,294	2.57	
4s. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	DIVRSTUD	471	2.52	132,270	2.32		448,756	2.42	
4t. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTUD	473	2.43	132,068	2.31		448,117	2.35	
4u. Skipped class	SKIPCLAS	473	1.56	132,532	1.51		449,725	1.54	
Item 5: During the current school year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?									
1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very much									
5a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	476	2.95	132,724	2.85		450,411	2.86	
5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory [ACCHALL]	ANALYZE	473	3.00	132,299	2.88		448,937	2.90	
5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways [ACCHALL]	SYNTHEsz	470	2.96	131,779	2.76	0.22**	446,955	2.78	0.21**
5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods [ACCHALL]	EVALUATE	472	2.73	131,903	2.60		447,425	2.61	
5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations [ACCHALL]	APPLYING	469	2.76	132,119	2.71		448,245	2.71	
5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill [ACCHALL]	PERFORM	475	2.87	132,552	2.85		449,832	2.83	

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Item 6: During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done at this college?									
1 = None, 2 = Between 1 and 4, 3 = Between 5 and 10, 4 = Between 11 and 20, 5 = More than 20									
6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings [ACCHALL]	READASGN	464	2.92	131,561	2.94		446,519	2.91	
6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment [STUEFF]	READOWN	465	2.11	131,609	2.08		446,566	2.10	
6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length [ACCHALL]	WRITEANY	464	2.97	131,515	2.91		446,235	2.90	
Item 7									
1 = Extremely easy ... 7 = Extremely challenging									
7. Mark the response that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college [ACCHALL]	EXAMS	453	5.11	127,009	5.03		429,656	4.99	
Item 9: How much does this college emphasize each of the following?									
1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very much									
9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying [ACCHALL]	ENVSCHOL	466	3.23	131,565	3.05	0.22**	446,322	3.02	0.24**
9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college [SUPPORT]	ENVSUPRT	466	3.42	131,389	3.04	0.45**	445,591	3.00	0.49**
9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds [SUPPORT]	ENVDIVRS	465	2.90	130,888	2.53	0.36**	443,940	2.55	0.34**
9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.) [SUPPORT]	ENVNACAD	463	2.27	130,946	2.02	0.26**	443,970	1.97	0.30**
9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially [SUPPORT]	ENVSOCAL	463	2.57	130,362	2.24	0.35**	441,859	2.19	0.40**
9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education [SUPPORT]	FINSUPP	459	2.73	130,786	2.66		442,893	2.56	
9g. Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMP	465	3.46	131,398	3.23	0.25**	445,571	3.20	0.28**

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Item 10: About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?									
0 = None, 1 = 1-5 hours, 2 = 6-10 hours, 3 = 11-20 hours, 4 = 21-30 hours, 5 = More than 30 hours									
10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) [STUEFF]	ACADPR01	463	2.05	131,271	2.05		445,309	2.02	
10b. Working for pay	PAYWORK	461	2.36	130,851	2.66		443,694	2.78	-0.21**
10c. Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	463	0.45	130,989	0.34		444,175	0.29	0.22**
10d. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01	464	1.80	130,647	1.99		442,937	1.83	
10e. Commuting to and from classes	COMMUTE	464	1.45	130,955	1.36		443,753	1.35	
Item 11: Mark the number that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at this college.									
1 = Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation ... 7 = Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging									
11a. Other students	ENVSTU	466	5.77	131,454	5.60		445,730	5.49	0.21**
11b. Instructors	ENVFAC	466	6.13	131,455	5.74	0.31**	445,792	5.68	0.36**
11c. Administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	466	5.72	131,350	5.18	0.35**	444,938	4.97	0.47**
Item 12: How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?									
1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very much									
12a. Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	464	3.26	130,951	2.99	0.31**	443,725	2.98	0.32**
12b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	465	2.64	130,749	2.70		442,831	2.58	
12c. Writing clearly and effectively	GNWRITE	464	3.04	130,799	2.78	0.28**	443,262	2.77	0.29**
12d. Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	464	2.99	130,740	2.70	0.31**	442,956	2.68	0.33**
12e. Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	465	3.19	130,678	2.96	0.26**	442,857	2.94	0.28**

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12f. Solving numerical problems	GNSOLVE	465	3.06	130,549	2.70	0.37**	442,413	2.67	0.40**
12g. Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS	462	3.07	130,640	2.85	0.22**	442,570	2.79	0.28**
12h. Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	463	3.08	130,705	2.83	0.28**	442,894	2.78	0.32**
12i. Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	462	3.20	130,691	2.97	0.26**	442,901	2.95	0.27**
12j. Understanding yourself	GNSELF	461	2.92	130,501	2.68	0.24**	442,221	2.66	0.26**
12k. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	460	2.76	130,297	2.41	0.34**	441,483	2.43	0.32**
12l. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	462	2.74	130,337	2.46	0.28**	441,479	2.43	0.30**
12m. Contributing to the welfare of your community	GNCOMMUN	460	2.31	130,085	2.12		440,523	2.06	0.25**
12n. Developing clearer career goals	CARGOAL	459	3.01	130,565	2.77	0.25**	442,426	2.71	0.30**
12o. Gaining information about career opportunities	GAINCAR	463	2.84	130,763	2.65		443,101	2.58	0.25**
Item 13.1: How often do you use the following services at this college?									
1 = Rarely/Never, 2 = Sometimes, 3 = Often (Don't know/N.A. category not included in means calculations)									
13.1a. Academic advising/planning [SUPPORT]	USEACAD	422	1.99	120,616	1.85	0.20**	406,835	1.79	0.29**
13.1b. Career counseling [SUPPORT]	USECACOU	399	1.82	103,253	1.44	0.61**	350,709	1.44	0.61**
13.1c. Job placement assistance	USEJOBPL	289	1.31	77,423	1.28		260,172	1.24	
13.1d. Peer or other tutoring [STUEFF]	USETUTOR	355	1.65	97,568	1.50	0.22**	328,776	1.49	0.23**

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13.1e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.) [STUEFF]	USELAB	375	2.09	101,876	1.79	0.38**	342,515	1.74	0.45**
13.1f. Child care	USECHLD	220	1.35	55,965	1.22	0.23**	189,286	1.18	0.34**
13.1g. Financial aid advising	USEFAADV	376	1.97	109,801	1.94		358,536	1.89	
13.1h. Computer lab [STUEFF]	USECOMLB	397	2.06	114,833	2.13		383,992	2.09	
13.1i. Student organizations	USESTORG	319	1.57	85,560	1.41	0.25**	281,721	1.37	0.33**
13.1j. Transfer credit assistance	USETRCRD	327	1.80	82,047	1.54	0.37**	284,743	1.53	0.41**
13.1k. Services to students with disabilities	USEDISAB	240	1.49	55,218	1.33	0.24**	188,476	1.31	0.30**
Item 13.2: How satisfied are you with the following services at this college?									
1 = Not at all, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Very (N.A. category not included in means calculations)									
13.2a. Academic advising/planning	SATACAD	386	2.47	110,038	2.30	0.27**	363,713	2.23	0.36**
13.2b. Career counseling	SATCACOU	343	2.39	76,635	2.07	0.46**	253,466	2.05	0.49**
13.2c. Job placement assistance	SATJOBPL	215	1.99	52,031	1.85		161,867	1.81	0.25**
13.2d. Peer or other tutoring	SATTUTOR	280	2.37	69,228	2.20	0.24**	227,193	2.19	0.26**
13.2e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	SATLAB	320	2.50	79,045	2.30	0.32**	256,713	2.29	0.33**
13.2f. Child care	SATCHLD	143	2.08	30,261	1.81	0.34**	92,856	1.78	0.38**
13.2g. Financial aid advising	SATFAADV	335	2.36	97,075	2.31		305,122	2.24	

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13.2h. Computer lab	SATCOMLB	345	2.55	103,378	2.51		337,734	2.50	
13.2i. Student organizations	SATSTORG	241	2.09	58,874	2.04		182,106	2.01	
13.2j. Transfer credit assistance	SATTRCRD	279	2.28	62,266	2.10	0.25**	209,235	2.07	0.29**
13.2k. Services to students with disabilities	SATDISAB	176	2.26	35,139	2.07		110,961	2.04	0.27**
Item 13.3: How important are the following services to you at this college?									
1 = Not at all, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Very									
13.3a. Academic advising/planning	IMPACAD	435	2.62	124,882	2.57		422,309	2.56	
13.3b. Career counseling	IMPCACOU	430	2.60	123,165	2.30	0.38**	416,312	2.32	0.35**
13.3c. Job placement assistance	IMPJOBPL	426	2.04	121,534	2.11		410,673	2.09	
13.3d. Peer or other tutoring	IMPTUTOR	425	2.30	121,553	2.15		410,882	2.15	
13.3e. Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)	IMPLAB	422	2.40	121,050	2.23	0.20**	409,218	2.23	0.21**
13.3f. Child care	IMPCHLD	425	1.78	120,228	1.76		406,071	1.74	
13.3g. Financial aid advising	IMPFAADV	430	2.57	121,985	2.52		411,649	2.48	
13.3h. Computer lab	IMPCOMLB	421	2.44	122,227	2.48		412,574	2.45	
13.3i. Student organizations	IMPSTORG	417	2.01	120,128	1.88		405,495	1.87	
13.3j. Transfer credit assistance	IMPTRCRD	422	2.36	121,320	2.21		410,026	2.24	

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13.3k. Services to students with disabilities	IMPDISAB	421	2.12	120,887	2.06		408,286	2.05	
Item 14: How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college?									
1 = Not likely, 2 = Somewhat likely, 3 = Likely, 4 = Very likely									
14a. Working full-time	WRKFULL	459	2.33	130,574	2.18		442,051	2.21	
14b. Caring for dependents	CAREDEP	459	2.00	130,256	1.93		440,818	1.93	
14c. Academically unprepared	ACADUNP	458	1.65	129,848	1.65		439,412	1.68	
14d. Lack of finances	LACKFIN	460	2.38	130,215	2.51		440,731	2.50	
14e. Transfer to a 4-year college or university	TRANSFER	459	2.54	130,273	2.28	0.22**	441,033	2.44	
Item 15									
1 = Not very, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Extremely									
15. How supportive are your friends of your attending this college?	FRNDSUPP	458	3.36	130,809	3.29		442,855	3.25	
Item 16									
1 = Not very, 2 = Somewhat, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Extremely									
16. How supportive is your immediate family of your attending this college?	FAMSUPP	458	3.59	130,440	3.53		441,768	3.50	
Item 23									
0 = None, 1 = 1-14 credits, 2 = 15-29 credits, 3 = 30-44 credits, 4 = 45-60 credits, 5 = Over 60 credits									
23. How many total credit hours have you earned at this college, not counting the courses you are currently taking this term?	TOTCHRS	455	1.77	129,724	2.10	-0.22**	439,067	2.07	-0.20**

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<b>Item 25</b>									
1 = None, 2 = 1 class, 3 = 2 classes, 4 = 3 classes, 5 = 4 classes or more credits									
25. How many classes are you presently taking at other institutions?	OTHINST	462	1.48	131,073	1.40		443,502	1.40	
<b>Item 27</b>									
1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Good, 4 = Excellent									
27. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this college?	ENTIREXP	461	3.45	131,123	3.16	0.42**	443,799	3.14	0.45**

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