



## Fall 1999 Entering Freshmen Survey Report

	N=407 Total #	Total %
<b>Majors Reported:</b>		
<b>Letters, Arts and Sciences</b>		
Anthropology	2	0.5%
Biology	23	5.6%
Chemistry	6	1.5%
Communication	14	3.4%
Distributed Studies	3	0.7%
Economics	0	0.0%
English	14	3.4%
Fine Arts	8	1.9%
Geography	0	0.0%
History	3	0.7%
Mathematics	4	1.0%
Physics	2	0.5%
Philosophy	2	0.5%
Political Science	6	1.5%
Psychology	27	6.6%
Sociology	7	1.7%
Spanish	1	0.2%
Special Education	3	0.7%
Undecided	71	17.5%
<b>Pre-professional Programs:</b>		
Pre-Dental Hygiene	0	0.0%
Pre-Dentistry	2	0.5%
Pre-Education	9	2.2%
Pre-Journalism	0	0.0%
Pre-Med Technology	0	0.0%
Pre-Medicine	14	3.4%
Pre-Nursing	4	1.0%
Pre-Pharmacy	3	0.7%
Pre-Physical Therapy	3	0.7%
<b>Engineering:</b>		
Applied Mathematics	2	0.5%
Computer Science	49	11.9%
Electrical Engineering	4	1.0%
Mechanical Engineering	11	2.7%
Undecided	21	5.3%
<b>Business:</b>		
Accounting	10	2.4%
Accounting/Information Systems	2	0.5%
Finance	2	0.5%
Finance/Information Systems	0	0.0%
Information Systems	4	1.0%
Information Systems/Accounting	0	0.0%
International Business	4	1.0%
Marketing	5	1.2%
Personnel-Human Resources Mgt.	2	0.5%
Productions and Operations Mgt.	1	0.2%
Organizational Management	2	0.5%
Undecided	30	7.3%
<b>Beth-El College of Nursing</b>		
Health Care Services	6	1.5%
Nursing	23	5.6%
<b>College Reported:</b>		
LAS (Letters, Arts and Sciences)	178	45.1%
ENG (Engineering)	90	22.8%

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BUS (Business)	62	15.7%
NURS (Beth-El)	33	8.4%
LAS/ED - Special Education	32	8.1%
<b>Demographic Information:</b>		
<b>Mean Age:</b>	18	
<b>Gender:</b>		
Male	161	39.8%
Female	244	60.2%
<b>Ethnicity:</b> (Respondents asked to circle only one)		
1 - White (Anglo/Caucasian)	307	76.0%
2 - African American	14	3.5%
3 - Latino/Chicano/Hispano	51	12.6%
4 - Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander	30	7.4%
5 - Native American/American Indian/Aleut	2	0.5%

#### Student's Self-Reported Goals

The following questions assess background, aspirations and goals. The questions are designed to elicit information on the student's past and expectations concerning their college education.

1. Why did you choose CU-Colorado Springs? (Each item was rated from 3 = very important, 2 = somewhat important, to 1 = not important at all)

A. School was cost competitive		
1 - not important at all	51	13.1%
2 - somewhat important	173	44.5%
3 - very important	165	42.4%
B. I could live in parents' home while attending CU-Colorado Springs		
1 - not important at all	170	45.6%
2 - somewhat important	63	16.9%
3 - very important	140	37.5%
C. I am employed in the area		
1 - not important at all	218	58.6%
2 - somewhat important	84	22.6%
3 - very important	70	18.8%
D. The school's academic reputation		
1 - not important at all	24	6.3%
2 - somewhat important	204	53.8%
3 - very important	151	39.8%
E. Friends came to CU-Colorado Springs		
1 - not important at all	235	63.3%
2 - somewhat important	103	27.8%
3 - very important	33	8.9%
F. Good reputation of the faculty		
1 - not important at all	57	15.2%
2 - somewhat important	203	54.3%
3 - very important	114	30.5%
G. CU-Colorado Springs offered the major I wanted		
1 - not important at all	44	11.5%
2 - somewhat important	109	28.5%
3 - very important	229	59.9%
H. To participate in intercollegiate athletics		
1 - not important at all	278	75.5%
2 - somewhat important	53	14.4%
3 - very important	37	10.1%
I. Other*		
1 - not important at all	7	10.1%
2 - somewhat important	4	5.8%
3 - very important	58	84.1%
* Top 4 "Other" Reasons:		
Location/Environment		
Small Campus		

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**Total #****Total %**

Scholarships/Programs  
Campus, Dorms, Student Life

	<b>Total #</b>	<b>Total %</b>
2. CU-Colorado Springs was my:		
1 - First choice for a university	255	63.3%
2 - Second choice for a university	112	27.8%
3 - Third choice for a university	31	7.7%
4 - Fourth choice or lower	5	1.2%
3. I plan to complete my Bachelor's Degree in _____ years.	MEAN=	4.10
4. How long do you intend to stay at CU-Colorado Springs? (Respondents asked to circle one answer)		
1 - Until I complete my Bachelor's Degree	272	67.7%
2 - Until I get a good job	3	0.7%
3 - Until employment/spouse transfer requires me to leave	1	0.2%
4 - Until I can transfer to another school after one year	30	7.5%
5 - Until I can transfer to another school after two years	42	10.4%
6 - Other	54	13.4%
5. Would you like to study abroad (in another country)?		
1 - Yes	44	11.0%
2 - No	218	54.6%
3 - Yes, if financial aid is available	138	34.4%
6. How many languages (other than English) do you speak fluently?		
0	324	87.3%
1	41	11.1%
2 or more	6	1.6%
7. To how many colleges or universities did you apply?		
One	161	43.4%
Two	99	26.7%
Three	76	20.5%
Four or more	70	18.9%
8. At how many colleges or universities were you accepted?		
One	164	44.2%
Two	105	28.3%
Three	68	18.3%
Four or more	57	15.4%
9. To what extent do you experience difficulty with any of the following things? (Circle 1 to 4 for each item A through E)		
A. Reading		
1 - Not at all	318	79.2%
2 - A little	64	15.9%
3 - A moderate amount	19	4.7%
4 - A great amount	1	0.2%
B. Spelling		
1 - Not at all	224	55.6%
2 - A little	128	31.8%
3 - A moderate amount	40	9.9%
4 - A great amount	11	2.7%
C. Computer Use		
1 - Not at all	168	41.9%
2 - A little	160	39.9%
3 - A moderate amount	63	15.7%
4 - A great amount	10	2.5%
D. Learning new material		
1 - Not at all	218	54.2%
2 - A little	161	40.0%
3 - A moderate amount	22	5.5%
4 - A great amount	1	0.2%
E. Paying attention		
1 - Not at all	206	51.1%

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2 - A little	162	40.2%
3 - A moderate amount	28	6.9%
4 - A great amount	7	1.7%
10. Which of the categories below best describes your student status?		
1 - New freshman with no previous college work	289	71.5%
2 - New freshman with some college work completed while in high school	113	28.0%
3 - Transfer from a community college with at least 12 hours of course credit earned	2	0.5%
4 - Transfer from a four year college/university with at least 12 hours of course credit earned	0	0.0%
11. Just how much do you enjoy going to school?		
4 - Very much	118	29.1%
3 - Some	245	60.3%
2 - A little	37	9.1%
1 - Not at all	6	1.5%
12. I believe that school work is important.		
5 - Almost always	246	60.6%
4 - Often	141	34.7%
3 - Sometimes	19	4.7%
2 - Seldom	0	0.0%
1 - Never	0	0.0%
13. Most of my classes in the past have been interesting to me.		
5 - Almost always	72	17.8%
4 - Often	177	43.7%
3 - Sometimes	144	35.6%
2 - Seldom	12	3.0%
1 - Never	0	0.0%
14. Think of your friends. How has your school work compared to your friends' school work?		
5 - Better than all of them	29	7.2%
4 - Better than most of them	213	52.9%
3 - About the same	154	38.2%
2 - Poorer than most of them	7	1.7%
1 - Poorer than all of them	0	0.0%
15. Think of students in your class. How did your school work compare to other students in your classes?		
5 - Better than all of them	13	3.2%
4 - Better than most of them	251	62.3%
3 - About the same	133	33.0%
2 - Poorer than most of them	6	1.5%
1 - Poorer than all of them	0	0.0%
16. If you could somehow get a "mail-order" degree that was accepted as fully as the degree you seek (but without doing any academic work), would you seek the mail-order degree?		
5 - Definitely yes	20	5.0%
4 - Probably yes	34	8.5%
3 - Don't know	124	31.0%
2 - Probably no	121	30.3%
1 - Definitely no	101	25.3%
17. As you continue in college, what type of student will you be?		
5 - One of the best	90	22.4%
4 - Better than most of the students	211	52.5%
3 - Same as most of the students	100	24.9%
2 - Below most of the students	0	0.0%
1 - One of the worst	1	0.2%
18. If your intended career requires more than 4 years of college (e.g., M.D., Ph.D., etc.), are you willing to put in the necessary time and work to accomplish this level of education?		
5 - Yes, for sure	267	68.3%
4 - Yes, probably	107	27.4%
3 - Maybe	17	4.3%
2 - No, probably not	0	0.0%
1 - No, for sure	0	0.0%
19. Would you like to complete an advanced degree?		
1 - No	74	19.2%

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2 - Yes, a Master's Degree	177	45.9%
3 - Yes, a Doctoral Degree	58	15.0%
4 - Yes, a professional degree (law, medical, dentistry, etc.)	77	19.9%
20. Forget how your teachers mark your work. How good do you think your work is?		
5 - Excellent	48	11.9%
4 - Above most of the students	269	66.6%
3 - Same as most of the students	83	20.5%
2 - Below most of the students	4	1.0%
1 - Poor	0	0.0%
21. How good a student do you think you can be at CU-Colorado Springs?		
5 - One of the best	107	26.6%
4 - Better than most of the students	207	51.4%
3 - Same as most of the students	89	22.1%
2 - Below most of the students	0	0.0%
1 - One of the worst	0	0.0%
22. I have a good support system (e.g., friends, family, spouse) that will help me succeed in college.		
5 - Definitely yes	296	73.3%
4 - Probably yes	95	23.5%
3 - Don't know	12	3.0%
2 - Probably no	1	0.2%
1 - Definitely no	0	0.0%
(Students were asked: How would you rate your abilities and yourself in the following areas? Check one answer for each question.)		
23a. ORAL COMMUNICATION (e.g., public speaking, small groups, one-on-one)		
Very Poor	1	0.2%
Poor	22	5.4%
Fair	118	29.2%
Good	196	48.5%
Excellent	67	16.6%
23b. Would you like to improve this skill?		
Yes	364	92.4%
No	30	7.6%
24a. QUANTITATIVE SKILLS (e.g., math, statistics)		
Very Poor	10	2.5%
Poor	39	9.7%
Fair	125	30.9%
Good	182	45.0%
Excellent	48	11.9%
24b. Would you like to improve this skill?		
Yes	379	94.8%
No	21	5.3%
25a. SCIENTIFIC REASONING (e.g., qualitative reasoning, scientific method)		
Very Poor	2	0.5%
Poor	28	6.9%
Fair	157	39.0%
Good	184	45.7%
Excellent	32	7.9%
25b. Would you like to improve this skill?		
Yes	377	95.2%
No	19	4.8%
26a. WRITING SKILLS		
Very Poor	2	0.5%
Poor	19	4.7%
Fair	105	26.0%
Good	216	53.5%
Excellent	62	15.3%

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26b. Would you like to improve this skill?		
Yes	384	96.5%
No	14	3.5%
27a. MULTI-CULTURAL AWARENESS (e.g., sensitivity to others unlike you)		
Very Poor	0	0.0%
Poor	11	2.7%
Fair	75	18.6%
Good	201	49.8%
Excellent	116	29.0%
27b. Would you like to improve this skill?		
Yes	346	87.8%
No	48	12.2%
28. Have you been diagnosed as having a learning disability?		
1 - Yes	8	2.0%
2 - No	387	96.0%
3 - Maybe	8	2.0%
29. Do you suspect you may have a learning disability that hasn't been diagnosed?		
1 - Yes	3	0.7%
2 - No	381	94.8%
3 - Maybe	18	4.5%
30. Do you have any physical handicaps that would impact your academic performance in any way?		
1 - Yes	5	1.2%
2 - No	394	97.8%
3 - Maybe	4	1.0%
31. Would you like someone from Disability Services to contact you regarding this problem?		
1 - Yes	5	1.2%
2 - No	390	97.3%
3 - Maybe	6	1.5%
32. On average, during the school year how many hours per week do you expect to work for pay?		
1 - None	45	11.2%
2 - 5 or less hours	22	5.5%
3 - 6-10 hours	56	13.9%
4 - 11-15 hours	83	20.6%
5 - 16-20 hours	106	26.3%
6 - 21-25 hours	47	11.7%
7 - 26-30 hours	17	4.2%
8 - 31-40 hours	22	5.5%
9 - Over 40 hours	5	1.2%
33. If you could be employed just the number of hours that you wanted, how many hours per week would you PREFER to work during the school year?		
1 - None	46	11.4%
2 - 5 or less hours	22	5.5%
3 - 6-10 hours	86	21.3%
4 - 11-15 hours	97	24.1%
5 - 16-20 hours	76	18.9%
6 - 21-25 hours	42	10.4%
7 - 26-30 hours	20	5.0%
8 - 31-40 hours	8	2.0%
9 - Over 40 hours	6	1.5%
34. How many hours a week do you expect you will spend on completing class assignments, homework, and related study?		
1 - None	0	0.0%
2 - 5 or less hours	8	2.0%
3 - 6-10 hours	68	16.9%
4 - 11-15 hours	87	21.6%
5 - 16-20 hours	89	22.1%
6 - 21-25 hours	67	16.7%
7 - 26-30 hours	51	12.7%
8 - 31-40 hours	18	4.5%
9 - Over 40 hours	14	3.5%

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35. How important will gaining a practical experience within the community (as part of your university degree program) be to your overall education?		
5 - Very important	167	41.4%
4 - Somewhat important	217	53.8%
3 - No importance	12	3.0%
2 - Somewhat unimportant	4	1.0%
1 - Very unimportant	3	0.7%
36. Your educational expenses are paid for by: (Please circle all that apply)	<i>(# responding)</i>	<i>(% responding)</i>
1 - Yourself	183	45.3%
2 - Your parents	296	73.3%
3 - Your spouse	2	0.5%
4 - Student loans	121	30.0%
5 - Grants/scholarships	181	44.8%
6 - Other	26	6.4%
37. Do you own a personal computer? (at least 486 or Pentium PC, or MAC Model 6600)		
1 - Yes	296	73.1%
2 - No	109	26.9%
38. Is your computer connected to the Internet/World Wide Web?		
1 - Yes	272	70.1%
2 - No	116	29.9%
39. What kind of work do you think you will be doing 10 years from now?		
1 - Retired	3	0.8%
2 - Full-time homemaker	7	1.8%
3 - Laborer, service worker, or semi-skilled worker (driver, assembly, cook)	2	0.5%
4 - Clerical, clerk, or office worker (bank teller, bookkeeper, salesperson)	2	0.5%
5 - Protective service (police, fire, detective)	8	2.1%
6 - Military service	4	1.0%
7 - Craft or skilled worker (carpenter, electrician, telephone installer)	5	1.3%
8 - Farm owner or manager	0	0.0%
9 - Owner of a small business (restaurant, store, shop, service)	32	8.2%
10 - Sales representative (insurance agent, real estate broker, bond salesperson)	7	1.8%
11 - Manager or administrator (sales manager, school admin., govt. official)	21	5.4%
12 - Professional w/o doctoral degree (RN, engineer, social worker, accountant, teacher)	206	53.1%
13 - Professional with doctoral degree or equivalent (lawyer, physician, scientist, professor)	91	23.5%



## Entering Freshmen Survey Report A Comparison of Fall 1999 to Fall 1998

Majors Reported:	N=407 1999	N=657 1998
<b>Letters, Arts and Sciences</b>		
Anthropology	0.5%	0.0%
Biology	5.6%	7.0%
Chemistry	1.5%	0.9%
Communication	3.4%	2.9%
Distributed Studies	0.7%	0.0%
Economics	0.0%	0.2%
English	3.4%	2.1%
Fine Arts	1.9%	1.4%
Geography	0.0%	0.5%
History	0.7%	1.4%
Mathematics	1.0%	1.4%
Physics	0.5%	0.6%
Philosophy	0.5%	0.3%
Political Science	1.5%	1.4%
Psychology	6.6%	5.5%
Sociology	1.7%	1.2%
Spanish	0.2%	0.3%
Special Education	0.7%	0.0%
Undecided	17.5%	18.0%
<b>Pre-professional Programs:</b>		
Pre-Dental Hygiene	0.0%	0.2%
Pre-Dentistry	0.5%	0.3%
Pre-Education	2.2%	1.8%
Pre-Journalism	0.0%	0.2%
Pre-Med Technology	0.0%	0.0%
Pre-Medicine	3.4%	4.0%
Pre-Nursing	1.0%	3.2%
Pre-Pharmacy	0.7%	0.0%
Pre-Physical Therapy	0.7%	1.8%
<b>Engineering:</b>		
Applied Mathematics	0.5%	0.3%
Computer Science	11.9%	6.5%
Electrical Engineering	1.0%	4.4%
Mechanical Engineering	2.7%	0.0%
Undecided	5.3%	6.2%
<b>Business:</b>		
Accounting	2.4%	1.5%
Accounting/Information Systems	0.5%	0.0%



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Finance	0.5%	0.3%
Finance/Information Systems	0.0%	0.3%
Information Systems	1.0%	1.1%
Information Systems/Accounting	0.0%	0.0%
International Business	1.0%	1.1%
Marketing	1.2%	1.1%
Personnel-Human Resources Mgt.	0.5%	0.0%
Productions and Operations Mgt.	0.2%	0.0%
Organizational Management	0.5%	1.1%
Undecided	7.3%	10.7%
<b>Beth-EI College of Nursing</b>		
Health Care Services	1.5%	0.0%
Nursing	5.6%	1.5%

**College Reported:**

LAS (Letters, Arts and Sciences)	45.1%	54.0%
ENG (Engineering)	22.8%	16.6%
BUS (Business)	15.7%	11.6%
NURS (Beth-EI)	8.4%	2.1%
LAS/ED - Special Education	8.1%	1.4%

**Demographic Information:**

<b>Mean Age:</b>	18	18
<b>Gender:</b>		
Male	39.8%	47.8%
Female	60.2%	52.2%

**Ethnicity:** (Respondents asked to circle only one)

1 - White (Anglo/Caucasian)	76.0%	80.8%
2 - African American	3.5%	3.1%
3 - Latino/Chicano/Hispano	12.6%	8.6%
4 - Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander	7.4%	4.7%
5 - Native American/American Indian/Aleut	0.5%	0.8%

**Student's Self-Reported Goals**

The following questions assess background, aspirations and goals. The questions are designed to elicit information on the student's past and expectations concerning their college education.

1. Why did you choose CU-Colorado Springs? (Each item was rated from 3 = very important, 2 = somewhat important, to 1 = not important at all)

<b>A. School was cost competitive</b>		
1 - not important at all	13.1%	14.1%
2 - somewhat important	44.5%	48.4%
3 - very important	42.4%	37.6%
<b>B. I could live in parents' home while attending CU-Colorado Springs</b>		
1 - not important at all	45.6%	45.9%
2 - somewhat important	16.9%	19.5%
3 - very important	37.5%	34.6%

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C. I am employed in the area		
1 - not important at all	58.6%	52.7%
2 - somewhat important	22.6%	27.8%
3 - very important	18.8%	19.4%
D. The school's academic reputation		
1 - not important at all	6.3%	8.9%
2 - somewhat important	53.8%	56.8%
3 - very important	39.8%	34.4%
E. Friends came to CU-Colorado Springs		
1 - not important at all	63.3%	54.8%
2 - somewhat important	27.8%	36.8%
3 - very important	8.9%	8.4%
F. Good reputation of the faculty		
1 - not important at all	15.2%	14.4%
2 - somewhat important	54.3%	57.3%
3 - very important	30.5%	28.3%
G. CU-Colorado Springs offered the major I wanted		
1 - not important at all	11.5%	17.4%
2 - somewhat important	28.5%	35.1%
3 - very important	59.9%	47.4%
H. To participate in intercollegiate athletics		
1 - not important at all	75.5%	89.0%
2 - somewhat important	14.4%	3.9%
3 - very important	10.1%	7.1%
I. Other*		
1 - not important at all	10.1%	37.8%
2 - somewhat important	5.8%	28.5%
3 - very important	84.1%	33.7%
* Top 4 "Other" Reasons:		
Location/Environment		
Small Campus		
Scholarships/Programs		
Campus, Dorms, Student Life		
2. CU-Colorado Springs was my:		
1 - First choice for a university	63.3%	60.3%
2 - Second choice for a university	27.8%	28.5%
3 - Third choice for a university	7.7%	8.4%
4 - Fourth choice or lower	1.2%	2.7%
3. I plan to complete my Bachelor's Degree in _____ years.	MEAN= 4	4
4. How long do you intend to stay at CU-Colorado Springs? (Respondents asked to circle one		

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answer)		
1 - Until I complete my Bachelor's Degree	67.7%	56.1%
2 - Until I get a good job	0.7%	1.4%
3 - Until employment/spouse transfer requires me to leave	0.2%	1.7%
4 - Until I can transfer to another school after one year	7.5%	10.8%
5 - Until I can transfer to another school after two years	10.4%	14.1%
6 - Other	13.4%	4.6%
5. Would you like to study abroad (in another country)?		
1 - Yes	11.0%	18.4%
2 - No	54.6%	43.8%
3 - Yes, if financial aid is available	34.4%	37.8%
6. How many languages (other than English) do you speak fluently?		
0	87.3%	90.5%
1	11.1%	7.2%
2 or more	1.6%	2.3%
7. To how many colleges or universities did you apply?		
One	43.4%	35.5%
Two	26.7%	24.4%
Three	20.5%	20.2%
Four or more	18.9%	19.9%
8. At how many colleges or universities were you accepted?		
One	44.2%	38.2%
Two	28.3%	28.9%
Three	18.3%	17.3%
Four or more	15.4%	15.7%
9. To what extent do you experience difficulty with any of the following things? (Circle 1 to 4 for each item A through E)		
A. Reading		
1 - Not at all	79.2%	73.9%
2 - A little	15.9%	19.4%
3 - A moderate amount	4.7%	5.8%
4 - A great amount	0.2%	0.9%
B. Spelling		
1 - Not at all	55.6%	52.6%
2 - A little	31.8%	32.9%
3 - A moderate amount	9.9%	11.5%
4 - A great amount	2.7%	3.1%
C. Computer Use		
1 - Not at all	41.9%	41.2%
2 - A little	39.9%	37.4%
3 - A moderate amount	15.7%	17.4%
4 - A great amount	2.5%	4.0%

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D. Learning new material		
1 - Not at all	54.2%	56.9%
2 - A little	40.0%	38.5%
3 - A moderate amount	5.5%	4.0%
4 - A great amount	0.2%	0.6%
E. Paying attention		
1 - Not at all	51.1%	56.2%
2 - A little	40.2%	36.0%
3 - A moderate amount	6.9%	7.0%
4 - A great amount	1.7%	0.8%
10. Which of the categories below best describes your student status?		
1 - New freshman with no previous college work	71.5%	(This question
2 - New freshman with some college work completed while in high school	28.0%	not asked
3 - Transfer from a community college with at least 12 hours of course credit earned	0.5%	in 1998.)
4 - Transfer from a four year college/university with at least 12 hours of course credit earned	0.0%	
11. Just how much do you enjoy going to school?		
4 - Very much	29.1%	30.6%
3 - Some	60.3%	55.7%
2 - A little	9.1%	11.5%
1 - Not at all	1.5%	2.1%
12. I believe that school work is important.		
5 - Almost always	60.6%	62.2%
4 - Often	34.7%	31.1%
3 - Sometimes	4.7%	3.5%
2 - Seldom	0.0%	1.7%
1 - Never	0.0%	1.5%
13. Most of my classes in the past have been interesting to me.		
5 - Almost always	17.8%	17.3%
4 - Often	43.7%	47.2%
3 - Sometimes	35.6%	30.8%
2 - Seldom	3.0%	4.3%
1 - Never	0.0%	0.5%
14. Think of your friends. How has your school work compared to your friends' school work?		
5 - Better than all of them	7.2%	12.7%
4 - Better than most of them	52.9%	49.9%
3 - About the same	38.2%	35.2%
2 - Poorer than most of them	1.7%	2.1%
1 - Poorer than all of them	0.0%	0.0%
15. Think of students in your class. How did your school work compare to other students in your classes?		
5 - Better than all of them	3.2%	5.1%
4 - Better than most of them	62.3%	58.0%
3 - About the same	33.0%	34.6%
2 - Poorer than most of them	1.5%	2.3%
1 - Poorer than all of them	0.0%	0.0%

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16. If you could somehow get a "mail-order" degree that was accepted as fully as the degree you seek (but without doing any academic work), would you seek the mail-order degree?		
5 - Definitely yes	5.0%	3.4%
4 - Probably yes	8.5%	10.4%
3 - Don't know	31.0%	29.8%
2 - Probably no	30.3%	30.3%
1 - Definitely no	25.3%	26.1%
17. As you continue in college, what type of student will you be?		
5 - One of the best	22.4%	28.6%
4 - Better than most of the students	52.5%	50.9%
3 - Same as most of the students	24.9%	19.7%
2 - Below most of the students	0.0%	0.0%
1 - One of the worst	0.2%	0.8%
18. If your intended career requires more than 4 years of college (e.g., M.D., Ph.D., etc.), are you willing to put in the necessary time and work to accomplish this level of education?		
5 - Yes, for sure	68.3%	75.5%
4 - Yes, probably	27.4%	19.9%
3 - Maybe	4.3%	1.7%
2 - No, probably not	0.0%	0.6%
1 - No, for sure	0.0%	2.3%
19. Would you like to complete an advanced degree?		
1 - No	19.2%	14.2%
2 - Yes, a Master's Degree	45.9%	50.4%
3 - Yes, a Doctoral Degree	15.0%	13.3%
4 - Yes, a professional degree (law, medical, dentistry, etc.)	19.9%	22.1%
20. Forget how your teachers mark your work. How good do you think your work is?		
5 - Excellent	11.9%	11.0%
4 - Above most of the students	66.6%	66.5%
3 - Same as most of the students	20.5%	20.9%
2 - Below most of the students	1.0%	1.2%
1 - Poor	0.0%	0.3%
21. How good a student do you think you can be at CU-Colorado Springs?		
5 - One of the best	26.6%	27.1%
4 - Better than most of the students	51.4%	53.6%
3 - Same as most of the students	22.1%	18.7%
2 - Below most of the students	0.0%	0.3%
1 - One of the worst	0.0%	0.3%
22. I have a good support system (e.g., friends, family, spouse) that will help me succeed in college.		
5 - Definitely yes	73.3%	70.8%
4 - Probably yes	23.5%	22.9%

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3 - Don't know	3.0%	4.7%
2 - Probably no	0.2%	1.1%
1 - Definitely no	0.0%	0.5%

(Students were asked: How would you rate your abilities and yourself in the following areas? Check one answer for each question.)

23a. ORAL COMMUNICATION (e.g., public speaking, small groups, one-on-one)

Very Poor	0.2%	1.1%
Poor	5.4%	4.0%
Fair	29.2%	31.6%
Good	48.5%	45.5%
Excellent	16.6%	17.9%

23b. Would you like to improve this skill?

Yes	92.4%	88.7%
No	7.6%	11.3%

24a. QUANTITATIVE SKILLS (e.g., math, statistics)

Very Poor	2.5%	2.9%
Poor	9.7%	10.4%
Fair	30.9%	33.4%
Good	45.0%	40.0%
Excellent	11.9%	13.3%

24b. Would you like to improve this skill?

Yes	94.8%	89.0%
No	5.3%	11.0%

25a. SCIENTIFIC REASONING (e.g., qualitative reasoning, scientific method)

Very Poor	0.5%	0.5%
Poor	6.9%	6.4%
Fair	39.0%	39.3%
Good	45.7%	44.5%
Excellent	7.9%	9.3%

25b. Would you like to improve this skill?

Yes	95.2%	88.8%
No	4.8%	11.2%

26a. WRITING SKILLS

Very Poor	0.5%	0.9%
Poor	4.7%	4.7%
Fair	26.0%	29.8%
Good	53.5%	50.2%
Excellent	15.3%	14.4%

26b. Would you like to improve this skill?

Yes	96.5%	89.6%
No	3.5%	10.4%

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<b>27a. MULTI-CULTURAL AWARENESS (e.g., sensitivity to others unlike you)</b>		
Very Poor	0.0%	0.8%
Poor	2.7%	3.1%
Fair	18.6%	19.4%
Good	49.8%	46.4%
Excellent	29.0%	30.7%
<b>27b. Would you like to improve this skill?</b>		
Yes	87.8%	70.6%
No	12.2%	29.4%
<b>28. Have you been diagnosed as having a learning disability?</b>		
1 - Yes	2.0%	3.7%
2 - No	96.0%	94.0%
3 - Maybe	2.0%	2.3%
<b>29. Do you suspect you may have a learning disability that hasn't been diagnosed?</b>		
1 - Yes	0.7%	2.3%
2 - No	94.8%	94.0%
3 - Maybe	4.5%	3.7%
<b>30. Do you have any physical handicaps that would impact your academic performance in any way?</b>		
1 - Yes	1.2%	0.5%
2 - No	97.8%	98.5%
3 - Maybe	1.0%	1.1%
<b>31. Would you like someone from Disability Services to contact you regarding this problem?</b>		
1 - Yes	1.2%	1.9%
2 - No	97.3%	95.4%
3 - Maybe	1.5%	2.8%
<b>32. On average, during the school year how many hours per week do you expect to work for pay?</b>		
1 - None	11.2%	10.2%
2 - 5 or less hours	5.5%	3.6%
3 - 6-10 hours	13.9%	9.3%
4 - 11-15 hours	20.6%	17.2%
5 - 16-20 hours	26.3%	27.9%
6 - 21-25 hours	11.7%	16.0%
7 - 26-30 hours	4.2%	8.2%
8 - 31-40 hours	5.5%	6.7%
9 - Over 40 hours	1.2%	0.9%
<b>33. If you could be employed just the number of hours that you wanted, how many hours per week would you PREFER to work during the school year?</b>		
1 - None	11.4%	13.9%
2 - 5 or less hours	5.5%	4.0%
3 - 6-10 hours	21.3%	16.2%
4 - 11-15 hours	24.1%	20.2%
5 - 16-20 hours	18.9%	25.3%

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6 - 21-25 hours	10.4%	11.1%
7 - 26-30 hours	5.0%	5.7%
8 - 31-40 hours	2.0%	2.5%
9 - Over 40 hours	1.5%	0.9%
34. How many hours a week do you expect you will spend on completing class assignments, homework, and related study?		
1 - None	0.0%	0.6%
2 - 5 or less hours	2.0%	2.8%
3 - 6-10 hours	16.9%	17.0%
4 - 11-15 hours	21.6%	22.4%
5 - 16-20 hours	22.1%	24.1%
6 - 21-25 hours	16.7%	11.3%
7 - 26-30 hours	12.7%	12.7%
8 - 31-40 hours	4.5%	5.1%
9 - Over 40 hours	3.5%	4.0%
35. How important will gaining a practical experience within the community (as part of your university degree program) be to your overall education?		
5 - Very important	41.4%	37.3%
4 - Somewhat important	53.8%	53.1%
3 - No importance	3.0%	4.8%
2 - Somewhat unimportant	1.0%	4.2%
1 - Very unimportant	0.7%	0.6%
36. Your educational expenses are paid for by: (Please circle all that apply)	(% responding)*	
1 - Yourself	45.3%	25.6%
2 - Your parents	73.3%	32.7%
3 - Your spouse	0.5%	0.4%
4 - Student loans	30.0%	14.9%
5 - Grants/scholarships	44.8%	19.8%
6 - Other	6.4%	6.6%
*(The 1998 report counted first response only. The 1999 report counts all responses.)		
37. Do you own a personal computer? (at least 486 or Pentium PC, or MAC Model 6600)		
1 - Yes	73.1%	73.1%
2 - No	26.9%	26.9%
38. Is your computer connected to the Internet/World Wide Web?		
1 - Yes	70.1%	65.9%
2 - No	29.9%	34.1%
39. What kind of work do you think you will be doing 10 years from now?		
1 - Retired	0.8%	1.4%
2 - Full-time homemaker	1.8%	2.1%
3 - Laborer, service worker, or semi-skilled worker (driver, assembly, cook)	0.5%	0.0%
4 - Clerical, clerk, or office worker (bank teller, bookkeeper, salesperson)	0.5%	2.1%
5 - Protective service (police, fire, detective)	2.1%	1.4%
6 - Military service	1.0%	2.4%
7 - Craft or skilled worker (carpenter, electrician, telephone installer)	1.3%	1.9%
8 - Farm owner or manager	0.0%	0.5%
9 - Owner of a small business (restaurant, store, shop, service)	8.2%	7.9%



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10 - Sales representative (insurance agent, real estate broker, bond salesperson)	1.8%	1.6%
11 - Manager or administrator (sales manager, school admin., govt. official)	5.4%	8.5%
12 - Professional w/o doctoral degree (RN, engineer, social worker, accountant, teacher)	53.1%	44.2%
13 - Professional with doctoral degree or equivalent (lawyer, physician, scientist, professor)	23.5%	26.0%