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58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

1 It was close.

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2 The local CC

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3 Because it is a great institution, that prepares students to transfer to 4-year universities!

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4 Course options/offering are very limited compared to other CC's in other states. Other states are less restrictive on instructor requirements which allows them to draw a wide, diverse set of instructors. These CC's are much, much larger, offer many more classes and draw a wider demographic of the community. COM is very narrow in its offerings & instructor base.

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5 Before the "improvements" to the art dept I could park, enjoy a reasonable space in which to work. After the "improvements" I stopped classes at COM because the parking is impossible for a driver with a handicapped placard and the art classrooms are smaller, making the class crowded and frantic. Who thought of reducing the classroom size? An idiot.

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6 Like many other students at COM, I'm completing my prerequisite science classes for nursing school. I grew up in Marin County, so when I decided to change careers, it was the most obvious place to start. I've been at COM for more than a year, and now my reasons for taking classes at COM relate more to my overall affection for the campus, teachers and the community. Also, the quality of instruction has been excellent, so far.

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7 Clubs and being a member of Phi Theta Kappa

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8 I think [redacted] is a fabulous instructor in the metal arts program, but I feel like the department truly was short shifted in the new building. I am VERY disappointed in the room and the upkeep of the machines and equipment. The other building was far superior. What happened to all of our tools for example? Why doesn't each desk have it's own little vise like we had in the other building?? What happened to them? Metal is just another medium for art. It's much more interesting than a bunch of wet stupid clay, which most people in the ceramics class have the faintest idea what to do with. Why did they get such a large room? Why did the ceramics and sculpture departments get so much more space....equipment? It's just not fair and I wish we never moved! We still do not have a drill press or belt sander!! The booster is still broken and we don't have torches to use, but 2 acetylene, among 20 plus students. We have to wait in line to anneal something. It's really pathetic!! I just heard that the board of Governors in Sacramento voted to stop repeat studio classes. That is a travesty!! Those are the people who are your STUDENTS WHO PAY!! Everyone is very serious about their work! I have been selling my pieces, thanks to [redacted] instruction! But I need more classes to be REALLY good. I plan on confronting Sacramento on this as well. If money is the issue, then we will just pay for our own copper and other materials or charge a bit more for the class. There has to be a solution to this.

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9 Some very popular and essential classes have been reduced to one class per semester. For example Precalculus (Math 109) and Calculus (Math-123). There needs to be at least two.

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10 It's the local community college in my area.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

11 Excellent facilities, course offerings, and instructors

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

12 I have been a Marin local for twenty seven years and I enjoy the area, love the atmosphere of the school and I like the choice in teachers/classes.

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13 COM Rocks!!

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14 COM has treated me with patience and understanding, as well as met for all my needs in all areas of my academic career.

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15 Uncertain of major and future path

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16 I met some people who have attended COM, and they recommended me to go.

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17 It's my local community college.

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18 I graduated with my AA in 1978. Yet, there has been periods in my life where I saw there were interesting courses being offered. My intention is to transfer to a 4 yr university for a Bachelors. HOwever, I regret not being able to do it earlier as the programs now to get in are so competitive and not as accessible.

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19 Superb faculty within walking distance of my home.

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20 25 years ago I chose COM when I was ready to go to college; I took 2 semesters and then transferred to SFSU to get a BA. A few years ago I chose COM because of the Certificate in Natural History program; I ended up feeling that particular certificate is totally mishandled and unobtainable due to COM ridiculousness, [redacted] I was extremely disappointed, because there is no other certificate/degree thing in natural history anywhere. This semester, I discovered the absolutely amazing Organic Farm & Garden program at IVC, and the Certificate/degree program that involves this area of study, and my respect for COM has been restored. Not to repeat myself or anything, but COM should be ashamed of what's going on in the Certificate in Natural History program. And then COM should be proud of what's going on in the Organic Farm & ELND program.

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21 I want to ultimately be able to move back into Marin County. Going to school here is both a good dally in-my-face reminder, and a good intermediate step.

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22 I went to another community college before and i dropped all my classes because it wasn't convinient for me and i also did not like my classes or instructors. at college of marin i feel like i am finally doing something of matter in my life. :)

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23 Weather and staff helpfull

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24 I like COM; however, your evening and online classes are very limited. I am splitting my classes between SRJC and COM because SRJC offers more online courses. I prefer online courses, however, I do enjoy coming to classes and interact with students and teachers. I would very much like more online classes and more evening classes begining at 6:30. You need to eliminate all 6:10 or 6:00 pm classes for working full-time adults and offer more later classes.

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25 transition to a four year school

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26 It's the only community college near my residence. It is also less expensive than a university, but that seems to be changing, unfortunately. If it gets to a point where I have to acquire financial aid just to attend community college, I will not be attending.

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27 The quality of the science department and its professors.

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28 I choose COM because I can ride my bike here and not get hit on the way. I choose to come here because I thought it was a great place to go to school and get educated. I believe in order to get what I need from my education it should be on going and not end with a certificate or degree. The art dept. for example has an excellent group of artists that will someday become famous, unfortunately there is a limit of how many times you can take a class. Do you really want us to go to another college? Can you afford to loose us to other educational institutions? Is that COM's intention. Class size seems smaller these days. Should I be looking at other institutions outside Marin?

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29 classes that pertain to the local community.

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30 n/a

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31 Parking, esp for handicapped is so limited I will not return to COM Kentfield till is improves. Indian Valley is very good campus but it is at the other end of the county for me so I don't enroll as it is too long a commute from Mill Valley

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32 Excellent music dept!

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33 College of Marin is a beautiful campus with wonderful people, however, I am often bewildered as to why very few classes are offered. I am planning to transfer to a 4-year university so I often consult with the course catalog in regard to fulfilling the IGETC. Many of the courses indicated in the IGETC are simply not offered at COM, this is quite disappointing because I feel that I am limited in my educational exploration. I love COM and will continue to attend COM, but I would like to have more options in terms of classes, especially in the liberal arts department.

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34 I was unaware of any particular instructors when I chose College of Marin. I am delighted to have found a good number of excellent (even truly inspirational) instructors here.

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35 It was the only nursing program I was accepted into.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

36 great student ambassador program

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

37 I like COM. It seems friendly, relaxed, and personal. There is a nice selection of good courses. The instructors are knowledgeable, accessible, and helpful.

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38 I would like to see more on-line classes

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

39 instructors' are very helpfull.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

40 I commute from the East Bay, AND ITS WELL WORTH IT!

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41 I like it there and am too young to go to a real university, so I am biding my time here while being productive.

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42 Prior to moving back to California, I spent two years at a private jesuit institution where I had a GPA of 3.8, I was a member of the international debate team, and I was on the Presidents List for academic achievement. I would like to think that I have a good idea of what a 4-year university requires of a student. That being said, I think College of Marin does a great job! Every one of my teachers this semester is talented, well-read in their respective fields, and really interested in their students. I don't know whether I got lucky or whether all the teachers at COM are this great (although, I did use ratemyteacher.com to organize my initial schedule). I love how all the classes are so small, too! They are as small as the classes of private institutions and are a fraction of the price! All in all, I think COM is a real asset to the Marin community. My only issues with COM are parking and construction. The parking is really problematic; when class time rolls around it gets mean out in those parkinglots! The construction is a bit of a bumner, but its a means to an end!

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43 I came to play baseball.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

44 I also love the beautiful green nature on the campus aside from all the awesome available resources that help me.

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45 [redacted] is an awesome instructor I am surprised he isn't on staff.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

46 I love the quality of instructors and I love the small classes. There is so much support available here and I really appreciate that.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

47 One of my dad friend told him about this school. My dad work in San Anselmo and its really nice school everyone is friendly.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

48 Excellent drama department

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

49 I went there ten years ago and loved the campus. They have a high UC transfer rate. Im able to commute there easily and I wanted to avoid san francisco while going to school.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

50 The science faculty is outstanding. Please make sure funding of their labs and materials continues!

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

51 If tuition fees continue to rise it is more likely that instead of being at COM I will be in an occupy movement such as occupy Berkeley. Instructors also need to taken care of because there are many good instructors at COM, and more instructors need to hire to offer more courses specially in the science department. Classes/instructors should ask more from students college is a place to better oneself, not to play around.

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52 as for me this college is great and has the wonderful teachers and program

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

53 :) I want to graduate from this college or transfer from COM onto another university. I think COM should offer more online courses; that's why next semester I am taking all my online courses in another college. In the meantime, I will take those and find a way for transportation from Novato to Kentfield in the summer or fall of 2011. However I chose COM because it looked as a high-quality education college to me and it certainly is!

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54 Marin pride.

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55 I changed to Marin because of the sculpting department. It is the most amazing thing I have ever seen at a junior college and I think you need to feature it in your advertising. I think you could draw students from all over California who are interested in sculpture-focused art major.

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56 COM has some very excellent instructors, & some quality professional training programs.

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57 The Disabled Persons dept, personnel, and course offerings are the lifeblood for my daughter's life and future, both of us attend COM together. I regret the cuttings in the courses, both the offerings and the frequency of offerings impact our lives more than I can express and make me sadder each time I have to confront replacing the resources taken away. The profile of students who are currently attending classes that she and I could take have also impacted our ability to stay in the course. In Dancersize, for example, we were asked to leave because the professional dancers in the class dictated the pace for which the teacher "had to" accommodate and she could not keep up. The writing class offered by the Disabled Persons program given by [redacted] was cancelled because of reduction in funding. Similarly, the adapted aquatics program was cut in half, from 4 days/week to 2days/week. Same for other adapted PE courses. So, not only are new classes not being added that would be of benefit - say learning new technologies that are facilitating communication amongst disabled folks, reading and writing and math proficiency in life enhancing skills are basically non-existent. Need I go on?

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58 I bicycle to the College and would like to see more accommodations for bicycles (covered parking, a repair stand).

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59 I live in Santa Rosa and there is no chance of getting in classes we need to to the amount of students attending and teachers are being laid off so they have less classes.

I like the way of teaching and the outline of the classes at College of Marin. They seem to teach more of what is actually needed for my job. More of a structured course so it makes it worth it to drive down from Santa Rosa to attend.

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60 My initial reason was because I wanted to take Human Anatomy and this was the only college of the 5 Bay Area colleges I checked in to that required a prerequisite of Biology 110 before taking Anatomy. All the colleges were full at the time I applied, so I decided to take Bio 110 here as a refresher to prepare me for Anatomy, which I plan to take here next semester. And I'm so glad I did! I love the Marin County Agriculture class I'm taking and this most likely will change my career direction. Oh, and another reason was that the online registration system was well organized and easy to navigate.

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61 I'am currently a student attending classes this semester. i don't understand why i was given this survey, even though i did my best to complete it, because this is a survey intended for people who are leaving in the next semester or graduated, I'm neither. The only reason i chose college of marin is because i had no other options. now i am stuck, unable to transfer because i cant afford it. I'm unhappy but i just have to do what ever i can to finish so i can leave.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

62 I chose College of Marin because I live in Marin so the location is convenient, but I have needed to branch out to other community colleges because College of Marin does not have as many classes and scheduling options as I need to complete all of my courses in a timely manner.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

63 COM has always been recommended to me from previous attending students. So I gave COM a try and I like being there.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

64 College of Marin [IVC especially] has enabled me to take classes where I am not only motivated but I am in a constant learning environment where I feel comfortable and it is easy to focus. The new construction and buildings are amazing and I think that most students love the new facilities. Keep up the good work and thank you for everything so far!

Your Student,

[redacted]

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65 I would like to say that the counseling services have not been helpful to me in EOPS or DSPS because i yo-yo between many different instructors and sometimes they say the same thing and other times, they say something different and i have to change a goal in the next semester i attend this school. I have been attending this school for almost 4 years and i still haven't passed a math 101 to get a degree that has now been defunct (i.e. History-should have been completed by Summer 2011, but i did not know that at all-no counselor told me!) Now i'm back to my original major which is Ethnic Studies, which accepts Math 101 for the degree. I'm tired of being here because its the same situations and problems each semester "didn't complete this class, have to retake math AGAIN"

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

66 For students that are returning to college to attain higher ed, for myself that is a medical degree, financial assistance of some sort should be made available. I can not get the much needed financial assistance for books & transportation--instead my and my son must go w/out your everyday needed items--could be food, gas, heating for our home etc.

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67 I did not get in anywhere else

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68 This is the best college I have been too. Great school.

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69 I Love College of Marin! I've loved it ever since the first time I set foot in a class. I LOVE COLLEGE OF MARIN! College of marin helped me learn and grow into an inspired adult! <3 <3 <3

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

70 College of Marin needs to offer more online classes and do a major overhaul on the online classroom system. It is not designed well and no intuitive to use. Other colleges have far superior online classrooms. The buildings are also very old and outdated and need to be remodeled. It seems like they are falling apart.

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71 Hell no to ride-sharing. Half of my peers drop out of any given class by mid-terms. Professors can't rely on them to show up to class.

Why would I depend on them for a ride? That is a ridiculous idea.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

72 I choose this campus so I can be a auto mechanic. (IVC)

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

73 It has the only court reporting program within 100 miles of my home

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

74 is close to my house and friendly environment

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75 I am an older woman who is seeking to become a professional jeweler as I am not earning enough money from my social security retirement to survive without continuing to work and am not physically able to do the kind of work I used to do when I was younger. I love metal smithing and making jewelry and definitely have a talent for this field. I feel that I am receiving excellent instruction and assistance from my teacher [redacted] and I am devoted to continuing to take this class as long as I am able. I enjoy it immensely and have no complaints about the course or the instruction, but I am seriously concerned with the situation in the jewelry studio since we had to give up our old studio and move into a classroom which is inadequate in size and tools that work. We have had to have a substitute too many times this past semester and have had to do without our normal teacher for too many classes as he was given to the other class as their substitute. The substitute teacher is very nice but is not a suitable instructor for jewelry and often gives poor advice.

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- 76 I am a product of a community college and received an associate degree from a new york city based community college and transferred to a private college - got my undergraduate degree in 1972. I am relatively new at COM and very interested in music - teachers so far have been outstanding - they really know their subject matter and most of them play more than one instruments. Enjoying myself very much and improving in my understanding of music.

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- 77 College of marin is an excellent school. It may be a JC, but it feels like so much more. I feel like i am personally growing and developing myself there while becoming an independent human being, learning to take real classes and stand on my own two feet. I plan on eventually transferring to a State school (4 years), but currently im building my transcript with important academic classes and self enjoyment classes until I am ready to leave and flourish onward.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 78 I chose College of Marin because there are a lot of great classes, friends, and a better environment.

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- 79 I was laid off two years ago so it's more economical for me to do my first two years of college at a junior college before going to a more expensive college (university). It is also very convenient for me to attend COM as I live in San Rafael (conveniently located between the Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses). It's really sad on how run down COM is, and I would like to see more remodeling. (The class rooms are so old, dirty and outdated. I know the school doesn't have much money, but I'm hoping that the schools gets much needed money soon.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 80 I have enjoyed the learning atmosphere at COM and feel the quality of the instructors, particularly in the specialized fields (science), is very high.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 31 A community environment with great instructors and small classes.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 82 The campus is very warm. I attended Santa Rosa Junior college and found it just wasn't what I was looking for. The classes are COMPLETELY filled to capacity, the teachers seemed less than inclined to work around the system to help kids get in and I didn't feel a camaraderie between the students.

College of Marin has smaller class sizes and GREAT teachers who are willing to to everything they can to get you into the class you want. I've also made more friends here than I ever did at SRJC.

There are great selections of classes and I've loved every minute being here.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 83 I was unable to get into the class I needed at any other community colleges.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 84 None

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 85 its a great school and i had heard from many other students that is was a good place to start

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 86 i went here 22 yrs ago and loved it. i was a pre nurse major then. now i wish to become a lawyer and am taking my pre reqs. really like the school. eric

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 87 Club Friendly and I hope there will be club unity as always will be in the campus for Kentfield and IVC.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 88 The parking situation really should have been better thought out. I would suggest that the college plan to incorporate a parking structure into future remodels of the old buildings.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

- 89 College of Marin has it's ups and downs but they have made it so easy to obtain financial aid and see a counselor which is a huge help.

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90 [redacted] is a great teacher!

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

91 College of Marin, in my opinion, is a has a well student focused program that gives students a chance to succeed. Unfortunately, some teachers on the preimises make it very difficult for students to come up and ask questions to them. Some teachers I feel grade on a personally based on if they like the student or not, rather than on the accomplishment of the student.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

92 I enjoy going to COM because I enjoy the faculty staff and the location/environment.

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93 I have been attending COM since 2007. Slowly staring with classes just for enjoyment, I decided to work towards an assocaites degree and have been very pleased with my teachers for the most part and the fact that I can do this on my schedule. I ahve made new freinds and gained new skills.

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94 I like COM because there isn't many people know this shcool.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

95 I love College of marin, as an adult returning student it is very friendly!

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

96 I was not able to biology, chemistry, or physics for my major here because they were divided into two semesters. Also, there should be some wildlife courses natural resource courses like at Santa Rosa Junior College. This school is not offering any natural resource courses. Well, there might be a little offered but not much.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

97 I have lived in Marin since 1983, commuting elsewhere would be too difficult.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

98 I take classes here rather than some other institution because I work at the College of Marin.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

99 love the nursing program!

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

100 I live and work in Marin, work FT and I am a single parent. I needed a school close to me and that would offer flexibility. COM is pretty much the only one.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

101 The baseball team at College of Marin and because i've herd only amazing things about [redacted]

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

102 Dance program

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

103 nothing

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

104 The class I take is not offered at any other jc & that is the ONLY reason I go there - more specifically is the teacher who offers the class - she is the best teacher I have ever had & I have a BA from a private college & have attended other jc's to take classes for enjoyment & self-improvement.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

105 I chose College of Marin and Indian Valley College because I think they have great classes and great solid programs for continuing students as well as returning older students. I am thankful for the opportunity to go back to school and enter into a program which will help me to be self-sufficient and independent.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

106 I really enjoyed taking classes at College of Marin and I think they prepared me for USF and the nursing program. Sometimes it was too competitive to get into science classes like microbiology. I hope more classes are offered for future students because the need is there.

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07 College of Marin is a wonderful community of both students and instructors! The value of the affordable, diverse, and quality of education makes College of Marin an essential educational institution that provides opportunities that help to ensure continued growth and development to those who are entering into the academic environment. Community colleges have long since been known for their ability to save individuals, and their families in some cases, thousands of dollars in tuition costs as many first-time students choose to complete their university prerequisites and then transfer to the university systems.

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08 I like the energy and nature that is interwoven within the campus . I think just about every staff member I've encountered has contributed to a good change in me! I've taken all types of classes; from art, ECE, to medical assisting, and they have all helped me clarify my career goals. I still want to explore a variation of classes and COM truly allows me to do just that! As each semester passes by, my future becomes clearer. Thank you COM!

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09 I am a theater major and I love the program, becuase of the great professors you have.

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10 Great financial aid staff. [redacted] english teacher, best teacher I ever had! Love

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

11 safe environment

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

12 wanted to experience something different

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

13 Like the setting amongst the trees. Went 17 yrs earlier to DVC in the eastbay, though, now living in Marin and needing to change careers due to my new bilateral hand-injury, started attending COM.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

14 Here for Nursing program

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

15 Teachers can have a hard time understanding student circumstances. Exams seem to be based off of what the teachers know, not what was covered in class.

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

16 great professors and a good opportunity to transfer to numerous schools. location is close and friendly environment

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

17 Given my two main options, City College of SF and COM, COM's campus and overall environment is much more appealing to me; it has a lot more green (natural surrounding) than City College.

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18 it was a way for me to get away from the enviroment i was living in i love the college of marin i feel safe i can learn i have new friends an i love my education here its a wonder for place to go to.i want others to experince what i have so they can be successful like me an focus on there goal

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19 I felt it manage to get access to classes unlike SF city college

58. Additional comments about why you chose College of Marin

20 My parents both attended and very much so enjoyed their courses. This is the only local Jr. Collage; Santa Rosa is too far from my family and work.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

21 I've only taken a few classes at COM. One instructor never returned or even acknowledged my two phone messages or emails. Students I spoke to were not surprised by this instructor. I can't believe management is not aware of the issues with this instructor (in computers). Remove the dead wood - it reflects very poorly on COM.

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122 My parents were student age during the Great Depression and could not afford to go to school - they had to keep their full time jobs.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

123 I love COM. Keep up the good work:)

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124 I am pleased to see that CoM is embracing Distance Education and look forward to there being a larger and more diverse selection of online classes available.

I look forward to similar increase and diversity of offered classes on campus as well. There seems to be a limited range of more specialized classes beyond the introductory levels in many subject areas.

I am concerned about specific negative 'reviews' that some of the CoM professors have received on sites such as 'ratemyprofessor.com'. My two children, who attend college, and I have found these ratings surprisingly in sync with our own experiences and use them in choosing in which sections of classes we enroll. In many cases, I am finding that the instructors for classes I either need to take, or would like to take, are poorly rated. This has made me strongly consider transferring elsewhere so that I can get the most out of the educational experience.

Fortunately, I did have several exceptional instructors this Fall '11 semester, for which I'm deeply appreciative. We will see what the future holds...

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

125 The School needs to offer more classes for higher level studies, More options in mathematics like calculus, along with a better physics program! The new [] physics teacher is fantastic and should be brought on as a professor at College of Marin in the future. She has all the required skills and knowledge that helps students progress and learn. The new buildings are cool, but somewhat unnecessary, as the professor are who make education from 4 year to ivy liege universities, the facts hold that it all comes down to the teacher on how well a class learns the text and information. So its clear that as college of Marin spend more on the school and not the teacher the education will suffer, it need to again become a hardcore reader school for berkeley and stanford, as many students are capable of being there just don't have the funds to spend over 4 years at these universities. Over all the teachers as good. Better pay and more resource will attract more people and like always good and bad teachers, so its not the answer, the answer is in the hiring process and the over goal of each teacher. Many teachers are not great and therefore class suffer. The teachers make a school and a class worth the time. If you pay close attention to the teachers you will find a higher education and larger success rates.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

126 I wish the Clubs from Indian Valley Campus and Kentfield would have a Club Unity and support the clubs financially because some students who don't have that huge income for club events especially for food and other needs that they need to set up an event. And both campuses needs club unity.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

127 Also, why has it taken so long to tear down that old building? I'm not sure why it had to be torn down anyway.....not earthquake proof? That really helped Japan didn't it? It seemed fine. An earthquake proofing would have been better than tearing it down then building a new one and probably cheaper to do. We all liked the old building. It had more space and character. I'm not really sure who makes these decisions. What happened to all of the desks over there in the metal arts? They were FANTASTIC!!!! Why not recycle....save money....and bring them and all of the tools that were in them to the new room???? The new desks are completely lame. But we all deal with what has been handed to us. You should get a team of students in and ask what would be a good for future changes. We are the ones who know....along with the instructors. I could go on, but I will spare you.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

128 Please observe the failure rate of some of the professors. This is a good indicator of their ability to adequately teach their subjects.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

129 My one disappointment is that I've been waiting 11 months to hear back from Admissions and Records in regard to my application that a class I took in community college in St. Louis be accepted and transferrable. My counselor [] has tried to get the information as well and to date I have not heard back from anyone. It's been very frustrating.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

130 Native American/African American

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

131 I have been greatly enjoying my time here at COM and am looking forward to next semester.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

132 College of Marin needs to offer more Architecture based classes (especially Architecture History classes) in order for Architecture majors to transfer to a four-year university.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

133 more online classes that has to do with accounting software programs like Yardi, Timberline, Great Plains, MAS 500 besides Quickbooks would be helpful.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

134 OK, I'll mention it again: COM should be ashamed of what's going on in the Certificate in Natural History program, and proud of what's going on in the Organic Farm & ELND program.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

135 If it were not for instructors like [redacted] who go the extra mile to assure the education of the students, I would not have returned for another semester. The student body at COM has gone down hill so badly that sometimes I fear my safety. I take off my wedding ring and any jewelry when I arrive on campus because I fear I may get mugged. This is a HUGE problem and it needs to be addressed. Where is the security at this school?

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

136 If classes are required for a major or certificate, they should be offered every semester, or not made part of the requirements at all.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

137 The school has severe issues with sanitation. The classrooms and school in general are absolutely filthy. It wouldn't be that difficult or expensive to hire a small crew vacuum each night and on the weekends wipe down the desks. Just look at the "blue" beams in the math lab in the science center and anyone will see the thick layer of dust on them. It's unhealthy and disgusting. Please do something about this!

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

138 Reduce tuition costs!! Somehow find a way. No one will be attending if they have to take out student loans and financial aid and put themselves into debt just to attend community college. It's getting ridiculous.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

139 It is REALLY FRUSTRATING to see 75% of the available parking spaces designated for "Staff" while the paying customers fight over too few spaces. I cannot spend 10 min walking from the gym parking to my classes across campus and another 10 min walking back. I work full-time and am on a tight schedule. Here's a suggestion: Designate certain parts of each lot as 90-minute parking only, using individual parking meters. That means people could come in, take a class and leave, thus freeing that space up for another person. Since the spots would be used constantly all day long, it would represent more income per space than the spots now covered by the semester parking permit.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

140 Great school, especially for temporary students. Perhaps one thing to work on would be making sure students understand what needs to be done in order to transfer, before they start attending COM.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

141 Disabled students has been wonderful in helping me re-enter COM. They know how your system works and how it benefits disabled people. They should be commended.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

142 Most of my classes are in the art department. The teachers are dedicated and effective in developing student's skills. The new facility has poor lighting in the evening for painting classes that is a critical element in painting and other art forms.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

143 There's too many teachers rushing results and not taking time to intervene when needed. Some of the teachers are superb. They are responsive, use class room time appropriately, and are congenial. Some teach like they're teaching to a ph. D candidate. Too hard- too involved in their own expertise. Unfortunately, the environment of the college is too rushed. Tense

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

144 I feel very fortunate to have a college near my home that is so accepting of returning adults. I do wish that more business classes (i.e. business law, managerial accounting) were offered in the morning and not just as late afternoon/evening courses. There are some truly excellent teachers at COM and I feel very enriched, having had classes with them.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

145 Kentfield campus ' new buildings ar terrible design - reduced classroom size in art dept and reduced parking for everyone. what were the architects thinking when public transport is not an option

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

146 I was very disappointed to find that can not proceed on from the wonderful Italian 101 I took in the evening this Fall at IVC to Italian 102. It is only being offered at the Kentfield campus, and not in the evening. Several of my classmates are facing difficulties due to this, also -- high school students who thought they could complete this as their language requirement and now can't, working people, including two teachers, who can not take the class during the day, etc. How did this happen? it seems like very poor planning.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

147 More music classes, please, and more in the pm.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

148 Questions 41-45: From the verbiage, "How likely is it that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from College of Marin?" I could not tell whether you meant (a) How likely is each item to actually happen? or (b) How likely would each item cause me to withdraw *if it occurred*? -- I answered for case (b).

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

149 This is also one of my many main reasons for seeking out an AS and certificate because no one in my family has either and just for myself satisfaction knowing that I could've done it all along if I just put my head into it

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

150 College of Marin is a great and perfect community college to attend to for a lot of reasons

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

151 Happy its a non smoking campus. Just need to be enforced more.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

152 I took 12 units of short-term business and computer classes. It was helpful and enjoyable. Thanks. Now I want to take mostly online classes and transfer to a 4-year. I live 80 miles away, but am willing to commute here.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

153 reading

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

154 I would like to see more motivated students at College of Marin.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

155 I hope these budget cuts end soon! I think that COM is a really important part of our beloved Marin County. COM provides a lot of opportunities to our community- our government needs to be funding more educational opportunities right now, not cutting them! Thanks, COM!

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

156 College of Marin is a great resource that I believe more people should use

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

157 I first attended COM in the late 1980's, transfered into UCSB and obtained my BA. I am now finishing up my prereq's for the COM nursing program that I hope to attend in the fall of 2012.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

158 Question 45 does not make much sense.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

159 I love COM! I know I will miss it a lot once I transfer. Thank you for everything you have provided over the years.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

160 Investigation should be made in the following areas:

1. Purging of COM's library materials in 2010 of specific value to students in evaluating: The loss of individual rights in favor of corporate rights in the USA; The role of corporations in forming educational institutions for their molding of students in a manner specific to their own profit; The systematic fraud committed by the US government and private interests upon the public regarding the explicitly profiteering nature of foreign and domestic policies; The profound and systematic role of mass media in the aforementioned fraud.

[redacted] in foisting a computer systems firm upon the college which has a record of staff and student security breaches and extortion of the status of accreditation in exchange for adoption; Falsification of her employment status and income.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

161 Make the MyCOM site more user friendly, fewer clicks to get to destination.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

162 Thank you for making the campus nonsmoking!

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

163 Some instructors really need to be evaluated by students, even if these teachers are tenured or heads of departments.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

164 I like the new requisite establish for the next semester to have students prove they meet per-requisites before they can even enroll.

All professors should be mandated to allow students to be able to enroll in their classes within the first two weeks of classes. The students pay for their education therefore the instructors should be reminded that they are there for the students. Ex. [redacted] instructor at the beginning of this semester.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

165 I would recommend, to clean frequently and get fresh airs in the class rooms. Change the carpets, put a new paints in the classrooms and halls.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

166 I have attended many schools including UCSC and CCSF. I am sad to report that I have been disappointed by the faculty at COM, the reputation of COM, and by a lack of challenge in my coursework.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

167 =)

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

168 It might nt be the right place for this but, please keep offering Jewelry Making classes and bring back Stage Combat next semester!

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

169 Art buildings need more shady and more dry places to sit while on breaks. There are few places nearby to take a 10 or 15 minute break that offers seating, shade and cover. Older students are having to sit on the pavement during class breaks - seems ridiculous. That natural grass garden cannot be enjoyed because you only have one bench in the blazing sun or rain - doesn't feel intimate or inviting. There needs to be covered spots in the patio area of the ceramics and sculpting department so students can continue to do projects that require space or ventilation during heat or rain. Have remote parking with a shuttle for people who have not bought a parking pass. Parking is a big reason why I am not fully enjoying This school. Build a three story parking facility rather than any other class buildings since you have more students than places to park. After battling traffic it is terribly stressful to come here and have people cut you off or race around you in their car in order to snag a space that you were waiting for someone to pull out of. It feels as though the parking situation here is more chaotic than every other college I have attending in my life.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 170 the school is fantastic, great professors especially the biology department (with the exception of [redacted]) and i just attended the first basketball game. very fun to watch with a great team with good potential.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 171 Sorry.....not enough space (!)
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 172 I am answering these survey questions for both my disabled daughter and myself, we both attend classes for similar reasons.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 173 I am not happy with the Externship being only once a year. This spring is my last semester (hopefully) but unless I can get into the externship, I dont graduate. Because of my age, I cannot wait another year to complete my course. My chances of getting in is slim since there are only 19 seats and there are about 30-40 registering for that class. My registration isnt till Nov. 22 where everyone eleses it Nov 14. So it looks like I will not be able to complet my course and get a certificate or graduate.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 174 none
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 175 Most of my teachers have been great, but others I've had hiccups in the road with, and yet many other students have had complaints and the school does nothing about.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 176 I have had multiple professors who had very low expectations of the students. This is incredibly frustrating. It is hard to maintain enthusiasm and drive when the bar is set so low. It is also frustrating when other students do not seem to want to be there. I'm grateful for COM, and am using it as the stepping stone it is intended to be to get me to UC, but I think the academics should be more rigorous. It does no one any favors by dumbing things down. I have had excellent advice from the counselling department. They are very busy but manage to do a great job!
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 177 Change the way you counsel the students-tell them the truth from the start and then they won't be confused why they need to complete work that is not needed.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 178 no comment
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 179 I Love College of Marin.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 180 I am very dissappointed with the quality of your teachers overall. I think College of Marin needs to do a better job of selecting and screening teachers and monitoring their quality. Also, the teachers seem very unprepared to help distance learning students. Distance learning in general needs more attention: For instance, the distance-learning algebra class was a very negative experience and both teachers and tutors seemed unprepared or simply did not understand the course. I had to drop another distance-learning class because the instructor had designed a very convoluted on-line program. They generally seem fearful distance-learning students are trying to not work hard when most of us are just trying to make education work for our schedules. It is almost as if they provide a lot of extra hoops to jump through to make sure we put in our hours. I find this insulting. I also think that you need to review the programs you use for distance-learning sutdents. For instance, the Aleks (algebra) program is not highly rated. Thirdly, your teachers tend to give lectures that seem to be addressing only those fresh from high school when the class is obviously very mixed with many working adults and parents. I also find this insulting and demoralizing to continually get lectures on how hard I need to plan to work in each class and how I will be disciplined, rather than hear anything of inspiration from the teacher. I have had some great experiences with teachers at COM, but there are many areas that need improvement.
68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)
- 181 N/a

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

182 I make these suggestions in only to see improvements in the experience of attending COM:

1. Better outside lighting for pathways for your nighttime classes because it's dangerous in some areas (future potential insurance risks).
2. Monitoring tutoring classes because two of your tutors for one of my classes were no help at all. They should be more rigorously monitored and given complete guidelines in how to tutor correctly. They are being paid but do not provide a service worth paying for.
3. All classes should be evaluated by students DURING and at the END of the semester by giving them an online evaluation report so that each and every teacher/class is beneficial to the students learning - because we're the ones sitting in class and can give a fair assessment.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

183 none

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

184 I hope we don't have another \$ per unit increase. Although it does make me want to finish up here at C.O.M

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

185 I'm the first person in my family to graduate high school and attend college, I'll be graduating from COM in may 2012 from the MA program, and I'm planning on continue my education, I will be a registered nurse some day and I'll be the first in my whole family, and I will like to be a role model for all the youth, because no matter what your background is you can get an education and turn your life around.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

186 This school has truly saved my life. I was terrified of entering college after being bullied in high school. Now i feel confident and successful, onto new and better things. It was a much easier transition into college by attending College of Marin, because the environment is so friendly and helpful. Teachers have been wonderful, other students are also independents, and I feel like just another girl in the crowd building a life for myself. :)

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

187 College of Marin helped me to improve my goals and skills that I needed.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

188 The professors are fantastic! Out of 1-1/2 years here, I've had only one bad teacher. I quickly got out of his class, and I now check out professors at RateMyProfessor.com, but like I said, the professors are fantastic! I can't believe that I've learned so much!!! I love it!!! COM is a great school.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

189 More arts outside in the courtyard such as live music, sculptures, and food.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

190 I appreciate that at College of Marin, there is a huge Free Parking Lot. I don't have a parking permit and I'm able to find parking in the Free Parking lot a couple weeks after school has started.

I also appreciate that the holes on the lot are filled somewhat regular and that it's maintained even though it's a "free" lot.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

191 I'd like to see more multimedia online classes for all multimedia courses

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

192 There aren't enough MMST classes

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

193 Sometimes the People who work there are extremely unfriendly and unhelpful

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

194 You need to break down the barrier with the union and start developing the teachers professionally. The bad relations and lack of direction are the biggest weakness of the school. Some teachers excel, others flounder, but no one is accountable. Quit spending money on new building and do your job with the human resources you have.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

195 i would like the rules of cell phone use and talking to be enforced a little more in the library. when i go to a library i am seeking quite, if i wanted chatting and phone calls i would stay at home. thanks

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

196 IVC needs a cafeteria and one power plug for the power outlet in Building #27 in Internet Cafe needs for one table.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

197 difficulty contesting grades, new prerequisite requirements not clear for current students. Unable to continue registration on given registration date due to need to complete forms, make appointment with counselor and unknown needs by e-mails. unclear requirements.
Some teacher grading inconsistent with teaching styles, different teachers different curriculum for same courses.
Unhappy with ALEKS online math.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

198 There are a few good teachers who's class I've had the pleasure of attending. About half of the teachers I've had were poor teachers, who should not be working in the education profession. The counselors were ill-informed as to the requirements of my program. I've found the admin/registration people to be adequate, though they did lose all of my personal information that I'd turned into them, ie social security number, bank acct records (for proof of residency).

Generally I would rate my experience at C.O.M. as unsatisfying, and would be sure to tell anyone to avoid taking classes here.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

199 Arcane, ineffective registration system that penalizes the student heavily when it was not the student's fault. And no recourse. Your people charged me \$150 for two days of classes - all problems brought on by your funky computer system. I cannot and will not pay it, and therefore, I can't take any more classes. And I did appeal it twice. Totally uncaring and useless, took weeks - which left me in limbo not knowing if I could go to class. And then it said I could - and retroactively registered me, by that time I had missed too much, and it was too late to drop and get a refund. Nasty business.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

200 I appreciate the small class sizes, but wish there were more sections of certain classes available, such as microbiology and other science classes. Registration is very challenging when these classes fill up so rapidly

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

201 Loads of my uncles went to College of Marin and then on to other institutions to complete their degrees.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

202 n/a

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

203 It is inconvenient that I have to wait too long to have an appointment with my counselor.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

204 When next updating my computer skills I will not choose COM due to the inexcusably rude staff, administration, instructors and students regarding my visual and hearing impairments. COM is not ADA compliant and DSPS is incompetent. Do you beat up people who use wheelchairs as well?

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

205 The schedules for general education courses such as mathematics, English, speech ect. are perfect for finishing the requirements in a timely manner but the schedule for the prerequisites for associates programs are impossibly difficult to finish quickly. The science courses for the ADN program and the art courses for AA in Art are the two programs that I have experience with and it is very difficult to take more than one or two classes solely based on the length of the class per day. It is more than possible to take multiple classes per semester and do well but it is impossible to take multiple classes per semester without spending 10 hours a day on campus. This is the reason I am more likely to transfer than stay at COM to finish the program.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

206 The pre-rec requirement has proven to be very challenging and some what ridiculous. It is pushing those who did not do the pre-rec at COM to go get the information from their other college, and then after doing all that the pre-rec committee denies it anyway. I was placed into a higher course when I graduated high school, so I never took the basic classes because I didn't need to take the basics, I proved that in my test scores, and COM denied my higher course work and said that I have to start from the beginning. Thank god the counselors have some common sense. This whole system is making it really hard for people, even people who did take their pre-reqs at COM are being denied registration!!!! Its like we are being punished for one, not taking our pre-recs at COM, and two, for being placed in a higher course work out of high school and not ever having needed to take some of the pre-reqs. Its just wrong what they are asking of the students to do, and then denying them anyway.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

207 Overall I'm very satisfied with College of Marin. The faculty and staff have been very helpful and responsive to phone calls and email correspondence. However, I am somewhat dissatisfied with the lack of communication regarding to the new prerequisite process. I met with the counseling department on three occasions prior to the spring 2012 registration. Since I am interested in the nursing program and have most of the prerequisites for this program completed at another institution, I was advised by counseling to submit a course substitution petition complete with course descriptions and transcripts. I followed this procedure and my petition was approved for all of the requested substitutions which include many prerequisites for other courses at College of Marin. However, counseling did not ever mention that the course substitutions petition would not apply to prerequisites for other courses that I needed to take. So, during my priority registration process I was not able to register for Physiology because the MyCOM system did not recognize my Chemistry 110/114 substitution taken at another institution which was signed off as approved by counseling as a completed prerequisite. This caused a 3 day delay in registration. I filled out the prereq form with the same info and was approved and finally able to register. I don't understand why I had to refill out paperwork that was approved by counseling previously and why a course substitution would be any different than a prerequisite in this case. I wish counseling department had informed me that I needed to fill out an extra form for the admissions department. If they had advised me of this procedure I would have gladly taken care of it prior to my registration date.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

208 I'm in the Dental Assisting Program

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

209 I absolutly love college of marin but it is really hard when, like me, people try to obtain a certification and the classes that you are supposed to take for the semester are interfering with each other.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

210 Would love to see more dance classes offered during morning/afternoon hours.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

211 My English instructor [redacted] is the worst. She is very unprofessional and seems to lack knowledge when it comes to things she attempts to teach. She brings her children to class, she uses class time to talk about her own personal life and experiences. So far this year we have wasted six valuable class days talking about her stuff. I'm so fed up that we are at the end and I almost want to quit and I know there is only approximately 4 weeks left if that many.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

212 Thank you to [redacted] Financial aid, [redacted] and the computer department.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

- 213
- 1) It would be great if COM offered more online or hybrid (on-line/in-person) classes
 - 2) Improve the selection of nursing books available at the library.
 - 3) Increase hours of DESC (Testing center hours).
 - 4) Increase sections of high demand classes (nursing pre-requisite classes)
 - 5) Remodel interior of buildings (better lighting, new carpets/no carpets)

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

214 I really enjoy my time at College of Marin. I learned a lot and liked the small class environment and the teachers. I would always recommend College of Marin to others because of my positive experience.

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68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

215 I love the athletic facilities and pool that were built! I take several classes a year to continue my physical therapy exercises after having had surgeries on my lower back; these fitness classes are an affordable alternative to paying for private physical therapy and local gym memberships.
I hope that the college will continue to offer these classes to all members of the community and not "cut off" access to this valuable aspect of College of Marin!

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

216 The new food service in the student center is absolute garbage: no menu for much of their food (mystery food, mystery prices!), poor-quality food, poor service, horrible selection, few vegetarian options. Kick them out and bring back the Campus Bistro.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

217 I have a BFA already from a 4yr university, I chose to return to school to update my skills and possibly pursue a transfer credit based second degree to make myself more marketable in this current economy - need to know how to do more to compete with those already out there - I also have a husband and toddler - I wish there was more space available in the infant/toddler (my son is 33 months old as this survey) care programs because I am currently limited by this lack and my husband's work as to when I can attend classes.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

218 I think that the Administration Of Justice classes should also be offered in the day time. I am a single mother, and my son will be starting child care in January through the College of Marin. Unfortunately, most of my classes are only at night. And night care is not offered.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

219 freindly environment

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

220 I am disappointed Italian 2 will not be offered in the evening. [redacted] is an excellent teacher and I will not have any options to continue my lessons with Italian as I am a working student.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

221 I work full time in Marin county and really appreciate the variety of courses and the time frames available at the college. I have been impressed so far with all the classes I have taken (a mix of on line and evening/weekend classes) and enjoy the variety of teaching styles. I am happy that I can update my education while continuing to work full time. I live close by so the questions you ask about parking/commuting/car pooling were not relevant to my situation at the moment.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

222 Teachers can have a hard time understanding student circumstances. Exams seem to be based off of what the teachers know, not what was covered in class.

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

223 I love the sports programs that are available. Also the teachers are high quality teachers!

68. Comment (relating to anything to do with College of Marin)

224 COM is a nice school with a lovely campus. I like it, or something.