



**Degree/Certificate Program**

Interdisciplinary Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences AA

**Program Student Learning Outcomes (pSLOs)**

To evaluate the program student learning outcomes (pSLOs), students were asked: "With respect to all of the classes you have taken at FLC toward an AA in Interdisciplinary Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences how well have the classes prepared you to...(each pSLO was listed)." Responses ranged from 5 "excellent preparation" to 1 "inadequate preparation". Below is a summary of the student responses by the semester the student petitioned to graduate.

PSLOs	Total				Spring 16	16-17	17-18	
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Mean	Mean	
Evaluate how societies and social subgroups operate.	4.26	0.71	2	5	4.27	4.21	4.31	
<b>Number of responses</b>	84				30	28	26	

**Additional Feedback**

Students were given the opportunity to provide additional comments about their experience in the program and more broadly at FLC. Below are the questions students were asked, along with the comments provided by the students:

**Please provide any additional comments about your experiences taking classes toward an AA degree in Interdisciplinary Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences that might help FLC improve the program.**

**Spring 2016**

I only took 4 classes at FLC when coming back to finish my degree from many years ago. 3 of them were on line and one at EDC. All were excellent. I think another psychology class would have been helpful.

More classes in Political Science please, Love professors XX and XX!

Most professors seem to have a humanistic and liberal world view, which affects the way they present, interpret, and teach material. It would be helpful to have professors with varying and diverse worldviews.

**2016-2017**

The only recommendation I have towards FLC is for their student academic counseling department. My degree was supposed to be in Liberal Studies and every semester I went to meet with a counselor to discuss classes to take there was always new criteria I had to meet. I met every criteria that I was told I needed but when I petitioned for my degree I was then informed that certain classes don't count for the degree requirement. So if I want my Liberal Studies degree from FLC I am now one class short which should've been accounted for in the three years I was there. The counseling department was unclear in my graduation requirements and due to their lack of knowledge and guidance I do not have a Liberal Studies degree. Other than the counseling department my experience was good. I enjoyed my classes and my professors very much.

I felt the teachers at FLC were excellent.

Wonderful cultural classes for anthropology and humanities.

Altogether I had a very positive overall experience at FLC as a student athlete. All of my professors were very helpful and organized.

I have very much enjoyed the curriculum, I would like to see more studies into language and have learned more about the evolution of it.

More intersectionality is needed in the rhetoric in many of the social science classroom. There is little to none critical and social analysis in many of the social science courses.

Overall great teaching

Provide more night classes

### **2017-2018**

I had some excellent professors and some ok professors. All and all I enjoyed taking classes at FLC.

I loved it! Can't say I would change a thing!

I loved the availability of online classes, and it would be very helpful if online courses or different hours (evening) were available for human services classes to help those work during the day.

It can be more narrowly defined, the category is too broad

Job placement and help after achieving the degree would have been most useful. As for the courses I found them to be of very high quality, professors were passionate and knowledgeable in both the academic and in real world applications of their fields of study.

Make the class requirements more available to students

The classes were great and it met my goal

They have helped me pick a major and helped me feel confident in what degree I want to get in future college

### **Is there anything else you would like share about your experience as an FLC student?**

#### **Spring 2016**

Although I was generally happy about taking the classes at FLC, I was disappointed that it didn't offer more classes directed towards my real major (Film). However, the professors I had classes with were amazing and helped me get the most out of the college experience to better situate me for my next step at a four-year.

Being a student at Flc-EDC was a great experience in my life. I enjoyed many of my teachers as well as meeting new people.

Great school.

I found my professors to be very passionate and had great expertise on their subjects. The campus has always been beautiful and very well taken care of.

I LOVE FLC, though I'm somewhat disappointed that there doesn't seem to be more acknowledgment for those of us with outstanding GPA. I achieved a 4.0 with 16 units in Fall 2015, and currently have a 4.0 GPA with 21 units this semester. I feel this display of academic excellence should be better celebrated by way of Dean's list, letter of commendation and/or transcript notation...sadly the Dean's list which was supposed to be implemented in Fall 2015 was pushed out and I won't qualify for it. For those of us applying for scholarships where the donors require letters of recommendations this is key, while it's nice to have PTK recommendations, PTK is the top 10% of the class and not as exclusive as having consecutive semesters with 4.0 GPA and are plentiful among the competition for scholarships therefore I hope FLC makes this a priority for its students who attend full time and achieve perfect semesters. I'm enrolled at ASU for fall and my tuition is 9k per semester, any assistance I could have gotten by way of recognition from my transfer college would have been tremendous help as ASU no longer has PTK specific scholarships...please consider making this a priority for your students, especially since employers are now evaluating potential hires according to GPA - locally, Intel is an example of an employer who considers GPA of Recent College Graduates upon extending an offer so this type of elite recognition could be the difference between someone receiving a job or scholarship offer. Thank you

It was an amazing three years at FLC. If I could take all of my classes for my bachelors and masters degree at FLC, I totally would. Love this school! XX, XX, XX, XX Professor XX are all INCREDIBLE teachers that have a true passion not only for the subject that they teach but the student's success! Never give up!

Very nice school, lots of wonderful professors.

### **2016-2017**

My time at FLC was an extremely rewarding, enriching experience. Going back to college literally saved my life - it gave my life back to me. Thank you

Amazing campus and great instructors. Some equal to or greater than my CSU instructors had been

Dean should instruct professors to set higher standards in classroom. Disruptive students made learning challenging even after speaking to multiple professors and expressing disability only a few took it into consideration. Professors need to be respectful of students with disabilities and take in consideration their opinions.

FLC has been incredible! I've enjoyed my time here so much, the professors have been incredible. I feel so prepared for my upper division classes at my four year university.

I am just extremely happy I was able to take all the classes I needed at convenient times for me at a location close to home.

It has been a great experience that I have cherished very much.

My experience at Folsom Lake College allowed me to grow individually before heading into a four year university. After graduating high school I felt that I was ready to move into a new atmosphere and now I feel that I am.

Thanks for a great 2 years! I'm glad I chose FLC

### **2017-2018**

First, I would like to thank ,xx for his patience, gentle style of teaching math Secondly, I believe it is very important to keep our community colleges open to the community. Attending college for me has not just been an academic achievement. College has been an opportunity for me to interact in a social atmosphere of cultures, races, religions but most of all ages. My friendships built through the social environment of college encompassing the younger generation has been the best experience of all.

Dean of students, xx, is one great guy, and all the front office staff is amazing. Also, I would say that your janitorial staff is top notch. It is amazing how clean FLC is.

I am sad I am leaving flc, I loved my experience

I loved my time at FLC. I thought the campus was beautiful and a good size. I enjoyed and had a good relationship with most of them. My first semester joining clubs like the QSA (then GSA) helped me make new friends, some of which I am still in contact with, and helped make my college experience

I loved the campuses and the academics were good facilities were beautiful. I really learned a lot, not just facts and figures but about myself. I developed a new and expanded outlook on life as a whole and society. FLC really helped me become a better person and I will always be grateful for that.

However I do wish there was more to do on campus. Also I wish there were more events or something of the like to promote student involvement and to foster the development of new friendships. It felt like everyone came went to class and left as fast as possible and kept to there old circles of friends instead of branching out and meeting new people. As an older returning student it was a rather lonely journey through college.

Irritated that they took away the smoking areas without consent from the students. I'm sorry, but this is college, where adults attend. Not an elementary school, really need to see change in that, because it took away social interactions and freedoms. Thanks!

So much work

Thank you! So much I will always be a loyal Falcon, the majority of my transformation was because of Folsom lake Collage and who I am today is because of Folsom Lake Collage and I will always be forever grateful.

Well I cannot say enough good things about dr. xx in the academic counseling department I think that the department is a whole is doing a major de service on a daily basis to the students that attend the school. A student should not be able to ask the same question to three academic advisors and receive three different responses. If I were a member of that group of the faculty I would be embarrassed. While My overall experience at FLC has been absolutely incredible the fact that I had to add an entire semester to The Experience is unacceptable. Also I would say that while the rest of the college departments do an amazing job the academic advising is such a pivotal Department that any mistakes within the department are absolutely catastrophic to student well being.

**Were there any services or supports offered by the college that were a significant support to the achievement of your academic goals?**

**Spring 2016**

Councilors

Counseling and the computer lab

Counseling and tutoring.

counselors and Financial Aid offices were outstanding

Disabled Students Programs and Services

DSPS helped me so much! Thank you to them!

DSPS, Tutoring, Group Studying

Financial Aid got me through the last 3 years being a student who commutes.

Financial aid office

Great teachers; very supportive, understanding, and accommodating where possible for single parents of young children.

I visited the counselors' office many, many times to make sure I was on the right track academically. I was in there for walk-in appointments every Tuesday for a couple months while trying to prepare for graduation and transfer to a university. Some of the counselors (specifically XX and XX) were vastly more knowledgeable than the others I met with. They were able to answer my questions and give me additional information that other counselors left out. I might have not been able to graduate this semester if not for their advice.

Keeping in touch with counselors on a regular basis

My counselor was great in helping me achieve my goal.

My counselor, XX, at the el Dorado center was very informative, knowledgeable, and encouraging when it came to my education. There were a few times I wanted to give up, but she kept pushing me to succeed and keep going.

online classes

Reading and Writing center

The Career Center and the STRONG test. I also utilized the tutoring center regularly.

The Counseling Department really helped me plan out my time at FLC and helped me utilize my time efficiently by not only coming out with one, but two AA's after 3 years of schooling.

Tutoring center

**2016-2017**

The tutoring center helped me pass all of my math classes.

Counseling, tutoring

EOP&S was very helpful to me, as well as the college counselor XX at EDC.

tutoring

Admissions at the FLC front office. Although staff has changed throughout the years I have enjoyed each person I've interacted with

Calworks

Career center

Counseling

Counseling meetings, supportive professors

Counseling services

DSPS

Reading and writing center, career center

The Counseling department is extremely helpful.

The internship/work experience was helpful as was the transfer center.

**2017-2018**

Counseling

Counseling - I was originally only trying to complete my lower division before transfer but my counselor noticed I was very close to completing my AA and suggested I take the missing sociology class. Now I can transfer with an AA instead of with only my lower division complete.

DSPS helping with increased testing time and a different testing environment. The tutoring center and reading writing center also helped with studying and writing papers.

DSPS, counseling, the transfer department and financial aid

Eops Calworks care dsps career center

FYE Peer mentoring

I had bog which was awesome

I think that the help that I received from the academic counseling department more specifically from xx was Paramount and helping me to achieve my goal. I was thoroughly impressed by xx in his ability to provide good information. xx also was extremely prompt in returning emails that I sent to him. I believe that dr. Hill went above and beyond expectations.

xx and the knowledgeable staff in the Math lab. I never would have passed math without the help of the wonderful tutors in the math lab.

Leadership opportunities

Math tutoring and the library

Student Life-Associated Students, Ambassador Program, Reading and Writing Center

Support from Dsps, students service,VSC And Math tutors and my classmates . These services became a part of me and leaning to ask for help became more easier over a extended period of time. Profssor xx psychology and xx math inspired me to achieve my goals.

The BOG waiver was a huge help to me and family and I extremely grateful for it. I do wish there was a better career center and job place system in place. I wish there was some kind of automatic enrollment or something to help you one you have achieved your degree.

The veterans center was a huge person and academic support!!!!

Tutoring center

Veteran outreach and services

### **Did you experience any significant barriers to achieving your academic goals?**

#### **Spring 2016**

Financial Aid

From the time I started FLC, in the fall of 2007, to the time I achieved my AA in Spring of 2015, I was working full time, lost my job, started a new job, bought a new car, got married, and had two children. I also tried to over exert myself at the beginning of the semester only to drop the classes and stick with one or two.

Health problems along with depression and anxiety made things more difficult.

I suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury on the last day of my first semester of college.

Not being able to get classes needed due to overlap with other classes or already full when registering.

Passing math 100

Personal work school family balance. It took me so long I burned out and didn't want to go further

Some professors were difficult

## **2016-2017**

The academic advising department misled me in my degree requirements.

Abuse, divorce and trying to continue to keep a stable environment for my 4 children

Finding classes that fit my schedule

life

Schedule conflict

Commute, and also car problems

Getting desired classes

I had to work full time all throughout my time at FLC, so I could only take classes part time during the semester. It was difficult to balance school and work.

I have had to work full time during my entire college career so I took my significantly longer than expected. I also had a child 4 years ago that made the process a little more challenging.

Lack of interest from academic guidance counselors

Not qualifying for independent financial aide status

Psychiatric disorder and other health problems.

Records and counselors. My previous attempts at requesting classes from English courses taken at a senior level went unanswered and unchallenged. Counselors such as XX have always been amazing...other counselors not so much (rancho campus)

Remedial courses that I did not feel the need to take.

## **2017-2018**

Child care is extremely hard to come by for night classes, all normal child care places are closed by then, and as most parents I had to work during the day to support my family and was only about to take night classes. Also many of the courses were not available every semester there were some that I had to wait over a year for.

Constantly changing how many classes I needed. I don't like how it changes very single semester.. keep it one way..

Did some time oversea US Marines and had to learn how to adjust back to civilian life and FLC was a big part of my transformation. Had learning disabilities and had all remedial classes in high school, Junior High School and Elementary continue speech therapy throughout High School.Had major back surgery 2010 car accident recovered however i was in constant pain in class.

For me they were more personal. I was going through a divorce and a chronic pain issue. The procedures required for certain aspects slowed needed resources down and created a lot of stress.

Health issues

I experienced a major setback in achieving my goal. The setback was due to a lack of knowledge in the academic counseling department. In my time as a student at FLC I have met with three separate academic advisors and each of them gave me different information. The bad information that I was provided with caused me to have to add an entire semester of coursework. The first to academic advisors that I met with before meeting with xx had very little understanding of what I would need in order to complete my degree. This meant that I was not placed in the classes that I should have been placed in in order to fulfill the final requirements of my degree in one semester. It was only after meeting with xxi that I was set in a correct path. I am extremely upset at this matter. This caused me to have to add an entire semester to my coursework. This lack of knowledge on the part of the academic advisors that I had met with adversely affected my life and the amount of time that it took me to complete my goal. I do not think it is fair that ignorance on the part of academic advisors should cost students valuable costly and precious time.

I kept getting denied for FASFA which was hard on my academics

I'm a single mother and had difficulty completing school because of the expensive daycare I had to pay. Would be beneficial if they had a facility on campus.

Impacted classes hard to get into and bad registration dates.

Math and science are my weakness so it took me longer than expected because of that

Mental health issues, racism, professors lack of understanding cultural differences etc.

Poor teaching and Professors that were both immature/dim and ill qualified for their positions.

Time - Maintaining full time employment, responsibilities at home, as well as classes. Availability - Spent the first 1-2 years only taking 5-6 units per semester due to lack of availability and full classes.