# Chabot Students' Enrollment Plans for Summer 2020/Fall 2020

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# Agenda

- Survey on Students' Technology Needs for Online Learning
  - Context: Brief overview of responses and data analysis plan
- Responses to enrollment related questions
  - 1. Students' Plans for Summer/Fall Enrollment
  - 2. Open-Ended Responses to: Is there anything Chabot could do?
    - Thank you to Indra Liauw, our newest Research Analyst!

# Brief Overview: Online Learning Needs Survey

- Data collection period: April 2 2020 (Thurs) April 9 2020 (Thurs)
- Total Student Respondents: 2425 (18% of 13,304 enrolled students)
- IR Analysis Requests/Plan:
  - 1. Responses of students who want to be contacted to address specific technology needs: IR gave list to VP Thompson's office
  - 2. Summary of Responses on Technology Questions: Report posted on IR website and sent to campus
  - 3. Responses to enrollment related questions: Reported on in THIS ppt!

#### How, if at all, has Covid-19 impacted your educational plans for this coming summer and/or fall 2020?



### Follow Up Question: What Chabot Could Do

- For students who answered:
  - My plans have somewhat changed. I plan to enroll in a reduced course load OR
  - I am unsure of my plans OR
  - I was going to enroll, but now I won't be able to OR
  - Other (please describe)
    - Total: 55.9% of respondents
- Survey followed up with: Is there anything Chabot College could provide that would increase your chances of enrolling in your usual course load? Please describe:
  - 592 open-ended responses
  - Research Analyst Indra Liauw coded the responses

# Most Frequent Themes: What Chabot Could Do to Increase my Chances of Enrollment

- Technology Needs Support (69)
  - Equipment Loan and Return  $(3) \rightarrow (72)$
- Adjust Academic Expectations on Students during COVID-19 (62)
- Expand online classes or offer all classes online (47)
- Financial Assistance (46)
- Improve Online Instruction (45)

Mid Frequency Themes: What Chabot Could Do to Increase my Chances of Enrollment

- Offer Academic Support (35)
- Waiting on more information (29)
- Offer in-person classes (26)

# Low Frequency Themes: What Chabot Could Do to Increase my Chances of Enrollment

- Considerations for DSPS students (6)
- Exams (online formats have brought anxiety and stress to students) (6)
- Safe and quiet place to focus on schoolwork (6)
- Registration-related Information (5)
- Uncertainty over Transfers, Application to Programs (5)
- Childcare (3)
- Online Social Connection (3)
- Mental Health Resources (2)
- Refunds (Spring 2020) (2)

Themes	Counts
Technology Needs Support	
- Help with Laptop	
- Wi-Fi	69
- Software (e.g., Pearson, Excel)	09
- Printing	
- Help on how to use online instruction software	
Equipment Loan and Return	3
- Need equipment for classes (e.g., art, photography)	J

#### Adjust Academic Expectations on Students during COVID-19

- Consideration for students who are stressed and anxious about home and school,
   who do not have reliable access to laptop and/or internet
- Less Homework / Course Load (Students are stressed and transitioning to online learning, homeschooling kids, essential workers working more)
- Extra credit opportunities
- Extension for assignments
- Expand grade ranges
- Extension to drop classes without mention in transcripts
- Give Pass/Fail option
- Extend academic semester
- Give students option for self-paced or set meeting times

# ThemesCountExpand online classes or offer all classes online47- Students want to graduate/transfer in time47- Courses mentioned: Math, ESL, GE classes, photography, Chemistry,<br/>Biology, Art, Real Estate, English Literature, Physiology, PE, ECD47

#### **Financial Assistance**

- Housing, Food, Public Transportation
- Supplies and Books (pick cheaper e-books)
- Financial aid for those affected by COVID-19
- Lower tuition (international students); Fee waiver

Count

- Work-study program
- Extended payment plans

#### **Improve Online Instruction**

- Better online labs
- Better communication from Instructors (via Canvas, share zoom phone number also)
- Better organization of materials on Canvas
- Use only one platform (Canvas)
- Give videos and examples, rather than reading (math & science classes)
- Zoom lectures (rather than assign readings)
- Interactive software for STEM classes
- More interaction and support from instructor

Themes	Count
Offer Academic Support	
- Tutoring (e.g., Math, ELS)	35
- Counseling	
- Assessment, Placement Tests	

Themes	Count
Waiting on more information	
- Class schedules and offerings	29
- Classes with Labs (will these classes be offered online?)	

#### **Offer in-person classes**

- Smaller classes with physical distancing
- Offer Nursing, Welding, Machining, Automotive Tech in-person classes

Count

26

(students want to be able to continue)

- Online classes are a lot harder than in-person classes
- Prefer in-person classes, do not learn well online
- Do not want to pay for online classes

#### **Considerations for DSPS students**

- Sign language
- Counseling
- Tutoring

#### Exams (online formats have brought anxiety and stress to students)

- Invasion of privacy (required to have camera and mic turned on)
- Make all tests and exams open book
- Allow students to be able to go back and review questions and answers during exams

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Themes	Count
Safe and quiet place to focus on schoolwork - Study Areas on campus for students to study	6
<ul> <li>Registration-related Information</li> <li>Push back registration deadlines</li> <li>Webinars on how to register online (formerly done in-person)</li> </ul>	5
<ul> <li>Uncertainty over Transfers, Application to Programs</li> <li>Waiting on transfers</li> <li>Waiting to take TEAS exam (nursing), placement tests, assessments</li> </ul>	5

Themes	Count
Childcare	3
Online Social Connection	3
<ul> <li>Online events, clubs, group chats, study groups</li> </ul>	
Mental Health Resources	2
Refunds (Spring 2020)	
- Tuition	2
- Parking Permits	

## Policy Considerations for CEMC

- Discussion Question: Given that ~55% of our students may enroll in a decreased course load or are unsure of their enrollment plans, is there anything that Chabot/we/someone should be doing to increase students' chances of enrolling in summer and fall?
- Reminder of Top Themes (and frequencies) in Students' 592 Responses:
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