
Compressed Calendar Feedback Survey – Student Responses to Qualitative Item: “If you have anything you would like to share with the committee regarding this topic, please describe below.” (N=416)

1. 15-16 week semester is more traditional and common now than the 17 week semester.
2. 17 weeks is really long. Feels like a drag, makes me less motivated toward the end. 15 weeks seems more reasonable. Also, lengthening class times seems like it would burn students out. I think class length should remain the same because after a certain amount of minutes students will zone out anyway.
3. A compressed schedule is not in the best interest of the student. Academic success is far more important than having an additional week off for summer break.
4. A compressed semester would be horrible for adult students that work full time day jobs. More evening classes would be ideal.
5. A lot of the spring semester 2017 students that I know, including myself, have felt like this semester is very long. We have expressed how we feel burnt out, mentally checked out, having a hard time rallying the energy for our finals, and I believe this is due to the length of this semester. Thank you.
6. According to the numbers, there are more part time students than full time. Are these students part time because of needing to come in the evenings due to work? If so, adding more variety of classes in the afternoon might be an option. As someone who only had the option of night time classes for a while, it was difficult getting a decent teacher or into a class because much wasn't offered. I'd rather spend more time in a class two days a week than 3 days.
7. Add more biology classes 120/140/141/144/152 classes
8. After reading all the FAQs on the district's website, I feel this is a good plan for all involved. It will help those of us who are taking classes with a goal of graduating, because it will nearly eliminate the issues with scheduling anyone who is also taking classes at a UC/CSU. The possible longer summer session or additional winter session would be immensely appreciated as well.
9. After the 14th week it gets really hard to come to class and stay focused in class for finals!
10. Align spring break with local schools - I am a working mother of 2 young children and having different spring breaks makes things very difficult.
11. Aligning spring break with local school districts to allow for coordinated vacations.
12. Although this class schedule would impact the student's greatly, I'm more concern with how this may impact the professor's schedule and pay. I believe we should consider all things before making this change. I personally don't believe that shorter class schedules will overall help students learn better. If the system is not broken we shouldn't touch it.
13. And you guys should do the ESL shorter it's really long 71-119 it takes 4 years , so please work on it

14. Anything that will help us transfer faster! Semesters feel way too long
15. Are you out of your mind? There's too much information to compress it into 15 weeks. Whoever thought of this idea is a nut job.
16. As a full-time worker in the morning, I feel there is not enough art classes for me to take to finish my classes, which forces me to attend another college that is even further away from me.
17. As a single, independent, full time worker finding the hours to study has gotten substantially harder as I continue on with my college career. To prepare for my tests and exams takes more time and effort than it did when I first enrolled at Grossmont College.
18. As a student taking multiple laboratory classes this semester, I feel that we barely have enough time to complete laboratory assignments as is. Attempting to fit more labs in per week would not be a viable option for students like myself. Furthermore, I don't find lengthening classes conducive to a proper learning environment.
19. As a student who came from City College one of biggest concerns is if I have classes back to back with one another but have to travel from one side of campus to the other to get to class, would I still be able make it on time to my classes?
20. As a student who has had to take a year off of GCCCD to find a career to continue affording college education. I am a non-traditional socioeconomically disadvantaged minority who regularly uses EOPS/UP/Care/DSPS services for the last 6 years to attain my AA-T. I HIGHLY stress this decision be made with an inclusive diversity committee comprised of faculty and staff with the best interest of the minority & nontraditional students. More weekday offerings after 3pm would greatly allow access to students such as myself.
21. As a student who works full time at the same time, I like our regular schedule which make it possible to attend school. Any changes can result of difficulties for students like me.
22. As a tutor for Grossmont College, I have difficulty making ends meet from semester to semester as it is, due to no overlap between Grossmont tutoring hours and my seasonal employment with the Salvation Army. Shortening the semesters by a week would make me lose about \$500.00 per year. With money as tight as it is (my family has to take turns not eating for a day) and no financial aid available to me from Grossmont (and having been rejected for food stamps due to my unique situation), this would be a disaster for me. \$500.00 is approximately 3 months' worth of food for me.
23. As an Employee who also goes to School here, I am in favor of these suggestions. It is hard to pick classes when you work until 6 pm. Great Ideas. Also 10 minute breaks are enough time to use the restroom and stretch.
24. As it stands I don't feel that there is enough time spent on each subject and shortening this time anymore would be adding to the stress of cramming the material at a fast abnormal to learning pace. This is not true learning, this is cram and release and I don't agree at all.
25. As Long as it could be as close to match the other school dates (CSU, UC) I do not see why not It seems like a great idea.
26. Been at Mesa College for three years while my wife was here, every thanksgiving every final every holiday we had an issue with I either finish faster or have a holiday that week while she's

not and that ruined our schedule. I hope this will change it for the good Thanks. J. K.

27. Being a full time working student, I believe that having longer semesters and class times will affect work life balance for working students. It would be difficult to complete assignments as well because we would have less time at home to get home work done. I actually think having Friday and Saturday classes will appeal to larger groups, who may not be able to coordinate weekdays with their schedules. It would actually give someone like me more of a chance to get my courses done and get my degree sooner.
28. Being in a science major, the classes I've completed were already fast paced and compressed enough as it is, I can't imagine undergoing the rest of my major classes with a week or two less for study and memorization.
29. Besides changing finals week to the last day of class, I see no need in having a compressed calendar. College courses are already long enough. I rather take 2 day thanksgiving break & have an extra week in the semester than to shove more academics in a shorter time frame with longer hours.
30. Better t-shirt options
31. Big no for Compressed calendar
32. By shortening the semester it also causes the materials that are required on a per class basis to also become accelerated which may lead to issues further down the road. This may include extra stress on the students and professors who will have to adjust their curriculum to take the change in semester length into consideration. Although there is only a week or two difference, it will still cause these issues. Another problem is the increase in classroom times. College students already have a busy schedule as is. But by slightly changing the time spent in classes could affect students who struggle to focus or who have other issues that prevents them from being able to sit on a classroom for over an hour and 15 minutes. When making the decision to incorporate the compressed calendar at Grossmont, please take these points into consideration.
33. Can schedules be released earlier? I'd love to plan my fall schedule the final week of spring semester.
34. Certain classes, like language classes, are more efficient 3 days a week (than 2) anyways, so a M, W, F is better than a M & W or a Tu & Th. It would be nice to be on a similar schedule as other colleges in the area.
35. Changing the schedule to match other colleges will be very nice to have because some families have members going to different college. If all colleges have the same breaks, families can do more things together or have students miss less days due to a family trip or vacation!
36. Class weeks are already compressed as is, shortening this will put more pressure on students than there is already.
37. Classes and certain subjects need to be at night for working adults students
38. Classes are starting too early in the summer. Summer should be allowed to be summer - it's the only time for vacationing in the mountains without snow, and the only warm time for the beach. It doesn't make sense to start so early in the summer then finish so early in November

or December when there are few options for good weather for travel or vacation. It's a fact that California mountain towns are suffering economically. During what should be their peak seasons - July and August - the lodges and cabins and restaurants are now not filling up because kids (and college students) have to be back in school in mid-August. Late August or early September is better for a Fall Semester start date.

39. Classes are too long currently. Thank you.
40. Classes that start late (evening) and end late (9 or 10pm)
41. Compressed calendar is a good idea
42. Compressed calendar would make parking worse because everyone is there for much longer on fewer days.
43. Compressed calendars make classes longer and therefore make learning so much difficult. There is only a limited amount of time that you can actually pay attention and learn especially with having multiple classes per day. It gives the student the option to not have a compressed calendar as well.
44. Compressed classes are a very big desire for me. Even more intercessions or 4,6,8 week classes. I am only able to take courses online due to scheduling conflicts. I like online classes where it doesn't matter what time of day I'm available, I can fit in school.
45. Compressing and limiting all final exams in 1 day is very stressful for many students. A vast majority of students would not want to take a final exam on the last day of the schedule class meeting, especially if they are taking more than 1 class that day. Many students will favor having a separate week for finals.
46. Compressing the calendar at GCCCD will put more pressure on everyone at the college. Students and teachers will be less pleased to have a schedule that offers less time for students to meet. Most classes that I've been in have taken sections of learning out in order to pack the most important information in the instruction to prepare for finals. Sure, the most important learning will suffice, but I'd rather get the entire course of instruction in a class if I'm paying over \$500 for a semester of a class.
47. Compressing the calendar would make students with children difficult.
48. Compressing the schedule does not help anybody specially the students, because they need more time to digest all the information that is thrown at them, it takes time to learn, if we rush the process we are not really learning to heart, just for short term memory which it doesn't work in the long run of a student's life. I am totally against compressing the schedule. Please don't do it.
49. Compressing the schedule would further compress class topics and leaving less time for clarification from instructors.
50. Computer lab should be open more to students. Saturdays is a good day to complete homework, etc. for those who works as well. Thank you
51. Concerned that minutes added per class will not compensate for days of a class.
52. Considering that I go/have gone to multiple colleges in the region, I would find it less stressful and confusing if classes were to be compressed into a 16-week semester, with finals included

in those 16 weeks, as it is something that I believe would benefit teachers, staff, and students alike.

53. Continue offering many classes between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM so we can have options.
54. Crack down on courses that take up 4 hours but really only go 2 so there's less need to use the admin override process.
55. Cuyamaca College is my home!!!!!!
56. (Redacted)
57. Don't compress the calendar. Makes learning harder for students who need the extra time. Also it seems like to guys are just trying to get students out fast as possible without learning the material.
58. Due to a disability I can only take classes two days a week, for 1-2 hours although I do well in on-line classes. It is very difficult to complete my associate's degree because many of the required courses are not offered on-line or meet more than twice a week and/or meet more than two hours a day. I also cannot attend late afternoon or night classes, so a compressed schedule would make it nearly impossible for me to complete my AS. I really hope you do not adopt a Compressed Calendar.
59. Due to my work schedule, it is already difficult to take classes full-time like I want to. My class days are often 12 hours long as it is. If the class calendar becomes compressed, it will take me even longer to transfer out of Grossmont and pursue my academic goals. I understand the benefit in syncing up with other school schedules, but I hope our calendar doesn't change. Thank you for soliciting feedback!
60. During Saturday courses can there be access to a microwave??
61. Earlier classes make it more difficult for those of us that work but need a classroom learning environment.
62. Everyone else has a week off for thanksgiving, including my kids. It would be better for me if we had the whole week off for Thanksgiving.
63. Except for exercise science classes should remain the same. However the condensed schedule would hurt some since many people take buses and such.
64. (Redacted)
65. Flex Lab for BOT Courses Longer Hours Friday, please!!
66. For Child Development courses, the department can consider offering more classes during the day for individuals with families and children especially. In addition, Child Development 106 course should be a 5 unit course since the course work load is quite a bit for a lab class. Instead of having one day a week lab, it should be 2 days for students to be at the Child Development Center. Although the idea of offering night classes for Child Development students is great, like for students that work like myself, I feel that there should be more options throughout the day for Child Development classes to be offered. Furthermore, creating a class called Conflict Resolution would be wonderful to have for Child Development students since they can learn more techniques of how to cope with challenging situations.
67. For me, as a parent, it isn't beneficial to take on a full load for an extended period of time.

Going 1/2 or 3/4 time, instead, then taking a class or 2 in the summer and/ or winter helps me to bridge that gap. I would definitely be interested in the opportunity of more general ed courses being offered during Winter session, which I believe can be an option if the Winter session is extended.

68. For older adults or non-traditional students, please offer more evening classes in GE classes which we may need to transfer to 4 year Universities. And please consider more 10-week excelled classes for those who are used to college and have more life experience. Many of your students don't require 16 weeks of a classes which moves a snails' pace.
69. For the working students with day time jobs, I'd like to see more classes offered after 3pm, Friday and Saturday. Also. Ore classes offered during the week especially as students move into the 200 and up classes. Thanks
70. (Partial Redaction) If you're going to add more weekday offerings after 3PM then you need to provide real and edible food options after 3pm also!
71. Good idea but I only take online classes.
72. Great Idea! Sometimes final exams can be so confusing because the time is different and students already have a lot in their plate that week.
73. Hard topic to decide on. This is a survey and it is not perfect in itself and it only give the general opinion of the students who take the survey. You guys have 6 question and if it was to give any opinion for each one. Then I can say with a certainty that each question will have at the very least a paragraph to each question if I was to type it all out. I will keep it short. Why do we need to align ourselves with other school? Why should we follow their lead? What are we just bunch of follower with no mind of our own? Each school should do its own thing within it right to do how it feel it is best fit the need of the students as a whole. Not base it off of what the others school do. This has nothing related to the subject. I have been at Grossmont College far longer than I care to admit. Tired of the school changing the way the students is expected to meet the requirements such as to transfer to other school or university just because they are bigger and can demand whatever they like and community college just accepting. This cause problems for students. This might not related to the subject, but it show that why do the school need to align themselves with other school for. The only way I can see this working is if the class length is increase marginally. IF the class length is increase by more than 45 min then the class should have at least a 10 min break and how it is done is up to the instructor and the students to agree upon. If it is 10 to 15 min for each class session then it is not a problems. Like I say if I give an opinion for each question then it will be a paragraph for each question.
74. Have Easter break
75. Have in mind of the people such as families and students they are working as they take classes after work to help themselves continue their education. They need as many time options to help choose their options most compatible for them.
76. Have more morning classes, some subjects are more available during the afternoon than mornings. Not many like me can after 2pm or over
77. Having 3 days a week classes is something I'd really like to have to help keep up with school work and not have long breaks in between classes. Very much in favor of the Compressed

Calendar.

78. Having a finals week allows for students to have more room for study during their busy and hectic lives.
79. Having a separate finals week often made me feel anxious that I'd forget the material. It was too far removed and would feel better and more fluid if finals ended with the last scheduled class.
80. Having a separate week for finals only is very helpful for many students to be able to study ahead and be prepared for their finals. I believe that if GCCCD has a compressed calendar would mean, more stressed students over the course of finals time because they would have to remember for so many subject in one day if they have finals all in one day
81. Having classes from 9:30am, instead of the popular 9:00am time, will reduce traffic jams, pollution, parking problems, generally late students, and stress to mental health. (8-year college graduate)
82. Having the same semester schedule as universities would be best. The point of community colleges is to prepare students to their transfer which having the schedule type would be essential in one of the ways to prepare community college students.
83. Hello, I currently work full time and I'm only available after 2pm. Having afternoon classes help me get to my goal of completing my associate degree. Thank you for your time
84. I agree with losing a week of school and putting finals on the last day of instruction. But as a Chem 102 student the amount of learning and required material one has to go through is insane. If Grossmont College was to lose a week they would have to do more than add 15 minutes to some classes. It would call for a reform for a whole class section
85. I already have a hard time finding classes that fit into my available time slots, so extending the times of classes won't necessarily help. I wouldn't notice one week less of school as much as a daily, harder effort to fit a longer class schedule into my personal scheduling. If it is less than 15 minutes, I probably wouldn't mind...but anything longer will get tricky. I don't see the necessity of aligning with all the other colleges either.
86. I always hated how we have to come back a week after classes are over to take finals
87. I am a student that works full time and it is already difficult to get to classes at 6PM or even 5PM. The 3-day-a-week classes are also too much time away from working individuals and their families. For the Saturday courses, too many of these also make it hard for the working student and family life. Currently I have been taking the short term courses and finals for these classes are on the last day of the scheduled class. Why not add more short term courses to the curriculum that would accommodate the working students. One area this would be most beneficial in in the OH department as some of these classes are required for the Water Resource Management Certification. I am a UCSD graduate and the short term classes would better prepare students for the quarter systems that these and other colleges may have.
88. I am all for just taking the finals week out of the class schedules and just having the last class day to take the final that way we don't have to come in for one day the final week.
89. I am an adult student (over 45), and work 50+ hours per week, while also working towards my

first undergrad degree (working to transfer Fall 2018 to SDSU). In support of my VERY important life-goal, WHILE working around my very busy schedule, it is an incredible help to start EARLIER in my day for classes so I can work later, Thank you for reaching out to GCCCD student cadre. I love being a student at Grossmont and Cuyamaca, it is affordable and is taking me straight to where I am going...MY FIRST COLLEGE DEGREE! Yeah!

90. I am completely in favor of a compressed calendar, I also wouldn't mind this for Spring semesters where omitting spring break would shorten that semester as well
91. I am for this but I am curious as to how it will change the credits for classes.
92. I am interested in longer class times, irrelevant of the length of the semester. Most classes I have been enrolled in, the instructors don't seem to have enough time to complete their lectures (examples: physics, oceanography, high level math courses, history). I feel that extending class times, even if by 15 minutes, would solve this issue.
93. I am not in favor of compressed a compressed calendar schedule because that means that classes will go by faster in the semester which means less time to absorb, learn, and review course material. Also, I believe that we should have a separate week for finals because a lot of people may have more than one final to take in a day and if they go by a regular class schedule, depending on how many classes students take, may have to take 2, 3, or 4 finals on the same day which does not make sense and is too much for any student to handle. Although compressed schedules may give us longer breaks in the semester, they ultimately do not benefit us any more than the duration of the breaks that we already get because the longer breaks you take, the worse you will do once you go back to school because you will have been occupied with other things and, you are most likely to forget the material you learned before you had break. Why do we need to be the same like other colleges? Why can't we be different? Not all colleges go by the same schedule any ways especially, four year universities. Some colleges go by quarters, other colleges go by semesters and a lot of colleges start and end the school year at different times! This doesn't make sense. I am not trying to be disrespectful but this is my honest opinion.
94. I am very happy with the current schedule and would not be happy to have longer classes on a shorter semester. I especially would not want to have class meetings lengthened 15 minutes for a longer Thanksgiving break. No thank you.
95. I appreciate that the school is trying to accommodate many students who require the changes to make school easier. I am not one of them. Nothing wrong with changes really but I see no real important reason for the changes other than to make life a little easier on some students while everyone else must ride that same schedule which can make our lives outside of school (work / families) more difficult. This change appears unnecessary.
96. I appreciate the extended finals week. The additional time it provides is truly beneficial for students. It allows for more time to delegate priority between classes to study for. Decreasing the semester length will cause conflicts for students trying to effectively time manage.
97. I appreciated the extended schedule this semester because at the conclusion of the classes I have taken at SDSU I can now focus all of my efforts on my studies here. Either option works for me but I am inclined to choose the one over the other.
98. I believe it should be kept the way it is. Thank you.

99. I believe that having a compressed calendar would just stress out more student during finals. A students well beings needs to be considered as well. Also, most students need to work to be on track with financial obligations, extending class hours, would most likely affect their work schedule.
100. I believe the change to a compressed calendar will be more beneficial for everyone. If I understand correctly, this change will align the schedule with many other schools in California. Also, the schedule seems easier to understand and less cumbersome.
101. I believe this would affect some courses differently than others. For some it would make it more difficult while others would become easier, so try taking that into consideration when changing final schedules.
102. I believe this would benefit a lot of students, such as myself, who are or will take courses on multiple campuses from the region -- making the process less confusing and more beneficial, not only to students, but to staff as well.
103. I believe that the structure set in place at the moment works perfectly fine. With all things considered taking away the finals week makes it hard for most students to better prepare for finals.
104. I currently take two Tu/Th studio Art classes. This will make these classes quite long, but for me that will work fine.
105. I definitely support the Compressed Calendar. I'm also taking classes via UCSD Extension and I love their quarter system. I'm burnt out by week 8 in this semester system. Please provide the option to take the shorter term classes for all semesters so the accelerated learners can take those courses and have more variety. Thanks!
106. I do not feel strongly one way or the other. The current Grossmont College schedule has been accommodating to me, but I'm sure if it's changed I will make it work as well.
107. I do not want a compressed calendar--students would have to do more work in less time. I do not want be up at 5 to make a class at 7. A compressed calendar would sleep deprive students.
108. I don't agree with the compressed calendar. I take 4 classes per semester and making the classes shorter will lessen the time that I have to study for exams, write quality papers, and study. I am a mother, work full-time and go to school full time. Having a shorter semester would be a detriment for me. I truly believe that people will still skip class towards the end of the semester no matter how long the semester is. If the semester was only eight weeks, people would still skip at the end.
109. I don't see an advantage to learning from longer classes over compressed schedule. bad idea
110. I don't really care what y'all do! I'm graduating next month
111. I don't see the need to lengthen the classes if we are only dropping a week. We are adults and we should be able to fit in our homework and add'l study time accordingly. If we transfer to UCSD we have to get used to quad-mesters, right? So, I think this is just better preparation for a university setting. I also don't think lengthening the class time will hurt our teacher's

ability to get our lessons to us.

112. I don't understand why the courses here are longer in length (time and weeks) than at other campuses (SDSU). Also if I take a course here and it's the same one at state it is 1 unit more and 1 hour more here than there. I would really like it if you can align the school calendar with state because it is hard taking classes at all 3 campuses.
113. I feel like also trying to provide more classes during the summer. I really like this idea!
114. I feel like the school should be on the same schedule as SDSU. The super long 16-17 week semester is too dragged out. Having it shorter is more in line with how people want to get in to school and get the class done as soon as possible. Even at the end of the semester the instructors are strung out because it's too many weeks. People want quick secondary school turnaround time.
115. I feel that having a compressed schedule will keep myself and others on track to completing the semester. I find it harder to focus as it gets later in the semester and most students drop or begin not showing up to classes around week 12 or 13. For me, I tend to do better in classes that are compressed, such as summer or intercession.
116. I feel that some teachers pack way too much into their courses where if it would be even shorter semesters it worries me that that it is already too much to handle and will be almost impossible. If they did not cram so much into a short period of time I would not be opposed to shorter semesters
117. I find it easier to attend inter session and summer longer class for 8 to 6 weeks also I've had finals both ways and I find it best to have the final the last day of class please note I'm a DSPS student and this is what works for me
118. I go to csu San Marcos as well and it's not on here. They start 1 week earlier and they finish two weeks before Grossmont does. They is no reason for that extra week... this is including finals. My first semester there back in 2007, the school started one week earlier and then you all changed it. I'm taking my final class at Grossmont this summer and will graduate from csusm next summer. For a science class their classes are 50 minutes long and their labs are 2 hours and 20 minutes. This is a three unit class. Their regular classes are 1 hour and 15 minutes and it's plenty of time. One thing that I really hated about Grossmont was the lack of introduction classes for science in the afternoon... they were all in the morning.
119. I have a full time job and am currently taking an all-day biology class. I would love to be able to do all of my other sciences on Saturday school classes.
120. I have a short attention span, add to that the anxiety, depression, and autism, I don't believe I could handle it. I struggle as is in some classes and if they get longer I might miss more information than I already do.
121. I have a small child who has her own school and activities schedule. I'm not able to take longer class times at Grossmont since I have to be available for my kid. For this reason, I don't support the idea of longer class times.
122. I have one question, has the compressed calendar for the other community colleges in the region improved average GPA's? Or are they generally equal? That's all I would like to mention.

123. I have taken classes in a compressed calendar before and it felt too rushed at times by the professor. I think that the calendar being the way it is now increases the likelihood of student success rate at Grossmont. Keep it the way it is ... why fix something that is not broken?
124. I highly recommend moving to a compressed calendar, seeing as how the majority of other institutions have already made this change. I believe continuity between the schools in San Diego should be considered to avoid future scheduling conflicts.
125. I hope the college schedule to be the same as it used to be because it is better than eliminating the semester.
126. I just finished a class that was supposed to be 12 weeks long. Because of Easter Break and President's Day the class only lasted 10 weeks. Just this small modification of the schedule made a big impact on my class time. If the standard semester length is shortened, would this affect the shorter session classes as well and would holidays be accounted for in this new schedule? Another point that I would make is that I work a full time job. More evening classes would be helpful to me but longer class times make it more difficult to get through a very long day. The way you are asking the questions in this survey makes it sound like you have already decided what path you are going to follow. I think it is intellectually dishonest to ask what my opinion is about a shortened calendar then ask questions that lead to that projected outcome.
127. I like attending a regular course twice a week. Friday/Saturday courses should meet once a week. I would prefer a compressed semester and eliminate a separate week for finals.
128. I like Grossmont's current schedule because courses here are rigorous and meet those of SDSU. If you change the schedule, please do not dumb down the courses as well.. We already have City College and don't need another one.
129. I like having a week that is just finals because it allows me to focus on them and be less stressed. I would like to see more afternoon classes as opposed to Morning because I work in the morning and often skip breakfast as it is so I would probably not be able to make to early morning classes
130. I like how professors take interest in students.
131. I like it the way it is
132. I like that my class schedule can be balanced between morning/evening classes and my nightly work schedule
133. I like the current schedule and would feel undue pressures between full time school and my children's school schedules. Keep it the way it is
134. I like the idea of weekend classes this will allow retired military to attend without impacting our full-time civilian job.
135. I like the schedule how it is personally
136. I like the way the semester is planned at Grossmont College. In the past, during the same semester I have taken classes at other community colleges while also taking classes at Grossmont College and having that additional week to study for final exams has worked to my advantage because I have finished with finals at other community colleges and have

- dedicated one additional week to study for finals at Grossmont College.
137. I personally would like to mention that our break in between fall semester and spring semester is about a month and a half long, if it was only a month long and we took those extra weeks to distribute them to spring break, or thanksgiving break or even to go towards getting out earlier, that could be a possibility. Just a suggestion that's all :)
138. I prefer a condensed calendar because I work a full time job and try to cram my classes into as few days as possible so I can continue working. A shorter semester means less issues with my work schedule and longer classes are okay with me as I focus on either work or school in one day not both.
139. I prefer to have later classes because I work full-time and some classes that I need are given in the morning and not at night or around 6:00PM
140. I prefer two day a week courses over three day a week classes even if the length of the classes are slightly longer.
141. I really do not think you should shorten the calendar.
142. I really prefer shorter classes even if they occur more often. There's nothing wrong with the schedule as it currently stands. Just because other colleges do something doesn't make it good. If anything, those who prefer the compressed schedule can go to the other colleges. More options are a good thing.
143. I really think that this is a great idea! We have gotten out later in the semester compared to other colleges and changes like these and having longer breaks makes it easier on the students! 15 minutes extra a class is not a big deal at all, I prefer it more.
144. I recommend having a no preference or neutral option on your survey. If the school does decide to go with the compressed semester. I recommend going with one week. Then after an adjustment period remove the second week.
145. I see no value in compressing the calendar. It is already hard to last out 2.25 hours classes. While we can get used to it, the extended classes will negatively affect working students (especially those that public transportation) limiting classes that we can take. The only advantage I can see is it extending the time for winter and summer classes.
146. I suggest the library hours be extended until 10pm instead of 9pm. MWF classes for a compressed calendar would be preferred versus T Th classes at longer class times. Thanks.
147. I take all classes online and a compressed calendar would be great.
148. I think a lot of time and money is wasted by having a finals week when we could just have our final exam on the last day of class. Yes having a finals week gives us more time to study but most exams take about 30 minutes to complete. Please let us know as soon as possible what the decision will be in order to plan accordingly when we pick classes for next semester.
149. I think having a compressed calendar is an excellent idea and would be a great change to this college. I would definitely eliminate Friday and Saturday classes as well. If these changes could be done by fall 2017 or spring 2018, that would be great. Make classes longer and shorten the semester.
150. I think having a compressed calendar would be great. I do want to ask for more classes for

specific classes. What I mean by this is specific classes need more classes at different times so they there are more options to fit in classes into tight schedules.

151. I think it could be nice if we split the fall and spring semesters into 8 week sessions. That way students would only take 1-2 course at a time and be able to focus on the subject and really learn it. When I take multiple courses over 16-17 weeks, it seems like everything is too stretched out. By the time finals comes around, the student has to re-learn 3 or 4 different subjects worth of material that they were exposed to 4 months prior. Getting a course done in 8 weeks, would force the student to immerse themselves in the subject. I know this is a drastic change but it could be a positive one. It would be interesting to look at the data. Compare the average grades that students get in summer courses with the grades they get during the year. I don't have this data so I am only making assumptions.
152. I think it helps those who aren't involved in any science based math, compressed calendars cause math courses to be pushed to the max and compressed math classes put more pressure on professors, last semester my calc 2 professor at another college with a compressed calendar could barely cover all the material and we would do math from the start of class till the end. Keep it traditional so that math students can keep up not feel rushed.
153. I think it will be a better idea to have a separate week of finals, so we as students do not get stressed out and so we can review the material that was taught in our classes by our professors.
154. I think it would be better to make the 1 hour and 15 minutes classes to a 1 hour and 45 minutes class. That would give instructors to cover better the material and it would give us, students, better time to ask questions at the end of class. This would ensure that instructors cover in more detail the material and explain it better
155. I think it would be great if the new schedule would allow CIS classes to meet more than once a week, like graphic design courses for example, to allow for in class help more frequently as assignments are worked on during the week. Also, if the semester is going to be shorter, with less time for major final projects to be due, opening up the graphic design computer lab and the main lab for extended hours would be very helpful.
156. I think making it 16 week schedule is the most favorable.
157. (Partially Redacted) I think matching the California State University, SDSU, schedule as closely as reasonable makes sense. Many students are preparing to transfer to a CSU school and matching the progression of the workload and pace through the semester would be a benefit to those transferring students. Also, since a large student population exists at SDSU and San Marcos it would help those students sharing housing, students taking classes at both colleges, and families with students in both places planning vacations, etc.
158. (Partially Redacted) I think more Fridays/Saturdays, claw would help the working class with their demanding work schedule.
159. I think shortening the semester length is a bad idea because it means that we (students) will have the same amount of work to do in a shorter period of time. This will affect the health professions because we need the time to study and take exams. Shortening the semester will mean that we will be not get the same amount of time in between exams to study? We will have to cram everything into a shorter time period.

160. I think teachers are very important. If the compressed calendar means teachers get paid less, I am very much against it. If they get paid the same amount or more than I am in favor of it. Also, as far as scheduling goes, I think spring break should include Easter. People who don't celebrate Easter will just have a week off and it really doesn't matter when that week is. But some people do visit family and friends and for some people it means traveling long distances to spend Easter with their families whether it's because of their beliefs or their families. Some people can't do that in a weekend. Either the trip is longer than the time they would get to spend or they can't afford to make a trip there and back just to see their family for a couple hours. We don't need the whole month of January off. If that helps with making your schedule easier to manipulate, take a week out of that break and add it to summer or other holidays. Thank you for your time.
161. I think that a condensed semester would be awesome. It would mean Grossmont College would be in line with other colleges.
162. I think that classes should be longer. If students have one day for the day, then an hour and half class isn't enough to be sufficient. If Cuyamaca and Grossmont is trying to compete with other community colleges, then these classes should be longer. I think each class should be at least 2-3 hours long. Each class could take 30 minute breaks. The class shouldn't be strictly lecture, consider students who are kinetic learners. Involve group discussions or assignments. Also, online classes SHOULD BE UTILIZE!!
163. I think that it is better to have shorter classes during the week and go a little longer at the end of the semester because all in all while those 2 extra weeks might not matter that half hour or 15 minutes will each day when your exhausted and already have so much in your
164. I think that longer semesters at the community college level are very important. The longer a student attends and has to study for a course, the more information will be retained and be of benefit to the student in future pursuits. Community college students need this kind of learning experience more than students at the university level because they are generally more disadvantaged - have to work, come from lower income families, etc. The longer a student has to attend class over time, do homework, study for quizzes, take tests, review notes, have study groups and so on, the more they will learn and remember course material. Many of these students could not get accepted to university and are at community college to find out what they are good at, and to do that takes time, lots of it. Shortening the semester for students who are really searching and trying to better themselves will rob them of the valuable educational time they need to figure things out. It may pressure them to make decisions about their futures that are not wise. Sometimes instructors do not get through to students until the class is half over or more; the subject still doesn't make sense until enough time is spent on it. A 15-week semester would be a travesty, especially for students who must work their way through college. It would be so much better if community college was free; then more students would have time to study and do better in their courses. Everyone deserves to have enough time to figure out what they can do best, and community college can be the place where that happens. I also think that class times should not be lengthened in order to shorten the semester. Students should not be made to sit for longer periods of time; it isn't healthy and can lead to inattention, boredom, restlessness, hunger, etc. And again, if students are working their way through college, their employers may not like their unavailability, let them go, and stop hiring students eventually. So then the student may be

out of a job, and not be able to finish paying for classes, get really discouraged, and drop out. Is that the kind of educational opportunity we want to offer those who are really struggling? I feel that late night classes and early morning classes are also a terrible idea. When will the student study? Will they be alert enough to pay attention? How will they get to class if the bus doesn't run early enough, or get home if the busses have stopped running? A lot of students do not have cars, and it's not very safe to be out late at night, either. These disadvantaged students deserve a fair chance to become educated too. Shortening educational time isn't a good idea for the student population in this district. They deserve better.

165. I think that shortening the semester would be more stressful for most students.
166. I think that the college schedule is fine the way it is right now and I would be mad if the college decided to change the length of the class schedule and the times of classes. I think drawing class should shorten the length of time in each class to only two hours. I think classes should only be two hours long. I cannot drive myself to college so to have my tailored day worker sit with me in a long class is wrong, so please shorten the classes to two hours only please. I think my hour and 15 minute art appreciation class is scheduled at a perfect time. I am not a morning person so I don't get up early in the morning.
167. I think the current schedule as it is right now is good.
168. I think the current schedule is already too compressed. I've experienced the compressed courses in other schools and they do not offer full academic value to the students. Do not cheapen the academic calendar to make room for longer intercession offerings. It is a grab for money, not education.
169. I think the food should be cheaper or free because the books already costs a lot of money by themselves. And students with disabilities should be allowed to use calculators and notes on their tests
170. I think the spread out time schedules are more effective than a 3 hour class block. Eventually students lose train of thought, more visits and less time in class means more participation, more opportunity to get good grades, and more graduation rates. Or maybe have a compressed schedule for me specific students that' would like to experience a faster education goal.
171. I think this idea is preposterous considering that it will immensely effect our daily schedules, and dividing up our time to study and taking breaks. Also, it would harm our hours where we work at our jobs for most of us. Furthermore it is a terrible idea to change holiday breaks and even if shortening the semester is good to you. Us the students would suffer since if the classes become longer how will we have time to study do class or homework and even the teachers will start becoming more strict and ignorant regarding helping us because this affect them too.
172. I think this is a great plan and will hopefully please many students and staff!
173. I think this is going to be a tough sell, especially for classes with labs. I took several classes in the Ornamental Horticulture program with Saturday labs, and the days get longer and longer already. I can't imagine what a long day that will be with a compressed schedule! No one wants to be in class for nine hours in one day (and I'm sure no teacher wants to work a nine

hour day!). I hope your other survey takers agree and I hope you take our opinions into serious consideration.

174. I think we should keep everything as we have it now. I need the additional time during the week of finals.
175. (Partially redacted) I think we should move towards a quarter system like the UC's have. It would allow us to fit more classes into a full year. Also, for many students it's hard to come back after spring break and continue on the same courses. It would also make adjusting to UC campus life much easier for transfer students. Many students are assigned homework over the spring break and don't do it which sets us back for the rest of the semester. Also, if we started a new quarter after spring break we wouldn't have to remember things over spring break. Instead we could start new courses, having already finished our courses from the last quarter, well rested and ready to learn. Not stressed because we've forgotten stuff over the break, or over homework we didn't allocate time to finish.
176. I thought Grossmont already had a 16-week semester, unless that 16-weeks doesn't include finals week. I would love to have more time off for Thanksgiving that way I don't have to miss class.
177. I thought it was a 16 week schedule, but yes it will help I work full time and have a hard time making the schedule to not conflict with work and stay in school
178. I understand that Grossmont CC serves, in general, three categories of students: 1) the traditional student just out of high school, 2) the adult returning for training, career development or change, and 3) workforce development as identified by workforce development strategists associated with the community and the college. PLEASE keep in mind that today's students must work to support themselves, and some must do so without the assistance of family members or financial aid. With this being said, PLEASE do try to offer a variety of classes which would be useful to working adults who are working towards an academic goal and who may need to take classes at a non-traditional time, such as after 5 pm. Otherwise, thank you for the course offerings which you currently provide, and thank you for the opportunities to improve our educations and work-related skills. (Would it be possible to add more classes which are related to data analysis with a variety of statistical programs in addition to SQL such as: SPSS, STATA, SAS, R, ACCESS, HRMIS, Python, etc....?).
179. I want a compressed calendar, but I don't really want longer class times. Although, if class times are only going to be increased by 15 minutes, I would be willing
180. I wish Grossmont would offer online Business classes. I prefer Grossmont but am forced to take most of Bus Admin courses for my major from Cuyamaca.
181. I wish there are more classes in the period between 2 - 5 pm, so there are more choices for afternoon and night classes.
182. I work 7am to 4pm. Grossmont has been great at offering the classes I need at times I can attend without affecting my job status. Thanks.
183. I work 815-515 Monday-Friday. I would very much appreciate the 530pm and later classes staying that way. I would not mind staying later in the night. However, there is physically no way I could start any sooner than 530pm. I don't mind taking weekend classes

as well if those are offered.

184. I work a full time job as many of the students do. If classes started earlier then I would be able to take more classes. This would help me out a lot. Thank you.
185. I work full time (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM M-F) while taking evening classes to obtain my associates degree (ESHM Major)so evening classes beginning at 6:00 PM work best with my schedule. If the compressed schedule were to affect the college's ability to offer classes that have a later start (Beginning at 6:00 PM or later)it would make it more difficult for me to attend classes.
186. I work full time 40 + hours a week afternoon. I used to like to take the night classes that were 3 hours long and one day a week. It would be good to see the same format in the mornings having classes starting early and be 3 hours long. This is very helpful when people (like me) who have to work can have enough time to do homework and study for tests well. In addition, have the same class but different sections offered on multiple days for example: But the format I like best is like in the BOT (Business Office Technology) Lab where you can come to class on what days and times you can go when the lab is open. One thing that the lab should be open earlier at 8 am instead of 10 am like now and stay open until 9 pm instead of closing at 7 pm like it does now.
187. I work full time and am only able to go to school after 5:30pm. Finding classes to finish required courses, even for General Education, is difficult.
188. I work full time so I can only take class evenings and weekends. There are some great summer courses that I would take but they meet every weekday during the day, which I can't do.
189. I work so later classes are better. I also live quite a distance from all of the colleges/Universities, so longer classes fewer times a week is better for me.
190. I would be in favor if I were not taking science courses, but these classes are challenging enough without condensing the schedule
191. I would be in favor of the program which the students are most prepared and absorb the most material. I would imagine students learn more over 17 weeks (of shorter classroom time).
192. I would be interested in more online class options as well as more 8 week class options.
193. I would be on favor of each class having an online component instead of adding 15 in person minutes to each class as a result of the compress calendar
194. I would gladly take on a bigger work load if it means I can finish college faster. The more compressed the better.
195. I would have no issue with classes ending later if there were more weekday offerings in the afternoon and evenings. I am also very much in favor of keeping the final exam week separate.
196. I would just like to reiterate my interest in earlier class time options and more weekend classes. I pretty much work 8:30-5:30 throughout the week and can't commit to evening classes.

197. I would like a compressed calendar but only if it doesn't eliminate evening classes. Having classes that start at 7pm is absolutely critical for me to balance work/school.
198. I would like flexible hours on both weekdays and weekends. If you have to work the school does not offer enough flexibility on both classes and hours. I wish more time on tutoring.
199. I would like more classes offered in the evening.
200. I would like our school to have weekend classes, including Sunday, because we do also work during the week. Also, for advance classes such Biology 230 or Organic Chemistry. Thank you!
201. I would like the extra week off in the winter
202. I would like the Thanksgiving Holiday to include Wednesday. Saturday lab classes are not scheduled, but Wednesday night classes are, making it difficult to travel out of town for the Holiday without missing classes.
203. I would like to keep a separate final week for exam because I can use the weekend to prepare the final exam.
204. I would like to more online classes for courses that fill up quickly.
205. I would like to see professors put grades in on the computer earlier then they have been.
206. I would LOVE a compressed schedule! I think having everyone on a similar schedule throughout the community makes sense and helps build it!
207. I would love to see more Saturday classes. I currently need one more class to get my AA. I am struggling because it is a class I need to come to campus for (PE). I work five days a week from 8 to 4:30 and live an hour away. So I cannot come in early but could come late in the evening or preferable Saturdays. This one class is holding my education up.
208. I would not agree with a compressed schedule, the schedule Grossmont provides as of now is perfect and suitable for i information taught in classes. Grossmont College is a great school worth incredible resources with the perfect amount of time given to students that enable them to prepare and succeed. I vote. I on a compressed schedule
209. I would not be upset one way or the other. Generally in favor of a condensed schedule, would hate to be someone that has to work on a new schedule.
210. I would not want this to affect Grossmont's nursing program because it is already a compacted schedule with long hours.
211. I would prefer 16 week rather than 15 week semester.
212. I would prefer a longer spring break than a longer Thanksgiving break.
213. I would prefer if we had more classes that start at around 9am and end around 11am, as well as more classes that start at 11am and end at 12:30PM.
214. I would prefer one day a week classes or early 6am classes
215. I would prefer to have classes be next to each other instead of separate, Monday Tuesday class instead of Monday Wednesday. It is much easier for work schedules to work around 2

days together

216. I wouldn't like the idea of a longer class meeting if we do the compressed schedule. They are already long enough as is, and if we also do the compressed schedule I would not at all be okay with meeting 3 times a week for a class
217. I, along with many other students work Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is imperative that more classes are offered in the evenings at or after 5:30. Starting classes earlier in the day would not allow us to attend classes. M, W, F classes would also be a burden for this of us who work as we rely on a few free evening each week to complete homework.
218. I'd say keep thanksgiving break the same but make spring break longer.
219. If class times are lengthened, would larger class sizes and/or more sections be offered?
220. If classes are extended it may make it harder for students who work to fit it into their longer schedules. I do not think getting out a few weeks earlier is worth longer class periods.
221. If Friday and Saturday classes are offered then there should be an extension of the Tutoring center and their hours of operation on those days to accommodate students attending school those days.
222. If Grossmont College decides to switch to the compressed calendar how would that effect the health care programs; such as nursing? I am supportive as long as there are more classes offered throughout the year, including winter and summer session.
223. If I could, I would for question three put more weekday offerings after 3PM, and Weekday schedule to include morning offerings as early as 6:00AM, both as a number two. I could see how both would benefit when making a schedule (since many times before classes I want overlap).
224. If it extends the typical class time, that is actually more preferred. Often class times are too short to tackle certain lecture topics.
225. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.
226. If possible, I would like to take 2 weeks off our winter break; add one week to our thanksgiving break and we would be able to have a shorter spring semester (though we start one week earlier than usual).
227. If the spring semester ended a little bit earlier that would be appreciated!
228. If there is a way to increase class time by 5 minutes and keep a shorter finals week, may be 3 days instead of a whole week then that will be a good option. Perhaps the time slot for finals could be reduced to one and half hour or however long the actual class time is. Most professors don't give a long final and having two hours for each finals exam is not necessary.
229. If we compress the calendar and lengthen thanksgiving break we will have twice as long course, which will effect student school/work schedules, along with the attention span. Students already drop long classes and this will only generate more dropping or withdraws.
230. if you expand or change the hours, will you also be expanding or extending the admin portion for library, parking permits, student affairs, counseling? These support functions should be available when students are on campus be it evening or weekend. Thanks

231. If you have anything you would like to share with the committee regarding this topic, please describe below.
232. I'm currently in a compressed semester at Mesa and everything runs smoothly. There is enough time to cover the material. Also, a full Thanksgiving week off is really helpful to relax, de-stress, and reboot for the last part of the semester. Either way, it doesn't make a huge difference, other than coordinating vacations.
233. I'm in a wheelchair and I use MTS Access to get around, so any classes after 11 AM two days a week works best for me.
234. I'm not too sure if this would affect me directly as I attend school Mon-Wed
235. In general, I would like longer class times and less days during the week. For instance, instead of 2 1.5 hr classes a week, I'd prefer one 3 hr class. This would prevent me from needing to drive to campus so many times, especially when there are large gaps of space between my courses on the same day.
236. In many of the laboratory classes that I've taken at Grossmont, we are already pressed enough for time to finish the labs within the current semester length. I fear that a compressed semester would lead to either more labs per week, or a reduction in the number of labs that are completed.
237. In my opinion there should be more Tuesday and Thursday course. Students arrive at 7 am to the campus; however, I recommend to library to open earlier, for most students have class at 8 am.
238. Include some classes same material late PM so people who work can still attend various classes afterwards and also on Saturdays (and Sundays maybe that will open another opportunity to attend such classes.
239. Increasing the number and variety of courses offered during intersession, summer, and/or 6/8 week sessions would be wonderful.
240. Interesting. Listen to more feedback!
241. It is also necessary to keep in mind that the professors will have even less time to prepare and grade coursework if we do opt for the compressed schedule.
242. It is very disorienting for a student to have to continue with three weeks of schooling (including finals week) when most of the other colleges in the area are already finished. When my friends are enjoying their summer break, I am still in finals. Also, when holidays fall on a Monday, the Monday finals get moved up a week to compensate. This is also very disorienting.
243. It is very easy to lose morale in the last few weeks of school knowing that all other schools in the area are already on their summer break. I think a Compressed Calendar could help a lot of students with this lack of motivation.
244. It literally has been shown to improve students' success rates. It is the logical decision
245. It would be easiest for students taking classes elsewhere to not have a separate finals week. I understand they want students to study, but it prolongs the school year and almost makes you forget material. I get that students taking full time classes want finals spread out,

- but I have never minded taking 3 finals in one day.
246. It would be great if we could be on the same schedule as SDSU. I think that slightly longer classes would be better than classes on Fridays and weekends.
247. It would be great to have a larger science/anatomy building. There's a good portion of the student body trying to get some sort of degree or certificate in the science/health field. It's practically impossible to get into the classes needed because there's a limited amount of space.
248. It would be nice to make Cuyamaca/Grossmont a 4-year college. Any chance of that happening?
249. It would be nice to share breaks with friends/family in order to plan.
250. It would be so nice if the library opened earlier in the morning-- maybe 7 a.m.-- and stayed open on Friday afternoons until 7 p.m. and on weekends as well. I love working at the library-- it is a great place to study, and people are so respectful of others. Thanks!
251. it would make it easier for working students to maintain their jobs.
252. It would make it really inconvenient if classes were offered at these weird hours and days. It makes it harder when people have jobs and are taking higher level courses.
253. It'll force the curriculum to be crammed together more densely, increasing the difficulty of classes.
254. It's hard to stay motivated for 16 weeks. Generally, students lose focus towards the end of a semester. I feel that if courses were condensed, the overall out some of students GPA would increase.
255. I've noticed that in all of my classes, we always end up behind schedule in terms of what we were supposed to cover. So I'm not sure how well a 15 week semester would help us. I understand that the classes would be slightly longer but I don't know if that would help. On the other hand, I'm open to being more similar to other colleges so that I am used to the timing of the academic year before transfer comes along.
256. Just make sure the additional class time (for extended breaks, etc.) matches up with the amount of days we get off for break. 15 minutes for every class for a single extra day isn't good. Make it proportional.
257. Just adding 15 minutes to the end of each class isn't going to make up for the lost days. Particularly when it comes to STEM classes, in most of them there is not a whole lot you can do in 15 minutes.
258. Just to say thanks for your interest
259. Lengthening class times would become an issue for those who work causing them to either get their hours cut or they having to take less classes in order to keep hours.
260. Longer class length is not a problem, but early class is too much.
261. Longer classes will clash with people who have set work schedule
262. Longer classes would give us less time to study. I live far away so I love the fact that there is no class on Friday. Many college student work in service so we work on Friday Saturday

Sundays.

263. Longer Thanksgiving break please! Also spring break should be after the weekend of Easter.
264. Love the idea!
265. Love the idea!!
266. Make counselors meetings/appointments to be at 5pm at least one, many people work full time jobs and have to take time off. Or have a walk in counselor, that would be very helpful and effective
267. MAKE THE SCHEDULE THE SAME AS SDSU!!!
268. Make the semester no more than 14 weeks long!!
269. Make winter break shorter, instead increase the Summer break or Spring break
270. Many college students work and especially to pay for tuition, so more night classes being available will help students be able to stay in school, and work to pay for their tuition. Also longer thanksgiving break will benefit those students who moved to San Diego for their education, many cannot leave town because of the short break given.
271. Many of my classes, particularly art classes ranging from painting to sculpture, already suffer from not having enough time to complete our project without stress and copious amounts of work outside of class. These are classes that can't be rushed and would hardly benefit from longer class sessions as we schedule projects against the length of the entire semester. Non-art classes such as Math and science already pack all their available instruction time with teaching which still leaves large amounts of homework and studying outside of class. Compressing the semester would load us with the same egregious amount of studying in less days, and even more due to larger amounts of material being covered in a single day. Compressing the semester seems to benefit neither students nor our professors so I have to wonder why such a move would even be considered; it's clearly not for our best interests.
272. Many students work full-time, set schedules in the morning. It would be very beneficial to those who work full-time if more classes pertaining to their major transfer or IGETC were offered later in the afternoon or evening. I know i have found it very challenging to find these courses, specifically POSC courses. While there are some available during these times, there is not a lot of variety. Many of these classes are not of interest to the students or pertain to their major, but they take the course anyway because it is the only one offered. I hope I have informed the school of this issue and some sort of change is done. Thank you.
273. Match spring break with other colleges
274. More 6am or 7am classes please or Weekend classes would be amazing.
275. More 8 week programs would be amazing.
276. More childcare options please for parents. That would help reduce stress in order to succeed.
277. More Chinese Courses each semester for both Grossmont and Cuyamaca College please!!
278. More class times for working professionals at 7 am, or 8/9pm...

279. More classes midday and more classes period.
280. More classes that meet at 6:00 and 7:00 pm!
281. More classes that start in the middle of the hour instead of at the beginning for example, start at 5:30pm rather than 5
282. More core classes offered online and at night. I look into other school to figure out if I can get done sooner if I take some online or night classes that work with my life schedule.
283. More early morning classes (starting before 7am) and evening options would be great for people who also work
284. More evening and hybrid classes would be appreciated. Lots of students work full time jobs during the day and it's hard to finish school when most class are only offered in the day. Also, some sort of child care for parents who are attending school.
285. More evening class would open opportunities for individuals who have to work during the day, and these evening classes are usually longer by nature
286. More intermittent classes
287. More intersession course availability. As well as summer courses at both campuses.
288. More late afternoon classes benefit dual enrollment students as local high schools increasingly shift towards block and hybrid block schedules.
289. More night and Saturday classes! For those of us who have a full time day job would be great! Especially in AOJ.
290. More night class options
291. More once-per-week courses
292. More online class offerings
293. More online classes throughout all semesters would be a nice thing to see.
294. More online classes would be nice.
295. More online short term classes (8 weeks classes), so 2 classes can be taken in one semester, the first 8 weeks will be for a one class/subject and then the last 8 weeks for another class/subject. That will help to transfer earlier by spending less time at college. Thank you.
296. More Saturday and Friday courses, please. It's easier on a work schedule because it allows my availability to be more open throughout the rest of my week
297. More than anything I would like to see classes that meet three days a week for shorter class times (50-75 minutes). This is how most universities schedule their classes and I find it far more conducive to learning course information.
298. More weekday offerings after 3PM
299. More weekday offerings from 6am- 10pm.
300. Most classes are feeling rushed enough, if the semester shortened by one or two weeks I

feel it will be at the detriment to the students and the professors.

301. Most college student's ride public transportation, and having a class start at 6 am is an impossibility. The bus as it is today starts at 6:30 am at Grossmont trolley station, and for most to leave their home you're asking them to leave before 5 a.m. where there is no transportation available. Most neighborhood buses start at 5:30 or 6 a.m. Just something to ponder.
302. Most of my friends are on the compressed calendar so it is difficult to link up during the breaks. If we were on the same schedule it would be awesome.
303. Most of us have work for many hours during the week so making things go faster is not helpful. In other words, shorten the time will make us behind faster. In theory, student have nothing else in life other than school and they are dedicated to their majors. In reality, the distractions in our life are many and work is at the top of the list. I understand being efficient and productive is skill needed in life but the question need to be answered is how far can we go and push others in that direction!
304. Most students are transitioning into college and need the added length to get accustomed to the higher pace and difficulty of the courses. A large portion of topics covered in college do not have any kind of coverage in high school. A slower pace of longer classes allows them more time to understand basic levels of a topic. I would like recommend the community college offer more trade centric curriculum to help people get jobs in fields that are in demand.
305. My biggest concern is being able to schedule around work, which means I need there to be evening offerings, or online. As far as length of class period and length of semester I definitely prefer a condensed schedule.
306. My issue as an adult student who works during the day and a single mother is the effect this has on my monthly babysitting costs during school. I already can hardly afford to go to school and take evening classes with the babysitter being \$9/hour and the school's daycare being essentially worthless as it closes so early. Having longer classes means stretching an already tight budget to its breaking point. Further, I actually would prefer shorter classes, two days per week.
307. My personal opinion would about the evening classes i would not change, the classes to start sooner, I'm talking specifically about the 6pm classes if anything 630pm may be even better for those that have 9 to 5 jobs or consider a weekend class.
308. Need General Education Night Courses such as: Literature and Mathematics
309. Need more time off between spring and summer semester. Not even a week!
310. No classes earlier than 9 AM.
311. Not really in favor of longer class times. Also will this mean less class offerings?
312. Off topic, but you need to improve the Wi-Fi so that it is accessible on campus. As of now, you can only access it sporadically while in the library only.
313. Offer more evening classes for students that work full time in the day time
314. Offer more one day per week classes. They are longer classes but it is so nice when you

- have a full time job and other obligations that you have the option to not come 2 or 3 times per week.
315. Offering more evening, or even flexible Saturday, class options would be a great benefit for working students (with a set work schedule) and/or students with children.
316. On board with this!
317. Online and shorter terms in all courses are a huge desire for me
318. Only a minimal amount of schools are currently out of school
319. Open more online classes
320. Personally, going back to school has been a struggle due to the lack of flexibility of tutoring support. I have many times have self-taught myself outside of class. My professors have always done their best to help, but not having additional help when needed is discouraging at times. I feel that if the school offered evening classes for working students that have a family to support, there should be evening tutoring support as well. I feel that the school should equally support all students not just the ones that go to school during the day.
321. Please change spring break to be during the same time as other colleges.
322. Please change the schedule to align with other colleges. I hate the Grossmont schedule and would like to have a life and visit my family and friends.
323. Please consider having more classes in the evenings. There are multiple subjects that I have come across that are only offered mid-day. The point of community college for the older working class, is to work with their schedules with it either being have a full time job or full time family, etc. there is a class I am looking at that isn't available for the evening time and I cannot attend the mid-day class. This class is Social Work 110
324. Please consider the local (K-8th) school breaks during Thanksgiving/Easter. Childcare for our kids during the break is very expensive and has prevented me and others from taking certain classes.
325. Please if Grossmont can have the 15 month BA program thru Nazarene for criminal justice and more programs to obtain a BA thru Grossmont from a University
326. Please keep the calendar the way it is!
327. Please keep the high quality of teaching that you currently offer. This is one of the reasons I go to Cuyamaca.
328. Please let the student know ahead of time is the schedule is to change.
329. Please live the semesters as how they are right now, thank you!
330. Please make more MATH and SCIENCE classes available online or on the weekends. I am trying to become a doctor and its hard for me having to wait for the fall semester when I could just knock out math in the summer
331. Please more Saturday classes!
332. Please no 3 day a week courses.
333. Please offer more 8-week classes as well. They are a good way to knock out general

education requirements!

334. Please open more core classes for online options.
335. Please!
336. Quarters are a good idea.
337. Regarding question #3, I chose weekday offerings after 3pm as my second most favored option. If it instead were asking about more weekday offerings after 6:30pm, I would have ranked it #1. The way classes are scheduled is very difficult for those of us who work standard M-F 9am-6pm type shifts. Therefore, I am in favor of anything that better fits that schedule. Thank you for seeking student opinions on the matter before making a decision.
338. Regardless of the schedule, I must get in there and given it my very best.
339. Remaining with our current calendar finals week allows for the class period before our final exam to be optional if not canceled. This allows for many students to schedule meetings with our teachers in the case we would normally not be able to attend office hours. I believe that this allows for extra time for studying that alleviates some of the stress that finals puts on our students.
340. Right now the schedule we have allows for more burnout in students, classes are empty and the material has to be stretched out for more classes. A compressed schedule would make classes with more material harder but it would also help maintain energy and momentum through the semester.
341. Same schedule as SDSU please
342. Saturday classes are a surprisingly good idea. NOT cancelling Night classes is another. Cancelling either one after they have started is a set up for failure. Shame on you!!
343. Saturday classes have been an exceptional help for my schedule as a full-time employee, and I'd very much appreciate core-required classes being available on Saturday (i.e., required mathematics courses for degrees). Thank you for your consideration!
344. Science classes should at least follow the same schedule if any changes are made
345. Semesters are too long. I am in favor. Thank you.
346. Shifting from the current system would greatly harm those of us with 9-5 jobs by condensing the amount of time to learn course material. Further, longer class times would likely discourage working students from taking more classes. Finally, as an aside, it cannot be understated how important later afternoon and evening classes (plus weekend classes) are to those of us that work but are also pursuing higher education.
347. Shortening semesters generally means elimination of part of the material needed to be covered, or diluting the depth of the course. That in and of itself is a disservice. Secondly, a shortened semester gives less time for the students to internalize the information in the course. They can cover the material, but do they really learn it. In my humble opinion, shortening the semester by the use of a compressed calendar benefits the teachers by virtue of 2 weeks less per year to teach, but doesn't benefit the learning process of the students. My wife, a chemistry professor, has been through this schedule change at another institution, and has noted the deleterious effects on student education. The same amount of material is

never truly covered in the condensed schedule, but rather, material, i.e., textbook chapters, end up being sacrificed. Having also taught at National University on their very compressed schedule, she notes that highly compressed courses leaves the students very little time to absorb and digest the material. Bottom line, expect the quality of the education to decrease.

348. Shortening the winter break to 4-5 weeks would be a good alternative to ending the spring semester sooner than having a compressed calendar.
349. Shorter semesters, and more accelerated courses!
350. Shorter winter break
351. Since a percentage of students that attend Grossmont also attend SDSU, it may be a good idea to have a calendar like theirs.
352. Since I work full-time and also have a part time job, night classes have to start at 6 pm or 6:30 pm. I am tired as it is....Extending the class time makes it difficult to stay awake during lectures. Going until 9:30 pm is hard enough.
353. Some classes are already too long so making them longer would not be an efficient way to compress the semester.
354. Some teachers already have a hard time on grading on time, also with lesson plans. I am somewhat in favor.
355. Sounds like it would be more organized. Less travel to school saves on costs. Those of us who work appreciate one less week of class. I like short term classes because it reduces the stress of leaving work early and hurrying to class for four months. Makes sense to have finals on the final day of class. Probably saves money for the school as well.
356. Starting earlier in the afternoon will eliminate those who cannot get off from work any earlier than their current work schedule. An interesting option would be a class on Friday and Saturday. Add some shorter length courses or Workshops on topics that do not need a full semester and increase the frequency of their offering. For example, Bonsai, Japanese and pond landscaping, permaculture, Seasonal Gardening Practices (when to prune, fertilize, plant, harvest) ... This would increase your base to include non-traditional students and students who work full time. Friends, co-workers and neighbors have expressed an interest, but the format is too long or start too early. There are so many classes that I want to take but the times offered make that impossible or mean that it will take a decade to hit all of them. Workshop classes on a Saturday or a few Saturdays would open access to a whole demographic mostly untapped. I have taken those previously and they were packed! It is also a great way to increase awareness and support for programs and the college.
357. STOP
358. Students use that extra week to study. It would be difficult to have a class on Monday, then take a final exam on Wednesday. Since Mesa College has the compressed schedule, I prefer Grossmont's schedule. It's hard enough to stay focused during 2+ hour classes and it would be harder if you increase the time just to get a longer Thanksgiving break.
359. Taking a longer thanksgiving break (like SD Mesa College which is a week) is better for students because that way, we get to spend more time with family rather than having 2 days off which is not enough. Extra 15 minutes on each class is okay if we get a longer thanksgiving

- break. Having a separate week for finals is great as well because we get extra time to study and not feel extremely stressed out about it (which in general, will benefit us).
360. Thank you for all of online and evening classes! It makes it possible for me to attend.
361. Thank you for caring about your students and I honestly believe this would be very good for everyone
362. Thank you for doing this survey!
363. Thank you for giving us this option.
364. Thank you.
365. Thanks...Now it is OK.1-2 Weeks not important comparing with the Quality of the Classes.
366. That a great idea, we can have a bit more time to sleep in, study and relax with family.
367. The breaks that are scheduled should align more with schools around the county. I have children and when they go on spring break/ thanksgiving I always have to miss a couple classes because I cannot afford child care and they always end up either the week before our breaks or after.
368. The calendar should stay the same.
369. The committee should try to schedule the spring break with the surrounding elementary and middle schools. As a parent, it's hard when they have a week off that isn't the same as ours. I can't afford the child care so I have to miss classes at Grossmont.
370. The course length should be shorter
371. The current schedule works perfectly. I would rather have 2 additional weeks for finals then pushing that into class time because this affects the professors more than anyone as entire course plans will have to be reworked as they will lose class time. If this were to occur it would affect the student base with less efficient instruction. Of course that is only an immediate effect but why change something that isn't broken. The two weeks for finals is my favorite part of the current calendar schedule. If anything would be up for possible change it would be the current thanksgiving schedule because I've seen most students need the Wednesday off because a large majority of students don't show up to class that day so giving more time off then and slightly increasing class time would make that week's class time more efficient.
372. The currently is fine, I have a lot to do outside of class, and longer class times would put a lot of stress on my already-full schedule. While 1-2 weeks more of school is frustrating for some, I think it is the overall better option
373. The separate Final week give students time to decompress and study. Plus it give students extra time to work for other courses. Compressing the schedule would probably cause more stress.
374. The last weeks of class are already too cramped. Teachers try to force last minute material and tests too much as it is. A compress schedule would only make this worse.
375. The main reason why I do not want a more compressed calendar is because I notice that many of my teachers expect too much work for what it is a 3 credits, 3 units class and when students have more than one class, we used the breaks like spring break, Thanksgiving and

any extra time to catch up or to work on papers that have a due date. It is very stressful for me to have a 10 pages research essay from an English class coming with a due date and another 8 pages paper from my History class also coming and not enough time to work on them, most students have a life besides school, many of us work or have kids or even kids and work. Definitely I believe that rushing does not help students to learn anything.

376. The more condensed, the better.
377. The most pressing concern for students is not being able to continue their education over the summer break at Cuyamaca College. Many students at Cuyamaca don't want to take classes at Grossmont or other colleges in the area because the course offerings are not exactly the same or because the quality of instruction is lacking at other community colleges when compared to Cuyamaca College. This is not a mere issue of school pride; it is a real and important issue that has material and significant consequences on the progress of undergraduate Cuyamaca student education. This also factors significantly on student decision making in the choice to enroll at Cuyamaca College for badly needed coursework that needs to be completed in the shortest amount of time possible.
378. The night classes are the only way I've been able to earn a degree and still pay my living expenses. I work a professional job M-F from 7-4 and offering classes earlier in the day or limiting the number of night classes would make it virtually impossible for me to continue to chip away at my educational goals and advance my career through education.
379. The nursing program content is very challenging even on the current schedule. The first semester in particular was exhausting, with Mondays from 7:30--5:30. Even in subsequent semesters, classes meet for 3-4 hours at a time, and an enormous amount of material is covered. The compressed schedule would require the instructors to pack even more content into classes where the students are already on information overload. I think it's a bad idea and could negatively impact student success.
380. The only schools still in session is quarter system schools. We are not a quarter system school which is why we shouldn't run like one
381. The quarter system would be VERY much preferred!!
382. The schedule is Gucci.
383. The schedule now works very well for people taking night classes due to having day jobs. If that changes to where we can't have a job and go to school you will be losing a lot of students.
384. The schedule the school has now works best for the type of learner I am. Lengthening times will not help me learn
385. The semester length as is allows more time to learn material. A shorter semester would not be helpful
386. The semester tends to drag on.
387. The semesters now feel too long. I feel like I get burned out before the semester is over.
388. The sooner we start, the sooner we finish.
389. The tortoise won the race against the hare.

390. The university, particularly the science department (anatomy, chemistry) need more offerings throughout the entire day.
391. The whole reason I go to Grossmont is because I can work a full time job and still attend school. If you changed it that would make it harder for me and I would have to sacrifice one for the other. Obviously I could not sacrifice my job since I don't have the luxury of anyone paying my bills while I attend school. Keep it the way it is.
392. The Winter break between Fall and Spring semesters is longer than necessary. Please shorten it by one or two weeks.
393. There are very limited options for those of us that have 9-5 jobs. Please make more options available for us as well as Friday in the evenings and Saturday's. Thank you!
394. There needs to be a better system for students who are busy and take lots of absences we don't do that on purpose
395. There's no good reason to do that
396. Things are fine the way they are. I know change is good but if it ain't broken why fix it. I believe students prefer to have the extra week for finals so that we can study a little more.
397. Think that's good idea...
398. This doesn't change our winter break, does it?
399. This is my 1st year so I don't really have much of a preference or much to compare for better decisions
400. This is very unrealistic students especially ones that have hard majors and work fulltime stay up late for studying anyway so having a 6 am class is a class everyone will drop from and I'll actually switch schools if this goes through
401. This isn't the only thing that needs to change. Do me a favor and look into your teachers' methods and amount of homework being assigned. I've noticed a decrease in mental and physical health in students due to lack of time to take care of ourselves because of how much homework is being assigned and the brain power it takes to complete some of these assignments. If a decrease in weeks for the semester is going to make this worse, I highly suggest you don't do it.
402. This really would hurt the sciences, we need the extra time and separate finals week.
403. Though at first, I thought compressing the schedule would be nice, so that we are on the same schedule as other colleges, but I don't think the lengthening of classes would help because a lot of students, including myself have a very strict work schedule or other commitments to where it would make it difficult especially if attendance is required in classes.
404. Though we would end sooner. What is one week later when compared to an extra 15min for the rest of the semester?
405. We can only retain so much information in a certain amount of time, I feel that with longer class periods we would lose or compromise quality time to learn more and for teacher to teach. Also considering that in community college many student's work at least part time.

406. We need cis web design in the morning rather than night
407. We need more time to study for the final; especially, when the final is cumulative!
408. We should have more a decent pace to study and digest the knowledge rather than squeezing time for tests. Sleep deprivation is one of the cause that students failed exams and having a class at 6 am is an aberration.
409. While having a finals week gives us more time to study/procrastinate, I do not like that we must return to school for testing after Memorial Day. During the fall semester it isn't so bad but spring semester scheduling is terrible.
410. Working in a way to have the entire thanksgiving break off could significantly reduce holiday stress as well as boost morale! :)
411. Working people often get left out being so busy
412. Would like more weekend classes.
413. Would love a quarter system of 4 8 week sessions...two per semester...I think everyone functions better with fewer classes but more focused.
414. Wrong and horrible idea!! Professor and students alike barely have enough time in the short 17 week semester! Cannot believe our campus is actually going to make this drastic change when we as students are used to our schedule that has always been!!!
415. Yes the condensed version are better to complete in the timely manner, my classes are too slow. Thank you for asked my input.
416. Yes, post more online courses! It can be a total waste to come to school when I could be taking more online courses. SDSU has them!