

Student Follow-Up Study

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2005-06 Students: *One Year Later*

General Education Core Abilities

Comments

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Please comment, both positively and negatively, about Lane's programs, services, teaching, or any other area that you want to discuss.

An overwhelming majority of respondents felt Lane was doing a good job. Comments are grouped as follows: positive experience, cost, instructors, services, quality, jobs, personal success, class size, online/evening/flexible schedules, and suggestions.

Positive Experience

- * LCC is a great learning institution. I had a very positive experience attending classes there.
- * I am pleased with my education choice concerning LCC. I would do it again. Negative: budget cuts every term. Not good. Hopefully the community can see the importance of Lane Community College.
- * I had a great time. It was a positive experience overall, and I would consider going back.
- * I enjoyed my time at LCC. The campus is very easy to navigate, and the staff was there to help me every step of the way. I would recommend Lane to anyone who is looking for a good place to transition from high school to a four-year university.
- * It's an easy school to attend because it is very accessible and people don't hand off problems, they would help me or direct me to the right person when I encountered troubles. It felt like a small community. It was easy to get people willing to hear you out.
- * I loved it. I wouldn't trade it for the world. Everything was good about it. I liked the flexibility of being able to choose from all kinds of different flavors of study.
- * It was very positive experience. Everyone was most encouraging and most helpful.
- * Lane is a wonderful learning environment, creating a highly fulfilling experience.
- * I had an excellent experience at Lane - it seems that my education at Lane perfectly suited my needs.
- * I think that there are several individuals out there who are just outstanding humans who have touched my life in ways that they will never know.
- * I recommend to anyone thinking about going to a college. They give you a good base to build on so that you can do well in college.
- * Lane is an amazing stepping stone in the path of education. Helped me to focus on a specific industry field.
- * Lane is a really important part of our community. I personally have seen people of different ages and socio-economic status realize things about themselves and their potential. Lane is an important part of our academic community, particularly the music and performance arts prepares students well.

Cost

- * It's getting too expensive to attend classes there.
- * It's a great school for the money.
- * It costs too much anymore. When I first started it was reasonable but now it has more than doubled.

Instructors

- * The classes I got the most out of were the ones where the instructor really cared about what they were teaching. The instructors at Lane made class worth my time.
- * LCC has some very talented and intelligent and understanding faculty who really care about the whole student. It was because of three or four specific teachers that I was able to be successful out at LCC this time around.
- * It was a positive experience. The instructors are understanding and most of them really care about the students and helping them achieve their goals.
- * I enjoyed my learning experience at Lane. Not every class was as challenging as it could have been but other classes made up for that. I felt the academic resources were fantastic. I used the Math and Science Center on a daily basis. Every teacher I ever had at Lane, I felt, truly cared about teaching!
- * I found the faculty to be very knowledgeable and supportive of me throughout the 3-1/2 years I attended Lane.
- * I really enjoyed the professors that I had at Lane. They were all very good. They had enthusiasm for the subjects they were teaching and a very effective teaching style.

Services

- * The drafting department, Margaret, John were very good showing patience and offered hands-on help when needed. I strongly recommend this course and the associated classes related to these classes. I suffered a heart attack and stroke and without these instructors and the Disability Services Department, I believe I would not have graduated. Thank you for allowing me to comment.
- * I believe that the MRC and the SRC provide invaluable resources for students. Without them I would have been a 3.0 instead of a 3.9 GPA student.
- * Most of the instructors were wonderful. I thought that the services provided in Building 1 were the best to me. The Counseling Dept. and Career and Employment Center really helped me and guided me. They were very supportive. The Student Resource Center (SRC) is great. Low-priced food was important to me and the cafeteria was so (too) expensive.
- * It would have been nice to have a little more help to figure out what classes I actually needed to get on track. There were problems with the counseling. I was confused about the transfer and I wasn't sure what classes I should be taking. Academic planning.
- * For the most part all my instructors were very helpful to my education. I took full advantage of quiet spots on campus. TRIO had a very warming environment that I loved as well.
- * Lane has great tutoring services (math, writing). Whatever you do, do not take them away! I wouldn't have passed a few math classes if it weren't for the tutors. And, work hard on keeping tuition down - thanks for the opportunity.

Quality

- * I really enjoyed my experience. The instructors were great and I learned a lot. I believe school is what you put into it, and Lane was able to return everything I put in.
- * I think the quality of the instructors and programs is really excellent. The support I received as a non-traditional student was excellent.
- * I appreciate that Lane is there. It is a good resource for people who can't afford more expensive education. The faculty is really great and the campus is great. I liked the location and the way the buildings are set up. I had some excellent teachers who were outstanding in their field and cared.
- * The overall teaching quality was excellent.
- * Good balance of stimulation and pressure. Creative teaching techniques using practical application. Great instructor to class relationships.
- * There are certain teachers at Lane that will forever have a good impact on my life. Those teachers have challenged me to think of the big picture and critically evaluate my opinions on tough matters such as the importance of the environment, social diversity, expression of thought, and to always strive for more education. My education at Lane has challenged me and left me with the desire to know more.

Jobs

- * It was good. I tell everybody go to school, it's worth it! I got three promotions during my time at Lane.
- * I appreciate the knowledge that I acquired there but I am a little jaded about not getting the job that I wanted to get. It was empowering overall but I am back at the job I had before I got laid off and now I am in debt.
- * I enjoyed Lane. I wish I could get a job in the field I trained for but that's not the school's problem.
- * My core teachers in my program were awesome! Leonard Keen, Eric Kersgaard, and John Bridges are by far the best things Lane has going for itself. They all were very positive and focused and prepared me for my current field of work quite well.
- * It really prepared me to get a job. From classes to résumés, the whole thing was very well done.
- * Since I am over 50 years old, I already had extensive experiences to bring into my new career, but with the good educational training LCC provided, I am able to use both old skills and new training in my new job. It is a terrible mistake to have to reduce student services at LCC. Hopefully, our state government will rediscover the importance of education in Oregon.

Personal Success

- * My experience at Lane was good. I had great professors who pushed me to do my best. I did not always like what they had to say, but they really helped me determine what my strengths are and now I am working on a bachelor's degree at PSU in psychology and planning on attending nursing school. Thank you for being such a great, positive influence in students' lives and in the community of Eugene, OR.
- * I had an amazing experience at Lane! I would do it all over again and have made many friends and saw a positive change in many areas of my life that developed as a result of attending Lane. Currently I am an assistant varsity baseball coach in southern Oregon and have recommended Lane to many of our athletes! I will be leaving for the Coast Guard in October and am proud to have Lane on my resume! It will have a great impact on me with no doubt! Thank you again!
- * Lane has been so wonderful, I don't have much negative to say. What I can say is that the education I received has been of higher quality than any other education I've had. I had no plans of continuing to a BA, but the success I had attending Lane, added to my self-confidence, now I expect to get a Masters. This is a great accomplishment for me since I'm DISABILITY QUALIFIED. I greatly worry about the funding problems Lane is experiencing and I hope and pray that a rabbit is pulled from the hat, so future students can have the same GREAT education I had. Thank you all so much.
- * I couldn't have just gone to a four-year college without Lane. I would never have made it through my math without Lane. It is really supportive in that area. I am an older student going back and Lane helped me a lot.
- * The women in transition program was excellent. It was precisely what I needed to nurture me through the transition into school. The courses I took with writing and sociology linked opened dialog which has helped guide my professional goals.
- * I went into Lane not really sure what I wanted to do with my life. I knew that I loved to write and had always pictured myself as a teacher. Lane let me grow in many areas of my life. While at Lane I discovered many passions I didn't know or had forgotten that I had. The most life-altering class for me was African American Experience with Prof. Mark Harris. Because of his class I have decided to pursue a major in sociology so that I too can teach classes like his someday. The teachers you have at Lane are phenomenal! They seem to enjoy what they do and become invested in the students. I still email a couple of them either to just catch up on how they are or to ask their opinions on pressing questions. They are wonderful people! The ones who have touched me the most deserve recognition. They are Cliff Mitchell, Science; Merrill Watrous, Education; Michael McDonald, English; and Mark Harris. They were and are still all instrumental in shaping my education. Lane was a fantastic school. I wish it was a 4-year school because I would have happily continued on there. I would recommend you to anyone who asks. Thank you.

Class Size

- * I enjoyed the time I spent at LCC. The class sizes were small enough to get a lot of

interaction with instructors when needed. Although I never used them, the resource labs being available helped many of classmates and they spoke highly of them. All of the teachers I encountered in my classes showed genuine desire to have their students do well and be successful. I felt at home at Lane.

- * The small classes at Lane (25-40 people) allowed for teachers to have time to help me personally. This was quite important for my educational experience because certain teachers were able to see my abilities and help me realize my full potential. This inspired me to achieve higher than I myself thought I originally could.
- * Lane provides a great learning environment because of the smaller class sizes and willingness of the professors to help you when you don't understand something completely.
- * The class sizes were great, not too big or too small. The teachers knew me by name and made an effort to show they cared. I had a great experience at Lane and my time spent there was incredibly valuable.

Online/Evening/Flexible Schedules

- * I think Lane is an excellent institution to attend for those who need flexible schedules and who may be unsure of their desired course of study. Lane offers a variety of courses and I found all of my instructors to be quite helpful in any extra support one may need.
- * I loved the Early Childhood Education program at LCC, because it created a fantastic learning environment for me. Obtaining credits in other areas of study, like meeting general education requirements, proved to be more difficult because of limited class offerings and time conflicts. I really hope LCC has an opportunity to maintain and expand their programs in the future.
- * [Lane doesn't] offer enough classes at night to accommodate a night learning situation. The classes I took, I had to take off work.
- * One thing I miss at the U of O was the many distance learning classes available at Lane. I think I took half of my classes from home. In the future I will keep my eye on what distance learning classes are available to see what is available because I might take some!

Suggestions

- * There are some things I would have liked to include in my training, like more out in the world. At the end we were asked to go out and work and get paid. It would have been good to have done that from the beginning rather than just at the end.
- * Kids should not be allowed to come to class with their parents. It's way too distracting and very unprofessional. Teachers were diverse and allowed for a variety of learning environments and opinions. Some were quite interesting, others were boring.
- * I don't mind students bringing their children to class and I think this should continue to be allowed at LCC.
- * One suggestion could be to try to provide more copy machines throughout campus (pay as you copy kind) so we don't always have to go to the library to make copies.