ASI Student Leadership Responses on the Meaning, Quality, and Integrity of a CSUSB Degree

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# The Meaning of a CSUSB Degree

1. What does it mean for a graduate to hold a degree from CSUSB?

Responses:

* A stepping stone to greater learning and employment opportunities.
* For a graduate to hold a degree from CSUSB doesn't really have a lot of meaning in SB.
* Accomplishment, success, career path.
* It provides access to new career opportunities.
* I see it as a key that will open many more doors in the future.
* Hard work, and sacrifice.
* A typical CSUSB graduate has worked on a degree for 5 years or more and has earned it through hard work and commitment.
* As a first-generation student, it means being the first one of my family to walk on stage and succeed.
* A degree from CSUSB means a quality education filled with meaningful experiences for the future.
* Knowledge and a useful degree to apply for a job.
* To me, it unlocks a path on to a graduate school.
* Better quality of life. Legacy.
* Ability to transform oneself and one's community. Inspire others and make a positive change.
* For a graduate to hold a degree, it means this individual has completed higher education. They have been able to expand their knowledge.

1. What are some distinctive experiences and learning outcomes of an education from CSUSB?

Responses:

* Group work, community engagement, high academic standards.
* Gratitude, integrity, informed, educated.
* Diversity- access to diverse ideas and learning outcomes, small campus community that where a student feels like they belong to a family.
* Attending classes here has allowed me to create life long friendships.
* Hands-on experience and dealing with real-world issues.
* CSUSB values diversity and advocating for the underserved. Students here can expect to learn and grow as individuals, connect to the community.
* The professors are always helpful. Take your time, and don’t rush.
* Leadership, real-life experience, land a great career.
* I am an exchange student from China, it means a special overseas study experience and feel the cultural integration.
* For me was plenty of lab experience. Most of my bio classes have labs.
* Students voice. Student Success. Better economy.
* Role model and showcase the gem that education can be.
* By getting a degree at CSUSB you are also exposed to Engagement, Inclusivity, Diversity, Purpose, Quality.
* Study Away Programs, Service Learning Opportunities.

# The Quality of a CSUSB Degree

1. What has been your experience at CSUSB?

Responses:

* It's been a mix of good and not so good. I wish advising was more clear but I have had a lot of amazing professors who have invested a lot.
* Great.
* Its been a rollercoaster of never-ending life lessons.
* A learning experience with great respect and responsibility.
* Pretty nice experience- professors cared about my success, close connections developed with both students and faculty.
* CSUSB has a lot to offer and I don't think it has the recognition it deserves.
* I have been able to grow both personally and professionally. Doing things I would never imagine as a high schooler.
* Asi & Chinese students association.
* I'm faculty but, the students here are dedicated to improving outcomes for themselves and others. Their degrees are not just classroom-based.
* It has been amazing attending CSUSB for the last three years, my experience here has been amazing giving my back to college.
* It's been a wonderful experience, I have been able to grow as a leader and also personally.
* Collaboration. Success. Integrity.
* Completely positive, welcoming of my experiences, who I am, where I come from and where I'd like to be and go.
* My experience at CSUSB has been very impactful. It has shaped me into the person I am today.

2. How challenging and rigorous are your classes?

Responses:

* The 2 unit courses are way more challenging and that worries me because it's supposed to be an entry course.
* Classes are not difficult. The difficult part is disciplining yourself to go to class and pay attention. When nobody is there to remind you.
* My upper-division classes!!!?? Let’s not even go there. PLENTY RIGOROUS.
* Fairly challenging.
* I think the first two years were really simple and easy, but the last two are the worst.
* N/A
* Challenging enough.
* They've been a mix of both easy and difficult.
* The courses that I teach are quite rigorous and challenging?
* Some courses were harder than others but I learned a lot.
* Yes especially with some financial academic words and language problems.
* Time-consuming.
* They are challenging because of the content and the lack of exposure that the real world offers.
* My classes at CSUSB can be rigorous and challenging at times, but there are many resources provided on campus.

# The Integrity of a CSUSB Degree

1. How well do CSUSB's mission and vision align with your educational experience?

Responses:

* Pretty well.
* We define the future, I think that's what I have gotten but I'm still concerned about my opportunities after graduation.
* Spot on.
* Well, the mission and vision have changed somewhat since I started.
* I think the educational experience aligns well with the campus mission and vision.
* They are almost identical.
* CSUSBs mission resembles my education experiences.
* It's absolutely amazing, knowing I have amazing departments on campus that I willing to help me.
* I love the motto “we define the future” because I truly believe that I can accomplish anything from a CSUSB degree.
* A lot.
* Great.
* They align well.
* CSUSB does everything they can do provide you with the best educational experience.
* The mission and vision of CSUSB do align with my educational experience.

2. How can we improve your educational experience at CSUSB?

Responses:

* Advising, solve bottleneck courses.
* Communication.
* Having more student input.
* More services and support for PDC.
* More classes. Sometimes weird schedules make it difficult.
* They offer a variety of classes and resources to the campus community.
* More faculty.
* Possibly offering more computer/engineering courses.
* We (faculty and staff) can help students guide their own path a bit better.
* Being more involved on campus, and getting in more programs, such as clubs, organizations.
* Attract commuter students! More athletic games advertised.
* Offer more classes on both campuses.
* More sense of community with openness from top-down and connecting with students and experiences.
* N/A