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“To me it doesn’t really matter the race or age. I find it intriguing to learn about people of other cultures.

I love the diversity on the campus. In my hometown there aren’t as many different races. However coming here I have made friends of all races and I think it’s great!”

—an 18 yr old white female

“Something that I notice is that people really take stereotypes into their daily lives.

I like how csus has many different nationalities and backgrounds. It makes me want to know where people are from and how their stories are different from mine.”

—I am a native American and African American student. I am 19 years old and a challenge for me was playing rugby and trying to keep my grades above a 3.0 and I did it.

“(I like that) I am exposed to different points of views when it comes to cultural differences”

—Mexican, 19 years old

“I do appreciate the diverse culture only because I get a better understanding of various perspectives and outlooks on life.

I like that I have been given the opportunity to be who I want to be while I am here. There is nothing that totally restricts what you want to do and there are many opportunities for you to join various programs and clubs”

—I am a student who is new to college, who is also African American. I am a Christian and come from a religious background.

“I...wish that the hiring of teachers was more accessible to students. I feel like the lack of diversity among staff puts students in minority groups at a disadvantage.”

—Latina woman and transfer from a community college

“Being a student here at Sacramento State is great. I feel that the school is diverse and overall everyone is just here to learn.”

—25 year old, white, male, transfer student

“Really no challenge. The campus is very diverse.

I like to communicate with everyone.”

—mixed

“Sac State does a well job welcoming students from every culture and background.”

—Age 18, Russian, Female, Freshman, low income family

“It’s pretty normal. I don’t really feel as though I’m ‘different’ because there is a pretty diverse population here. There are instances, however, when I feel that there isn’t much cross-cultural knowledge.

In some of my classes when we discuss different cultures, there is usually a lot of misinformation apparent w/in students. They rely on stereotypes about cultures to justify arguments & the like.

Sometimes it seems like campus is not very inclusive. There’s not much diverse involvement during campus events.”

—3rd year, 20 years old, Indian-American

“I like meeting students that differ from my culture because I enjoy learning new things about them.”

—I am Mexican. I am 18 years old.

“I am really proud of who I am is, which I feel that it doesn’t make me different, because I really think that everyone has to be equal no matter the age, race, gender you are.”

—Hispanic

“Since Sac State is such a diverse campus it doesn’t make me feel out of the circle

I would like to share that cultural awareness is very important”

—Pacific Islander, 27, Hindu

“The cultural differences is dictated by the students and the professors seem to stay rather neutral and honest, which I see as successful.”

—24 Male 5th year in college

“It makes no difference to me how old someone is, or what race they are, if they are friendly people there will always be a good perspective about them.”

—18 year old new to college Hispanic

“(I don’t like) The lack of knowledge about diversity. Cultural sensitivity often means cultural avoidance. In an academic institution is the best place to facilitate meaningful conversations about race, gender, sexual orientation. The opportunity is often lost.”

—black female, dyslexic, returning to college

“I enjoy being a Mexican-American student because there are so many people like me on this campus, but there are also so many people who are different, which I think broadens my understanding on many things.”

—18, Mexican-American, New to College, Female

“CSUS is culturally diverse so I feel comfortable. You will find a place to fit in if you make the effort.”

—Filipino, male, young, first year

“Here at CSUS the college is diverse with many people of different culture whether its race or ethnicity and I feel comfortable and welcomed. No matter the age I get to meet different people and it helps me network through college so far.”

—I am a Asian female student and currently 18 years old turning 19 this year. With the challenges of being the first in my family to go to college, I am new to this experience of college.

“The community we all share is different and we should empower it!”

—Female, 21

“Being a white female student at Sac State, I feel like I can identify with a lot of people on campus. There are also many people different from me which I like.”

—Caucasian, age 21, female

“What has worked for me is...bettering myself by interacting with diverse individuals.”

—18-year old/Mexican/Male/First Generation/Athlete/with good grades

“We are a diverse campus, but we don’t embrace it.

(I like) the culture shock.”

—Mexican 19

“In the high school that I use to go the majority of students were Hispanics/Latinas and here in college there is a diverse amount of cultures. It is good to learn about other cultures and to keep in mind that other people have different cultures.”

—No student specifics given

“It’s great. I think there is a great diversity. I like it here. I enjoy being at this college. There are different cultures here which is great. I like the variety of people that you can meet.”

—19 mexican-american

“It is very diverse here at CSUS.”

—from another country

“I enjoy seeing the diversity this school sets, and the many programs they offer to assist students.”

—Mexican, 18 years old, Straight, 1st Generation College Student

“I also like the campus because it is really diverse in cultures and ethnicities.

I am a proud member of the Delta Epsilon Mo fraternity, which is a multicultural fraternity. It means that there is people from different countries and backgrounds. I am also part of Student Government and I love to work with the CSUS students. They are respectful and hard working students.”

—Mexican, 19 years old

“I am honestly proud of who I am and I don’t see anything wrong so my perspective is that I like the college diversity. People were interested in my cultural background as well as I was with theirs.”

—first year, 19 years old, Mexican, male

“It is a very diversified environment and there are opportunities for everyone.”

—Mexican/American 19 Years Old.

“I think meeting new friends and people from all over California has been a great experience.”

—19 yrs old first generation student

“It is diverse, but some minorities are lacking.

It’s a place where a diverse amount of view points are had. Sometimes people try pushing their views on you.”

—a genderfluid faire glypherb

“I like that this campus offers a community involvement that helps people get a better one on one help with professors and instructors. I don’t like that sac state doesn’t have many African American professors or advisors.”

—African American young woman

“Sacramento State is a very diverse campus and that allows me to feel more enabled.”

—a first year Latina woman

“I don’t feel so out of place at this campus as I have visiting other schools throughout my freshman year. It is really diverse and there are many kinds of people here.”

—Mexican-American, 19/freshman

“Being Afro-Amer and 18 the diversity here at Sac State has been welcoming and amazing. I like the nature, the feel, the people here because it is an amazing college to go to.”

—Gay

“Diverse campus, however, people stay in their own social group & not mingle with someone outside the group (oftentimes).

Some people fit stereotypes (unfortunately) while others (the majority? Who knows) do not.”

—white, transfer, 20 yrs, from Southern CA

“The community of students is very diverse, and you don’t feel like there are any under-represented groups.”

—Latino male, mid-twenties, gay

“It’s cool being new to college and seeing a diverse campus with friendly faces. It makes me feel at home.”

—Mexican/18

“I feel like it was a challenges going into a diverse place where many cultures gathered around. I think that there was sometimes that was very fun when every students gathered together and shared their own experienced together.”

—I am a first generation Hmong American girl in my family attending California State University of Sacramento. I am 18 years of age

“My fraternity experience, my brothers are all different races but we overlook that and are all very close to each other.”

—white male

“I like that school is very diverse. There is a lot of different cultures that are on campus. The campus is very good at portraying/accepting different cultures.”

—21 years old half Indian/white

“I think Sac State has so much diversity that you get to see and meet a lot of different backgrounds.”

—Asian – 29 – Veteran

“I like the diversity here at this campus. Coming from a high school that was also pretty diverse, I wanted a diverse campus to continue growing my variety of different cultural friends.”

—Chinese American of 18 years of age

“Being a young African American woman it is very complex to be here at CSUS. Although the campus is diverse, it still lacks teachers...that look like myself and come from the same background. Sometimes it is easier for me to talk to the black faculty members because I feel more comfortable with them.”

—19, African American female

“I enjoy the culture that CSUS has to offer. Sacramento is the most diverse city in America, and it shows. I love the gay support and woman support, as well as all of the intellectual pursuits.

I enjoy the landscape of the school, with active members of society. Everyone has a place 😊”

—a 20-year old white female

“I like the diversity of students here & how everyone is different & has a story.”

—Mexican, male, younger, depression + returning to school

“I honestly do not feel a challenge to fit in here at campus. It is well-diversed here and there is something for everyone.”

—24, India, female, journalism Major

“I like the fact that everyone is super friendly no matter any race or gender. People are willing to help if they have the time.”

—Hispanic, male, transfer student that works full time

“I don’t feel excluded or treated differently because of my perspective. I feel welcomed and respected by professors, other students, and campus organizations.

Each professor I have had in my courses have talked, taught and helped me just like anyone else in their classes. I have not had an experience where I’ve felt discriminated by my gender, race or age.

I like how my professors add that they will teach & respect all students from all backgrounds in their syllabi.”

—Latino, early 20s. female

“Not enough faculty who looks like me.”

—Latina

“I have definitely had an eye opening experience just on how many different types of people are here (race, gender, orientation, income-background)”

—White, 21 years old, Middle Class

“I’ve noticed that we are the minority on campus in comparison to Asians, and whites therefore I’ve been witness of discrimination and racism. Those two factors belittle my rights to be here.”

—Latino who is 21 years old and is a third year at Sac State

“There are so many races here and so many cultures so I feel like I can learn something new if I want.”

—African American & white, 18 years old

“I am comfortable because the school is so diverse. Everywhere I go there is always a new face or someone who speaks a different accent.”

—African American/Black

“There are a lot of different people on campus. People are quick to judge; some are nice, others not so much.”

—Asian, female, 18, straight, ALPS – type of cancer, new to college

“Coming from folsom, California there was little racial diversity in school, but here I am surrounded by many cultures and social positions. I enjoy the diversity and appreciate my differences and the differences of others.”

—Caucasian – 18 year old female

“it’s hard because people judge you everyday when you’re at school.”

—culture

“The diversity of the campus reinforces who I am as an individual.”

—20 year old filipina in her 3rd year in Sac State

“CSUS is an open area. In the way that you can truly express yourself and not be forced through the ‘cookie cutter’ so to speak. Every person is different and CSUS acknowledges that fact.

I feel like its fine. I met SO many people all ages, cultures, and gender. I love it!”
—19 years old.

“It feels great because I am not the only Individual here who is Latino. This is a good University because it is very diverse. I made new friends who are from different places of the world.”

—Latin American

“It’s a very diverse/welcoming atmosphere here at the university. I really enjoy the amount of respect each diverse culture receives from students to staff, and the rest of the University.”

—Mexican-American (1st gen. college student)

“I don’t like how as a university we claim to be diverse but we really aren’t”
—first generation

“One of the things I like and admire about CSUS is the diversity of students across our campus.”

—22 White

“I have never been discriminated or left out because of who I am or look. I feel like this college is very diverse and I don’t see a lot of discrimination.”

—Latino, Female, 21

“I love it here at CSUS. I come from a school with predominantly Caucasians and while there is nothing wrong with that it was nice coming to an environment with many different ethnicities.

I love this school. Everyone is so accepting of different religions and ethnicities.”

—American born, Arab ethnicity, female, 18, heterosexual female

“I feel as though CSUS has been very accepting and almost familial in nature.”

—male, 18 year old, Caucasian, second semester freshman

“(I like) That they embrace diversity and engage with the students.”

—21, Mexican, female, straight, transfer student

“I’ve enjoyed my experience. There is a lot of diversity on campus, which I appreciate.

My favorite experience is taking an ethnic studies class. I have gotten to see the world from many other perspectives, which is valuable.”

—White, female, 19, straight, first year, Honors Program

“I like the welcoming vibe & sense of open communication present on campus. The diverse community of students that makes up CSUS”

—21 y/o “white” female

“Good. I love the diversity here at Sac State. It makes learning about different cultures fun!”

—Mexican 18 year old freshman

“I feel fine being a mixed race student on campus because it is diverse.”

—19 years old black, white, hispanic, hawaiian, Portuguese

“CSUS has great diversity and being Asian, I feel a lot more comfortable being around not only other Asians but any minority. I really appreciate the diversity here.”

—Asian-American male, 21

“I feel I fit in well with the student body as a whole because every ethnicity is well-represented.”

—female – 24 – Asian

“Its super white here... For a college in the capitol of California the lack of minority perspective (Latino & Black) is disappointing and sad.”

—Ethnic Male who is young

“As a white female I’m learning more about diversity by being at Sac State.”

—white, 22, ComS 4th yr at Sac State, female, student-athlete

“From a Hispanic point of view it is a bit scary to see very few hispanics in my classes.

I like the fact that everyone is super friendly no matter any race or gender. People are willing to help if they have the time.”

—Hispanic, male, transfer student that works full time

“It feels as if Sac State lacks cultural diversity.”

—white; female, straight, AD/HD, 25 years of Age

“I feel I fit in with this college according to how diverse & wide range of ages & cultures it is to be enrolled here @ sac state”

—senior, Caucasian, age 22, male

“Needs more diversity in faculty.”

—Samoan & Creole

“It’s very nice and welcoming. Some campuses aren’t as open and accepting but this one is.”

—African American

“I think it’s great being a student here, it’s a very diverse campus. I’ve met a lot of very different people, which helped me have a better understanding of their cultures/beliefs.”

—Hispanic, Male, 21

“There was bit of a culture clash. I came from a place where there is a lot of latino/a and Asian culture/race. However it was very refreshing, and I actually enjoyed seeing how diverse a community can actually be.”

—latino/a

“For me, I am nothing special here so being a student and seeing all these different cultural perspectives is eye-opening.”

—a white female & returning student

“I like the diversity. The town I am from, whites are the minority. At my last college, it was almost fully white, so it is a lot more like my hometown at Sac State.”

—White, 20, Depression + Anxiety, Athlete

“Being a student here is pretty good for the most part. I wish it were a little more diverse....”

—African American, 21, transfer student

“I enjoy the diversity, meeting new people from all backgrounds and cultures. The professors are mostly open minded to discussions and suggestions.”

—21, Caucasian Male

“As a person of hispanic decent I feel very accepted at this college because of its diversity. Because Sac State is so diverse, I made a new friend at the beginning of the semester and we have been inseparable since. She is of Indian decent and has taught me so much about her culture. My perspective on the Indian culture has broadened in a beautiful way. She is my new best friend.”

—Mexican-American, 24 yrs old, Christian.

“I love the diversity of our student population. I have learned so much ethnically/culturally by just being apart of this campus.”

—23 year old transfer student/working

“Good. Sac State is very diverse.”

—middle eastern, 21

“I really like the diversity here on campus. It is really awesome because it gives students a chance to become friends and possibly educate themselves about different cultures.”

—23, Male, Native American

“Multicultural upbringing. Challenges are not feeling like I belong to any group & never meet anyone like me.

I love how multi-cultural CSUS can be. I can feel the diversity on campus & I know I’m a part of that.

I do get positive social responses from young people as I speak several languages. Fraternities don’t talk to me cause I’m not white.”

—American/Persian

“It is challenging to accept other ethnicities/races from classmates, when I come from a not so diversified community.

I have had positive and negative experiences with classmates with a different culture, race/ethnicity than mine.”

—Hispanic/Latino, Female, 24 y/o, 1st yr. in college.

“I have observed people tend to click together (culture wise).

I like how multi-cultured Sac State is.”

—Punjabi Indian, 26 years young

“I enjoy the diversity here and feel comfortable with my fellow students. One of my classes is the most diverse group of students I have ever been a part of & I really enjoy that about that class. Hearing from a bunch of different perspectives is really enlightening.”

—white

“Race wise nothing is different, this campus is so diverse no one notices or cares about my race.

I love the international students and being able to meet these people I would have never met had I not dorned at Sacramento. Now we’re so close, we’ve planned trips for this coming year.”

—a 22 year old Mexican/American Indian/White Woman, transfer student.

“I think there are programs that are directed for every sub-minority but there isn’t a lot of information on it. It’s also hard to find online information about meetings.

There is a lot of white people in charge of most things. I don’t see a lot of diversity.”

—Middle eastern, female, 24, lesbian, (her*, she*)

“I believe that Sac State is a very inviting and diverse community.”

—White, 21 years old

“I like...openness to different cultures and groups and the open campus environment. It has helped me become more independent.”

—Mexican-American Catholic

“There is not as many African American students as the other races here. It is good because I get to be in a diverse culture environment, it would be nice to have more people like me.”

—African American

“Feel comfortable, this school is very diverse. Campus was easy to get around as a new student. I like that they have a prayer room for Muslims.”

—19 years old/Middle Eastern

“When I first arrive to Sacramento State, it was a culture shock. I came from a heavily hispanic high school, so when I arrived here, I felt for the 1st time, like a true minority.

Even though at times being hispanic in a dominant white student population it doesn’t mean you’re the only one. It’s my 3rd year here and I can say, its gotten so much better diversity wise.

I feel that probably joining a club made the culture shock easier, it doesn’t matter what.

I don’t like the lack of Chicano clubs and overall diversity clubs there are available.”

—hispanic, 20 years old

“I enjoy being mixed because I feel I fit in with the diversity of the college.”

—New to college, mixed, 18, female, living at home & joined a sorority

“I feel like Sac State has gotten more diverse over the years but I still think I fall under the minority group because of my age and ethnicity.

I feel Sac State is very diverse and I’ve enjoyed my experience here. like how there are many clubs/organizations with diverse backgrounds.”

—hispanic, age 29, senior

“The campus is diverse and equal in opportunities.”

—18, African-American

“I do not feel singled out because of my ethnicity. I feel comfortable walking around campus without having to worry about someone treating without disrespect. There is no one here (or it seems to be) that is racist in any way. Everyone is nice and comforting.”

—Black – 18 years old

“CSUS is culturally diverse so I feel comfortable.... You will find a place to fit in if you make the effort.”

—Filipino, male, young, first year

“It is easy to be a student of Mexican descent at CSUS because there are many ways to get involved with people of my own culture and to socialize with others who are not. I have met people who have overcome the same challenges as me.”

—Mexican, 19.

“(I like) All the different cultures at CSUS.”

—Latino (Mexican)

“I enjoy being a student here because of the diversity, I come from a diverse town so I was able to adapt well here.

Being accepted here as a person is something I enjoy about this campus.”

—Hispanic/White

“I feel welcomed yet outcasted. Sac State makes sure to include everyone and have a safe environment yet most of my classes contain anywhere from 85 to 95% whites. I feel that maybe more diverse faculty could help as well as accepting students for what they’ve earned not just their name or race.

Sac State makes sure to include students in different organizations and events. I like the Sac State environment. Everything doesn’t feel as fast paced and it feels like a united community rather than people paying to receive education....”

—Hispanic, 18, female, schizophrenia/depression, first member in family

“I think CSUS is a very diverse college with all different ethnicity and meeting new people is a good thing.”

—I am lu-Mien American. I am 19 years old. I live in Sacramento, California all my life. My parents were born and raised in Thailand, they came to the United States in the mid 1980s. I have 4 siblings. Im the first in my family to go to college.

“Our campus is very diverse and welcoming to different cultures. I feel very lucky and blessed to go to this school because I know in other parts of the country, it is not the same case.”

—Filipino American Female

“It’s cool. Campus not as diverse as other California schools but its good here.”

—Male, 27 years. 6 years at Sac State. Asian/White

“Being a first year student here in CSUS is very challenging. Students here are white which is the majority which makes it very intimidating as well as being 18 or being a freshman.”

—Filipino/Male/18

“I feel very comfortable here at Sac State because of all of the cultural diversity. Makes me feel welcomed.”

—female Latina

“I am Asian, so when I look for friends here, I reach out to people who have the same ethnicity as me. It’s very easy to make friends at CSUS no matter the different in ethnicity or race.”

—Male Asian 25

“(I) enjoy the diversity of the students and staff.”

—No student specifics given

“It is very different than the people I am used to being with in high school. There is a lot of diversity here.”

—Hispanic, 19, college student

“it’s a very diverse campus which makes me feel comfortable. For the most part, people are excepting and kind, although that’s how everyone acts when you first meet them.”

—an african-american woman.

“I am a 22 y.o. hispanic male. I am proud to be here at CSUS. Growing up I heard that not many Hispanics made it passed high school and now I am here in college – I have noticed that I am not alone. There is a good amount of Hispanics here. There are definitely more than it sounded like. Most classes are full of Caucasians but there are a few hispanics, African-Americans, and even Asians. It is nice to see a diversity when I kept hearing that the minorities never really went to college.

Everyone is super friendly. It does not matter what color your skin is or what language you grew up speaking. Everyone is willing to help if you ask politely.”

—Hispanic male 22 y.o.

“The experience is great and it feels good knowing you are in a campus that is very diverse.”

—Male, 19, Business Major

“It has been easier than in high school because my high school wasn’t at all diverse”

—Im a 18 year old African American female. I live in a middle-class family. I like to play sports such as basketball. I work at Little Caesars, I have been here for almost two years.

“Being older than a large portion of the students is a bit intimidating but there is so much diversity in race/ethnicity and age here that makes it seem not so bad.”

—Returning Student

“I feel like I blend in with everyone else. I enjoy the variety of ethnic clubs at this school as well.”

—mixed-race, 22 years old, senior (grade)

“Different, the university is very diverse and being a first year is a completely new experience”

—Filipino, 18

“For the first time in my life I sometimes feel like I am the racial minority. I love it!”

—21, white, from Sacramento

“At CSUS it is very diverse, I have not faced any issues in regards to my ethnicity.”

—Latina female age 22 (senior)

“Being a minority veteran at CSUS, I have experienced great acceptance and diversity among my colleagues. CSUS is a fantastic environment that embraces polyculturalist ideology.”

—Laotian-American, Age 28, Male, Senior at CSUS

“I feel that CSUS is very diverse and open. Therefore I feel like I fit right in; no discrimination whatsoever. (I like) the diversity of the school and opportunities available.”

—20 yrs, Asian, Female

“Sac State is extremely diverse with students from all backgrounds. I feel like this is positive because the ‘real world’ is extremely diverse and Sac State encourages many social events for all races to learn about one another.”

—White Male early 20’s

“Very different & diverse culture.”

—white, 19

“(I don’t like) lack of diversity in faculty.”

—first year generation student/Hispanic

“There is diversity on the campus which is good, and well I don’t think there are any challenges regarding culture, everyone is respectful.”

—Mexican, 18 yrs, first year

“It’s nice having a variety of cultures in Sac State.”

—Mexican American, 20 years old, Freshman

“It’s nice. I like how homogenized the student population/teachers are.”

—White, 20 year old male

“There is no difference than my hometown since CSUS has a diverse culture with different groups of ethnicity. The community in my opinion is fairly open and receptive of the diverse cultures.”

—Chinese

“Sacramento State is such a diverse campus so I think it is easy for any person to feel comfortable and welcomed here on campus.”

—a 21 year old, female, African American

“I like all the diversity on campus.”

—hispanic

“CSUS is a nice campus that appears to be open to diversity....”

—25 year old male student

“At times I feel like I’m discriminated based on my ethnicity since I am a minority....”

—Mexican-American, female, 21

“There is no discrimination. There is a lot of diversity throughout Sacramento State.”

—Chinese

“I like it here—I feel comfortable. I feel like there is decent diversity at CSUS.”

—26/Female/White

“I feel I fit in well with the student body. Many classes I’m taking are with students roughly around my age and the campus is very ethnically diverse.”

—23-female-asian

“Not challenging, easy to get along w/ students of all ages and ethnicities.”

—Black, Male, 23 Years of Age

“I like that there is not much discrimination on campus because there is a vast diversity.”

—19, Latino, Female

“I like that the campus is diverse and welcoming.”

—African American Bisexual Female 20 years old

“It’s a diverse campus so I fit in regardless.”

—Caucasian female 22 heterosexual, AD/HD, contacts, transfer ARC, raised by single mom, 1 older sister, no financial help

“I like the diversity that the CSUS campus has to offer.”

—Hispanic

“It is nice to know that this university is diverse in many cultures.”

—Filipino

“CSUS is a very diverse campus so it is very easy for me to go here. I have never felt uncomfortable in any way possible.”

—African American/Italian

“I like the diversity at CSUS. I have met a variety of people.”

—Latina, 22

“Prior to college, my demographics mattered. CSUS is so diverse that my age, gender ethnicity no longer mattered once I got to college.”

—26 year old Black Man

“I like that the environment is very diverse and that works for me because I feel comfortable with where I am at.”

—I am an 18 year old mexican american.

“I like it here on campus because its really diverse and I feel like I fit on campus.”

—I am a first generation female student that is mexican american.

“I like how CSUS is such a diverse campus. Being a Hispanic there are many multicultural groups, clubs, and activities.”

—19 years of Age, Hispanic Latina

“I like seeing the diversity on campus. There is large group of diversity and CSUS has been a great first time experience. I have enjoyed meeting students who share the same cultural background as me.”

—Latina

“I would like to share that I enjoy the large diversity of students and faculty.”

—Young Black male

“I suppose I have a typical ‘white’ perspective. I see that CSUS is a diverse campus....”

—25, transfer student, female

“It is normal now but different when I first came to this school because there was not much racial diversity where I grew up.”

—white, female, 19, straight, returning to school

“Not bad. CSUS is mixed with plenty of different cultures.”

—Mexican, caucasian, male

“The campus is diverse and equal in opportunities.”

—18, African-American

“Since CSUS is very diverse, I was able to make friends easily and get to know others easily too.”

—an Asian American

“The school is very diverse in both classes and students who attend here.”

—a first year freshman

“The diverse atmosphere at CSUS makes me feel comfortable around my peers.

(I like) Willingness of the campus to provide support for minority groups.”

—Asian-American (Chinese) Female 18

“Appreciate the diversity here on campus.”

—male, black, has MS

“I feel very indifferent because the university is diverse.”

—Asian male Young New to College

“Not what I’m used to back in my hometown that is 97% white. I enjoy the diversity.”

—19, white, female

“I’ve heard from my professors and have seen for myself that this campus is incredibly diverse.”

—Black, 22 years old, Has MS

“As a male student I definitely notice more female students than male. As an African–American student I only wish there were more students of my ethnicity on campus. I can sometimes notice the age difference between myself and some classmates.”

“There are students from all walks of life: ethnicities, ages, cultures, religions”

—Male, African-American, 27, Transfer

“People are not friendly and excepting here of differences”

—psychological depression

“I like the diversity at CSUS.”

—about to graduate with a Coms studies degree

“Its fine. Sacramento is so diverse so my time on campus is great.”

—25 African American part time job

“As a hispanic student here at CSUS I feel just at home. Since our school is so diverse I do not feel like I am a minority at all.”

—Hispanic, 19 years old, New to College, Female

“Very inclusive”

—white male 19

“I am open-minded to people from different backgrounds because I would like people to be open-minded about my background. Also I feel very welcomed at Sac State because of the diversity and respect everyone has.”

—a 19 year old Arab female

“It helps out a lot because I love knowing and experiencing different cultures or ways of life.”

—open-minded/universal

“I like how diverse it is here and the variety.”

—Hispanic, female, 19

“We have great diversity on campus. The different types of communities, whether it’s cultural, LGBT....”

—Mexican-American/Student

“Sac State has a very inclusive campus. There is a balance of events going on for everyone.”

—Chamarro (Pacific Islander)/Filipino, Catholic, 1st year

“It is great to be a student at CSUS because my classes are filled with people from all different backgrounds.”

—Pakistani

“I like the diversity in classes, different ages/gender/race. It gives a lot of different perspectives to the class.”

—White, 18, female

“I think for me, I come from a predominantly (94%) white school. I actually feel like more of a minority here, which may seem odd but it really opened my eyes to other cultures.”

—a 21 year old caucasian girl

“As a transfer student it’s interesting to be in classes with a variety of ages and perspectives. I’ve had school projects with people of all different ages & backgrounds which makes for diverse perspectives.”

—Transfer Student

“It is hard!! I don’t have any professors that have the same skin color as me. Many professors do not understand the life of a low income/first generation student.

Faculty diversity would be much appreciated!! I will be pursuing a masters degree in higher education & leadership policy, so I can one day make a change.”

—Latino, 23, Graduating Senior

“I have not had any challenge with my ethnicity at CSUS. I think CSUS does a great job of having a diversified college community.”

—White

“I feel like Sacramento State is so diverse that I easily blend in. There is no noticeable break in gender or race and I love that.”

—Black, white, and Asian, 18 y/o, female, 1st year college student, Athlete

“The diversity at Sac State, I believe is well supported. Culturally, there are a lot of groups and variety to choose from in terms of extra curriculums, classes, etc. I come from a extremely cultured family background and it’s always fun to do new things here.”

—Indian/European. New to College/Undeclared

“In this school I feel pretty normal. I feel like everyone else and I have never been discriminated or treated differently because of my race, gender or age.”

—American born chinese (21 years old) female graduating senior spring

“I feel like any other student here on campus, it is very diverse.”

—24 year old filipino-american female

“It is really great. I love the diversity.”

—Hispanic

“(Mostly) Everybody here has seemed pretty open-minded about all types of people regardless of their sexuality or race.”

—half Chinese/Half white, straight, 18 years old

“I love being a student here! Sac State has really opened my eyes to how diverse the world is and how many different types of people & cultures there are. I think being multicultural is amazing, it allows me to look at things from different perspectives and learn more overall.

So far I have had great experiences w/my professors and my classes. I have met so many diverse and interesting people. It is really easy to talk to people here no matter what race/gender/ethnicity.”

—a multicultural 18 year old female

“I like the fact that Sac State is diverse.”

—I am a first generation college student, Mexican, with problems with my hands, especially my dominant hand, so I’ve been struggling

“I like how diverse the school. You can literally see someone of every culture by just walking through the campus.”

—New to College

“To be a 19 year old African American 1st yr college student here is great because the campus has people my age/race that are 1st years to. The school is very diverse when it comes to that.”

—19 year old African-American 1st yr college student

“a reason why I would suggest CSUS to students is that this school is very diverse, I feel, and I’m sure others feel very welcomed at this school.”

—a 19 year old Female, Hispanic Freshman

“I like that there is a substantial amount of diversity on campus. I think it’s important for young adults to be exposed to different types of people. It has the possibility to give new insight into other cultures and other people’s ways of life.”

—Male, mixed ethnicity, 23, first generation college student.

“I feel Sacramento is pretty diverse and Sac State is not the exception. I think hispanic males are well represented on campus, which is good.

I feel I belong here, I feel accepted and that there is no discrimination or ignoring of my culture.”

—23 yr old Hispanic Male

“I believe that Sac State is a very inviting and diverse community.”

—White, 21 years old

“(I don’t like) The non diversity of staff.”

—Young, Black, Mom, Married

“It isn’t hard. Sac State is a very diverse campus. I believe every ethnic group is well represented here. If anything, I have a problem with those who fall into some of the negative stereotypes/perceptions that I get boxed into because we are all the same (black males).”

—African-American male, 28, heterosexual. Married, father, Christian

“It is challenging to accept other ethnicities/races from classmates, when I come from a not so diversified community.

I have had positive and negative experiences with classmates with a different culture, race/ethnicity than mine.”

—Hispanic/Latino, Female, 24 y/o, 1st yr. in college.

“I feel like being a 22 year old Mexican American Female who is a transfer student is welcomed + accepted here at Sac State. I see a lot of diversity here & so far I’ve been very welcomed w/ open arms here.”

—22 years old/Mexican American

“I just really get surprised when I meet another Native American student.

I really like the diversity here on campus. It is really awesome because it gives students a chance to become friends and possibly educate themselves about different cultures.”

—23, Male, Native American

“I would love to share the experience: Being a proud, educated, and equal black student at sac state. So many places can be so discriminatory but sac state does a great job of spreading equality to all groups.”

—No student specifics given other than what is stated above

“What I liked about Sacramento State are the variety of different people you get to meet. In life you always have the perspective to enclose yourself from others and sometimes avoid interaction with new people but here everything is different. You get to meet people that are from all different kinds of backgrounds are there to help you with anything you need.”

—18 years old and Mexican

“I feel surrounded by others like myself. There is a lot of diversity here. In high school, I experienced being the only black student in a class. I haven’t experienced that here at Sac State so that makes me feel comfortable.”

—an 18 year old, black and Filipino, first year freshman female.

“Not any different than any other demographic. Not once have I ever felt discriminated against while attending Sac State.”

—Female Filipino

“I really like it, it is great to represent my ethnicity in this diverse campus.”

—a freshman Latina, 19

“The lack of diversity within faculty has made it a little difficult. But the diversity within my classmates has made up for it.”

—23 year old hispanic

“My experience at CSUS has been alright. There is diversity, but there does not seem to be a lot of Vietnamese on campus. Culturally it does not appear to be visible to the public as much as the other ethnic groups.”

—Vietnamese/Female/21/3rd year

“There are many different ethnicities on campus and I see it everywhere I walk to.”

—I am a female student, my ethnicity is Hmong. I am a first year at the age of 18. I am an average height.

“I see that there are a lot of Hmong people who attend CSUS. I am happy to also represent who I am when in class. I also like the fact that everyone is so diverse...which makes me comfortable. ☺”

—Hmong

“It’s different because you don’t have many faculty members whom are Mexican American and I question why.”

—Mexican American

“You get along easily with others from similar backgrounds. (I like) the wide variety of culture.”

—21 year old Pacific Islander

“Coming from a more Asian background, the diversity of the campus is welcoming.”

—Male, 23, Pacific Islander, Straight, Senior

“It’s what every college student should experience, diversity, challenges and hard to relate (to professors, culture, and style of teaching).”

—Male, Latino, 27 years old, New to College, first generation college student.

“To be a young Mexican American student at Sac State is great. Everywhere I look there is so much diversity here on campus that I feel very welcomed. In addition there are a lot of clubs on campus that welcome young Mexican American females like myself.”

—Mexican American, 18 y/o female

“Culture, diversity in campus is great.... (I have experienced) Meeting different people from different parts of the world & making life long friends. Having them help me through this semester.”

—Pacific Islander

“It’s different because the school is really dominated by white people. I had to deal with Asian stereotypes and racial slurs.”

—Filipino/male/20

“I enjoy Sac State, & the diversity that there is here.”

—woman (Mexican)

“That being said, the diversity of the campus reinforces who I am as an individual. I’m exposed to different kinds of backgrounds, so I know to be appreciative of my own....”

—20 year old filipina in her 3rd year in Sac State

“Majority of the students and professor are very friendly with people from all over the world. People from different countries.”

—22 years old, Mexican, from small town, learning English

“it’s a culture shock.... I usually am the only black male in my class. Not enough Black students go here”

—20 year old Black male

“We need more Latin@ professors!”

—a Chicana first generation student

“In being a young Asian woman on the CSUS campus, I don’t feel out of place. This is a very diverse campus where the gender ratio also seems very evenly split.”

—20 yr old, female, Asian (Jr.)

“There aren’t many students like me here. Some people are surprised to see me here.

I haven’t experienced any prejudices yet. There is no diversity when it comes to the professors.”

—18 year-old Black Female who is new to college

“I’ve had a fun time critically thinking about the new things that I’ve learned as well as meeting more people from different backgrounds.”

—I am a first generation African American female who is 19 years old.

“There is not as many African American students as the other races here. It is good because I get to be in a diverse culture environment, it would be nice to have more people like me.”

—African American

“As an eighteen year old , I like being in classes where the ages vary – it allows me to see and learn different aspects and viewpoints of life, I also like how diverse the school is because there is always someone new you can talk to.”

—new to college, filipino female

“Most people in the U.S. are very nice to foreign people, but it’s a little bit hard for us (international students) to get involve in the American students’ circle.”

—International Student

“(I don’t like) The lack of knowledge about diversity. Cultural sensitivity often means cultural avoidance. In an academic institution is the best place to facilitate meaningful conversations about race, gender, sexual orientation. The opportunity is often lost.”

—black female, dyslexic, returning to college

“I feel welcomed because of the diversity here at Sacramento State. I’ve had a good experience at Sacramento State so far. Every time I ask for help there is always a staff or faculty addressing my needs.

-I like the diversity the most.”

—Hispanic/Latino-Female-23 yrs old-undocumented

“I think Sac State has so much diversity that you get to see and meet a lot of different backgrounds.”

—Asian – 29 – Veteran

“I am definitely a minority here on campus. It seems there are many programs and clubs for everyone but my demographic. Lots of programs for women, and every kind of race. Being white and older it is hard to identify with anything on campus.”

—I am a white male in his 30’s, a minority

“I feel that its harder to join certain groups with my type of background.”

—Being mixed (black, mexican, native American) in a school that seems mostly white is a tad intimidating

“it’s a very diverse campus which makes me feel comfortable. For the most part, people are excepting and kind, although that’s how everyone acts when you first meet them.”

—an african-american woman.

“It has been a good experience to be in a campus with lots of diversity.”

—Mexican-American

“Being a Mexican male at this school is pretty nice because of how diverse everyone here is. It makes life easier so that you don’t feel singled out being the only ethnic people.

An experience from Sac State I would like to share is that if you were sitting in the library quad you will never see just one race/ethnicity of people.”

—a mexican male who is 21

“I feel like Sac State is one of the better schools when it comes to culture and any other differences among students. As an African American I feel comfortable at this school and feel I have the same opportunity as everyone else.”

—African American

“Sacramento State is a very diverse school that varies in different ages. You are able to interact with many students that different and sac state makes it easy with it being a diverse school.

I like that Sacramento State is a diverse school. Students interact with one another with ease making going to school comfortable. The resources that sac state make accessible to us facilitates our learning.”

—age 21, hispanic

“It is great being a student with that perspective—there is no racism or discrimination that I have experienced from other students or from teachers.

I have experienced a very biased sort of education—our teachers and textbooks often either only mention one side of an argument/issue or try to put down the other side. College should be a place of diversity, not only in skin color, but more importantly, in thought and viewpoint. I have yet to take a class that truly expresses this idea. Classes tend to be practical, preparing me for a future job and life in general.”

—an 18 year-old female, of Caucasian, African, Ashkenazi Jewish, Asian, and Hispanic race

“It’s welcoming to be a student here. Our campus is so diverse in race, ethnicity, age + background.”

—Parent, White, 24, Female

“I’ve seen Sac State as a very diverse place. Being culturally different doesn’t matter because we’re all here to do the same thing, and that’s to learn.”

—Caucasian, male, 19

“I often feel put down for being white. Many times I have heard different ethnicities talking badly about whites or saying how white people are privileged and have no right to complain. I also feel like I’m not ‘allowed’ to be proud of my ethnicity.

There was a Christopher Columbus Day protest in which I was yelled at by a large group because I simply raised my hand that I was a christian when a pastor that was there asked.

Sac State focuses too much on minority groups, while the others seem disenfranchised/unimportant.”

—Caucasian

“I feel that since this school is very diverse in general already, I don’t have an issue trying to fit in. I feel accommodated in this regard as a student.

Diversity is key & that is what makes this campus great.”

—Asian Male/23

“it is interesting to see the multiple perspectives accepted by not just faculty but students as well. Learning to listen, but more difficult understand someone’s reasoning when you don’t agree.”

—Mexican (Catholic) 18

“I feel comfortable and happy to be mixed with such a diverse population. I don’t feel any different!

Honestly, every day I walk in campus and see different ethnicities everywhere. It makes me feel so proud and happy to be mixed in – I love it.”

—Female, New to College

“It’s funny but being straight makes me feel as though I don’t have a say in those matters. It’s as though the ‘straights’ have had so many years to speak their mind that now I get bullied a bit by it. I’m okay with every one expressing their opinions, so why can’t I express mine? I don’t mean to sound insensitive.

Being from a different country & speaking different languages has helped me see things differently, I believe. And coming from that perspective, I often see American practices that shock me & would shock Americans if they weren’t so used to it.

I love the diversity. Love how there are so many different types of people.”

—Ukrainian, female, 21, straight, I don’t like to label my challenges for it makes me feel like I can’t overcome them!

“I like that there is great diversity on campus both when it comes to age and race/culture.”

—20 year old white/Hispanic male

“Because the campus is so very diverse in terms of different ethnicities I feel comfortable being around people that have all types of different backgrounds

It’s easier to interact with people that are of the same cultural group as you.”

—Hispanic; 21 years old

“Sac State is very inclusive and with so many different types of people attending I feel included.”

—19, black, female

“Being at Sacramento State I think it’s a very diverse campus and I appreciate that.

In the classroom, everyone has their own opinions to share, and its great to see that diversity not only play out in ethnicity, but in the class.”

—Filipino/Irish, 20 years old

“It’s great because this school is extremely diverse”

—Indian, 19

“It is pretty diverse here so I feel pretty comfortable. I feel pretty welcomed, though personalities and cultural differences still play themselves out but to a much lesser degree.”

—Asian: Chinese & filipino, 22 yrs old

“Is super diverse and its like the real world”

—No student specifics given

“I think being a student of any race or perspective is an incredible experience.”

—Biracial, 21 y/o (black, white, native)

“I’ve never had any racial issues come up around me, or even seen anything racist done around the school, and I like that.”

—a 23 y.o. straight white male

“It’s difficult to understand/respect everyones diversity when every diverse group does not respect ours. It sounds like ‘boo hoo hoo you’re white. Life is so hard.’ But on campus I’ve experienced more discrimination for being white than anywhere else

Any time I do something clumsy or make a bad joke, people say it’s because I’m white. People know better than to make black or hispanic jokes, because they’ll immediately be called a racist. But it seems like white jokes are always a common thing, and on one ever points out that that’s racism too (and if you try, the situation just escalates)”

—a gay, 18 year old white female

“Diversity is here if you get involved.”

—a Type 2 Bipolar 19 year old Black Leader on Campus

“I see no differences for my perspective of the campus or for being on campus based on my ethnicity. I think the bottom line is we are all equal students, we all took the same SAT’s, filled out the same application and all got accepted to the same school. The only reason ethnicity is ever even a question is because older teachers/researchers still want to keep focusing on it.”

—a 22 year old, white female

“I have never experienced discrimination due to my sex, religion, or race since my start here.

I have been exposed to a diverse range of nationalities cultures, etc. and being a person of color myself, I appreciate the multicultural atmosphere.

I like the open-mindedness of the professors.”

—Female, Muslim, Arab, Freshman

“Very inspiring to be around so much diversity.”

—First Year

“it is very fortunate to be what/who I am here at Sac State. It’s a privilege to make differences shine in ways it isn’t allowed in other places.

I like that Sac State is very diverse, so that no one feels different or left out. It’s the differences that help us come together.”

—19 year-old Ukrainian

“I like representing such a broad and huge age group as well as race. I know I can put us to the top and represent us well.”

—18 years old; Hispanic, Filipino, & White

“P.S. I think a more diverse faculty would enhance my feelings of belonging 😊”

—Black Female

“I am happy to know that this school will not reject me because of my race. It invites me with arms wide open.”

—Latina, 19, overcoming depression