

2015 AHC Engineering Alumni Survey - Fall 2015

149 Total Respondents, Nov 11 through Nov. 30, 2015

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Numbered paragraphs indicate a single response. Answers in each section are in order in which they were received.

Times mentioned (in narrative):

AHC 100+ Dom 24 Dal Bello 5 Jorstad 6 Rob (Meyer) 1 Metaxas 1 Philbin 1
Thank 9 Office hour 24 Group 26 HW format 4 Statics 4 Dynamics 5
Strength of Materials 6 Circuits 5 Excel 5 Matlab 5 SolidWorks 4 MESA 9
Engineering 97 Math 16 Physics 14 Excellent 14 Great 65 Awesome 6
Prepared (as in student *felt prepared*, not the warning "be prepared") 11

20. What advice/wisdom would you give to a new AHC engineering student?

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125 answered questions, 24 skipped question

1. Study
2. Make sure that you talk to a transfer counselor regarding the classes you need and not a general counselor. You do not need to take certain GE courses and your science and math courses will count for your GE.
3. Take as many classes as you can. I had to stay another year, because I didn't take 1 engineering class.
4. Have a passion for it, learn to love it
5. The engineering program at AHC is the best
6. Learn Strengths of Materials! Keep your grades up.
7. Focus here. It's ok to make mistakes while your here but don't get into bad habits.
8. Start early, stay focused, finish strong.
9. Take advantage of the labs and small class sizes while you can. Get used to interacting with professors, it will make it easier when you transfer. Try to participate in study groups even if you feel you don't really need it. One thing that I think it takes students a long time to realize is: You are not going to school just to pass a series of tests, so do not think that the point of each class is to prepare you for your midterms and finals. Focus on learning how you learn and the best way for you to acquire and retain knowledge, if you can do this you will do fine in both school and in your career.
10. These are the basics you will build the rest of your engineering career on, make sure to have a solid foundation in statics and dynamics, they will always come up again.
11. Get a planner and don't procrastinate
12. Visit Dom during his office hours to seek help.
13. Join MESA, utilize office hours, don't be afraid to ask questions
14. Appreciate your teachers. Teachers at a 4 year don't always care about the students understanding of the material.
15. Take as many classes as you can

16. Give time to the adjustment. Making friends will happen with time.
17. Take Jorstad for physics
18. If you struggle with calculus find a different major.
19. Rest. Don't try to do all nighters. Take as many engineering at Hancock as you can it is just as good and much cheaper
20. Try to focus on your core classes (math, physics, etc.) in order to do well and go into engineering classes well prepared.
21. Take all of the AHC courses available for your major. They are cheaper and the instructors at AHC are better.
22. Get more involved with MESA and interact with faculty
23. Make sure you learn the material in your classes well (as opposed to remembering 20% after the final). Once you transfer to somewhere with the quarter system, you take courses whose content you *will* be expected to use later. Thorough notes and worked out homework problems (as per Dom's homework format) really helped me refresh circuits material. Also, take advantage of the Project Design Lab class at AHC while you can to build something cool. I miss having access to such a well-stocked lab (I don't have classes which allow me access to one yet).
24. Community college is easy compared to university. Lots more of individual work. Make sure you understand well the subjects and go above and beyond your homework to be best prepared upon transferring. Students at university in engineering are very well prepared and playing catch up is a drain on energy.
25. Do your homework.
26. Do your homework
27. Study hard, attend workshops, former study groups
28. Determination is key. Complete as many general ed. classes before you transfer so that you can focus on your major specific courses.
29. Own your education. You need to want it for yourself.
30. Understand the basics first. Even take physics classes twice if you have to. It will make upper level courses much easier.
31. Everything you learn in your courses will come back in future courses. What you learn in the field of engineering is somewhat cumulative. What you learn you will use in the future, especially if you plan to be a practicing engineer. Try to understand as much as possible the first time around because it will make your life more simple.
32. Take advantage of all the resources that AHC has to offer. Form study groups and go to your instructor's office hours for help.
33. Form your study habits now before you have to in a four year university.
34. Take as many classes as you can at AHC because they only get harder and faster at CPSLO.
35. Study hard and learn all you can from the STEM professors at AHC. They are interested in your success. Much like it is in regards to learning math, you are learning the basic, foundational principles of your life career; learn all you can to prepare.
36. Take the classes as fast as they can be taken. Don't drop a class because you need an "A" and so you'll take it later. Don't take a semester off, it becomes three years off very quickly. Think, about everything, all the time, and never stop; understand the whole world around you. Don't yearn to be out of class while you are in it; you are paying to be there and should remain attentive the entire class period. Don't start packing up as the class nears an end, keep your notes open until the instructor stops talking and dismisses you.
37. Develop your study habits and become very disciplined. The person that studies correctly and studies often does well.
38. Be prepared to work hard.
39. Find a good group to work with. They will help keep you motivated and on track.
40. Go to office hours!
41. Learn and improve on your time management skills. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Create study groups to help

- each other out. Get use to going to office hours, professors are there to help.
42. Make sure to meet with a counselor from MESA. They now far more about the classes that you need to transfer into a STEM major compared to the regular counselor in the counseling center. Take at least 1 or 2 summer classes to finish faster. Don't work more than 20 hrs a week while being a full time student.
 43. To try their best and to not give up. It's not easy but anyone can do it when you try.
 44. Take as many of the Engineering courses as you can with Dom before you transfer. They all count toward your major (some will satisfy electives, others main required courses). You will have a much better foundation if you take the engineering courses at AHC. Get to know your instructors (you are going to need LOR from them, so make sure they know who you are, and that you are on good terms with them). Really try to keep your GPA as high as you can (it opens up many doors in the future when applying for scholarships, internships, and jobs).
 45. Well I remember when I first started at AHC I felt like I would never get out and I really just wanted to transfer already. So I would probably tell her/him to just take things one semester at a time. Don't overwhelm yourself trying to rush. Do the best you can each semester. If you have failures along the way, it's ok, you will learn far more from your failures than your successes. I failed several classes at AHC but I learned a lot about how to succeed from those failures and in the end I made it where I wanted to be (CP SLO). Also, I'd say take advantage of all your resources and ask for help when you need it. Do the best in all your pre-req and low level classes as mastering that material will only make life easier for you in your future classes.
 46. Join/form study groups ASAP
 47. Try to find out what the career will actually entail day-to-day and be realistic as to whether or not you will enjoy that work. There are many engineering options, so you don't have to settle. You can succeed - engineering is about problem solving which entails perseverance, hard work and dedication.
 48. Use your time at Hancock to prepare for conditions at your transfer university. Develop good study habits like study groups, going to office hours, etc. Talk to your counselor a lot to make sure you're on track to transfer easily
 49. The resources and preparation are at AHC, you just need to seek the help.
 50. Study groups and study partners. Take a Computer Science programming course, you might like it.
 51. (Dom, take snippets if you don't want to use it all)
 - Take the personal development class ASAP if you're unsure about which major you want, because it will help a lot in the future.
 - If you find other engineering majors in the same classes as you, start to network with them and see if they'd like to do study sessions, because it's likely they will be in all of your core classes till you graduate. Working with others to solve problems is very important, because it makes your brain think about problems in a different way, which will help greatly on tests.
 - Start out with one hard class, medium one, and then easy ones to build up to 2 hard classes and 2 easy ones per semester by the start of your second year. ALWAYS take a math class, because you'll need it and don't be afraid to talk to the teacher in their office hours for help.
 - The Professors don't really care if you ask a dumb question because that's why you're in school (to learn). ALWAYS ask questions if you get stuck and know you can't get any further, because resorting to cheating will cause permanent issues down the road. Only use solution manuals after you've done your work to verify you've done it properly. If you get stuck on operations for problems, consider buying Schaum's outline for that course, because it does step by step breakdowns on how to do problems with good explanations for major topics. Take advantage of Khan Academy, but don't

skip classes because you have it, just watch the video before going to class so what the Professor does will make a lot of sense.

- Get an electronic copy of the Engineer In Training (Fundamentals of Engineering) Reference Hand Book, which has a comprehensive amount of notes for each major. It's going to be intimidating at first, but it's extremely helpful for course work and the actual EIT/FE exam, which is a huge plus for the job market and internships.
- Consider spending extra money (\$20-\$25 an hour) if you need a tutor and if AHC can't help with X class, get one at Cal Poly (Talk to the head of the dept as they are pretty nice and they will get you in touch with a professor who can get you a good tutor). If it means waiting an extra year then \$150 a semester is a drop in the bucket to a year lost for a Job that could net you \$50k to \$75k. If money is a huge issue, look into financial aid and setup an appointment with someone in the department as there are tons of ways to get funded without taking loans.
- Understand that PELL Grants count based off the amount of time you started using it, it reset at a new school but is also time sensitive.
- While advisors might be helpful for picking out classes, talk to an Engineering Professor and have them show you what your "core" classes are and when they are taught so you can generate an excel spread sheet showing which classes you'll take each semester (have a backup class if you can't get it) to see how long it'll take to transfer.
- If you feel you have trouble in classes or issues taking tests, head over to the learning assistance program to get tested and see if you can get double test time (it's extremely useful). Identifying a learning disability is ASAP is key to your education as you can treat it sooner and it won't hold your grades back.
- You can take summer classes at Cal Poly by getting the professor's permission and department head's signature. A temp transcript showing the assist.org correlation is enough for them to accept you if the class isn't full

(I only recommend high level ones that will hinder your ability to transfer for an additional year).

- (Don't I feel like they should be made aware of this) While getting as many classes done before transferring is important, it's not fully necessary depending on the school you want to go to. The department head of the Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly – SLO has said multiple times that if you have all most of your core classes (At least statics, circuits, chem, physics, and multivariable calculus done then they will accept you if they aren't impacted). Why is this a good thing? Well at Cal Poly the quarter system basically takes the core material you need for your major, packs it into 10 weeks so you don't go in depth about content that irrelevant to your career (it's nice to have, but not necessary). Hancock will give you 16-18 weeks' worth of content because the class is meant to satisfy the requirements for many different majors at once. After 12 units at Poly you pay no extra so if you have a ton of simple classes without outside work then go for it, but don't do it for every quarter because you don't want to get burnt out.
- By starting the core classes as soon as you get to AHC you more likely to get a local internship if you look at local engineering companies. Take SolidWorks or PTC Creo computer aided modeling classes early as it'll make you more desirable for a lower level internship (you're not far along so take anything you can get so you'll have a little bit of extra cash, something for your resume, and hands on knowledge for future internships and potential jobs) and make sure you ask family members if they know engineering friends that can help you get your foot in the door for an internship or interview (you don't realize how important having connections is at a young age, but it's very key if you can get them).

52. Ask tons of questions of your professors. Hancock is a great place to try different disciplines and figure out what you want to do. You really can't do that at a 4 year college.

53. Take as many classes at AHC before you transfer
54. Don't change your major just because you fail a class.
55. Never Give Up, during school take life one day at a time.
56. Even if it takes longer than you want, stick with it and keep going!
57. Keep all your old engineering notes they become handy.
58. Take as many eng classes before thinking on transfer, the more work you do while at AHC the easier the rest would be. Find your own learning style and stick with it. Do not overload yourself trying to "finish faster" this classes are fundamentals that are key for success. Balance/mix your class selection with non-engr. learn other skills public speaking, team work. Use ALL faculty Office hours specially if struggle. Do use all the resources available math lab, tutors, homework club.
59. Plan your schedule for every semester
60. Do not procrastinate. Read ahead of lectures. Stay focused. Get involved in internships in your field of interest.
61. Talk to your teachers, and ask them for advice. AHC faculty really cares about your success and you won't necessarily have that support again.
62. Know that this is what you really want to do. Take a class or two in engineering and if you struggle change major, a C is not enough to be successful in engineering.
63. To learn more about the desired engineering field. It should allow them to know what it will be about and if they can stick with it.
64. Know your limitations. Do not take too many classes at once. Enjoy your time at Hancock.
65. Interact with instructors (go to Office hour to ask questions). Take as many as classes you need.
66. Learn to manage your time and money wisely, both will be important when you transfer. Also get involved with projects, either at school or independently, that are even the slightest related to your major.
67. Work hard and get it done fast!
68. Learn material well and review after your classes are done because you'll need it later
69. Take the time to learn how to become a better student.
70. Take it serious from the very first class and focus on learning skills. The course content is only part of the puzzle, but the skills you develop to learn and solve problems is what an engineering education is all about.
71. Study to learn not just to pass the tests. The better you truly comprehend the material, the better off you will be in the more advanced courses.
72. It's a great program that will prepare you academically to meet the expectations of the larger universities.
73. Stay on top of work load. It is easier than trying to catch up once fallen behind.
74. Work Hard, be diligent with homework!
75. Every student begins at a community college for one reason or another. NO matter the reason work hard, take pride in your work and don't ever lose focus on the mission you have at hand.
76. Engineers don't get paid enough.
77. Study hard
78. Value the time and effort your professors put into the courses. Do the HWall of it! And then practice extra problems. Use office hours. Don't be afraid to say you don't understand something.
79. Do not fear the workload you battle in AHC, for the war is won in University, and you are merely sharpening your tools for the larger battles ahead.
80. Do not procrastinate on anything. Get everyone completed early and verify it works before thinking you are done. Everything will have issues and you don't want to be surprised by them when you do not have time to fix them.
81. Take advantage of the Science, math and engineering faculty/courses at AHC engineering.

82. If you are determined enough to succeed, you will succeed. The hardest part is just believing that you can be successful. You have to continually work to be improve regardless of what grades you get. It's not just about being "smart" or having talent or natural abilities. It involves commitment, determination, personal responsibility, and motivation. Don't use the excuse, or believe in general the reason why so and so gets good grades or is successful is because they are smart. That is a cop out. It also took work ethic. Work hard to learn the material and you will do well in your classes.
83. I would recommend them to actually learn the material and not just treat it as something you have to get through. This mainly applies to the engineering classes. Learn your statics, dynamics, strengths and materials, material science, and circuits courses. It not only will help when you transfer, but also in industry. Also, don't take Dom's teaching for granted. You will miss him once you transfer.
84. Do all your work and don't try to skate through your classes. These are the foundation of later classes and they expect you to know the basics. Very little review time.
85. Reach out to MESA, attend workshops, ask questions, go to office hours.
86. This is obvious, but learn this material as well as possible. It will rear its ugly head back again. Seriously.
87. Procrastination equals failure.
88. Treat all STEM courses as equally important. Even something that does not seem to be important while you are enrolled in it will come back into use in the future.
89. Develop good study habits
90. I don't think there is enough material that describes each engineering major specifically. As soon as I transferred, each major had a very clear definition along with specific career goals.
91. Get into study groups, ask questions and use the instructors office hours
92. Although it may seem tough at times, it'll be worth it at the end.
93. Don't stop. There is an end result which you will reach if you keep trying.
94. Approach it with the professionalism and dedication you will have at your future job and you'll do fine.
95. Make friends and always talk to your professors
96. Be passionate about your career choice
97. Learn the basics inside and out. Try not to leave all the core classes at the end so you don't have to take all the upper level math and science courses at the same time. Everything gets harder and builds on what you'll learn now
98. Stick with it, the degree is worth the work.
99. Study hard, pay attention, ask questions, be social, enjoy the experience
100. Take it seriously, don't let the semester length lull you into getting behind.
101. You are capable of doing it
102. Work hard
103. Work on making good study habits. Go to tutoring and office hours.
104. Pay attention, AHC engineering prepares you well to transfer.
105. Complete as many engineering classes as you can at AHC, you won't find their array of engineering classes at many other junior colleges.
106. Enjoy your journey and start off strong, because your GPA matters when you plan on transferring.
107. Take the Excel and Matlab courses
108. The program gives you all that you need to be successful if you are willing to put in the time and effort to learn the material.
109. Take all the classes you can at AHC before transferring, they are very good preparation.
110. Be curious and don't be afraid to ask questions in class - It's the best way to learn! Don't get so down on yourself for a poor exam or homework grade here and there. Focus on trying to understand the concepts so you can

move onto the next subject. Make sure to take good notes, and keep your textbooks to reference in the future. Most importantly, find things that interest you and don't forget to HAVE FUN!

111. Don't treat AHC as High School 2.0. The course work you will receive here has the same content as a 4 year university. Unlike a 4 year university, the class sizes are much smaller and more personal. Capitalize on this, and you will be very well prepared to excel at a 4 year universality.
112. Don't transfer to a private school. Especially if the transfer agreement is outdated or be prepared to petition to get every single credit to count for your degree.
113. Do not get G.E. certified. This makes it rough because about the only classes you have left to take are major-specific classes. This allows for a more balanced course load.
114. become part of a club. it helps to have a support system that you can count on.
115. Take as many lower division classes. The quality of lower division classes at SJSU are a joke compared to AHC because the focus on upper division and grad classes
116. Take advantage of your resources. Take as many classes as you can.
117. Go to office hours as often as possible. Take courses that seem interesting to you, even though they aren't in your transfer curriculum; it's cheaper to expand on your classes while attending AHC than taking them at a 4-year.
118. Take as much as possible at AHC. Having to take lower level courses in your last couple quarters/semesters is quite a drag.
119. Save all of your books and get as much coursework done at AHC as possible (even if it takes longer).
120. Take advantage of professors office hours
121. Ask questions and GO TO OFFICE HOURS. The teacher's are more than willing to help and you get great one-on-one help there. Work in groups as well...I always did better in group studying than alone. Talk the material out with other students.
122. Develop good interview skills and resume
123. Research your engineering/science major thoroughly. Make sure it is something that you're truly interested in and willing to sacrifice for.
124. Learn good study habits and time management NOW if you haven't already.
125. Don't be afraid of the coming mountain of work and lost sleep. Plan a year in advance, then just take one day at a time. Work your ass off, and you won't regret it, but don't work so hard that you hate your life. DON'T SKIMP on the lab reports! They're more important than you realize: for practicing real-world communication, for demonstrating to employers in job interviews that you are worth something. Apply what you are learning to personal projects outside of homework, where time permits.

21. What advice/wisdom would you give to an AHC engineering student who is about to transfer?

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121 answered questions, 28 skipped question

1. Stay focused when you get there
2. Transfer in the fall and not in the spring. You will find it difficult to adjust mid year. Also there are a lot of financial aid and scholarship restrictions when transferring mid year.

3. Map your academic career as thoroughly as possible and communicate with faculty as much as you can.
4. Learn how to ask for help when needed
5. Nothing, if you did well in AHC you will do just fine in a 4-year university
6. Remember Strengths of Materials! Also, consider participating in clubs because they are a great way to fatten your resumes with skills.
7. Don't give up. It's gonna be hard but it should so don't give up. You can finish.
8. Get to know other transfer students, they are in the same boat as you.
9. Do not get too stressed out about the transfer process it is normal for your GPA to take a hit in your first quarter(s). Try to meet people who are more familiar with the campus and the services they provide. Large classes can be stressful at first, but it's really no different than a smaller class. Discussions are sometimes unnecessary. Never ask a professor if what they are saying is going to be on a test. This is essentially like asking someone if you should pay attention to what they are saying.
10. Orientation, ask for help and make sure you know your campus, there will always be a discontinuity between your classes and where the new school picks things up.
11. Don't rush (frat/sorority). Do your coursework immediately
12. Get plugged into student groups within engineering at your transfer university
13. Meet people, study in groups, and network
14. Be prepared to pay much more for much less.
15. Once you transfer check with you counsellors to see what courses transfer over. Be prepared to make copies of old syllabi
16. To find support groups at the new institution and get involved with professional organization or some serious fraternity/sorority.
17. Do your homework and find a group of people in your major to study with as quick as you can
18. Find study groups, Seriously friends help
19. Go to office hours
20. Be prepared for a faster, heavier yet not necessarily harder workload.
21. Be prepared for the increase in workload
22. Be open minded and be prepared for bigger loads of work.
23. At least for computer science and engineering disciplines, start doing projects related to your major (if you haven't already). They deepen your understanding of specific topics and help you determine whether to continue doing it or switch to another engineering major. Also, join clubs related to your interests after transferring; some of them even do hands-on engineering projects.
24. Get involved. Attend orientation. Make a support group.
25. It's very fast paced and expect to feel stressed out at first, but it will get better once you are used to the quarter system.
26. prepare for long hours
27. Get connected
28. Switching from a semester system to a quarter system is a huge change of pace. Manage your workload and do not procrastinate as it is easy to fall behind.
29. Time management and living a healthy lifestyle is key!
30. Don't take detailed notes. Always pay attention to the professor and really try to understand the subject. Only write down key points. The rest is in the textbook.
31. Be proactive, get involved. There's students who can't find a job, I think finding a job is proportional to your effort. A job position will not come looking for you, you have to look for a job and demonstrate why you are the right candidate. Start networking as soon as possible.
32. Be prepared for a fast paced and intense environment. Be aware that access to professors is limited and will most likely be unsatisfactory.

33. Take part in the university, not just worry about graduation. Join clubs, do research, and just take part in events.
34. Keep your notes, not all classes are the same but many build off your classes at AHC. Study don't party during the week.
35. Don't lose your focus and motivation. A new scene and pace may shake things up a bit, but keep the same intensity you had at AHC, and you will be successful at 4-year.
36. Now you are paying even more money to be in a class, get your money's worth; don't act like you are anticipating the end of class and packing up early. Be disappointed there is no more time when class ends. Don't complain about professors that expect a lot out of you, you should expect a lot out of you. Don't whine that your professor has a difficult accent; if a man can grow up in Russia and learn imperfect English and teach math classes in America, then it is because he really, really knows his math.
37. Don't be afraid to communicate with the departments at the school you're transferring to. Ask a lot of questions and do your best to figure everything you need to do.
38. Don't expect tests to be as doable as in AHC, in a 4 year university tests are made as hard as possible to keep the averages down, so be prepared to study a lot harder.
39. Don't stress the change. If you gave a good effort at AHC the shock at university will be minimal. AHC does a great job of preparing you.
40. Go to office hours!
41. Be prepared to spend times in the labs. Join clubs and organization, but make sure that they aren't taking a lot of your time. Time management is important. If you can get by without working, I recommend you don't work while attending a university with a quarter system. If you need to work don't work more than 20 hours.
42. Join a club like Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). It's a great way to meet new friends and create study groups.
43. Don't be scared but be prepared. Try to acquire the necessary textbooks before class starts and start reading a month before school starts.
44. Form good relationships with your new instructors, go to their office hours. They will prove very useful and important when applying for scholarships, finding internships, making contacts, applying for a master program, choosing a project, etc. Join clubs (primarily for the scholarship opportunities), there are a lot of clubs giving out a lot of money and all you have to do is apply. You won't have a lot of time to participate in clubs, but make sure you help out at least once with some kind of big event so you can put it on your resume and mention it in your scholarship personal statement). Get to know your fellow students (they will be a life saver when doing HW, obtaining used school books, etc.).
45. Everything will fall into place! As long as you do the necessary things to prepare yourself and you set yourself up for success, then all will be well. Things are different at first at the university (class pace, workload, etc.), but if you took advantage at AHC to prepare yourself, it's not too much harder to succeed at the university then it is AHC.
46. Even if you don't need it, attend office hours. Rapport with faculty is paramount to internships, recommendations, etc.
47. If you can take a break from work the first semester, then do it and figure out what works best for you. Secondly, I did just as well or better than students who started as a freshman at the 4-yr university. AHC will prepare you for the university.
48. Be prepared for a possible change of pace at your new college, like the quarter system vs semester. Expect classes to get harder the farther you go in engineering, so develop good study and hw habits now.
49. If you have a decent GPA, you will be fine. If not, you will need to apply yourself more.

50. Quarters are better than semesters (no 11th-week wish-it-would-end feeling), as long as you don't fall behind! Also, study partners/groups.
51. Be sure to check and double check that all of your engineering courses will correctly transfer over to the 4-year university you plan to transfer to
52. • You can take summer classes at Cal Poly by getting the professor's permission and department head's signature. A temp transcript showing the assist.org correlation is enough for them to accept you if the class isn't full (I only recommend high level ones that will hinder your ability to transfer for an additional year).
 • First off get the hive mind attitude out of head as soon as you transfer and understand where your major gathers to work on stuff. Trying to work with a limited number of transfer students will hurt you a lot in the long end as getting connections with other students in your major is key to success (you and your fellow transfer students can still work together but integrate yourselves amongst your major as well, because it's a lot more fast pace and you'll have other students giving you different perspective on problems as they were likely taught the same material in a slightly different manor.
 • DO NOT solely rely of engineering advisors to get your schedule in order. Work with your department head based off the road maps they generate so you can get advice on which professors would be best to take based off your learning style. Why is this key? They know which classes are being taught in your major, what's being dropped, and what's being added (this is extremely useful for impacted classes).
 • Use your Priority Schedule Passes at a 4 year university wisely as you want to use them to take electives for your major, because they are career boosters and they also get camped out by master's students who have auto priority.
53. Really plug in and apply yourself as much as possible. The more skills and experience you have when you leave Hancock the better since it only gets more challenging after you transfer.
54. Don't get distracted, keep your eyes on the prize
55. Try to get an internship as a community college student so that It will be easier to attain one after transferring and therefore have a better chance of finding work right away.
56. N/A
57. Go and explore the campus/city that you're transferring too so you get a costume to it. Make sure you go to office hours they help a lot .
58. Know your degree flow chart and be familiar with "petition to articulate" forms have the ready since day one. Apply to ALL the scholarship you come across and when you think you have ask your counselor for more. Do check the box to be part of MESA. Be ready to get out your comfort zone
59. Arrive early anywhere you have to be. Do not neglect your reading and grammar skills. Work harder than what you think is working hard.
60. Talk to your teachers and hope they are as helpful as AHC professors.
61. Make sure to balance life, school, work, and/or family. Take is slow, don't rush to finish, don't overwhelm yourself with too many units. Take what you realistically can handle.
62. Get to know the professors, participate in study groups, and tutoring sessions.
63. Make sure to go to visit the school you are transferring and join a support program such as SHPE or IEEE. Look for housing in advance if you are not planning to dorm.
64. If you transfer to a quarter system university, don't fall behind at the beginning. It's really hard to catch up in a quarter system.
65. My advice would be for them to review. You don't have to know very little fact but knowing the major concepts (the fundamentals) will make life easier when you transfer. You not only have to know how to solve problems but you will also need to solve them fast.

66. Be confident with your work.
67. review your material for classes you're about to take that are continuations
68. Do the universities week of welcome. Go to office hours. Get involved in projects.
69. Take the time and seek out advice on time management and determining priorities. If you want to go to grad school or do research look into that day 1 and work toward. If you want to get a job then seek out opportunities to meet industry members and work toward that. Whatever your goal set a path from Day 1 and don't limit yourself.
70. Be mentally prepared and stay focused, it doesn't get any easier.
71. Not all teachers have as good intentions as Dom. Some bored, tenured professors make their classes pure tests of your willpower rather than focusing on academic goals.
72. Do not let courses intimidate you. Don't be shy to get help and see teachers during office hours.
73. Do not procrastinate with assignments. Get them done early! If you cannot teach/explain a homework problem or assignment to other students, you don't understand it well enough.
74. Be open minded for cultural shocks. Santa Maria is a small community compared to the world around it. Embrace every opportunity and even at times when you don't succeed take something from the opportunity to help you grow as a son, brother, peer, colleague or husband.
75. Study hard
76. Depending on where you transfer, be prepared for a change in pace. If you transfer to a quarter based institution realize that you will need to adjust to learning less material per term, but at faster pace. You will need to adapt to different teaching styles rapidly since you only have a couple of weeks before the first exams, and ten before the course is over. At Hancock you have the luxury of not having to worry about the quality of the instructors - they are all great - at a large institution it IS MOST important to get a heads up from upper classmates who can steer you towards good professors and away from those who will waste your time.
77. Get comfortable with the good habits forced upon you in your AHC engineering courses, take those good habits with you to University and you will be served with good marks and respect.
78. 1. Pick your roommates/friends wisely. Their bad/good habits may rub off on you. 2. Do not be afraid to ask a question because many others probably have the same question. Seriously, I would rather have my class mates think I'm dumb but understand everything than have them think I am smart and struggle.
79. Apply for scholarship and try to connect with students who have transferred to the institution of interest
80. Work in teams. This is absolutely crucial. I can attest to this. My first year I studied alone. I struggled just to get through homework assignment. I spent way too much time on the homework. This year I have been working in groups. Even the stuff that I know I can do on my own. My study time has decreased. My understanding of the material has increased and my grades have drastically increased. Work in teams. Absolutely imperative. I didn't take heed to that advice and I paid a negative price for it. Also, I worried a lot. I had feelings of inadequacy, but even after my first day there the feelings of worry went away. So I'd say don't worry so much because everything will fall into place.
81. If it applies to your major and you're planning on transferring to Cal Poly SLO, make sure you take Strength of Materials because it is divided in two courses there and you can knock out two courses in one course at AHC.
82. Join clubs to get to know people
83. Get involved, participate in organizations like MEP/SHPE, be smart about time management.
84. Start off with momentum because an object in motion tends to stay in motion, especially academically.

85. Spend time learning Matlab. Continue using Dom's homework format as well as engineering paper.
86. All students do this act where they assess how much work each class is going to be and then allocate what they feel is the appropriate amount of time to those classes. I have felt it is better to over-study in the beginning and then ease off as you get to the point where you can accurately gauge how much work each class is going to be. This is because your "gauge" will not be accurate when transferring to a university since things are a little different. Also, don't let the horror stories about the difficulty of classes at a university scare you. I've had classes at Hancock that are tougher than upper division aerospace courses at Cal Poly.
87. Get involved with clubs
88. To remember that the end goal is not to transfer, but to graduate and succeed as an engineer.
89. Buckle down and get it done
90. Don't let yourself be scared about the transition. You earned your spot to be there. Use all of your study skills and manage your time appropriately.
91. Enjoy your time in school (especially in your engineering classes) because work isn't nearly as fun, though money is nice.
92. Approach it with the professionalism and dedication you will have at your future job and you'll do fine.
93. Do your research and be committed to your end goal
94. Review the basics, make sure you know exactly what courses you need so you can go as smoothly as possible.
95. When you get into the industry, the school you graduate from doesn't matter as much as how you present yourself.
96. Is not as bad as it looks. Take it serious, but also have a lot of fun. Meet people, start making connections. Some of these individuals have the same goals as you, and can make the ride a lot better.
97. Talk to counselors, understand transfer students get a priority time for registering for classes, don't assume things will go as smooth but don't panic, ask questions, talk to teachers, join clubs, enjoy it
98. Start paying attention to which classes you DON'T want to have to take a 4 year (I.e. because they're impacted and hard to get) and take the AHC classes that replace them
99. Don't let the stupid little honor students at your new school get you down
100. Get ready, classes will be a lot harder
101. Get ahead because it is very easy to fall behind. If you have labs in your classes make sure to communicate with your lab partners. Communication is crucial when working with lab partners.
102. Keep course, you've already knocked out two years and have the building blocks for all engineering classes at a 4yr.
103. Your almost done keeping pushing yourself and continue to work hard for what you want.
104. Learn to be able to take tests fast and be careful and which teacher you take. Start managing your time now and studying hard.
105. This program does a fantastic job academically in preparing you for 4-year university courses.
106. Reach out to other students and get into study groups.
107. Know that you've got a first-class science/engineering foundation under your belt, and don't think you're at a disadvantage relative to those that started university as freshman. Often grades are determined by fewer exams and assignments, so put in your study hours and make them count. Form a study group/buddy ASAP after starting a class. Make sure to register for classes THE MINUTE they are available.. Often there are too few classes to accommodate the number of students. If you are on the wait-list for a class, KEEP GOING to the class, for as long as 2 weeks after classes start; often most of the people on the wait-list don't bother, and there are always several who drop the class. Plus it shows the professor that you are motivated to be there. Try

- to get internships via school career fairs - they will really help you stand out. If you aren't able to get an internship, consider taking a class or two over summer to make your next semester/quarter more manageable.
108. Don't sell back your books. They may not be available at a 4 year, and re-learning a new book to reference will only add to your workload.
 109. If you can avoid a part time job while taking classes start the University do so. The extra time requirement made it difficult.
 110. Make sure you are ready to transfer if you are going to Cal Poly. Do not be in too big of a rush.
 111. focus on your academics, take out loans (in moderation).
 112. Look up the required courses and make a plan to know how much longer it'll take to graduate. I ended up having to take really easy classes because there was no articulation from AHC
 113. Don't rush through your college experience. Take advantage of as many resources as you can.
 114. Review your programming material if you are transferring into a Computer Science major.
 115. Nothing is that strikingly different from AHC to a 4 year. You still go to class, do coursework, study and take tests. Don't get lost in the small differences and remember it's all worth it.
 116. Be ready for the change in pace and less than excellent instructors. Every STEM instructor I had at AHC ranged from good to excellent, but in university you're bound to get some professors that are lack luster (if not just plain bad).
 117. Make connections because someone may transfer with you and it's good to know someone when going somewhere far away
 118. If you are doing well in Jorstad's physics classes and Dom's engineering classes, you can do anything at the 4 year level.
 119. Make good relationships with professors and advisors
 120. Staff at Hancock do an excellent job at building a strong support system and making you feel at home. Be prepared to go out of your comfort zone when you transfer and don't take on too much too soon to avoid being overwhelmed.
 121. Buckle up. Academic life is about to surge forward. Plan on working harder and faster than you did at AHC, and it will be a rewarding experience.

22. Other comments about the AHC Engineering Program.

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77 answered questions, 72 skipped question

1. The engineering program gave me the basics needed to succeed at the university level. Basics in engineering, math, physics and science are needed to succeed in major courses.
2. I wish i could have earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering at Hancock
3. I felt more prepared and farther along in my education than other transfer students.
4. Use the resources that are free as much as possible. Office hours is probably the best and good habit to get into.
5. Overall I really enjoyed the program. I feel I was better prepared than most of my classmates that had started out at university. The only real problem I had is that it took longer than I would have liked to transfer (sometimes due to class availability). It may be helpful for students who transfer if there were more collaborative projects and assignments.
6. Excel, Matlab, and lab view will be your best friends
7. Overall I thought it was great

8. Dom did a great job while I was a student. He was a great resource
9. None
10. I feel the load was on par to the load at the 4 year institutions. As students, we did not know how good and new some of the equipment was at AHC.
11. NA
12. Instructors are very knowledgeable. Workload prepares you for related classes further in your academic career
13. I wish the AHC program could become a 4 year program
14. It is an Excellent program that needs to recruit more students so they can take advantage of it.
15. The rigor and content of engineering courses at AHC prepared me well for UCSC. My workload per major-related class is much lower than it was at AHC (even if they are lower division at the moment). The discrete mathematics course at AHC doesn't cover as many topics and doesn't focus on proofs as much as the course at UCSC, so I'm retaking it here. UCSC also groups statics, dynamics, and strength of materials into one class; I think I would only get credit for that toward Robotics Engineering if I took all three AHC courses. That's something advising might want to know.
16. Dom is awesome :)
17. The best around
18. Dom is the best!
19. This program is awesome. My teachers at AHC were far better than those at Cal Poly on average, and the classes were at a much easier pace. If AHC was a 4 year I would have stayed there.
20. Professor Dal Bello is a great instructor. He really tries to make students understand and cares that we learn.
21. I have nothing to say but good things about this program. I was well prepared for UCSB and I felt that the staff really cared about all the students.
22. I preferred the AHC program better than the UC Davis because the content was clear and challenging in AHC.
23. Great program. I was apart of the beginning and don't think I would be where I am today without Dom's help.
24. AHC Engineering teaches better than even some engineering departments at certain 4-years. I benefited greatly from AHC Engineering.
25. I would probably have saved some time if I had seen this <http://flowcharts.calpoly.edu/downloads/mymap/15-17.52MEBSU.GENMEU.pdf> and especially so if I had seen one with the critical path highlighted, as the intro to ME for transfers class has and gave me only after starting the first quarter. But then, I also never went to the transfer center at Hancock, so I am really to blame; but that would have been good to have. I am only in my first quarter at Cal Poly, but it seems most of these classes could have been taught at Hancock perfectly well; there is really nothing special about a more expensive campus that is essential to higher level classes.
26. The AHC Engineering Program will prepare you for University classes.
27. It is a great program!
28. Fantastic program. I speak highly of it in school and at work. I would likely recommend an incoming freshman to attend AHC instead of a 4-year for their first couple years.
29. Thanks Dom! Not sure if I've been able to thank you, but I was genuinely just a prepared as my fellow students upon transferring to Poly. Your lower division engineering courses were great.
30. Great program to be a part of. It prepares you for a 4 year university
31. Tailor some of the required courses at AHC to meet other schools required courses not just in particular Cal Poly SLO. (i.e. ENGR 100 at AHC could should meet the requirements to transfer to CSUN ME101.
32. It's an excellent program with magnificent teachers. I would only suggest to have all physics classes offer every semester.
33. I am really glad that Dom emphasized teaching us how to properly write a lab report and use correct HW format

- throughout our classes. I have never forgotten his tips and comments and it's because of him that I know how a lab report should be written and by second nature do HW in a format universally accepted by instructors. Senior students at my 4-year university don't know how to properly write a lab report and it is really sad. For an engineer you will have multiple labs that will require writing skills, and it made my life so much easier learning early on how to properly write one. I don't think adding a separate class to the program would be a good idea for teaching students how to write a lab report (because it will add another course required to take before graduating/transferring, possibly extending their stay at AHC, and because it will be a one-time class that they will easily forget about once they pass) but rather, do what was done for me, continually emphasize the correct way to write a lab report early on in the program and throughout it so that they will be fine-tuned by the time they transfer. Same applies to HW.
34. The engineering program is great. I ended up switching to Computer Science right before I transferred and I wish that there was a little more connection between the engineering program and CS program at AHC (although I don't know how that would work out.). It would have been nice if there would have been a little overview of programming in the Unix environment in the CS classes at AHC as this is HUGE at Cal Poly SLO.
 35. I loved the AHC Engineering Program, and would take the same steps in going to AHC and then transferring to a university.
 36. It's awesome!
 37. AHC Engineering Program is well structured. Most of the student success relies on the effort that the student puts in.
 38. Wish it had had equivalents of ME10 and M17 at UCSB. Should have some CAD and machine shop courses as electives.
 39. The Engineering program at Hancock College is a great way to get into engineering and see what it's all about
 - Dom, while your program was hard, I think it's was one of the best learning experiences I've had. Cal Poly is terrible about this, but they typically teach hands off with theoretical examples and not much else in the lower level classes, which is boring and you just don't get much out of it early on. The good teachers like you basically go hands on while getting the theoretical stuff embedded in the real life scenarios so you actually can relate it to something. Your teaching style actually would be used in industry and it's helped my career at General Atomics – Aeronautical Systems a lot in the first year and a half. Some Professors just do theoretical stuff that doesn't translate to real life problems, and it's just complete garbage if they can't relate it to something you're doing in a career. My one teaching suggestion for you to add to your classes is use finite element analysis simulations exported as videos to show how forces, stresses, and objects in motion are going to react. It will make some topics very understandable since seeing stress reactions will actually make a large difference when you're trying to visualize something underload.
 - As your student's are about to transfer consider slipping lessons at the end of the quarter on how to actually do finite element analysis using simpler programs like SolidWorks. Knowing that vital for structural design classes later on.
 - Your materials book just make Poly's book look like absolute garbage because theirs was so theoretical. I actually had about 6 people barrow that book for a quarter at a time, because you could actually understand it. Most of them came to me when they had low scores at the beginning and they ended up with A's or B's after ditching the Poly book and using yours. It's just that helpful. While I'm in San Diego now, I'd be glad to come up and talk to any of your classes.

40. Professors are your friends, don't be intimidated, they are human too :)
41. It was/is my impression that AHC's curriculum continually trended upward while I attended and today must be even better (if possible)
42. Great program, much better than other local Community Colleges.
43. It would be great if we could get Matlab to be an official course that went more in depth.
44. I wish CE 201-2 was offered at AHC. Perhaps more thermodynamics outside physics class, if not thermo 1 just an introduction (more than just a chapter in physics class).
45. Take advantage of all the resources and don't hesitate to ask help
46. MESA and STEM centers were extremely helpful in forming study groups.
47. Jorstad made me love physics and Dal Bello taught me what it means to be an engineer.
48. AHC, is the best in Engineering. I actually learned, I didn't memorize just to earn a grade. Learning does happen in the Engineering classes.
49. Keep up the hard work and progress!
50. I enjoyed my time at Hancock. They do a great job to prepare you to transfer.
51. Need to push working with Excel, Matlab and such as much as possible.
52. Great program for engr. students.
53. Excellent program and instruction. Provides great opportunity for transferring.
54. Dom is the man and a first class professor!
55. The education at AHC is top notch and as a transfer student it is easy to fear that a student is not getting the same caliber of education as a University, but that is absolutely not the case.
56. In the time I was there, it was a great program.
57. Nothing but fond memories.
58. Put a strong focus on manual unit conversion (both English and metric). Felt this skill was extremely lacking when I transferred.
59. This is a great program!! I am truly proud of where I come from and make it known wherever I go. Thank you for every opportunity!
60. PLC courses would be nice.
61. You guys are awesome
62. I think the engineering program at AHC is excellent and I hope it continues to grow. I hope during the growth the quality and cohesive nature of the program is maintained concurrent with expansion to more course offerings.
63. Take as many of your required courses at CC and save your money, this is the wisest thing you can do.
64. I cannot say much about the engineering program because I was transferring the same quarter Dom Dal Bello arrived at AHC. From what I have heard, everything had improved since his arrival.
65. The Engineering program is up to par with the 4 year college that I went through. the one on one interaction with the engineering professor is really helpful. Small classes are a privilege because of the attention of the professor and the ease of building study groups. I felt prepared when taking upper division course at Cal Poly.
66. It would be nice if all engineering courses were offered every semester, but i do understand there is a lack of available classrooms to do that, and staff. Big thanks to Dom. Never knew how great of an engineering teacher i had before i transferred. Really prepared students for the transfer. Also, thanks to Jorstad for making sure his class was the hardest i have ever taken even after i've transferred. Metaxas for being a great physics teacher.
67. Would not do this another if given the choice
68. Great program, great faculty, and support from organizations like MESA.
69. Dom and Jorstad are the shit! Seriously a lot better than most undergrad and grad professors.
70. I honestly would not be where I am today without the AHC engineering program.

71. The engineering program at Hancock is fantastic. It prepared me well for transferring and positively changed the way I think and approach problems. I would highly recommend attending Hancock to anyone interested in engineering.
72. This program teaches you how to work hard which pays off at the university level.
73. Great program, wish I could have taken more classes at Hancock but the clock was ticking!
74. Very supportive of your dreams and definitely a great option to university (as far as savings in cost of tuition)
75. Great place to start. Things don't change that much as far as what you'll do. You go to lectures, you take labs, you write reports. It's just different material
76. I enjoyed my years at AHC; it allowed me to transfer, get my BSME in two years, and land my dream job right out of school.
77. Jorstad's Physics 163 class is the top 4 hardest class I ever taken in my undergraduate career so far, Heat Transfer being the first...
78. Overall the best thing about AHC classes was the length of time to complete a course really allowed you to get a good understanding of the material. This was important for base classes that you needed a thorough understanding to succeeding in the proceeding classes. They had good labs as well from what I recall.
79. It's an excellent program. I felt that, on average the instructors seemed more enthusiastic about what they do than those at my 4 year
80. Take advantage that the program is there for you
81. It was good but i wish it would have had more classes
82. The AHC Engineering Program is a great program. I felt very prepared before transferring to my 4 year university.
83. The staff really cares and is always willing to help.
84. This program by far helped me adjust rather easily to a four year college. I felt that I was challenged at AHC to perform and we had expectations to do well and that helped keep me motivated.
85. Very good solid program.
86. The program did a tremendous job in preparing my for a 4-year university due in no small part to the amazing faculty teaching the engineering and STEM courses
87. VERY good preparation for 4 year engineering program.
88. The AHC engineering program gave me a fantastic foundation that propelled me through university and prepared me for my profession. It really showed that the faculty cared about teaching, and about the students. A few suggestions for the AHC engineering program after working in industry for 4 years: 1. Consider incorporating intro mechatronics in EE/programming class 2. Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) class - SolidWorks - pretty much most of industry uses this now - Highly utilized in design and prototyping 3. Introduction to Mechanical Design coursework - Get some experience going through the thought process of designing a structure/part/process. We do a lot of problem solving, but feel might be nice to give some more context to doing the HW (design torque transfer/motion transfer mechanism with correct mechanical advantage). Highlights: Truss project and setting up ball launcher after calculating theta-i kinematic equation.
89. My assimilation of the lower division course work for mechanical engineering was on average, or a slightly above when compared to my peers at UCSB
90. Professor Dal Bello is really an incredible resource for students. One of the biggest shocks to me was how little the professors cared about students at the University.
91. Overall, the program is very good. Perhaps the exams should be harder to prepare those going to Cal Poly, but I realize that not everyone is going to Cal Poly.

92. Take all math and engineering courses, the instructors really care.
93. It's awesome!!! Also I would recommend more labs with Integrated Circuits/using logic gates, first semester here we hit the ground running using TTL parts in lab.
94. I was better prepared for upper level courses by the AHC program than some of the students who spent all 4 years at Poly.
95. I found the quality of the education I received at AHC Engineering to be much higher than that of University. There seemed to be much more support as opposed to a "sink or swim" mentality.
96. Take as many of the engineering classes at AHC as possible. It's a good feeling when you get to the 4 year level and have all of your 2 year level classes out of the way. The 4 year level is where you get to treat yourself to really exciting classes. Don't waste your time and money in the 4 year level on classes that you could get at a great price and good quality at AHC.
97. Highly educational & great teachers
98. Great program with an excellent community of students and professors. I am very proud to have been a part of this.
99. Dom was one of the best engineering teachers I've had, Cal Poly included. It's because of him that I could take an equivalent of circuits 2 in private, when the class was cancelled due to low enrollment. :)

23. Other comments about Allan Hancock College.

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100 answered questions, 49 skipped question

1. Physics, engineering, and Philbin were all great.
2. Allan Hancock College has excellent relations with universities and students should utilize services that are offered to them.
3. DOM is the best
4. AHC is the best community college
5. Support other students. Helping them will mean a lot for the future.
6. Not really. I had an overall great experience.
7. Stick with it, the rewards are worth it after graduation
8. Get all your GE's out of the way asap
9. Overall, a good experience while at Hancock
10. None
11. People should not be discouraged about going to AHC. I feel it prepares you at least as good, if not better, than the four year universities.
12. NA
13. Great community college program compared to others in the state
14. After being at SBCC, AHC, and Cal Poly I find that AHC was my favorite school.
15. Allan Hancock college had everything students need to succeed academically.
16. A good college. College needs to do a better job in supporting students with plans to transfer and provide an easier transition while making the student familiar with the real expectations and demands of an university.
17. a great school
18. Great community college, but too much teacher dependency. Let me explain: Let's say with one teacher I can pass or even get a good grade, but with another teacher in exactly the same class I will either not pass or get a low grade. Why is that? First, let me say that I have been a tutor for most of my schooling years, I also worked as a math tutor at AHC and also in the Math Lab. Let me explain as I

see it: Teacher need to know their subject, but equally important is knowing how to teach it and make that AND the no. of their students actually understanding or improving in it, the #1 priority. Teachers of the same classes also need a standard system to adhere to when it comes to testing, homework, curriculum, etc... With teachers that can teach, standards for all teachers/classes, and the #1 priority on ALL students getting good grades, AHC would be a lot better and it will be SO many less frustrated students that will be able to concentrate better in all their classes, spend less time and money redoing classes, and more will be able to transfer and/or finish their education. A win-win for all, AHC and its teachers, too. I have gone to school in 2 different countries and have kids who have done the same and have heard from students throughout about the same problems... This a general problem, not just at AHC, but one school has to lead/set an example - why not AHC? Thank you for letting me put my 2 cents in.

19. Excellent school! Loved the teachers!
20. AHC did not only prepare me with the proper education to move forward but also life skills to help me succeed.
21. It is a great place to grow! Use it!
22. I would like to see more courses available in Engineering. When I was there I believe Professor Dal Bello was the only one teaching Engineering courses. I'm not sure if the program has grown this past 4-5 years.
23. At the time I was there, the counselors lacked the necessary knowledge regarding transfer requirements for engineering students, which is different from most majors. I voiced my dissatisfaction to Dom and I'm sure that he has gotten the counselors straightened out.
24. AHC is a great jumping off point to any university. I feel the teachers are there for the student's success.
25. there engineering program is the best.
26. A great stepping-stone to 4-year universities, at least in the STEM field.

Wonderful preparation for further education and even career.

27. Due to the semester system classes get more depth out of a subject than at poly, so poly has to take multiple quarters for some subjects that require it. For two quarter classes, I have time to learn a lot. As far as one quarter classes go, I am better prepared than other students that only had that class for a quarter. I wish the community college (and university, for that matter) was set up to fully meet market demand for classes, larger classrooms to accommodate more students. This should particularly apply to courses on a critical path, where waiting a semester delays graduation a semester.
28. Regardless of how difficult your classes are, be diligent and develop your time management skills. If you create great habits early on they won't fail you later.
29. The curriculum offered is great. The prices are great and you get a great start for future life at a university.
30. For students paying their way through college or in less fortunate financial situations, there is no reason not to utilize AHC for lower division coursework. You get the same quality of course for a fraction of the cost.
31. Great professors that help you succeed and get you ready to transfer to a 4 year university.
32. Overall great school.
33. Awesome school
34. AHC has instructors in the STEM field that really care about their students (which is much rarer at the 4-year universities) and do an excellent job of preparing them for a 4-year university.
35. I wish I was more knowledgeable about the work related to the degree I chose. I think I would have enjoyed a different engineering career than Env'l Eng'r which is almost solely interpreting regulation and not much engineering. More assistance/knowledge from counselors would have been helpful. I have been successful because of my education, but I didn't enjoy the work

especially after the fun problem solving done in school.

36. It's great!
37. The help needed has always been available at AHC with the professors or other resources.
38. Guess it's grown some since I left...hope you added parking spaces!
 - When all the MESA students transferred to Cal Poly, only Patrick Hutchinson, Ivan, Sal, and I were the people who didn't act like turtles and fully integrated within the first quarter. Actually Patrick and I took the first dynamics over the summer and understood what we needed to do in order to integrate ourselves. Juan realized this about a year in and followed suit, but the rest never really tried. Another issue I found at Poly was that most of the students joined SHPE (it's not a bad thing), they didn't understand who was funding them and I've seen a few that were offered jobs by those sponsors at a 10 to 15% lower rate than they would normally try to do. They need to understand where the money comes from and it's going to affect them later on.
39. Dom is bomb ;)
40. I attended both AHC and SBCC for 7 years before transferring. I thought AHC had a better math, chem, Engineering and physics departments, while SBCC had a better geology department (only because its bigger, Rob is great)
41. there are many other classes that support Engr curriculum well worth to take at AHC that not too many students take advantage BIO 100, welding, computer prog, SolidWorks, MasterCam, AutoCad, lean manufacturing. It is very cool to have a semester experience on a software thought on a quarter.
42. The people on campus make it a very welcoming environment.
43. It was only after transfer that I realized what a great education AHC offers.
44. I would have love to have began my college career at Hancock first. I started at a four year university then went to Hancock and then went to a 4-year
45. Good place to start
46. Ask for the secret chimichanga at the cafeteria!
47. Very happy with my decision to attend AHC.
48. AHC was a key part in keeping education costs down. I paid for my education at AHC out of pocket and because of my shorter time spent at the 4-year, I finished my Bachelors degree with minimal debt. It was a good investment in my academic career and also turned out to be an excellent financial investment as well.
49. Take advantage of the small classes and opportunity to work with instructors.
50. Great college, great people, great faculty and staff.
51. Really cool
52. I would like to thank everyone back at Hancock for helping me to travel to where I am. Looking back I have nothing but admiration and respect for the commitment to quality, the enthusiasm, and care with which the faculty taught me and my fellow classmates.
53. Great campus, great staff, great memories and money saved.
54. AHC is a solid stepping stone to your next level of education. Take the each class seriously because you may need that knowledge layer in your career.
55. It has been 10 years since I left AHC and the faculty and courses were at par with 4 year institution that I transferred to. The Science, Math and Engineering departments prepared me to be successful in a four year institution. The motivation to higher learning was well promoted such as post graduate work. If it was not for the information that the MESA program, Engineering and science department offered to me, the motivation in me getting a Masters in engineering would have not been there. Currently I have a job where I can practice my Mechanical Engineering profession and I feel a big contributor to my success was Allan Hancock College.

56. Keep up the good work.
57. Great school, great teachers
58. Good place to start, but easy to get stuck in Santa Maria. Get out asap.
59. Unfortunately upon transferring to CSULB I had to retake several AHC engineering classes including dynamics and deformables [Strength of Materials – Ed.]. I received an A in each which is evidence to the quality of the class taught at AHC. If AHC and CSULB had a smoother transfer process (similar to that of AHC and Cal Poly SLO) then other students may not have to waste a semester taking classes previously taken.
60. The three years I spent at Hancock were some of my best years so far. I miss everything about it and I hope to be able to teach there in the future.
61. Loved my experience... My dream became a reality with Allan Hancock... And the science and engineering dept were always motivational and encouraging me to accomplish my dreams
62. The college is a great place. I spent a lot of time there and majority was positive. Take advantage of the access you have to resources and teachers and learn the stuff well.
63. AHC really needs a 24 hr room, especially for a lot of the STEM majors. It is frustrating to go study at Denys after hours.
64. It was affordable and easier to get financial aid. The campus was easy to get to and park.
65. Thank you
66. Allan Hancock College is a great school. There are a lot of programs and classes at AHC that are not offered at other community colleges.
67. The program did a tremendous job in preparing my for a 4-year university due in no small part to the amazing faculty teaching the engineering and STEM courses
68. AHC provided me a first-class education that propelled me through university, and into my job. The fact that I was able to explore and take classes that I was interested in allowed me to find my real passions, and not be constrained by what major I declared upon entry. I highly recommend to all young friends considering college to consider a junior college to start.
69. The automotive and welding course work I took that was not a part of the engineering program has helped me develop professionally as well. I have a lot of hands on skills my peers do not..
70. I honestly think Allan Hancock College is a very well run institution with excellent staff. One of the hardest things for me to get used to was the change in involvement of the professors in my curriculum, and in my academic planning. Compared to the university I attended after Hancock, Hancock was well organized with great professors who cared more about the students than professors are the private university I attended.
71. This is a great community college. I appreciate the more nurturing aspect of a community college.
72. Great experience, enjoy it.
73. Loved it, glad I went to AHC before going to a 4-year university
74. The consoling in financial aide and planning out your coursework at AHC was top notch. Notably better than University. The people at AHC actually engage you and make you aware of opportunities that an 18yr old kid won't likely know. I felt like at the university you were largely on your own and had to be aggressive to find needed support (like tutoring, or answers to FAFSA questions).
75. It's a wise decision financially. I haven't regretted it for a second.
76. Fun school with many resources
77. Allan Hancock College has given me some of the best memories of my life and I could not be more thankful.