

Q280 Tragedy of the Commons LC Survey Responses

my learning community experience, although not yet finished, has been loads of fun and a tremendous help in continuing my college path. this particular learning community (the tragedy of the commons) has made my experience here at CSM a grand affair. learning communities are fun, different, and the spark you need for your first year of college.

this is my second learning community and I have enjoyed "the tragedy of the commons" much more. the topic is much more interesting and new to me. Mrs. Mach is an awesome english teacher and has worked with me to help improve my writing skills and essay development.

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I thought the learning community was very interesting. The coolest thing about it was when we got together in the big group meetings, we saw the topic analyzed from different viewpoints (psychological, mathematical, etc.). I would like to join another one because I felt I became more aware of my surroundings and the different issues in the world.

Being part of the learning community was quite an experience. I never knew how a random issue can connect with other subjects - Philosophy, English, Math and Sociology. It was great to listen to all teachers with different perspectives about the issues talked in the community.

I felt really rushed when it came to learning about the Tragedy of the Commons. For the most part the only problem i had with the overall learning community was that when we were supposed to be working together as a group i felt like only one other person besides myself was giving input. im not sure if it was because they did not understand what was going on or if they just did not want to participate. The lectures about the Tragedy of the Commons were very helpful for me.

Since this is the second time I took a learning community class, I kind of knew what to expect. But, to my surprise, this semester incorporated something that I didn't have in my previous class, the workshops. I really enjoyed going to the theater and checking different professors from different fields to talk about the topic we have been working in during my English class. About the day we all got to work with different students from other classes, I got disappointed cause I got a very lazy group who didn't even checked the questions before coming to the meeting and were just fine with writing couple words to answer the questions. I think that the groups should be sorted not only depending on making sure the participants belong to different classes, but also that they have a variety of capabilities to contribute. Nevertheless, I know that in the real word, we can not choose our classmates or co-workers, so I guess it was a good experience to acknowledge that fact and be ready. About my class, I am very pleased that at least there are 5 people whose comments make the class more dinamic and have made me think in different perspective. I still would ask my professor to be more open to accept other views, especially when they criticize our IMPERFECT system. We must not forget that all empires fall one day. On the other hand, my professor has been a great guide and source of encouragement since the first day of class. The last thing I have to say is that I thank the effort and hard work of all you guys (professors) cause it is not hard to tell that behind that every sheet that we received and every workshop we attend, it has been lots of work done by you. Thank you for your help at the lab, too. It is always to have professors who even though are tired and full of things to do, still use all their senses to review our material and give us your best inside and advises to improve our writing and thinking skills. Thank you!

I liked the incoporation of different courses and their connection in life. This really helped me aquire a great understanding of applications of different fields and how clisely they are related.

I loved the learning community experience, unfortunatley I will not be taking it again because I will not be attending CSM next semester.

This Learning community was fine I enjoyed it.

I really enjoyed the alternate ways of thinking that this learning community brought up and the topic it covered. It really seemed to provoke my thoughts about many of the current issues today. it was very informing
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I enjoy learning communities because they help you get a broader sense of what is being taught by tying it into other fields of study. I would definetly consider enrolling in another learning community in the future if i found that the course outline was interesting.

My experience has been great! I don't know exactly what you mean by "counselor led sessions", but if you're talking about the library reaserch tutorial, I thought it was very informative and useful. I really enjoy the meetings in the theatre where all the classes get together and I wish it met more often!

My learning community experience has helpfull to me beacuse it helped me to improve my acknoledges about what is going on in the world; it educated me a lot and now i can be more concerned about the problems in our community and start to do something to find a solution. Also, i have more topics to discuss when i am with my friends and i can inform them about what i already have learned.

My learning community experience with this class is different than what i expected it to be. I didn't expect it to be anything like it is. The learning community is a fun way to learn with others and gives you more knowledge about other things you are learning in class. My experience with this program has been fun leraning and working with other students.

My learning community experience was interesting because it helped me to be more conscious about how resources are used in society and how much waste is done.

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I enjoyed the learning community. In the future I will probably try another learning community because it was very educational. The counsler that led the session was very helpful in teaching the subject.

I think the learning community was a pleasant change from the normal grind of book work. I enjoyed the different spins each teacher put on the subject, and I think it is a good step in improving the approach problems college education is currently suffering from.

In the previous question I said yes to attending another learning community, but I would have to say that it has made my calculus alittle harder then it should have been. My learning community experience was a good one, it opened my eyes to alot of events that I should be watching though my life.

The "Tragedy of the Commons" learning community was well organized. The speakers at the lectures presented interesting and relevant material, and I appreciated the different perspectives they represented. The essay topics for my class (Math 251) were well thought out, and they lead me to think more seriously about pertinent issues related to the "Tragedy of the Commons" theme. However, sometimes the activities for the learning community seemed apart from the core curriculum of the mathematics course, and were almost like a separate course on their own. This separation inhibited my ability to comprehend the core material of the course because the learning community took class and homework time that could have been used to study more math. The separation of the math course and the learning community was most pronounced at the beginning of the semester. Perhaps it seemed this way to me because I had never taken a course linked with a learning community before. Overall taking a math course linked with this learning community enhanced the class making it more interesting, yet it also made the class more challenging. To integrate a problem solving subject where there are exact answers (such as mathematics) with a learning community designed to explore broad, complex issues with no easy solutions cannot be an easy task. However, I think the project of this learning community is an important one because it encourages students to apply the core subjects they study in college to real issues and problems occurring in the world.

I am very satisfied with my Tragedy of the Commons learning community experience because I was given a wonderful opportunity to gain many different perspectives on the subject. I was also particularly happy because I got a chance to speak with Dr. Erhlich and discuss the issues further.

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