

KREMEN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Spring 2009 Exit Surveys

Education—Curriculum & Instruction

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. Cost is reasonable. I would advise them to talk to Dr. Fry Bohlin. Her personal connection is why I started and completed program.*
- *Yes. It is a fine example of higher education.*
- *Yes. There are many options to choose in the educational field.*
- *Yes. High quality staff, current research.*
- *Yes. I liked the smaller sized classes—more personable.*
- *Yes. Overall, I had a great experience at Fresno State.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Learning the importance of research, how to analyze research, and how to find research.*
- *The guidance and support by the staff.*
- *Action research project relevant to personal interests.*
- *Most of the faculty did a great job with planning coursework to prepare me for the project.*
- *Nothing springs to mind.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Dr. Biacindo and Dr. Parks should be replaced. I do not mean to be disrespectful, but their lack of professionalism caused me to consider dropping out of the program.*
- *Advancement to candidacy—coursework/transfer work should be checked at start of program that way there are no surprises.*
- *I think it could stand to be a bit tougher, and I would like to see the students wield less power in administrative affairs, but that's just a matter of opinion.*

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. It was an extremely rewarding experience.*
- *Yes. Affordable, good online discussions, I learned a lot.*
- *Yes. Online coursework is manageable for full-time teachers.*
- *Online program good for teachers.*
- *Yes. Good support, high quality advisors*
- *Yes. MAT program directly addressed my concerns about social justice in education.*
- *Yes. Low cost.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Professors Harris, Tracz, Alamillo, and Fry Bohlin. The group work of Dr. Harris and Dr. R. Bohlin (challenging/useful).*
- *The reading and homework usually related directly to my students.*
- *Quality of entire program.*
- *Dr. Carol Bohlin, she has been so helpful and made me successful in the program.*
- *Learning about multiculturalism*
- *As stated above, current educational policy seems—in my opinion—to ignore issues relating to social injustices. My program taught me how to deal with it.*
- *What I gained from my project.*
- *I liked the feeling of being a part of a small learning community in the MAT program although the courses were taken online.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *I had a lot of support from professors, especially when starting my lit. review. I had much less support for my project. I wish I would have known I needed to be more independent on my project.*
- *If possible, instructor feedback being quicker, this should be a model for teachers... feedback must be timely!*
- *Teachers of the courses need to recognize that we are working full time and have families in addition to the course work. Sacrificing our family isn't an option!*
- *Dr. Harris was not supportive. I did not feel that she worked with all students equally.*
- *Two professors could have been more responsive to their students and more challenging in their coursework.*

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Summer 2009 Exit Surveys

Education—Curriculum and Instruction

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- Yes. It was an enjoyable experience.

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- I found the interactions with my peers to be particularly useful, especially in regards to interaction with administration.

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- It's a great program.
 - None spring to mind.
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Fall 2009 Exit Surveys

Education—Curriculum & Instruction

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- Yes. Great professors.
- Yes. There was a lot of flexibility in my program.

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- Collaboration.
- The courses I was allowed to take were directly applicable to my job as a classroom teacher.

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- More project advisors available.
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Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- Yes. Convenient online MAT program.
- Yes. It's a great program for working teachers.

- Yes. Online option.
- Yes. Excellent online Master of Arts in Teaching program.
- Yes. Excellent program, excellent educators, excellent communication.
- Yes. Program director and coordinator and instructors are knowledgeable.
- Yes. Partnership with Calstate Teach Program.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. It was informative and manageable.
- Yes. Great pacing and extremely relevant to CA classroom instruction.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. It is cheaper.
- Yes. Great experience with faculty and advisers.
- Yes. Online convenience, rigorous, and meaningful readings and assignments.
- Yes. Economical, knowledgeable faculty.
- Yes. Accessible faculty and diverse curriculum.
- Yes. The online MAT program is rigorous and meaningful but not impossible for those committed to it.
- Yes. Flexibility, program course curriculum, time frame, transfer units, cost.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. Excellent program competitive fees.
- Yes. The pace was good, online access allowed me to complete my degree.
- Yes. Family friendly program.
- Yes. I enjoyed my experience.
- Yes. Distance learning, inexpensive.
- Yes. It was challenging and efficient/useful.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. The activities are meaningful/distance learning option.
- Yes. Faculty is very knowledgeable and have my interests at heart.

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- Working relationship with peers.
- Dr. Ullrich is amazing!
- The online interactivity between students in Blackboard. Students shared their educational points of view from school districts around the state.
- The curriculum and instructors were so motivating. I now would like to pursue my doctoral as a result of this program.
- Consistent application of theory to practice and projects. The distinct focus on social justice and multiculturalism. Cohort communication too!
- Exposure to research process.
- Content focus.
- Excellent methods for research.
- Mini action research process.
- The content focus.
- Very good selection of academic literature and multicultural activities. Helped prepare me for a new year.

- Learning about conducting and interpreting research and data.
- Great tools for research.
- The instructors were readily available and accessible for any questions or concerns.
- My teaching ability and communication skills with students is improved!
- Online education in conjunction with working full time allowed me to do work at flexible times. Great communication from professors.
- The professors! Dr. Bohlin, Dr. Ullrich, Mr. DeVoogd.
- Pre-project work. My study on environmental racism was eye opening.
- Content focus social justice.
- MAT program improved my teaching, transformed my thinking.
- Collaborating using technology.
- I was able to work on group assignment with fellow teachers on things I was doing in my classroom.
- The learning experience.
- The interaction with peers through technology.
- Relates to my career.
- I liked the social justice theme of my program.
- The instructors provided timely and worthwhile feedback on all assignments.
- Professors were willing to work with flexible schedules and quick to respond to inquiries I may have had.
- Orientation/advisement excellent entry into program.

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- I had a grading issue with Dr. Hart and got no support to resolve a .01 so .89 became a B on my record.
- Excellent program! My teachers were great. Can not think of any areas for improvement.
- Was extremely content. Keep up the great job!
- Trying online conferences.
- Use pilot programs at beginning of a cohort, not in last semester of program.
- Better communication.
- Allow for later payment of tuition. We are teachers. Most of us are unemployed in the summer.
- None needed!
- Greater variety of courses—some repeated information and skills learned in a previous course.
- Kremen graduate technician has bad attitude. Lecture DVDs might be nice when appropriate.
- Option to immediately enter EdD program after completion.
- Some teachers were far better than others in regards to posting assignments, comments, and grades. I think there should be a two-week grace period for teachers to get work back to students.
- Financial aid is hard to get a hold of; perhaps an advisor to help find grants, etc.
- Only qualitative not quantitative research.

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Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. The instructors have been very knowledgeable and I have learned a lot.*
- *Yes. Great professors.*
- *Yes and no. Simple to complete, but not the most rewarding classes.*
- *Yes. It is close, convenient, and more than adequate.*
- *Yes. I have appreciated the availability and assistance by coordinator.*
- *Yes*
- *Yes. Close proximity for valley residents*
- *Yes. Overall great support and guidance*
- *Yes. Easy access to classes, flexible schedule*
- *Yes. The dedication to learning*
- *Yes. Inexpensive compared to other colleges*
- *Yes. Adviser's feedback and assistance to help.*
- *Yes. Close to home, started a cohort.*
- *Yes. For the most part, I had a good experience and learned a lot.*
- *Yes. Mostly experienced excellent instruction*
- *Yes. Overall good experience.*
- *Yes. The professors I had were excellent.*
- *Yes. I was able to accomplish my goals there.*
- *Yes. Great teachers.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *I liked CI 241. I learned on how to teach standards while incorporating multi-cult. education/service learning. My students truly enjoyed it. Thanks to Dr. Bohlin for all of her communication via email.*
- *Learning how to do academic research.*
- *Collaborating with other educators.*
- *The faculty has made my experience positive and enriched my knowledge of contemporary educational practices.*
- *A few particular faculty members: Lane-Garon, Unruh, Lomeli*
- *Working within a cohort*
- *Being able to work with a cohort of teachers at my school site and district*
- *Ability to write quality research papers related to my field of work*
- *Learning techniques I can use today in my classroom.*
- *Practical knowledge.*
- *Working with Dr. Behrend and collaborating with classmates, learning to critically evaluate curriculum.*

- *The ability to work in a cohort of colleagues was invaluable.*
- *Working with other educators and professors.*
- *Working with professors and getting meaningful feedback specifically from Dr. Behrend and Dr. Benninga*
- *I appreciated the support and encouragement of staff to help me accomplish my degree.*
- *Access to staff and small class size*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *More classes in the Ed/C & I track geared toward post-secondary teaching methodology.*
- *Better quality of classes and content.*
- *Ensuring all professors are committed to improving the knowledge of students through purposeful activities and feedback on work turned in.*
- *Better instructors for some classes*
- *More feedback from professors*
- *Better instructor for ERA 220—timeliness of feedback for coursework*
- *More career job opportunity advising*
- *Do NOT have graduate students teach ANY of the classes.*
- *Thoroughly orient professors from outside dept. of Ed. In course/program requirements/expectations (ex. ERA 220). Our ERA 220 professor seemed not to know some of this at the beginning of the semester and really needs some mentorship in making class more engaging, especially when dealing with teachers.*
- *It would have been helpful and motivating to get some guidance toward job opportunities related to my degree.*

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. I enjoyed it, but it was very expensive.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Research.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Try to make it more affordable.*

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Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes, works well with students needs, professors are very helpful and knowledgeable.*
- *Yes, good instruction, available advising, cost.*
- *Yes, staff helpful and want you to succeed.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Cohort and professional relationships with professors.*
- *Cohort relationships built meaningful to participation and professional growth.*
- *Dedicated Staff.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

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Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. The courses were interesting and relevant to my field of study. I'm very loyal to CSUF.*
- *Yes. Fresno State is affordable, small school feel and great faculty/staff.*
- *Yes. Faculty have shown a profound commitment to student success.*
- *Yes. Great professors, learned a lot.*
- *Yes. Good quality degree program compared to cost.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *The most notable aspect of the program will probably be my culminating master's project that will be completed in May.*
- *The assistance of Carol Bohlin.*
- *The staff always encouraged my academic and personal goals through several difficult life experiences—the end result being that I will be the first in my family to receive a graduate degree and an education that challenged me.*
- *The discussion with other teachers/professors to improve my ability to teach effectively.*
- *Both Dr. Carol Bohlin and Dr. Roy Bohlin were extremely helpful in advising and coursework.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Make more information available online and offer a wider array of classes. It was hard to get classes.*
- *Provide greater access to courses that might benefit students (i.e., ERA courses for C&I students).*
- *Change course offerings so that they are not offered at the same time every semester. This would help those driving in from places up to an hour away. Offer more courses at COS in Visalia.*

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. Overall great experience.*
- *Yes. Accessibility and convenience.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *The professors in the MAT were wonderful and while the work was quite ambitious, I always felt like I had support and guidance.*
- *Development of my research skills.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Dr. Ullrich and Dr. Goodman were excellent and I appreciate all they did to help. Dr. Ullrich was there when questions arose and, because he gave us several ways to reach him, he was very accessible. He is definitely an asset to CSUF!*
- *Collaboration between instructors involved in one semester for assignment alignment.*

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Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- Yes. Good school, excellent staff low-cost tuition/fees*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- High quality instructions*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- Important of facilities and availability of office and administration staff more courses at COS in Visalia.*

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- Yes.
- Yes. *The MAT program is fantastic. It is stimulation and challenging*
- Yes.
- Yes. *Convenience and responsible staff*
- Yes. *Even with the increase in fees, it's a great value for the quality of education received*
- Yes. *Convenient, interesting, and quality*
- Yes. *Very accessible online courses*
- Yes. *Nice that I can do it from home without living in the area*
- Yes. *Challenging and fulfilling. Cost effective*
- Yes. *It was affordable, convenient, and very relevant*
- Yes. *Professor's commitment to my success. I felt extremely supported throughout the whole process*
- Yes. *Excellent instructors*
- Yes. *Effective online education*
- Yes. *I had an excellent learning experience and was able to apply it in the classroom.*
- Yes. *Convenience, quality of program low cost.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- Dr. Ulrich's support, organization content was valuable for the classroom I teach at*
- The materials we evaluated. The readings/ resources were great. Walter Ulrich was fantastic, helpful, clear in his instructions. He is truly outstanding!*
- Research and reading others action research study*
- I would say that the instructors did an excellent job in creating a sense of communication in allowing us to interact with and learn from our instructors and our cohort*
- Ability to apply learning directly to our working classroom, action research!*
- Excellent feedback from instructors, program provided many opportunities to use experiences in the classroom*
- Research skills honored*
- I loved that it was online. So I could work on assignments at my convenience without set schedules*
- None. It was OUTSTANDING; I have grown very much from the experience.*
- Instructors who cared, helped and made learning enjoyable*
- Excellent professors who were always available and helpful*
- Fulfilling and relevance's to my situation*
- The perspective and expertise of faculty*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- Keep up the good work because the program you provide is top quality and very official and accessible to educators for informing our instruction. I thought your*

kind of feedback was awesome and right on track!

For being an online program, more resources should be done online (application, etc.) too many extra forms and extra fees!

The website for students is not user friendly (myfresnostate)

Provide faster feedback from CSU Fresno main office/ administration