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Welcome to Grossmont College! ¡Bienvenidos a Grossmont College!

نرجِّب بكم في كلية چروسمُنت!

Dear Student,

On behalf of our staff, faculty and administrators, welcome to Grossmont College! We are dedicated to helping you pursue the academic, personal and professional development paths that will help you reach your full potential. To fully engage in the college experience, I encourage you to explore the many excellent academic

programs and co-curricular activities available. From performing and visual arts to research, these opportunities will round out your experience and add to your future success.

Our college features award-winning, nationally recognized faculty, deeply committed staff members, and top-notch facilities that will enhance your learning experience. Grossmont College offers more than 150 degrees and certificates, all of which are described in this catalog to help you identify and pursue one or more degrees and/or certificates as you work towards your educational and professional future. Whether you are starting a new career or plan to transfer to a four-year university, this catalog will answer some of the questions that arise on your journey.

Grossmont College is committed to providing an exceptional learning environment that supports and serves the increasingly diverse educational needs of East County. Inside the classroom, I encourage you to engage in thoughtful and respectful dialogue on controversial topics of relevance to local and global communities. Outside the classroom, our college offers numerous opportunities for students to become involved in our campus and local community, from clubs and community service activities to athletic and cultural events. I hope you'll take some time to enjoy all that our college offers to help you become your best self.

By enrolling at Grossmont College, you are joining our community of higher learning. I encourage you to keep striving toward your goals, no matter the obstacles you encounter. Please remember that there are many resources available that are designed to assist you in overcoming those obstacles and to help you stay on the path to success.

For nearly six decades, our college has produced many thousands of alumni who have achieved success at our college and in their communities. You are following in their illustrious footsteps – including our most recent class of 2018, the college's largest ever, who also garnered the most academic degrees and certificates of any community college in San Diego and Imperial counties last year. Our college community is committed to your success and we will always do our best to work with you in reaching your personal and educational goals.

Congratulations and welcome to Grossmont College!

Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, Ed.D.

Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh

President

Nondiscrimination Notice

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) is committed to providing learning and working environments that ensure and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. People of diverse backgrounds, perspectives, socioeconomic levels, cultures, and abilities are valued, welcomed, and included in all aspects of our organization. The District strives to provide an educational environment that fosters cultural awareness, mutual understanding, and respect that ultimately also benefits the global community.

No person shall be unlawfully subjected to discrimination or denied full and equal access to District programs or activities on the basis of ethnic group identification, race or ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental disability, medical condition, pregnancy, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, or military and veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. District programs and activities include, but are not limited to any that are administered or funded directly by or that receive any financial assistance from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The Chancellor shall establish administrative procedures that ensure all members of the college community can present complaints regarding alleged violations of this policy and have complaints heard in accordance with the Title 5 regulations and those of other agencies that administer state and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination.

No District funds shall be used for membership or for any participation involving financial payment or contribution on behalf of the District or any individual employed by or associated with the District, to any private organization whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of the groups mentioned above.

Inquiries regarding the equal opportunity policies, the filing of grievances, or for requesting a copy of the college's grievance procedures may be directed to:

- Tim Corcoran, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources Title IX Coordinator 8800 Grossmont College Drive El Cajon, CA 92020-1799 • (619) 644-7572
- Sara Varghese, Dean, Student Affairs Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive El Cajon, CA 92020-1799 • (619) 644-7600

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Office for Civil Rights
 U.S. Department of Education, 221 Main Street, Suite 1020
 San Francisco, CA 94105

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

LEGAL BACKGROUND: Guidelines of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act focus upon sexual harassment as an unlawful practice. "Sexual harassment like harassment on the basis of color, race, religion or national origin, has long been recognized by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as a violation of Section 703 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act as amended" (Federal Register, April 11, 1980). Interpretation of Title IX of the Education Amendments similarly delineates sexual harassment as discriminatory and unlawful.

DEFINITION: Sexual harassment is defined in GCCCD Policy 3430 as the following:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by someone from, or in, the work or educational setting when:

- Submission to the conduct is made a term or condition of an individual's employment, academic status, or progress;
- Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the individual is used as a basis of employment or academic decisions affecting the individual;
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or education environment; or
- Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual.

PROCESS: Complaints must be filed within 180 days of the date the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, except that this period shall be extended by no more than 90 days following the expiration of the 180 days if the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged violation after the expiration of the 180 days (California Code Regulations, Title 5, Section 59328e).

If the alleged harasser is a student, initial action on the complaint shall be the joint responsibility of the Interim Dean, Student Affairs and the Director of Employee and Labor Relations.

If the alleged harasser is an employee, initial action on the complaint shall be the joint responsibility of the employee's immediate supervisor and the Director of Employee and Labor Relations.

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CALENDAR

FALL 2018	JULY 2018 S M T W Th F S
June 16-August 17	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
August 13-17Professional Development-Organizational Meetings	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
August 20Regular Day and Evening Classes Begin	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
August 20-31	AUGUST
September 3*	S M T W Th F S 1 2 3 4
September 4	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
September 21	19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
October 12Last Day to Apply for Fall 2018 Degree/Certificate	SEPTEMBER
October 13	S M T W Th F S
October 15Second 8-Week Session Begins	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
November 9Last Day to Drop Semester Length Classes	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
November 12*	30
November 22*, 23*, 24*	OCTOBER SMTWThFS
December 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
December 10-15	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
December 15	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
December 17-January 27	NOVEMBER
December 20	S M T W Th F S
December 22-January 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
December 25*, January 1*	11 (12) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 (22) (23) (24)
January 1*	25 26 27 28 29 30
	DECEMBER S M T W Th F S
Important dates	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Holidays* College and District offices closed.	16 17 18 19 20 21 22* 23* 24* (25) 26* 27* 28* 29*

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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JANUARY 2019 S M T W Th F S	SPRING 2019
(1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 (21) 22 23 24 25 26 27 [28] 29 30 31	November 13-January 25
	January 21*
	January 22-25Professional Development-Organizational Meetings
FEBRUARY	January 28Regular Day & Evening Classes Begin
S M T W Th F S 1 2	January 28-February 8
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 (15)(16) 17 (18) 19 20 22 23 23 24 25 26 27 28	February 11
	February 15*-18*
	February 18*
MARCH S M T W Th F S 1 2	March 1
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	March 8 Last Day to Apply for Spring 2019 Degree/Certificate
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29* 30*	March 23
31	March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29*, 30*
APRIL S M T W Th F S	April 1
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	April 26Last Day to Drop Semester Length Classes
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	May 25
	May 27*
MAY	May 28, 29, 30, 31, June 1, 3 Final Examinations
S M T W Th F S 1 2 3 4	June 3
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	June 5
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	June 6
JUNE S M T W Th F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	☐ Important dates ☐ Holidays * College and District offices closed.