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This course focuses on a uniquely American higher education institution: the community college, sometimes referred to as the two-year college. The community college is the point of entry or the point of return to higher education for many people. It can be a key step on the pathway towards the middle class for many low-SES students, first-generation college-goers, and under-represented students. Collectively, twoatR geq erdto

(1) Describe the historical development of the two-year college as an educational institution within the United States.
(2) Explain how community college students and faculty are similar to and different from four-year college students and faculty.
(3) Discuss the diversity that exists among public community colleges because of variations in size, geographic location (rural, suburban, and urban), and state-level governance and funding methods.
(4) Identify the four formal curricular missions of the community college and develop a position on their relative importance to the institution.
(5) Develop a perspective on the societal missions of community colleges in the United States.
(6) Identify some of the recurring and current issues facing two-year colleges.

we each learn to respect, listen and encourage each other inside as well as outside of class.

points of view, acknowledging that there may be disagreements, keep discussion and comments on topic, and use first person, positive language when expressing their perspectives.