

2008 TFS INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY

Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	WCAS			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Number of Respondents		348	439	787		670	799	1,469
How old will you be on December 31 of this year?	786				1,468			
16 or younger		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.2
17		1.1	3.7	2.5		1.5	2.8	2.2
18		65.8	70.8	68.6		67.0	69.9	68.6
19		31.6	24.7	27.7		29.9	25.9	27.7
20		1.1	0.9	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0
21 to 24		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.4	0.1	0.3
25 to 29		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
30 to 39		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
40 to 54		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
55 or older		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Is English your native language?	787				1,469			
Yes		85.1	85.4	85.3		87.2	86.0	86.5
No		14.9	14.6	14.7		12.8	14.0	13.5
In what year did you graduate from high school?	787				1,469			
2008		99.4	98.9	99.1		99.1	98.9	99.0
2007		0.3	1.1	0.8		0.4	1.1	0.8
2006		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.0	0.1
2005 or earlier		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.0	0.1
Did not graduate but passed G.E.D. test		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Never completed high school		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
How many miles is this college from your permanent home?	787				1,469			
5 or less		3.2	1.4	2.2		2.2	1.5	1.8
6 to 10		3.2	2.3	2.7		2.1	1.9	2.0
11 to 50		17.5	12.1	14.5		15.1	11.3	13.0
51 to 100		3.7	4.8	4.3		3.7	4.3	4.0
101 to 500		17.5	20.7	19.3		18.2	21.3	19.9
Over 500		54.9	58.8	57.1		58.7	59.8	59.3
What was your average grade in high school?	787				1,469			
A or A+		58.9	62.4	60.9		55.2	61.6	58.7
A-		31.0	29.4	30.1		33.0	29.9	31.3
B+		8.9	6.6	7.6		10.0	7.1	8.4
B		0.9	1.6	1.3		1.5	1.4	1.4
B-		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.3	0.0	0.1
C+		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
C		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
D		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
From what kind of high school did you graduate?	787				1,469			
Public school (<u>not</u> charter or magnet)		63.5	65.6	64.7		61.6	66.2	64.1
Public charter school		1.1	0.5	0.8		1.5	0.5	1.0
Public magnet school		4.0	3.0	3.4		4.3	4.1	4.2
Private religious/parochial school		11.5	10.3	10.8		12.7	9.8	11.1
Private independent college-prep school		19.8	20.5	20.2		19.9	18.9	19.3
Home school		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.5	0.3
Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at <u>this</u> institution?	787				1,469			
No		94.0	96.1	95.2		94.8	96.5	95.7
Yes		6.0	3.9	4.8		5.2	3.5	4.3

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Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at <u>any other</u> institution (university, 4- or 2-year college, technical, vocational, or business school)?	787				1,469			
No		89.9	92.3	91.2		90.3	90.2	90.3
Yes		10.1	7.7	8.8		9.7	9.8	9.7
Where do you plan to live during the fall term?	787				1,469			
With my family or other relatives		0.3	0.5	0.4		0.1	0.5	0.3
Other private home, apartment, or room		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1
College residence hall		94.5	96.4	95.6		95.1	96.0	95.6
Fraternity or sorority house		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0	0.1
Other campus student housing		5.2	3.2	4.1		4.6	3.4	3.9
Other		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?	786				1,467			
None		9.8	10.0	9.9		8.8	10.3	9.6
One		3.5	5.9	4.8		3.9	5.4	4.7
Two		3.5	5.2	4.5		4.3	5.3	4.8
Three		4.9	4.3	4.6		5.4	6.6	6.1
Four		8.6	7.1	7.8		8.4	8.4	8.4
Five		8.9	8.2	8.5		10.5	8.6	9.5
Six		7.8	7.3	7.5		8.7	9.0	8.9
Seven to ten		38.3	33.5	35.6		35.9	30.9	33.2
Eleven or more		14.7	18.5	16.8		14.1	15.5	14.9
Were you accepted by your first choice college?	786				1,466			
Yes		49.3	58.8	54.6		53.8	65.7	60.3
No		50.7	41.2	45.4		46.2	34.3	39.7
Is this college your:	784				1,465			
First choice?		45.5	56.1	51.4		50.4	62.6	57.0
Second choice?		27.7	21.7	24.4		26.0	20.2	22.9
Third choice?		15.0	14.0	14.4		14.5	11.2	12.7
Less than third choice?		11.8	8.2	9.8		9.1	6.0	7.4
Citizenship status	786				1,465			
U.S. citizen		89.9	91.1	90.6		90.3	91.7	91.1
Permanent resident (green card)		3.7	2.7	3.2		3.6	2.5	3.0
Neither		6.3	6.2	6.2		6.1	5.8	5.9
Are your parents:	786				1,468			
Both alive and living with each other?		86.2	83.6	84.7		85.5	82.5	83.9
Both alive, divorced or living apart?		11.2	14.2	12.8		11.8	15.3	13.7
One or both deceased?		2.6	2.3	2.4		2.7	2.3	2.5

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? [1]								
English (4 years)	786	98.6	99.5	99.1	1,467	98.5	99.7	99.2
Mathematics (3 years)	786	99.7	99.8	99.7	1,466	99.7	99.7	99.7
Foreign Language (2 years)	785	98.6	98.9	98.7	1,466	98.8	98.6	98.7
Physical Science (2 years)	786	84.1	74.5	78.8	1,466	80.5	71.9	75.9
Biological Science (2 years)	786	53.9	63.6	59.3	1,466	51.7	58.3	55.3
History/Am. Govt. (1 year)	786	100.0	99.8	99.9	1,463	99.7	99.7	99.7
Computer Science (1/2 year)	786	48.4	35.5	41.2	1,466	48.1	37.8	42.5
Arts and/or Music (1 year)	786	85.6	92.9	89.7	1,464	87.3	92.1	89.9
WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC DREGREE THAT YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN?								
Highest planned	771				1,441			
None		0.3	0.7	0.5		0.3	0.6	0.5
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.2	0.3	0.2
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.0	0.1
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		3.5	4.4	4.0		6.4	8.5	7.5
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		31.5	31.3	31.4		41.3	41.4	41.4
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		26.5	22.7	24.4		25.4	20.1	22.6
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		24.8	28.7	27.0		15.9	18.3	17.2
J.D. (Law)		12.0	10.7	11.3		9.4	9.7	9.6
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1
Other		1.5	1.2	1.3		1.1	0.9	1.0
Highest planned at this college	764				1,426			
None		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.4	0.2
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.2	0.3	0.2
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		1.2	1.4	1.3		1.2	1.2	1.2
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		66.8	69.8	68.5		67.9	73.4	70.9
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		18.1	13.6	15.6		19.5	15.2	17.2
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		4.2	3.7	3.9		4.0	2.6	3.2
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		6.8	7.5	7.2		4.6	4.7	4.6
J.D. (Law)		2.4	0.9	1.6		2.1	1.2	1.6
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other		0.6	2.1	1.4		0.5	1.2	0.8
HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE:								
High school I last attended	783				1,463			
Completely non-White		2.3	3.0	2.7		2.4	2.6	2.5
Mostly non-White		6.4	7.3	6.9		7.3	7.5	7.5
Roughly half non-White		16.8	22.6	20.1		18.4	23.6	21.3
Mostly White		69.0	61.0	64.5		65.8	60.9	63.2
Completely White		5.5	6.2	5.9		6.0	5.3	5.6
Neighborhood where I grew up	785				1,465			
Completely non-White		6.1	3.6	4.7		5.2	3.5	4.3
Mostly non-White		4.6	6.6	5.7		6.0	6.5	6.3
Roughly half non-White		10.7	10.9	10.8		11.1	10.3	10.6
Mostly White		61.3	65.6	63.7		61.4	64.9	63.3
Completely White		17.3	13.2	15.0		16.3	14.8	15.5

[1] Based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

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Do you have a disability?								
Hearing	787	0.3	0.2	0.3	1,469	0.3	0.4	0.3
Speech	787	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,469	0.0	0.0	0.0
Orthopedic	787	0.3	0.0	0.1	1,469	0.1	0.1	0.1
Learning disability	787	1.1	1.1	1.1	1,469	1.3	1.5	1.4
Partially sighted or blind	787	0.9	0.7	0.8	1,469	1.0	1.1	1.1
Health-related	787	0.9	0.9	0.9	1,469	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other	787	0.9	0.5	0.6	1,469	0.6	0.4	0.5
HOW MUCH OF YOUR FIRST YEAR'S EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES (ROOM, BOARD TUITION, AND FEES) DO YOU EXPECT TO COVER FROM:								
Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)	772				1,469			
None		5.0	3.5	4.1		6.4	5.3	5.8
Less than \$1,000		3.2	2.3	2.7		3.0	3.6	3.3
\$1,000 to 2,999		4.4	4.2	4.3		4.9	4.8	4.8
\$3,000 to 5,999		5.0	5.8	5.4		5.4	6.5	6.0
\$6,000 to 9,999		5.0	5.8	5.4		5.5	6.6	6.1
\$10,000 +		77.4	78.4	78.0		74.8	73.2	73.9
My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)	769				1,469			
None		41.6	37.7	39.4		39.1	34.4	36.6
Less than \$1,000		18.6	22.6	20.8		17.8	23.9	21.1
\$1,000 to 2,999		26.3	28.4	27.4		27.3	28.0	27.7
\$3,000 to 5,999		8.3	7.7	7.9		8.8	9.0	8.9
\$6,000 to 9,999		2.4	2.1	2.2		2.5	2.6	2.6
\$10,000 +		2.9	1.6	2.2		4.5	2.0	3.1
Aid which need <u>not</u> be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)	771				1,469			
None		42.5	45.8	44.4		40.6	42.8	41.8
Less than \$1,000		2.9	5.3	4.3		3.4	5.8	4.7
\$1,000 to 2,999		11.1	10.7	10.9		10.4	9.8	10.1
\$3,000 to 5,999		5.6	4.2	4.8		6.1	5.0	5.5
\$6,000 to 9,999		2.9	4.0	3.5		3.6	3.5	3.5
\$10,000 +		34.9	30.0	32.2		35.8	33.2	34.4
Aid which <u>must</u> be repaid (loans, etc.)	769				1,469			
None		60.9	63.2	62.2		58.1	61.5	59.9
Less than \$1,000		1.5	0.9	1.2		1.9	1.6	1.8
\$1,000 to 2,999		6.2	6.6	6.4		7.2	6.1	6.6
\$3,000 to 5,999		9.7	14.8	12.5		11.6	14.4	13.1
\$6,000 to 9,999		3.8	3.3	3.5		5.7	4.6	5.1
\$10,000 +		17.9	11.2	14.2		15.5	11.8	13.5
Other than above	748				1,469			
None		93.1	94.2	93.7		93.7	94.0	93.9
Less than \$1,000		2.1	2.9	2.5		2.5	3.1	2.9
\$1,000 to 2,999		1.8	0.7	1.2		1.0	1.3	1.2
\$3,000 to 5,999		0.9	0.2	0.5		0.9	0.1	0.5
\$6,000 to 9,999		0.6	0.2	0.4		0.3	0.4	0.3
\$10,000 +		1.5	1.7	1.6		1.5	1.1	1.3

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What is your <u>best estimate</u> of your parents' total income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes	730				1,375			
Less than \$10,000		0.9	1.5	1.2		0.9	1.6	1.3
\$10,000 to 14,999		1.2	0.2	0.7		0.8	0.3	0.5
\$15,000 to 19,999		0.6	0.7	0.7		0.5	1.1	0.8
\$20,000 to 24,999		0.9	0.7	0.8		0.9	1.0	0.9
\$25,000 to 29,999		1.2	1.0	1.1		1.4	1.0	1.2
\$30,000 to 39,999		2.1	4.7	3.6		2.5	4.6	3.6
\$40,000 to 49,999		3.7	1.0	2.2		3.1	2.3	2.7
\$50,000 to 59,999		4.6	2.7	3.6		4.4	4.1	4.2
\$60,000 to 74,999		4.3	7.4	6.0		4.8	7.4	6.2
\$75,000 to 99,999		14.1	11.4	12.6		14.2	11.3	12.7
\$100,000 to 149,999		15.9	19.6	17.9		18.2	20.3	19.3
\$150,000 to 199,999		8.6	9.7	9.2		11.1	10.1	10.5
\$200,000 to 249,999		11.9	8.2	9.9		9.5	7.4	8.4
\$250,000 or more		30.0	31.0	30.5		27.7	27.6	27.6
Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?	779				1,455			
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)		44.8	40.0	42.1		41.7	39.0	40.2
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)		49.1	52.2	50.8		50.8	52.0	51.5
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)		6.1	7.8	7.1		7.5	9.0	8.3
Your current religious preference	770				1,440			
Baptist		2.6	2.1	2.3		2.0	2.8	2.4
Buddhist		0.6	1.6	1.2		1.4	1.5	1.5
Church of Christ		1.8	0.7	1.2		1.8	0.9	1.3
Eastern Orthodox		1.2	1.9	1.6		0.8	1.3	1.0
Episcopalian		2.1	1.6	1.8		2.0	2.0	2.0
Hindu		4.1	3.7	3.9		2.9	2.7	2.8
Jewish		14.4	12.8	13.5		14.0	13.3	13.6
LDS (Mormon)		0.6	0.0	0.3		0.3	0.3	0.3
Lutheran		1.2	2.6	1.9		2.3	2.6	2.4
Methodist		3.5	5.6	4.7		4.0	4.3	4.2
Muslim		2.4	1.6	1.9		1.7	1.2	1.4
Presbyterian		6.2	3.5	4.7		5.9	5.2	5.6
Quaker		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.2	0.5	0.3
Roman Catholic		21.2	19.1	20.0		20.7	19.2	19.9
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.3	0.7	0.5		0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Christian		6.2	11.4	9.1		5.5	10.9	8.4
Other Religion		3.2	2.6	2.9		2.6	2.3	2.4
None		28.5	28.1	28.3		31.6	28.4	29.9

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Father's current religious preference	768				1,436			
Baptist		3.2	2.1	2.6		2.9	2.9	2.9
Buddhist		1.5	2.8	2.2		2.0	2.3	2.2
Church of Christ		2.7	1.6	2.1		2.6	1.4	1.9
Eastern Orthodox		1.5	2.3	2.0		1.2	1.5	1.4
Episcopalian		2.7	3.0	2.9		3.8	2.7	3.2
Hindu		5.6	4.2	4.8		3.8	3.2	3.5
Jewish		15.6	13.3	14.3		15.6	14.1	14.8
LDS (Mormon)		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.2	0.0	0.1
Lutheran		2.4	3.3	2.9		3.5	3.5	3.5
Methodist		4.4	6.1	5.3		3.8	4.7	4.3
Muslim		2.9	2.1	2.5		2.1	1.8	1.9
Presbyterian		8.6	4.2	6.1		7.5	5.9	6.6
Quaker		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
Roman Catholic		20.6	21.7	21.2		22.6	21.3	21.9
Seventh Day Adventist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.6	0.9	0.8		0.9	1.0	1.0
Other Christian		6.8	9.1	8.1		6.0	8.6	7.4
Other Religion		2.4	1.9	2.1		2.3	1.5	1.9
None		18.3	21.2	19.9		19.2	23.4	21.5
Mother's current religious preference	769				1,440			
Baptist		2.9	2.1	2.5		2.7	2.7	2.7
Buddhist		2.1	2.8	2.5		2.6	2.8	2.7
Church of Christ		2.6	1.4	2.0		2.7	1.8	2.2
Eastern Orthodox		2.1	2.6	2.3		1.5	1.7	1.6
Episcopalian		2.4	3.3	2.9		3.7	3.1	3.3
Hindu		5.3	4.7	4.9		3.8	3.7	3.8
Jewish		15.0	14.0	14.4		14.8	14.8	14.8
LDS (Mormon)		0.3	0.2	0.3		0.2	0.4	0.3
Lutheran		2.9	3.3	3.1		4.3	3.3	3.8
Methodist		4.7	7.2	6.1		4.4	5.9	5.2
Muslim		2.6	1.6	2.1		1.8	1.4	1.6
Presbyterian		9.4	4.0	6.4		7.8	6.6	7.2
Quaker		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.3	0.3	0.3
Roman Catholic		24.7	24.0	24.3		25.9	23.4	24.5
Seventh Day Adventist		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.2	0.0	0.1
United Church of Christ/Congregational		0.6	0.7	0.7		0.9	0.8	0.8
Other Christian		5.9	9.6	7.9		6.2	9.6	8.1
Other Religion		2.6	2.1	2.3		2.9	1.7	2.2
None		13.5	16.3	15.1		13.4	16.2	14.9

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	WCAS			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
During the past year, student "frequently" or "occasionally":								
Attended a religious service	784	70.3	72.8	71.7	1,462	68.5	74.0	71.5
Was bored in class [2]	785	34.0	33.3	33.6	1,464	32.4	33.9	33.2
Participated in political demonstrations	784	25.9	27.7	26.9	1,463	27.6	29.3	28.5
Tutored another student	785	81.0	84.2	82.8	1,465	78.6	82.3	80.6
Studied with other students	785	93.7	96.6	95.3	1,465	94.0	96.1	95.2
Was a guest in a teacher's home	785	28.0	28.1	28.0	1,464	28.0	29.4	28.8
Smoked cigarettes [2]	784	2.3	1.8	2.0	1,462	1.9	1.6	1.8
Drank beer	781	41.6	33.3	37.0	1,457	40.5	32.4	36.1
Drank wine or liquor	781	42.5	40.9	41.6	1,456	43.1	42.4	42.7
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do [2]	785	16.4	40.0	29.6	1,464	18.9	41.7	31.3
Felt depressed [2]	782	6.3	8.7	7.7	1,461	6.0	8.1	7.1
Performed volunteer work	785	93.7	96.1	95.0	1,465	93.1	96.2	94.8
Played a musical instrument	785	62.8	57.1	59.6	1,465	65.7	58.5	61.8
Asked a teacher for advice after class [2]	785	28.0	33.1	30.8	1,464	28.9	33.5	31.4
Voted in a student election [2]	785	22.5	26.7	24.8	1,465	22.8	28.0	25.6
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group [2]	785	79.3	77.2	78.1	1,464	78.6	77.5	78.0
Came late to class	785	57.1	59.4	58.3	1,463	57.9	58.5	58.2
Used the Internet: [2]								
For research or homework	786	87.9	92.7	90.6	1,466	89.4	92.6	91.1
To read news sites	786	71.5	59.0	64.5	1,466	68.9	59.5	63.8
To read blogs	786	29.7	28.5	29.0	1,464	28.9	29.4	29.2
To blog	786	8.9	10.0	9.5	1,464	9.0	11.8	10.5
Performed community service as part of a class	785	59.4	60.5	60.0	1,466	59.3	61.5	60.5
Discussed religion [2]	785	37.2	37.2	37.2	1,464	39.5	39.9	39.8
Discussed politics [2]	785	52.2	54.3	53.4	1,464	52.5	54.1	53.4
Worked on a local, state or national political campaign	785	18.2	14.8	16.3	1,465	16.3	15.6	15.9
Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:								
Academic ability	784	98.3	96.8	97.4	1,464	97.9	97.5	97.7
Artistic ability	784	37.3	43.4	40.7	1,463	44.4	47.9	46.3
Computer skills	784	59.2	30.8	43.4	1,464	57.8	33.2	44.4
Cooperativeness	784	85.3	79.7	82.1	1,463	82.3	82.0	82.2
Creativity	784	74.3	64.8	69.0	1,464	76.6	71.4	73.8
Drive to achieve	784	92.2	93.8	93.1	1,463	91.8	94.3	93.2
Emotional health	783	74.9	58.6	65.8	1,463	72.9	60.0	65.9
Leadership ability	784	81.2	77.9	79.3	1,464	82.3	79.5	80.8
Mathematical ability	784	88.2	74.7	80.6	1,464	85.9	68.3	76.4
Physical health	784	69.1	61.2	64.7	1,464	69.6	59.0	63.9
Popularity	784	59.0	46.1	51.8	1,464	59.3	45.7	51.9
Public speaking ability	784	65.9	53.0	58.7	1,464	67.4	58.2	62.4
Self-confidence (intellectual)	783	91.0	77.3	83.4	1,463	91.0	78.6	84.3
Self-confidence (social)	783	62.7	54.7	58.2	1,463	62.9	55.6	58.9
Self-understanding	784	78.0	64.8	70.7	1,464	77.7	68.5	72.7
Spirituality	783	40.5	33.0	36.3	1,462	39.1	37.0	38.0
Understanding of others	784	79.5	77.4	78.3	1,463	76.3	79.5	78.1
Writing ability	784	75.7	73.3	74.4	1,464	72.8	75.4	74.2

[2] Percentage responding "frequently" only.

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" as compared with the average person of his/her age in:								
Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	785	81.8	82.2	82.0	1,465	83.2	83.7	83.5
Tolerance of others with different beliefs	785	88.8	87.7	88.2	1,465	90.6	88.7	89.6
Openness to having my own views challenged	785	76.7	69.6	72.7	1,465	78.0	69.6	73.4
Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues	785	84.4	74.0	78.6	1,465	85.3	76.3	80.4
Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people	785	88.8	87.0	87.8	1,465	89.7	89.0	89.3
WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FORMAL EDUCATION OBTAINED BY YOUR PARENTS?								
Father	782				1,459			
Grammar school or less		0.6	0.2	0.4		0.5	0.3	0.3
Some high school		0.9	0.2	0.5		0.6	0.6	0.6
High school graduate		4.6	3.4	4.0		3.8	3.5	3.6
Postsecondary school other than college		0.3	0.7	0.5		0.8	1.5	1.2
Some college		5.2	6.2	5.8		5.4	7.0	6.3
College degree		20.9	19.0	19.8		23.3	22.9	23.1
Some graduate school		3.2	3.0	3.1		2.7	3.3	3.0
Graduate degree		64.3	67.3	66.0		63.0	60.9	61.8
Mother	784				1,464			
Grammar school or less		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.0	0.1
Some high school		0.3	0.5	0.4		0.2	0.5	0.3
High school graduate		5.5	3.6	4.5		4.5	3.9	4.2
Postsecondary school other than college		1.2	1.4	1.3		1.4	1.6	1.5
Some college		8.4	7.1	7.7		8.0	7.6	7.8
College degree		39.1	37.6	38.3		39.3	39.7	39.5
Some graduate school		2.0	6.4	4.5		3.3	5.4	4.4
Graduate degree		43.5	43.5	43.5		43.2	41.2	42.1
During the past year, did you "frequently":								
Ask questions in class	787	70.7	69.5	70.0	1,468	70.4	70.7	70.6
Support your opinions with a logical argument	787	85.3	83.4	84.2	1,467	87.6	83.7	85.5
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	787	77.0	76.5	76.7	1,467	77.2	77.8	77.6
Revise your papers to improve your writing	786	58.2	72.9	66.4	1,465	58.5	73.1	66.4
Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received	787	59.8	58.1	58.8	1,467	59.9	60.2	60.1
Take a risk because you feel you have more to gain	785	43.6	38.0	40.5	1,465	46.4	40.6	43.2
Seek alternative solutions to a problem	787	59.2	53.8	56.2	1,468	58.9	55.2	56.9
Look up scientific research articles and resources	787	37.9	36.7	37.2	1,467	38.3	32.4	35.1
Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class	787	49.7	40.1	44.3	1,467	51.5	42.4	46.6
Accept mistakes as part of the learning process	787	56.6	56.0	56.3	1,468	59.2	58.7	58.9
Seek feedback on your academic work	787	56.9	62.0	59.7	1,467	57.9	66.0	62.3
Take notes during class	787	64.1	87.0	76.9	1,468	65.5	86.9	77.1

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Your probable career occupation	783				1,459			
Accountant or actuary		1.1	1.6	1.4		0.9	0.9	0.9
Actor or entertainer		0.6	0.7	0.6		4.6	5.2	4.9
Architect or urban planner		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.3	0.6	0.5
Artist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.7	1.1	1.0
Business (clerical)		0.6	0.5	0.5		0.3	0.3	0.3
Business executive (management, administrator)		22.1	12.0	16.5		16.0	8.1	11.7
Business owner or proprietor		4.9	1.1	2.8		3.7	1.0	2.3
Business salesperson or buyer		0.6	0.2	0.4		0.3	0.1	0.2
Clergy (minister, priest)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Clergy (other religious)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Clinical psychologist		0.0	3.0	1.7		0.1	1.6	1.0
College administrator/staff		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
College teacher		2.6	2.1	2.3		1.8	1.4	1.6
Computer programmer or analyst		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.7	0.1	0.4
Conservationist or forester		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.3	0.1
Dentist (including orthodontist)		0.0	1.1	0.6		0.4	0.6	0.5
Dietitian or nutritionist		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.1	0.1
Engineer		0.3	0.5	0.4		14.2	6.6	10.1
Farmer or rancher		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.0	0.1
Foreign service worker (including diplomat)		1.7	3.4	2.7		1.0	2.4	1.8
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Interior decorator (including designer)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Lab technician or hygienist		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
Law enforcement officer		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.0	0.1
Lawyer (attorney) or judge		9.5	6.0	7.5		7.2	5.2	6.1
Military service (career)		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.3	0.0	0.1
Musician (performer, composer)		0.6	0.2	0.4		4.9	3.0	3.9
Nurse		0.3	0.7	0.5		0.1	0.4	0.3
Optometrist		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.3	0.1
Pharmacist		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
Physician		21.3	22.8	22.1		12.7	14.8	13.8
Policy maker/Government		2.0	1.8	1.9		1.5	2.0	1.8
School counselor		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.3	0.1
School principal or superintendent		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
Scientific researcher		6.6	3.0	4.6		4.2	2.1	3.1
Social, welfare, or recreation worker		0.3	0.2	0.3		0.3	0.5	0.4
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.0	1.0	0.5
Teacher or administrator (elementary)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.4	0.2
Teacher or administrator (secondary)		0.3	0.5	0.4		0.9	0.6	0.8
Veterinarian		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.3	0.1
Writer or journalist		2.3	6.4	4.6		6.1	15.8	11.4
Skilled trades		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Laborer (unskilled)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Semi-skilled worker		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unemployed		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other		1.7	1.8	1.8		2.7	3.2	2.9
Undecided		19.5	26.2	23.2		13.3	19.2	16.5

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	WCAS			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Your father's occupation [3]	777				1,449			
Artist		1.7	1.4	1.5		2.4	1.5	1.9
Business		37.7	31.5	34.2		37.9	33.4	35.5
Business (clerical)		0.3	1.6	1.0		0.5	1.1	0.8
Clergy		0.9	0.2	0.5		0.9	0.5	0.7
College teacher		2.9	3.5	3.2		2.7	3.0	2.9
Doctor (MD or DDS)		13.3	16.9	15.3		11.5	12.8	12.2
Education (secondary)		2.0	0.9	1.4		2.0	0.9	1.4
Education (elementary)		0.9	0.5	0.6		0.6	0.4	0.5
Engineer		7.2	8.8	8.1		9.1	9.0	9.0
Farmer or forester		0.6	0.5	0.5		0.3	0.4	0.3
Health professional		0.9	0.5	0.6		1.4	0.8	1.0
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Lawyer		8.4	10.2	9.4		8.3	9.3	8.8
Military (career)		0.9	0.5	0.6		0.5	0.4	0.4
Nurse		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.3	0.1
Research scientist		1.4	3.7	2.7		1.2	3.6	2.5
Social/welfare/rec worker		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.4	0.2
Skilled worker		2.0	2.3	2.2		2.7	2.5	2.6
Semi-skilled worker		1.4	0.5	0.9		1.4	1.1	1.2
Unskilled worker		0.3	0.9	0.6		0.5	0.9	0.7
Unemployed		1.4	1.9	1.7		1.1	2.4	1.8
Other		15.7	13.2	14.3		15.3	15.2	15.3
Your mother's occupation [3]	778				1,452			
Artist		3.5	3.7	3.6		5.3	3.8	4.5
Business		15.7	18.0	17.0		15.7	16.3	16.0
Business (clerical)		2.6	2.5	2.6		2.4	2.5	2.5
Clergy		0.6	0.7	0.6		0.6	0.6	0.6
College teacher		2.3	1.2	1.7		2.1	1.3	1.7
Doctor (MD or DDS)		4.6	6.9	5.9		4.2	5.2	4.8
Education (secondary)		6.1	3.7	4.8		6.6	4.8	5.6
Education (elementary)		4.6	4.4	4.5		5.4	4.3	4.8
Engineer		3.2	1.6	2.3		2.1	2.0	2.1
Farmer or forester		0.6	0.0	0.3		0.5	0.0	0.2
Health professional		4.1	3.9	4.0		3.8	3.5	3.7
Homemaker (full-time)		20.3	19.4	19.8		17.6	19.6	18.7
Lawyer		2.9	4.4	3.7		3.5	3.9	3.7
Military (career)		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.2	0.0	0.1
Nurse		3.8	5.3	4.6		3.9	5.1	4.5
Research scientist		0.6	1.8	1.3		0.6	1.8	1.2
Social/welfare/rec worker		1.4	1.8	1.7		2.1	1.9	2.0
Skilled worker		0.6	0.9	0.8		0.9	0.6	0.8
Semi-skilled worker		2.0	1.2	1.5		1.4	1.5	1.4
Unskilled worker		0.3	0.9	0.6		0.2	0.9	0.6
Unemployed		7.8	4.2	5.8		7.1	4.7	5.8
Other		12.2	13.4	12.9		13.9	15.5	14.7
How would you characterize your political views?	779				1,457			
Far left		3.8	4.1	4.0		4.7	5.8	5.3
Liberal		48.7	54.1	51.7		48.0	54.4	51.5
Middle-of-the-road		30.9	29.8	30.3		31.5	28.2	29.7
Conservative		16.3	11.5	13.6		15.1	11.3	13.0
Far right		0.3	0.5	0.4		0.8	0.3	0.5

[3] Recategorization of this item from a longer list is shown in Appendix C of "The American Freshman".

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	WCAS			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Student agrees "strongly" or "somewhat:"								
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals	768	50.3	46.0	47.9	1,440	46.1	44.0	45.0
Abortion should be legal	773	76.7	78.6	77.7	1,446	79.2	77.9	78.5
The death penalty should be abolished	772	51.3	55.0	53.4	1,440	51.8	56.2	54.2
Marijuana should be legalized	773	52.2	42.8	47.0	1,440	54.1	44.2	48.8
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	772	14.6	11.9	13.1	1,445	12.7	11.6	12.1
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	773	19.0	13.7	16.0	1,449	17.1	12.4	14.6
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	774	24.5	20.6	22.4	1,445	24.6	17.8	20.9
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	770	57.5	60.8	59.4	1,439	62.2	63.1	62.7
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	771	74.9	82.9	79.4	1,443	78.8	83.0	81.1
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	768	63.2	62.9	63.0	1,435	64.2	60.8	62.4
Federal military spending should be increased	765	15.5	11.3	13.2	1,433	16.1	11.4	13.5
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	771	81.6	89.3	85.9	1,443	81.0	90.7	86.2
Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces	773	84.0	80.2	81.9	1,441	82.9	82.2	82.5
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	774	84.5	93.3	89.4	1,446	86.9	92.1	89.7
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	769	67.9	76.1	72.4	1,438	68.7	78.0	73.7
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	763	43.8	30.3	36.3	1,431	40.5	29.0	34.3
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society	773	68.7	68.9	68.8	1,445	71.6	67.2	69.2
Dissent is a critical component of the political process	760	91.4	87.9	89.5	1,420	91.1	86.7	88.7
Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus	770	49.6	36.5	42.3	1,440	44.3	36.3	40.0
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions	771	42.0	37.1	39.3	1,439	42.0	37.9	39.7
The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit	765	48.5	43.3	45.6	1,430	51.5	41.9	46.3
Addressing global warming should be a federal priority	774	81.3	85.6	83.7	1,446	82.2	85.8	84.2

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	WCAS			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?								
Studying/homework	781				1,461			
None		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.3	0.1	0.2
Less than one hour		2.3	0.9	1.5		2.6	0.8	1.6
1 to 2 hours		9.6	3.7	6.3		8.9	4.9	6.7
3 to 5 hours		17.7	9.6	13.2		18.8	11.3	14.7
6 to 10 hours		24.3	22.7	23.4		24.9	23.9	24.4
11 to 15 hours		25.2	24.1	24.6		24.0	22.4	23.1
16 to 20 hours		11.3	17.7	14.9		10.1	18.1	14.4
Over 20 hours		9.6	21.1	16.0		10.5	18.5	14.9
Socializing with friends	781				1,462			
None		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.3	0.1
Less than one hour		0.6	0.7	0.6		0.8	0.6	0.7
1 to 2 hours		3.5	2.8	3.1		4.8	4.1	4.4
3 to 5 hours		16.8	22.2	19.8		17.3	22.6	20.2
6 to 10 hours		33.6	35.6	34.7		32.9	36.2	34.7
11 to 15 hours		20.0	21.3	20.7		20.1	21.5	20.9
16 to 20 hours		14.5	8.0	10.9		13.5	7.4	10.2
Over 20 hours		11.0	8.9	9.9		10.7	7.3	8.8
Talking with teachers outside of class	781				1,462			
None		5.8	3.9	4.7		5.4	3.8	4.5
Less than one hour		41.2	34.6	37.5		40.4	33.5	36.7
1 to 2 hours		35.1	40.4	38.0		37.1	40.5	38.9
3 to 5 hours		14.8	17.9	16.5		13.5	19.0	16.5
6 to 10 hours		2.0	2.3	2.2		2.6	2.4	2.5
11 to 15 hours		0.6	0.7	0.6		0.8	0.5	0.6
16 to 20 hours		0.3	0.2	0.3		0.2	0.4	0.3
Over 20 hours		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.2	0.0	0.1
Exercise or sports	781				1,462			
None		1.4	2.8	2.2		2.1	2.9	2.5
Less than one hour		6.4	6.9	6.7		6.5	8.7	7.7
1 to 2 hours		10.4	15.6	13.3		11.6	16.8	14.4
3 to 5 hours		21.4	24.1	22.9		23.0	23.7	23.4
6 to 10 hours		26.4	21.1	23.4		25.4	19.8	22.4
11 to 15 hours		15.4	17.4	16.5		16.4	15.8	16.1
16 to 20 hours		9.9	6.4	7.9		7.2	6.7	6.9
Over 20 hours		8.7	5.7	7.0		8.0	5.5	6.6
Partying	778				1,456			
None		28.7	33.3	31.2		30.2	35.8	33.2
Less than one hour		16.2	16.9	16.6		15.9	17.2	16.6
1 to 2 hours		20.3	20.1	20.2		20.0	19.7	19.8
3 to 5 hours		21.7	19.9	20.7		20.8	18.8	19.7
6 to 10 hours		9.9	7.4	8.5		9.5	6.8	8.0
11 to 15 hours		1.7	2.3	2.1		2.1	1.5	1.8
16 to 20 hours		0.9	0.0	0.4		0.8	0.0	0.3
Over 20 hours		0.6	0.2	0.4		0.8	0.1	0.4

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DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?										
Working (for pay)	781			1,461						
None	61.7	52.5	56.6	59.4	52.4	55.6				
Less than one hour	4.1	3.2	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.8				
1 to 2 hours	7.2	8.3	7.8	7.2	8.0	7.7				
3 to 5 hours	9.9	12.6	11.4	9.2	11.6	10.5				
6 to 10 hours	6.1	11.0	8.8	8.6	11.6	10.2				
11 to 15 hours	6.1	7.8	7.0	6.2	7.2	6.7				
16 to 20 hours	2.6	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.4				
Over 20 hours	2.3	0.7	1.4	2.6	1.9	2.2				
Volunteer work	781			1,459						
None	19.1	11.9	15.1	20.2	12.3	15.9				
Less than one hour	20.6	18.6	19.5	22.7	20.4	21.5				
1 to 2 hours	31.6	33.7	32.8	32.0	34.6	33.4				
3 to 5 hours	20.6	25.2	23.2	18.0	22.0	20.2				
6 to 10 hours	4.3	7.1	5.9	4.4	7.6	6.1				
11 to 15 hours	2.3	2.5	2.4	1.5	1.9	1.7				
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4				
Over 20 hours	1.4	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.8				
Student clubs/groups	781			1,459						
None	7.2	5.3	6.2	8.3	5.5	6.8				
Less than one hour	8.7	6.4	7.4	9.9	6.4	8.0				
1 to 2 hours	32.8	23.9	27.8	27.4	23.4	25.2				
3 to 5 hours	24.1	33.8	29.5	25.1	29.5	27.5				
6 to 10 hours	13.0	19.3	16.5	13.4	19.0	16.4				
11 to 15 hours	5.2	6.9	6.2	6.8	8.9	8.0				
16 to 20 hours	4.6	1.8	3.1	3.9	3.1	3.5				
Over 20 hours	4.3	2.5	3.3	5.3	4.0	4.6				
Watching TV	781			1,458						
None	9.3	8.1	8.6	8.9	7.8	8.3				
Less than one hour	9.0	11.8	10.5	10.5	12.4	11.5				
1 to 2 hours	23.8	24.9	24.4	23.3	25.1	24.3				
3 to 5 hours	27.2	32.3	30.0	28.0	32.4	30.4				
6 to 10 hours	16.8	17.3	17.1	17.9	15.9	16.8				
11 to 15 hours	6.1	2.3	4.0	5.9	4.0	4.9				
16 to 20 hours	3.8	2.5	3.1	2.6	1.6	2.1				
Over 20 hours	4.1	0.9	2.3	3.0	0.8	1.8				
Household/childcare duties	780			1,458						
None	20.3	16.3	18.1	19.4	13.9	16.4				
Less than one hour	22.0	25.3	23.8	23.9	25.3	24.7				
1 to 2 hours	32.2	32.6	32.4	31.7	35.1	33.5				
3 to 5 hours	20.9	18.6	19.6	19.8	19.5	19.7				
6 to 10 hours	3.2	4.6	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.0				
11 to 15 hours	0.9	1.8	1.4	0.5	1.4	1.0				
16 to 20 hours	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4				
Over 20 hours	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3				

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DURING YOUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU SPEND DURING A TYPICAL WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING?								
Reading for pleasure	780				1,458			
None		14.2	11.3	12.6		15.8	12.0	13.7
Less than one hour		22.6	19.5	20.9		21.5	20.9	21.2
1 to 2 hours		33.6	30.8	32.1		31.7	30.5	31.1
3 to 5 hours		19.1	24.6	22.2		19.5	23.8	21.9
6 to 10 hours		7.5	10.1	9.0		7.8	9.1	8.5
11 to 15 hours		1.7	2.3	2.1		2.3	2.1	2.2
16 to 20 hours		0.6	0.2	0.4		0.5	0.5	0.5
Over 20 hours		0.6	1.1	0.9		0.9	1.0	1.0
Playing video/computer games	780				1,459			
None		22.9	69.0	48.6		24.4	67.5	47.8
Less than one hour		17.7	15.4	16.4		16.4	17.1	16.8
1 to 2 hours		23.8	9.9	16.0		21.4	9.4	14.9
3 to 5 hours		20.6	4.6	11.7		20.5	4.7	11.9
6 to 10 hours		9.6	0.5	4.5		10.7	0.6	5.2
11 to 15 hours		3.8	0.2	1.8		3.9	0.3	1.9
16 to 20 hours		0.9	0.0	0.4		1.2	0.0	0.5
Over 20 hours		0.9	0.5	0.6		1.7	0.4	1.0
Online social networks (MySpace, Facebook, etc.)	780				1,459			
None		8.1	4.8	6.3		7.7	4.5	6.0
Less than one hour		16.8	15.2	15.9		15.9	13.2	14.5
1 to 2 hours		33.0	27.4	29.9		32.8	28.7	30.6
3 to 5 hours		23.5	31.0	27.7		25.1	32.0	28.9
6 to 10 hours		11.6	14.7	13.3		11.6	15.1	13.5
11 to 15 hours		4.1	3.9	4.0		4.1	4.3	4.2
16 to 20 hours		0.9	1.4	1.2		1.1	1.0	1.0
Over 20 hours		2.0	1.6	1.8		1.8	1.1	1.4
Are you: [4]	787				1,460			
White/Caucasian		62.9	66.5	64.9		68.4	68.6	68.5
African American/Black		2.9	4.3	3.7		2.9	4.9	4.0
American Indian/Alaska Native		0.9	0.9	0.9		0.9	0.8	0.8
Asian American/Asian		29.9	29.6	29.7		26.8	26.4	26.6
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		0.6	0.2	0.4		0.6	0.3	0.4
Mexican American/Chicano		2.6	2.3	2.4		2.4	2.4	2.4
Puerto Rican		0.6	1.6	1.1		0.5	1.1	0.8
Other Latino		5.2	4.8	5.0		4.5	4.5	4.5
Other		1.7	3.6	2.8		2.0	3.1	2.6

[4] Percentages will add to more than 100.0 if any student marked more than one category.

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Reasons noted as "very important" in influencing student's decision to attend this particular college								
My parents wanted me to come here	782	12.8	14.0	13.4	1,460	11.3	15.2	13.4
My relatives wanted me to come here	777	3.5	3.7	3.6	1,456	2.6	3.3	3.0
My teacher advised me	776	5.5	7.6	6.7	1,453	6.3	7.8	7.2
This college has a very good academic reputation	783	92.8	92.2	92.5	1,461	92.5	92.6	92.5
This college has a good reputation for its social activities	779	36.7	36.5	36.6	1,456	33.0	36.4	34.9
I was offered financial assistance	776	26.0	28.8	27.6	1,449	29.3	31.9	30.7
The cost of attending this college	775	17.2	19.9	18.7	1,449	20.4	22.1	21.3
High school counselor advised me	777	7.6	7.1	7.3	1,452	7.7	8.4	8.1
Private college counselor advised me	772	4.4	2.6	3.4	1,442	4.5	2.9	3.7
I wanted to live near home	779	4.1	6.0	5.1	1,455	4.1	5.6	4.9
Not offered aid by first choice	769	6.7	7.9	7.4	1,436	5.9	7.5	6.8
Could not afford first choice	767	5.3	5.6	5.5	1,431	4.9	5.4	5.2
This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	780	65.6	65.7	65.6	1,451	58.1	58.7	58.4
This college's graduates get good jobs	779	68.5	73.2	71.1	1,454	70.6	74.7	72.8
I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college	774	0.9	2.3	1.7	1,443	1.1	2.1	1.6
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	779	31.5	43.0	37.9	1,455	31.5	41.1	36.7
Rankings in national magazines	780	40.5	41.5	41.0	1,456	39.9	42.0	41.1
Information from a website	772	21.0	26.3	24.0	1,446	22.5	28.9	25.9
I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program	770	17.0	25.9	21.9	1,442	15.9	27.3	22.1
The athletic department recruited me	768	5.6	7.3	6.5	1,434	3.8	5.8	4.9
A visit to campus	776	41.9	55.6	49.5	1,451	45.3	56.0	51.1

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR								
Arts and Humanities	784				1,464			
Art, fine and applied		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.4	0.5	0.5
English (language & literature)		2.9	6.9	5.1		1.5	4.0	2.9
History		1.4	2.5	2.0		0.7	1.5	1.2
Journalism		0.3	1.1	0.8		6.0	13.8	10.2
Language and Literature (except English)		0.3	2.5	1.5		0.1	1.5	0.9
Music		0.3	0.2	0.3		5.4	3.4	4.3
Philosophy		1.7	0.5	1.0		0.9	0.3	0.5
Speech		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.6	0.1	0.3
Theater or Drama		0.0	0.2	0.1		4.9	5.4	5.2
Theology or Religion		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Arts and Humanities		0.6	1.1	0.9		0.7	2.0	1.4
Biological Science								
Biology (general)		7.5	11.0	9.4		4.0	6.2	5.2
Biochemistry or Biophysics		3.7	3.0	3.3		2.5	1.6	2.0
Botany		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.0	0.1
Environmental Science		0.6	1.1	0.9		0.3	0.6	0.5
Marine (Life) Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Microbiology or Bacteriology		0.6	1.1	0.9		0.3	0.8	0.5
Zoology		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Biological Science		0.0	1.4	0.8		0.1	0.8	0.5
Business								
Accounting		0.0	0.7	0.4		0.0	0.4	0.2
Business Admin. (general)		2.6	1.1	1.8		1.5	0.8	1.1
Finance		7.5	3.2	5.1		4.2	1.8	2.9
International Business		3.5	2.7	3.1		1.9	1.8	1.8
Marketing		1.2	1.4	1.3		0.6	0.9	0.8
Management		0.9	1.8	1.4		0.6	1.4	1.0
Secretarial Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Business		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Education								
Business Education		0.3	0.2	0.3		0.1	0.3	0.2
Elementary Education		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.3	0.1
Music or Art Education		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.4	0.1	0.3
Physical Education or Recreation		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Secondary Education		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.3	0.5	0.4
Special Education		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Education		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Engineering								
Aeronautical or Astronautical Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.0	0.1
Civil Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.8	1.0	1.4
Chemical Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		3.1	1.6	2.3
Computer Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	0.7
Electrical or Electronic Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		2.5	0.6	1.5
Industrial Engineering		0.6	0.0	0.3		2.4	0.8	1.5
Mechanical Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		4.3	1.0	2.5
Other Engineering		0.0	0.5	0.3		6.3	4.3	5.2

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YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR								
Physical Science								
Astronomy		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.0	0.1
Atmospheric Science (incl. Meteorology)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemistry		4.6	3.4	4.0		2.5	2.0	2.3
Earth Science		0.3	0.2	0.3		0.1	0.1	0.1
Marine Science (incl. Oceanography)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Mathematics		3.5	1.8	2.6		2.1	1.1	1.6
Physics		2.6	0.7	1.5		1.5	0.4	0.9
Other Physical Science		1.2	0.9	1.0		0.7	0.5	0.6
Professional								
Architecture or Urban Planning		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.3	0.2
Family & Consumer Sciences		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Health Technology (medical, dental, laboratory)		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1
Library or Archival Science		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine		7.5	8.9	8.3		4.6	6.0	5.4
Nursing		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.0	0.1	0.1
Pharmacy		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)		0.3	0.2	0.3		0.1	0.4	0.3
Other Professional		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Social Science								
Anthropology		0.6	2.1	1.4		0.4	1.4	1.0
Economics		20.5	6.2	12.5		10.9	3.4	6.8
Ethnic Studies		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.3	0.0	0.1
Geography		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Political Science (gov't., international relations)		7.8	8.5	8.2		4.5	5.0	4.8
Psychology		2.6	7.1	5.1		1.5	4.3	3.0
Public Policy		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.9	0.5
Social Work		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1
Sociology		0.9	0.7	0.8		0.4	0.4	0.4
Women's Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Social Science		0.0	0.5	0.3		0.0	0.3	0.1
Technical								
Building Trades		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Data Processing or Computer Programming		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.3	0.0	0.1
Drafting or Design		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Electronics		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Mechanics		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Technical		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Fields								
Agriculture		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Communications		0.3	0.2	0.3		2.5	5.3	4.0
Computer Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.1	0.2
Forestry		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Kinesiology		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Law Enforcement		0.3	0.0	0.1		0.1	0.0	0.1
Military Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Field		0.0	0.2	0.1		0.3	0.3	0.3
Undecided		8.6	12.6	10.8		4.8	7.7	6.4

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Objectives considered to be "essential" or "very important":								
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	781	15.9	22.5	19.6	1,457	26.1	30.9	28.7
Becoming an authority in my field	781	77.4	75.5	76.3	1,459	76.8	75.1	75.9
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	780	66.1	64.4	65.1	1,458	67.3	66.4	66.8
Influencing the political structure	779	30.4	22.8	26.2	1,455	27.6	25.3	26.3
Influencing social values	779	44.6	42.2	43.3	1,454	41.3	46.6	44.2
Raising a family	780	80.0	72.0	75.5	1,457	77.3	72.8	74.8
Being very well off financially	779	75.7	69.1	72.0	1,457	71.5	65.3	68.2
Helping others who are in difficulty	781	71.9	75.9	74.1	1,458	67.9	77.6	73.2
Making a theoretical contribution to science	780	29.6	19.8	24.1	1,455	27.9	16.6	21.7
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	781	22.0	22.9	22.5	1,458	25.2	29.5	27.5
Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	780	12.2	15.6	14.1	1,456	16.1	18.1	17.2
Becoming successful in a business of my own	778	42.6	33.5	37.5	1,454	39.6	30.8	34.8
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	780	29.6	32.0	30.9	1,457	31.6	33.7	32.7
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	779	67.5	61.1	63.9	1,455	68.4	65.7	66.9
Participating in a community action program	778	29.9	43.6	37.5	1,452	28.9	44.3	37.3
Helping to promote racial understanding	779	37.4	43.3	40.7	1,454	37.5	46.2	42.2
Keeping up to date with political affairs	779	61.4	56.5	58.7	1,454	61.7	61.3	61.5
Becoming a community leader	780	45.2	42.5	43.7	1,455	42.9	44.5	43.8
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	779	73.6	76.3	75.1	1,456	71.5	78.9	75.5
Adopting "green" practices to protect the environment	780	48.1	61.1	55.4	1,456	51.4	62.4	57.3

2008 TFS INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY

Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	WCAS			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Student estimates chances are "very good" that he/she will:								
Change major field	781	26.0	31.3	28.9	1,457	19.8	21.6	20.8
Change career choice	781	26.3	33.3	30.2	1,456	22.0	26.0	24.2
Participate in student government	782	9.0	13.5	11.5	1,458	8.3	13.4	11.0
Get a job to help pay for college expenses	781	41.4	50.7	46.6	1,456	45.2	53.2	49.5
Work full-time while attending college	782	1.7	0.7	1.2	1,457	1.5	1.6	1.6
Join a social fraternity or sorority	781	13.9	21.3	18.1	1,457	12.8	20.3	16.9
Play varsity/intercollegiate athletics	782	12.4	11.9	12.1	1,457	12.0	11.2	11.6
Make at least a "B" average	781	92.2	82.8	86.9	1,459	90.2	84.3	87.0
Need extra time to complete your degree requirements	781	2.3	3.0	2.7	1,458	3.5	3.0	3.2
Participate in student protests or demonstrations	778	9.3	12.2	10.9	1,453	11.6	14.7	13.3
Transfer to another college before graduating	780	0.9	1.4	1.2	1,455	0.9	1.1	1.0
Be satisfied with your college	780	83.5	81.8	82.6	1,457	82.2	84.2	83.3
Participate in volunteer or community service work	781	43.8	63.5	54.8	1,457	39.5	62.5	52.0
Seek personal counseling	777	6.7	8.1	7.5	1,453	6.8	9.5	8.3
Communicate regularly with your professors	780	65.8	74.0	70.4	1,457	65.4	71.6	68.8
Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	781	89.6	94.5	92.3	1,457	88.1	94.8	91.8
Participate in student clubs/groups	781	75.1	85.6	80.9	1,458	74.2	87.0	81.2
Participate in a study abroad program	780	48.7	69.2	60.1	1,457	42.6	68.9	56.9
Have a roommate of different race/ethnicity	779	51.5	60.5	56.5	1,454	49.3	58.3	54.2
Discuss course content with students outside of class	781	78.0	85.6	82.2	1,458	79.4	86.4	83.2
Work on a professor's research project	780	34.3	42.9	39.1	1,457	34.2	37.9	36.2
Get tutoring help in specific courses	779	19.5	32.6	26.8	1,455	18.4	29.8	24.6