

2008 TFS INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY

Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	Medill			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Number of Respondents		39	106	145		670	799	1,469
How old will you be on December 31 of this year?	145				1,468			
16 or younger		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.2
17		5.1	2.8	3.4		1.5	2.8	2.2
18		69.2	69.8	69.7		67.0	69.9	68.6
19		25.6	27.4	26.9		29.9	25.9	27.7
20		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.0	1.0	1.0
21 to 24		0.0	0.0	0.0		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?	145				1,469			
Yes		94.9	87.7	89.7		87.2	86.0	86.5
No		5.1	12.3	10.3		12.8	14.0	13.5
In what year did you graduate from high school?	145				1,469			
2008		100.0	100.0	100.0		99.1	98.9	99.0
2007		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.4	1.1	0.8
2006		0.0	0.0	0.0		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?	145				1,469			
5 or less		0.0	0.9	0.7		2.2	1.5	1.8
6 to 10		5.1	0.0	1.4		2.1	1.9	2.0
11 to 50		23.1	12.3	15.2		15.1	11.3	13.0
51 to 100		0.0	4.7	3.4		3.7	4.3	4.0
101 to 500		15.4	17.9	17.2		18.2	21.3	19.9
Over 500		56.4	64.2	62.1		58.7	59.8	59.3
What was your average grade in high school?	145				1,469			
A or A+		53.8	64.2	61.4		55.2	61.6	58.7
A-		35.9	29.2	31.0		33.0	29.9	31.3
B+		7.7	5.7	6.2		10.0	7.1	8.4
B		2.6	0.9	1.4		1.5	1.4	1.4
B-		0.0	0.0	0.0		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?	145				1,469			
Public school (<u>not</u> charter or magnet)		51.3	67.0	62.8		61.6	66.2	64.1
Public charter school		7.7	0.9	2.8		1.5	0.5	1.0
Public magnet school		2.6	4.7	4.1		4.3	4.1	4.2
Private religious/parochial school		17.9	10.4	12.4		12.7	9.8	11.1
Private independent college-prep school		20.5	16.0	17.2		19.9	18.9	19.3
Home school		0.0	0.9	0.7		0.0	0.5	0.3
Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at <u>this</u> institution?	145				1,469			
No		94.9	97.2	96.6		94.8	96.5	95.7
Yes		5.1	2.8	3.4		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)?	145				1,469			
No		97.4	90.6	92.4		90.3	90.2	90.3
Yes		2.6	9.4	7.6		9.7	9.8	9.7
Where do you plan to live during the fall term?	145				1,469			
With my family or other relatives		0.0	0.9	0.7		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		94.9	94.3	94.5		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		5.1	4.7	4.8		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?	145				1,467			
None		10.3	4.7	6.2		8.8	10.3	9.6
One		5.1	6.6	6.2		3.9	5.4	4.7
Two		15.4	7.5	9.7		4.3	5.3	4.8
Three		5.1	10.4	9.0		5.4	6.6	6.1
Four		5.1	12.3	10.3		8.4	8.4	8.4
Five		20.5	9.4	12.4		10.5	8.6	9.5
Six		5.1	14.2	11.7		8.7	9.0	8.9
Seven to ten		28.2	24.5	25.5		35.9	30.9	33.2
Eleven or more		5.1	10.4	9.0		14.1	15.5	14.9
Were you accepted by your first choice college?	145				1,466			
Yes		76.9	76.4	76.6		53.8	65.7	60.3
No		23.1	23.6	23.4		46.2	34.3	39.7
Is this college your:	145				1,465			
First choice?		76.9	74.5	75.2		50.4	62.6	57.0
Second choice?		12.8	13.2	13.1		26.0	20.2	22.9
Third choice?		7.7	8.5	8.3		14.5	11.2	12.7
Less than third choice?		2.6	3.8	3.4		9.1	6.0	7.4
Citizenship status	145				1,465			
U.S. citizen		97.4	95.2	95.8		90.3	91.7	91.1
Permanent resident (green card)		0.0	3.8	2.8		3.6	2.5	3.0
Neither		2.6	1.0	1.4		6.1	5.8	5.9
Are your parents:	145				1,468			
Both alive and living with each other?		87.2	79.2	81.4		85.5	82.5	83.9
Both alive, divorced or living apart?		7.7	19.8	16.6		11.8	15.3	13.7
One or both deceased?		5.1	0.9	2.1		2.7	2.3	2.5

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	Men	Medill Women	Total	# Resp- ondents	Men	Northwestern Women	Total
During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? [1]								
English (4 years)	145	97.4	100.0	99.3	1,467	98.5	99.7	99.2
Mathematics (3 years)	144	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,466	99.7	99.7	99.7
Foreign Language (2 years)	145	97.4	99.1	98.6	1,466	98.8	98.6	98.7
Physical Science (2 years)	145	71.8	67.0	68.3	1,466	80.5	71.9	75.9
Biological Science (2 years)	145	38.5	58.5	53.1	1,466	51.7	58.3	55.3
History/Am. Govt. (1 year)	145	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,463	99.7	99.7	99.7
Computer Science (1/2 year)	145	48.7	43.4	44.8	1,466	48.1	37.8	42.5
Arts and/or Music (1 year)	143	76.9	86.5	83.9	1,464	87.3	92.1	89.9
WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC DREGREE THAT YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN?								
Highest planned	143				1,441			
None		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.6	0.5
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.0	0.0		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.)		15.4	11.5	12.6		6.4	8.5	7.5
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		56.4	51.9	53.1		41.3	41.4	41.4
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		10.3	15.4	14.0		25.4	20.1	22.6
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		0.0	3.8	2.8		15.9	18.3	17.2
J.D. (Law)		17.9	17.3	17.5		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		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.1	0.9	1.0
Highest planned at this college	144				1,426			
None		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.4	0.2
Vocational certificate		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.3	0.2
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.2	1.2	1.2
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)		59.0	69.5	66.7		67.9	73.4	70.9
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)		35.9	27.6	29.9		19.5	15.2	17.2
Ph.D. or Ed.D.		0.0	1.9	1.4		4.0	2.6	3.2
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.		0.0	0.0	0.0		4.6	4.7	4.6
J.D. (Law)		5.1	1.0	2.1		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		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	1.2	0.8
HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE:								
High school I last attended	144				1,463			
Completely non-White		0.0	1.0	0.7		2.4	2.6	2.5
Mostly non-White		10.3	7.6	8.3		7.3	7.5	7.5
Roughly half non-White		17.9	24.8	22.9		18.4	23.6	21.3
Mostly White		66.7	60.0	61.8		65.8	60.9	63.2
Completely White		5.1	6.7	6.3		6.0	5.3	5.6
Neighborhood where I grew up	144				1,465			
Completely non-White		0.0	1.9	1.4		5.2	3.5	4.3
Mostly non-White		5.1	5.7	5.6		6.0	6.5	6.3
Roughly half non-White		17.9	11.4	13.2		11.1	10.3	10.6
Mostly White		66.7	64.8	65.3		61.4	64.9	63.3
Completely White		10.3	16.2	14.6		16.3	14.8	15.5

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

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	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Do you have a disability?									
Hearing	145	2.6	0.0	0.7	1,469	0.3	0.4	0.3	
Speech	145	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,469	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Orthopedic	145	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,469	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Learning disability	145	2.6	0.9	1.4	1,469	1.3	1.5	1.4	
Partially sighted or blind	145	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,469	1.0	1.1	1.1	
Health-related	145	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,469	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Other	145	2.6	0.0	0.7	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.)	145				1,469				
None		7.7	1.9	3.4		6.4	5.3	5.8	
Less than \$1,000		0.0	3.8	2.8		3.0	3.6	3.3	
\$1,000 to 2,999		0.0	8.5	6.2		4.9	4.8	4.8	
\$3,000 to 5,999		2.6	11.3	9.0		5.4	6.5	6.0	
\$6,000 to 9,999		7.7	7.5	7.6		5.5	6.6	6.1	
\$10,000 +		82.1	67.0	71.0		74.8	73.2	73.9	
My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)	142				1,469				
None		30.6	21.7	23.9		39.1	34.4	36.6	
Less than \$1,000		19.4	29.2	26.8		17.8	23.9	21.1	
\$1,000 to 2,999		30.6	26.4	27.5		27.3	28.0	27.7	
\$3,000 to 5,999		8.3	14.2	12.7		8.8	9.0	8.9	
\$6,000 to 9,999		2.8	4.7	4.2		2.5	2.6	2.6	
\$10,000 +		8.3	3.8	4.9		4.5	2.0	3.1	
Aid which need <u>not</u> be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)	145				1,469				
None		35.9	31.1	32.4		40.6	42.8	41.8	
Less than \$1,000		7.7	7.5	7.6		3.4	5.8	4.7	
\$1,000 to 2,999		20.5	9.4	12.4		10.4	9.8	10.1	
\$3,000 to 5,999		5.1	8.5	7.6		6.1	5.0	5.5	
\$6,000 to 9,999		0.0	0.9	0.7		3.6	3.5	3.5	
\$10,000 +		30.8	42.5	39.3		35.8	33.2	34.4	
Aid which <u>must</u> be repaid (loans, etc.)	143				1,469				
None		47.4	43.8	44.8		58.1	61.5	59.9	
Less than \$1,000		5.3	3.8	4.2		1.9	1.6	1.8	
\$1,000 to 2,999		5.3	7.6	7.0		7.2	6.1	6.6	
\$3,000 to 5,999		13.2	16.2	15.4		11.6	14.4	13.1	
\$6,000 to 9,999		10.5	10.5	10.5		5.7	4.6	5.1	
\$10,000 +		18.4	18.1	18.2		15.5	11.8	13.5	
Other than above	143				1,469				
None		89.2	92.8	91.8		93.7	94.0	93.9	
Less than \$1,000		5.4	3.1	3.7		2.5	3.1	2.9	
\$1,000 to 2,999		0.0	2.1	1.5		1.0	1.3	1.2	
\$3,000 to 5,999		2.7	0.0	0.7		0.9	0.1	0.5	
\$6,000 to 9,999		0.0	1.0	0.7		0.3	0.4	0.3	
\$10,000 +		2.7	1.0	1.5		1.5	1.1	1.3	

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What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes	141				1,375			
Less than \$10,000		0.0	1.9	1.4		0.9	1.6	1.3
\$10,000 to 14,999		2.6	0.0	0.7		0.8	0.3	0.5
\$15,000 to 19,999		0.0	1.9	1.4		0.5	1.1	0.8
\$20,000 to 24,999		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.9	1.0	0.9
\$25,000 to 29,999		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.4	1.0	1.2
\$30,000 to 39,999		0.0	2.9	2.1		2.5	4.6	3.6
\$40,000 to 49,999		0.0	3.9	2.8		3.1	2.3	2.7
\$50,000 to 59,999		10.5	10.7	10.6		4.4	4.1	4.2
\$60,000 to 74,999		0.0	5.8	4.3		4.8	7.4	6.2
\$75,000 to 99,999		13.2	16.5	15.6		14.2	11.3	12.7
\$100,000 to 149,999		7.9	17.5	14.9		18.2	20.3	19.3
\$150,000 to 199,999		23.7	8.7	12.8		11.1	10.1	10.5
\$200,000 to 249,999		2.6	2.9	2.8		9.5	7.4	8.4
\$250,000 or more		39.5	27.2	30.5		27.7	27.6	27.6
Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?	145				1,455			
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)		38.5	32.1	33.8		41.7	39.0	40.2
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)		56.4	54.7	55.2		50.8	52.0	51.5
Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)		5.1	13.2	11.0		7.5	9.0	8.3
Your current religious preference	144				1,440			
Baptist		5.1	3.8	4.2		2.0	2.8	2.4
Buddhist		0.0	1.0	0.7		1.4	1.5	1.5
Church of Christ		0.0	1.9	1.4		1.8	0.9	1.3
Eastern Orthodox		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.8	1.3	1.0
Episcopalian		2.6	2.9	2.8		2.0	2.0	2.0
Hindu		0.0	3.8	2.8		2.9	2.7	2.8
Jewish		20.5	16.2	17.4		14.0	13.3	13.6
LDS (Mormon)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.3	0.3
Lutheran		2.6	1.9	2.1		2.3	2.6	2.4
Methodist		7.7	2.9	4.2		4.0	4.3	4.2
Muslim		0.0	1.0	0.7		1.7	1.2	1.4
Presbyterian		2.6	4.8	4.2		5.9	5.2	5.6
Quaker		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.5	0.3
Roman Catholic		23.1	22.9	22.9		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		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Christian		2.6	10.5	8.3		5.5	10.9	8.4
Other Religion		0.0	1.9	1.4		2.6	2.3	2.4
None		33.3	24.8	27.1		31.6	28.4	29.9

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Father's current religious preference	144						1,436					
Baptist	5.3	6.6	6.3				2.9	2.9	2.9			
Buddhist	0.0	0.9	0.7				2.0	2.3	2.2			
Church of Christ	0.0	2.8	2.1				2.6	1.4	1.9			
Eastern Orthodox	0.0	0.0	0.0				1.2	1.5	1.4			
Episcopalian	2.6	2.8	2.8				3.8	2.7	3.2			
Hindu	0.0	4.7	3.5				3.8	3.2	3.5			
Jewish	28.9	14.2	18.1				15.6	14.1	14.8			
LDS (Mormon)	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.2	0.0	0.1			
Lutheran	2.6	1.9	2.1				3.5	3.5	3.5			
Methodist	2.6	2.8	2.8				3.8	4.7	4.3			
Muslim	0.0	2.8	2.1				2.1	1.8	1.9			
Presbyterian	0.0	5.7	4.2				7.5	5.9	6.6			
Quaker	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	0.1	0.1			
Roman Catholic	34.2	22.6	25.7				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	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.9	1.0	1.0			
Other Christian	2.6	9.4	7.6				6.0	8.6	7.4			
Other Religion	2.6	0.0	0.7				2.3	1.5	1.9			
None	18.4	22.6	21.5				19.2	23.4	21.5			
Mother's current religious preference	144						1,440					
Baptist	5.3	3.8	4.2				2.7	2.7	2.7			
Buddhist	0.0	1.9	1.4				2.6	2.8	2.7			
Church of Christ	0.0	2.8	2.1				2.7	1.8	2.2			
Eastern Orthodox	0.0	0.0	0.0				1.5	1.7	1.6			
Episcopalian	5.3	2.8	3.5				3.7	3.1	3.3			
Hindu	0.0	4.7	3.5				3.8	3.7	3.8			
Jewish	23.7	16.0	18.1				14.8	14.8	14.8			
LDS (Mormon)	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.2	0.4	0.3			
Lutheran	5.3	3.8	4.2				4.3	3.3	3.8			
Methodist	5.3	5.7	5.6				4.4	5.9	5.2			
Muslim	0.0	1.9	1.4				1.8	1.4	1.6			
Presbyterian	2.6	8.5	6.9				7.8	6.6	7.2			
Quaker	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.3	0.3	0.3			
Roman Catholic	28.9	23.6	25.0				25.9	23.4	24.5			
Seventh Day Adventist	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.2	0.0	0.1			
United Church of Christ/Congregational	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.9	0.8	0.8			
Other Christian	5.3	9.4	8.3				6.2	9.6	8.1			
Other Religion	10.5	0.0	2.8				2.9	1.7	2.2			
None	7.9	15.1	13.2				13.4	16.2	14.9			

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	Men	Medill Women	Total	# Resp- ondents	Men	Northwestern Women	Total
During the past year, student "frequently" or "occasionally":								
Attended a religious service	145	69.2	76.4	74.5	1,462	68.5	74.0	71.5
Was bored in class [2]	145	38.5	36.8	37.2	1,464	32.4	33.9	33.2
Participated in political demonstrations	145	33.3	34.0	33.8	1,463	27.6	29.3	28.5
Tutored another student	145	79.5	84.0	82.8	1,465	78.6	82.3	80.6
Studied with other students	145	97.4	95.3	95.9	1,465	94.0	96.1	95.2
Was a guest in a teacher's home	145	28.2	31.1	30.3	1,464	28.0	29.4	28.8
Smoked cigarettes [2]	145	2.6	1.9	2.1	1,462	1.9	1.6	1.8
Drank beer	145	53.8	34.9	40.0	1,457	40.5	32.4	36.1
Drank wine or liquor	144	48.7	49.5	49.3	1,456	43.1	42.4	42.7
Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do [2]	145	12.8	41.5	33.8	1,464	18.9	41.7	31.3
Felt depressed [2]	145	5.1	8.5	7.6	1,461	6.0	8.1	7.1
Performed volunteer work	145	87.2	95.3	93.1	1,465	93.1	96.2	94.8
Played a musical instrument	145	56.4	47.2	49.7	1,465	65.7	58.5	61.8
Asked a teacher for advice after class [2]	145	25.6	35.8	33.1	1,464	28.9	33.5	31.4
Voted in a student election [2]	145	20.5	30.2	27.6	1,465	22.8	28.0	25.6
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group [2]	145	71.8	77.4	75.9	1,464	78.6	77.5	78.0
Came late to class	144	61.5	54.3	56.3	1,463	57.9	58.5	58.2
Used the Internet: [2]								
For research or homework	145	92.3	92.5	92.4	1,466	89.4	92.6	91.1
To read news sites	145	82.1	69.8	73.1	1,466	68.9	59.5	63.8
To read blogs	144	35.9	33.3	34.0	1,464	28.9	29.4	29.2
To blog	144	7.7	15.2	13.2	1,464	9.0	11.8	10.5
Performed community service as part of a class	145	51.3	66.0	62.1	1,466	59.3	61.5	60.5
Discussed religion [2]	145	59.0	50.9	53.1	1,464	39.5	39.9	39.8
Discussed politics [2]	145	76.9	67.0	69.7	1,464	52.5	54.1	53.4
Worked on a local, state or national political campaign	145	23.1	27.4	26.2	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	143	97.4	100.0	99.3	1,464	97.9	97.5	97.7
Artistic ability	143	41.0	42.3	42.0	1,463	44.4	47.9	46.3
Computer skills	143	41.0	40.4	40.6	1,464	57.8	33.2	44.4
Cooperativeness	143	82.1	86.5	85.3	1,463	82.3	82.0	82.2
Creativity	143	87.2	87.5	87.4	1,464	76.6	71.4	73.8
Drive to achieve	143	89.7	96.2	94.4	1,463	91.8	94.3	93.2
Emotional health	143	64.1	62.5	62.9	1,463	72.9	60.0	65.9
Leadership ability	143	92.3	87.5	88.8	1,464	82.3	79.5	80.8
Mathematical ability	143	69.2	51.0	55.9	1,464	85.9	68.3	76.4
Physical health	143	74.4	58.7	62.9	1,464	69.6	59.0	63.9
Popularity	143	59.0	50.0	52.4	1,464	59.3	45.7	51.9
Public speaking ability	143	89.7	76.9	80.4	1,464	67.4	58.2	62.4
Self-confidence (intellectual)	143	97.4	87.5	90.2	1,463	91.0	78.6	84.3
Self-confidence (social)	143	69.2	68.3	68.5	1,463	62.9	55.6	58.9
Self-understanding	143	76.9	73.1	74.1	1,464	77.7	68.5	72.7
Spirituality	143	41.0	43.3	42.7	1,462	39.1	37.0	38.0
Understanding of others	142	71.8	81.6	78.9	1,463	76.3	79.5	78.1
Writing ability	143	100.0	97.1	97.9	1,464	72.8	75.4	74.2

[2] Percentage responding "frequently" only.

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	Men	Medill Women	Total	# Resp- ondents	Men	Northwestern 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	144	92.3	87.6	88.9	1,465	83.2	83.7	83.5
Tolerance of others with different beliefs	144	94.9	92.4	93.1	1,465	90.6	88.7	89.6
Openness to having my own views challenged	144	82.1	65.7	70.1	1,465	78.0	69.6	73.4
Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues	144	92.3	84.8	86.8	1,465	85.3	76.3	80.4
Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people	144	94.9	93.3	93.8	1,465	89.7	89.0	89.3
WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FORMAL EDUCATION OBTAINED BY YOUR PARENTS?								
Father	143				1,459			
Grammar school or less		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.3	0.3
Some high school		0.0	2.9	2.1		0.6	0.6	0.6
High school graduate		0.0	6.7	4.9		3.8	3.5	3.6
Postsecondary school other than college		0.0	3.8	2.8		0.8	1.5	1.2
Some college		5.3	6.7	6.3		5.4	7.0	6.3
College degree		36.8	21.9	25.9		23.3	22.9	23.1
Some graduate school		0.0	3.8	2.8		2.7	3.3	3.0
Graduate degree		57.9	54.3	55.2		63.0	60.9	61.8
Mother	145				1,464			
Grammar school or less		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.0	0.1
Some high school		0.0	0.9	0.7		0.2	0.5	0.3
High school graduate		2.6	4.7	4.1		4.5	3.9	4.2
Postsecondary school other than college		0.0	2.8	2.1		1.4	1.6	1.5
Some college		7.7	8.5	8.3		8.0	7.6	7.8
College degree		38.5	37.7	37.9		39.3	39.7	39.5
Some graduate school		5.1	5.7	5.5		3.3	5.4	4.4
Graduate degree		46.2	39.6	41.4		43.2	41.2	42.1
During the past year, did you "frequently":								
Ask questions in class	145	79.5	73.6	75.2	1,468	70.4	70.7	70.6
Support your opinions with a logical argument	144	97.4	85.7	88.9	1,467	87.6	83.7	85.5
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	145	79.5	74.5	75.9	1,467	77.2	77.8	77.6
Revise your papers to improve your writing	144	89.7	81.9	84.0	1,465	58.5	73.1	66.4
Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received	145	74.4	68.9	70.3	1,467	59.9	60.2	60.1
Take a risk because you feel you have more to gain	145	69.2	41.5	49.0	1,465	46.4	40.6	43.2
Seek alternative solutions to a problem	145	64.1	54.7	57.2	1,468	58.9	55.2	56.9
Look up scientific research articles and resources	145	28.2	32.1	31.0	1,467	38.3	32.4	35.1
Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class	145	61.5	54.7	56.6	1,467	51.5	42.4	46.6
Accept mistakes as part of the learning process	145	69.2	57.5	60.7	1,468	59.2	58.7	58.9
Seek feedback on your academic work	145	74.4	76.4	75.9	1,467	57.9	66.0	62.3
Take notes during class	145	71.8	84.0	80.7	1,468	65.5	86.9	77.1

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	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	
Your probable career occupation	145			1,459						
Accountant or actuary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9				
Actor or entertainer	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	5.2	4.9				
Architect or urban planner	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.5				
Artist	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.1	1.0				
Business (clerical)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3				
Business executive (management, administrator)	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	8.1	11.7				
Business owner or proprietor	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	1.0	2.3				
Business salesperson or buyer	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.6	1.0				
College administrator/staff	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1				
College teacher	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.4	1.6				
Computer programmer or analyst	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.4				
Conservationist or forester	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1				
Dentist (including orthodontist)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.5				
Dietitian or nutritionist	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1				
Engineer	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.2	6.6	10.1				
Farmer or rancher	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1				
Foreign service worker (including diplomat)	2.6	0.0	0.7	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1				
Law enforcement officer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1				
Lawyer (attorney) or judge	12.8	7.5	9.0	7.2	5.2	6.1				
Military service (career)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1				
Musician (performer, composer)	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	3.0	3.9				
Nurse	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3				
Optometrist	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1				
Pharmacist	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1				
Physician	0.0	3.8	2.8	12.7	14.8	13.8				
Policy maker/Government	2.6	0.0	0.7	1.5	2.0	1.8				
School counselor	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1				
School principal or superintendent	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1				
Scientific researcher	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	2.1	3.1				
Social, welfare, or recreation worker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.4				
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)	0.0	0.0	0.0	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)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.6	0.8				
Veterinarian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1				
Writer or journalist	74.4	86.8	83.4	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	0.0	0.9	0.7	2.7	3.2	2.9				
Undecided	7.7	0.9	2.8	13.3	19.2	16.5				

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents	Medill			# Resp- ondents	Northwestern		
		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Your father's occupation [3]	143				1,449			
Artist		2.6	1.0	1.4		2.4	1.5	1.9
Business		39.5	36.2	37.1		37.9	33.4	35.5
Business (clerical)		0.0	1.0	0.7		0.5	1.1	0.8
Clergy		2.6	1.0	1.4		0.9	0.5	0.7
College teacher		0.0	1.0	0.7		2.7	3.0	2.9
Doctor (MD or DDS)		7.9	9.5	9.1		11.5	12.8	12.2
Education (secondary)		5.3	1.0	2.1		2.0	0.9	1.4
Education (elementary)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.6	0.4	0.5
Engineer		2.6	7.6	6.3		9.1	9.0	9.0
Farmer or forester		0.0	1.0	0.7		0.3	0.4	0.3
Health professional		2.6	1.9	2.1		1.4	0.8	1.0
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Lawyer		21.1	9.5	12.6		8.3	9.3	8.8
Military (career)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.4	0.4
Nurse		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.3	0.1
Research scientist		0.0	3.8	2.8		1.2	3.6	2.5
Social/welfare/rec worker		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.4	0.2
Skilled worker		0.0	2.9	2.1		2.7	2.5	2.6
Semi-skilled worker		2.6	2.9	2.8		1.4	1.1	1.2
Unskilled worker		0.0	1.9	1.4		0.5	0.9	0.7
Unemployed		5.3	3.8	4.2		1.1	2.4	1.8
Other		7.9	14.3	12.6		15.3	15.2	15.3
Your mother's occupation [3]	144				1,452			
Artist		15.8	3.8	6.9		5.3	3.8	4.5
Business		10.5	13.2	12.5		15.7	16.3	16.0
Business (clerical)		0.0	3.8	2.8		2.4	2.5	2.5
Clergy		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.6	0.6	0.6
College teacher		0.0	1.9	1.4		2.1	1.3	1.7
Doctor (MD or DDS)		2.6	1.9	2.1		4.2	5.2	4.8
Education (secondary)		2.6	5.7	4.9		6.6	4.8	5.6
Education (elementary)		10.5	4.7	6.3		5.4	4.3	4.8
Engineer		0.0	3.8	2.8		2.1	2.0	2.1
Farmer or forester		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.0	0.2
Health professional		2.6	1.9	2.1		3.8	3.5	3.7
Homemaker (full-time)		0.0	26.4	19.4		17.6	19.6	18.7
Lawyer		10.5	2.8	4.9		3.5	3.9	3.7
Military (career)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.0	0.1
Nurse		10.5	1.9	4.2		3.9	5.1	4.5
Research scientist		0.0	0.9	0.7		0.6	1.8	1.2
Social/welfare/rec worker		7.9	0.9	2.8		2.1	1.9	2.0
Skilled worker		2.6	0.9	1.4		0.9	0.6	0.8
Semi-skilled worker		0.0	0.9	0.7		1.4	1.5	1.4
Unskilled worker		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.9	0.6
Unemployed		5.3	6.6	6.3		7.1	4.7	5.8
Other		18.4	17.9	18.1		13.9	15.5	14.7
How would you characterize your political views?	144				1,457			
Far left		12.8	5.7	7.6		4.7	5.8	5.3
Liberal		61.5	56.2	57.6		48.0	54.4	51.5
Middle-of-the-road		17.9	22.9	21.5		31.5	28.2	29.7
Conservative		7.7	15.2	13.2		15.1	11.3	13.0
Far right		0.0	0.0	0.0		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	Medill			# 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	144	23.1	46.7	40.3	1,440	46.1	44.0	45.0
Abortion should be legal	145	84.6	74.5	77.2	1,446	79.2	77.9	78.5
The death penalty should be abolished	143	73.7	54.3	59.4	1,440	51.8	56.2	54.2
Marijuana should be legalized	142	69.2	48.5	54.2	1,440	54.1	44.2	48.8
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	145	5.1	9.4	8.3	1,445	12.7	11.6	12.1
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	145	10.3	9.4	9.7	1,449	17.1	12.4	14.6
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	144	10.3	11.4	11.1	1,445	24.6	17.8	20.9
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	143	87.2	59.6	67.1	1,439	62.2	63.1	62.7
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	145	94.9	85.8	88.3	1,443	78.8	83.0	81.1
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	145	51.3	63.2	60.0	1,435	64.2	60.8	62.4
Federal military spending should be increased	144	12.8	13.3	13.2	1,433	16.1	11.4	13.5
The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns	145	92.3	92.5	92.4	1,443	81.0	90.7	86.2
Only volunteers should serve in the armed forces	144	76.9	85.7	83.3	1,441	82.9	82.2	82.5
The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution	144	92.3	90.5	91.0	1,446	86.9	92.1	89.7
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	143	82.1	78.8	79.7	1,438	68.7	78.0	73.7
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	143	15.8	29.5	25.9	1,431	40.5	29.0	34.3
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society	144	74.4	71.4	72.2	1,445	71.6	67.2	69.2
Dissent is a critical component of the political process	142	100.0	88.3	91.5	1,420	91.1	86.7	88.7
Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus	144	33.3	33.3	33.3	1,440	44.3	36.3	40.0
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions	144	51.3	34.3	38.9	1,439	42.0	37.9	39.7
The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit	143	61.5	40.4	46.2	1,430	51.5	41.9	46.3
Addressing global warming should be a federal priority	144	84.6	84.8	84.7	1,446	82.2	85.8	84.2

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Northwestern University First-time Full-time	# Resp- ondents			Medill			# Resp- ondents			Northwestern		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	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	144						1,461					
None	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Less than one hour	0.0	1.0	0.7	2.6	0.8	1.6	2.6	0.8	1.6	2.6	0.8	1.6
1 to 2 hours	0.0	7.6	5.6	8.9	4.9	6.7	8.9	4.9	6.7	8.9	4.9	6.7
3 to 5 hours	20.5	18.1	18.8	18.8	11.3	14.7	18.8	11.3	14.7	18.8	11.3	14.7
6 to 10 hours	23.1	20.0	20.8	24.9	23.9	24.4	24.9	23.9	24.4	24.9	23.9	24.4
11 to 15 hours	35.9	21.0	25.0	24.0	22.4	23.1	24.0	22.4	23.1	24.0	22.4	23.1
16 to 20 hours	12.8	18.1	16.7	10.1	18.1	14.4	10.1	18.1	14.4	10.1	18.1	14.4
Over 20 hours	7.7	14.3	12.5	10.5	18.5	14.9	10.5	18.5	14.9	10.5	18.5	14.9
Socializing with friends	145						1,462					
None	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
Less than one hour	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7
1 to 2 hours	0.0	2.8	2.1	4.8	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.1	4.4
3 to 5 hours	15.4	16.0	15.9	17.3	22.6	20.2	17.3	22.6	20.2	17.3	22.6	20.2
6 to 10 hours	35.9	44.3	42.1	32.9	36.2	34.7	32.9	36.2	34.7	32.9	36.2	34.7
11 to 15 hours	23.1	28.3	26.9	20.1	21.5	20.9	20.1	21.5	20.9	20.1	21.5	20.9
16 to 20 hours	10.3	4.7	6.2	13.5	7.4	10.2	13.5	7.4	10.2	13.5	7.4	10.2
Over 20 hours	15.4	2.8	6.2	10.7	7.3	8.8	10.7	7.3	8.8	10.7	7.3	8.8
Talking with teachers outside of class	145						1,462					
None	0.0	5.7	4.1	5.4	3.8	4.5	5.4	3.8	4.5	5.4	3.8	4.5
Less than one hour	41.0	34.9	36.6	40.4	33.5	36.7	40.4	33.5	36.7	40.4	33.5	36.7
1 to 2 hours	35.9	38.7	37.9	37.1	40.5	38.9	37.1	40.5	38.9	37.1	40.5	38.9
3 to 5 hours	17.9	17.0	17.2	13.5	19.0	16.5	13.5	19.0	16.5	13.5	19.0	16.5
6 to 10 hours	5.1	1.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5
11 to 15 hours	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
Over 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Exercise or sports	145						1,462					
None	2.6	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.9	2.5
Less than one hour	5.1	7.5	6.9	6.5	8.7	7.7	6.5	8.7	7.7	6.5	8.7	7.7
1 to 2 hours	12.8	17.0	15.9	11.6	16.8	14.4	11.6	16.8	14.4	11.6	16.8	14.4
3 to 5 hours	28.2	21.7	23.4	23.0	23.7	23.4	23.0	23.7	23.4	23.0	23.7	23.4
6 to 10 hours	12.8	26.4	22.8	25.4	19.8	22.4	25.4	19.8	22.4	25.4	19.8	22.4
11 to 15 hours	12.8	13.2	13.1	16.4	15.8	16.1	16.4	15.8	16.1	16.4	15.8	16.1
16 to 20 hours	5.1	8.5	7.6	7.2	6.7	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.9
Over 20 hours	20.5	3.8	8.3	8.0	5.5	6.6	8.0	5.5	6.6	8.0	5.5	6.6
Partying	145						1,456					
None	23.1	34.0	31.0	30.2	35.8	33.2	30.2	35.8	33.2	30.2	35.8	33.2
Less than one hour	12.8	11.3	11.7	15.9	17.2	16.6	15.9	17.2	16.6	15.9	17.2	16.6
1 to 2 hours	30.8	23.6	25.5	20.0	19.7	19.8	20.0	19.7	19.8	20.0	19.7	19.8
3 to 5 hours	15.4	23.6	21.4	20.8	18.8	19.7	20.8	18.8	19.7	20.8	18.8	19.7
6 to 10 hours	12.8	6.6	8.3	9.5	6.8	8.0	9.5	6.8	8.0	9.5	6.8	8.0
11 to 15 hours	5.1	0.9	2.1	2.1	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.8
16 to 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.3
Over 20 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.1	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)								
	145				1,461			
None		56.4	42.5	46.2		59.4	52.4	55.6
Less than one hour		5.1	6.6	6.2		3.5	4.0	3.8
1 to 2 hours		10.3	7.5	8.3		7.2	8.0	7.7
3 to 5 hours		7.7	10.4	9.7		9.2	11.6	10.5
6 to 10 hours		12.8	13.2	13.1		8.6	11.6	10.2
11 to 15 hours		2.6	11.3	9.0		6.2	7.2	6.7
16 to 20 hours		5.1	4.7	4.8		3.5	3.4	3.4
Over 20 hours		0.0	3.8	2.8		2.6	1.9	2.2
Volunteer work								
	144				1,459			
None		15.4	14.3	14.6		20.2	12.3	15.9
Less than one hour		25.6	23.8	24.3		22.7	20.4	21.5
1 to 2 hours		35.9	32.4	33.3		32.0	34.6	33.4
3 to 5 hours		20.5	19.0	19.4		18.0	22.0	20.2
6 to 10 hours		2.6	9.5	7.6		4.4	7.6	6.1
11 to 15 hours		0.0	1.0	0.7		1.5	1.9	1.7
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.5	0.4
Over 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.9	0.6	0.8
Student clubs/groups								
	145				1,459			
None		5.1	4.7	4.8		8.3	5.5	6.8
Less than one hour		10.3	6.6	7.6		9.9	6.4	8.0
1 to 2 hours		5.1	17.0	13.8		27.4	23.4	25.2
3 to 5 hours		25.6	29.2	28.3		25.1	29.5	27.5
6 to 10 hours		23.1	25.5	24.8		13.4	19.0	16.4
11 to 15 hours		20.5	9.4	12.4		6.8	8.9	8.0
16 to 20 hours		0.0	3.8	2.8		3.9	3.1	3.5
Over 20 hours		10.3	3.8	5.5		5.3	4.0	4.6
Watching TV								
	145				1,458			
None		2.6	7.5	6.2		8.9	7.8	8.3
Less than one hour		20.5	9.4	12.4		10.5	12.4	11.5
1 to 2 hours		10.3	27.4	22.8		23.3	25.1	24.3
3 to 5 hours		23.1	35.8	32.4		28.0	32.4	30.4
6 to 10 hours		30.8	16.0	20.0		17.9	15.9	16.8
11 to 15 hours		7.7	3.8	4.8		5.9	4.0	4.9
16 to 20 hours		2.6	0.0	0.7		2.6	1.6	2.1
Over 20 hours		2.6	0.0	0.7		3.0	0.8	1.8
Household/childcare duties								
	145				1,458			
None		12.8	8.5	9.7		19.4	13.9	16.4
Less than one hour		23.1	32.1	29.7		23.9	25.3	24.7
1 to 2 hours		28.2	34.0	32.4		31.7	35.1	33.5
3 to 5 hours		30.8	22.6	24.8		19.8	19.5	19.7
6 to 10 hours		5.1	1.9	2.8		3.9	4.2	4.0
11 to 15 hours		0.0	0.9	0.7		0.5	1.4	1.0
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.5	0.4
Over 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		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	144				1,458			
None		7.7	10.5	9.7		15.8	12.0	13.7
Less than one hour		25.6	13.3	16.7		21.5	20.9	21.2
1 to 2 hours		25.6	32.4	30.6		31.7	30.5	31.1
3 to 5 hours		23.1	30.5	28.5		19.5	23.8	21.9
6 to 10 hours		7.7	8.6	8.3		7.8	9.1	8.5
11 to 15 hours		7.7	1.0	2.8		2.3	2.1	2.2
16 to 20 hours		0.0	1.9	1.4		0.5	0.5	0.5
Over 20 hours		2.6	1.9	2.1		0.9	1.0	1.0
Playing video/computer games	145				1,459			
None		38.5	68.9	60.7		24.4	67.5	47.8
Less than one hour		10.3	17.0	15.2		16.4	17.1	16.8
1 to 2 hours		17.9	7.5	10.3		21.4	9.4	14.9
3 to 5 hours		23.1	5.7	10.3		20.5	4.7	11.9
6 to 10 hours		7.7	0.9	2.8		10.7	0.6	5.2
11 to 15 hours		2.6	0.0	0.7		3.9	0.3	1.9
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.2	0.0	0.5
Over 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.7	0.4	1.0
Online social networks (MySpace, Facebook, etc.)	145				1,459			
None		2.6	5.7	4.8		7.7	4.5	6.0
Less than one hour		20.5	12.3	14.5		15.9	13.2	14.5
1 to 2 hours		23.1	25.5	24.8		32.8	28.7	30.6
3 to 5 hours		33.3	37.7	36.6		25.1	32.0	28.9
6 to 10 hours		12.8	14.2	13.8		11.6	15.1	13.5
11 to 15 hours		7.7	4.7	5.5		4.1	4.3	4.2
16 to 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.1	1.0	1.0
Over 20 hours		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.8	1.1	1.4
Are you: [4]	145				1,460			
White/Caucasian		89.7	67.0	73.1		68.4	68.6	68.5
African American/Black		2.6	8.5	6.9		2.9	4.9	4.0
American Indian/Alaska Native		0.0	0.9	0.7		0.9	0.8	0.8
Asian American/Asian		7.7	23.6	19.3		26.8	26.4	26.6
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.6	0.3	0.4
Mexican American/Chicano		2.6	2.8	2.8		2.4	2.4	2.4
Puerto Rican		0.0	1.9	1.4		0.5	1.1	0.8
Other Latino		5.1	7.5	6.9		4.5	4.5	4.5
Other		7.7	2.8	4.1		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	145	10.3	11.3	11.0	1,460	11.3	15.2	13.4
My relatives wanted me to come here	145	2.6	3.8	3.4	1,456	2.6	3.3	3.0
My teacher advised me	144	2.6	6.7	5.6	1,453	6.3	7.8	7.2
This college has a very good academic reputation	145	92.3	93.4	93.1	1,461	92.5	92.6	92.5
This college has a good reputation for its social activities	145	23.1	34.0	31.0	1,456	33.0	36.4	34.9
I was offered financial assistance	144	23.1	29.5	27.8	1,449	29.3	31.9	30.7
The cost of attending this college	144	15.4	18.1	17.4	1,449	20.4	22.1	21.3
High school counselor advised me	144	7.7	9.5	9.0	1,452	7.7	8.4	8.1
Private college counselor advised me	143	0.0	2.9	2.1	1,442	4.5	2.9	3.7
I wanted to live near home	145	5.1	3.8	4.1	1,455	4.1	5.6	4.9
Not offered aid by first choice	142	0.0	1.9	1.4	1,436	5.9	7.5	6.8
Could not afford first choice	141	2.6	1.0	1.4	1,431	4.9	5.4	5.2
This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	143	30.8	52.9	46.9	1,451	58.1	58.7	58.4
This college's graduates get good jobs	145	66.7	81.1	77.2	1,454	70.6	74.7	72.8
I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college	142	0.0	1.0	0.7	1,443	1.1	2.1	1.6
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college	144	30.8	33.3	32.6	1,455	31.5	41.1	36.7
Rankings in national magazines	145	25.6	47.2	41.4	1,456	39.9	42.0	41.1
Information from a website	143	20.5	29.8	27.3	1,446	22.5	28.9	25.9
I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program	142	23.1	35.0	31.7	1,442	15.9	27.3	22.1
The athletic department recruited me	141	2.6	1.0	1.4	1,434	3.8	5.8	4.9
A visit to campus	145	53.8	50.9	51.7	1,451	45.3	56.0	51.1

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR								
Arts and Humanities	145				1,464			
Art, fine and applied		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.4	0.5	0.5
English (language & literature)		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	4.0	2.9
History		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.7	1.5	1.2
Journalism		100.0	97.2	97.9		6.0	13.8	10.2
Language and Literature (except English)		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	1.5	0.9
Music		0.0	0.0	0.0		5.4	3.4	4.3
Philosophy		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.9	0.3	0.5
Speech		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.6	0.1	0.3
Theater or Drama		0.0	0.0	0.0		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		0.0	0.9	0.7		0.7	2.0	1.4
Biological Science								
Biology (general)		0.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	6.2	5.2
Biochemistry or Biophysics		0.0	0.0	0.0		2.5	1.6	2.0
Botany		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0	0.1
Environmental Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.6	0.5
Marine (Life) Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Microbiology or Bacteriology		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.8	0.5
Zoology		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Biological Science		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.8	0.5
Business								
Accounting		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.4	0.2
Business Admin. (general)		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.8	1.1
Finance		0.0	0.0	0.0		4.2	1.8	2.9
International Business		0.0	0.0	0.0		1.9	1.8	1.8
Marketing		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.6	0.9	0.8
Management		0.0	0.0	0.0		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		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.2
Elementary Education		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.3	0.1
Music or Art Education		0.0	0.0	0.0		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	0.0	0.0		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		0.0	0.0	0.0		2.4	0.8	1.5
Mechanical Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		4.3	1.0	2.5
Other Engineering		0.0	0.0	0.0		6.3	4.3	5.2

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
YOUR PROBABLE MAJOR								
Physical Science								
Astronomy		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Atmospheric Science (incl. Meteorology)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Chemistry		0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.0	2.3	
Earth Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Marine Science (incl. Oceanography)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Mathematics		0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.1	1.6	
Physics		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.4	0.9	
Other Physical Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	
Professional								
Architecture or Urban Planning		0.0	0.0	0.0	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)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Library or Archival Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine		0.0	0.9	0.7	4.6	6.0	5.4	
Nursing		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Pharmacy		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	
Other Professional		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Social Science								
Anthropology		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.4	1.0	
Economics		0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	3.4	6.8	
Ethnic Studies		0.0	0.0	0.0	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)		0.0	0.9	0.7	4.5	5.0	4.8	
Psychology		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.3	3.0	
Public Policy		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.5	
Social Work		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Sociology		0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	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		0.0	0.0	0.0	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		0.0	0.0	0.0	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		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Military Science		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other Field		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Undecided		0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	7.7	6.4	

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		Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
Objectives considered to be "essential" or "very important":								
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	143	15.4	24.0	21.7	1,457	26.1	30.9	28.7
Becoming an authority in my field	145	76.9	81.1	80.0	1,459	76.8	75.1	75.9
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	145	69.2	73.6	72.4	1,458	67.3	66.4	66.8
Influencing the political structure	144	51.3	48.6	49.3	1,455	27.6	25.3	26.3
Influencing social values	143	53.8	63.5	60.8	1,454	41.3	46.6	44.2
Raising a family	145	64.1	71.7	69.7	1,457	77.3	72.8	74.8
Being very well off financially	145	53.8	63.2	60.7	1,457	71.5	65.3	68.2
Helping others who are in difficulty	144	69.2	81.0	77.8	1,458	67.9	77.6	73.2
Making a theoretical contribution to science	143	5.1	2.9	3.5	1,455	27.9	16.6	21.7
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	145	82.1	71.7	74.5	1,458	25.2	29.5	27.5
Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	143	10.3	17.3	15.4	1,456	16.1	18.1	17.2
Becoming successful in a business of my own	144	20.5	17.1	18.1	1,454	39.6	30.8	34.8
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	144	28.2	27.6	27.8	1,457	31.6	33.7	32.7
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	143	76.9	72.1	73.4	1,455	68.4	65.7	66.9
Participating in a community action program	144	35.9	44.8	42.4	1,452	28.9	44.3	37.3
Helping to promote racial understanding	144	51.3	54.3	53.5	1,454	37.5	46.2	42.2
Keeping up to date with political affairs	144	87.2	84.8	85.4	1,454	61.7	61.3	61.5
Becoming a community leader	143	53.8	53.8	53.8	1,455	42.9	44.5	43.8
Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures	145	82.1	90.6	88.3	1,456	71.5	78.9	75.5
Adopting "green" practices to protect the environment	144	53.8	63.8	61.1	1,456	51.4	62.4	57.3

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Student estimates chances are "very good" that he/she will:								
Change major field	145	5.1	0.9	2.1	1,457	19.8	21.6	20.8
Change career choice	145	12.8	9.4	10.3	1,456	22.0	26.0	24.2
Participate in student government	144	12.8	17.1	16.0	1,458	8.3	13.4	11.0
Get a job to help pay for college expenses	145	35.9	67.9	59.3	1,456	45.2	53.2	49.5
Work full-time while attending college	144	0.0	2.9	2.1	1,457	1.5	1.6	1.6
Join a social fraternity or sorority	144	12.8	29.5	25.0	1,457	12.8	20.3	16.9
Play varsity/intercollegiate athletics	144	12.8	10.5	11.1	1,457	12.0	11.2	11.6
Make at least a "B" average	145	84.6	88.7	87.6	1,459	90.2	84.3	87.0
Need extra time to complete your degree requirements	145	0.0	1.9	1.4	1,458	3.5	3.0	3.2
Participate in student protests or demonstrations	144	23.1	21.0	21.5	1,453	11.6	14.7	13.3
Transfer to another college before graduating	144	2.6	0.0	0.7	1,455	0.9	1.1	1.0
Be satisfied with your college	145	84.6	84.9	84.8	1,457	82.2	84.2	83.3
Participate in volunteer or community service work	145	41.0	62.3	56.6	1,457	39.5	62.5	52.0
Seek personal counseling	144	5.1	8.6	7.6	1,453	6.8	9.5	8.3
Communicate regularly with your professors	145	74.4	68.9	70.3	1,457	65.4	71.6	68.8
Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group	145	82.1	99.1	94.5	1,457	88.1	94.8	91.8
Participate in student clubs/groups	145	76.9	94.3	89.7	1,458	74.2	87.0	81.2
Participate in a study abroad program	145	35.9	71.7	62.1	1,457	42.6	68.9	56.9
Have a roommate of different race/ethnicity	144	46.2	58.1	54.9	1,454	49.3	58.3	54.2
Discuss course content with students outside of class	145	92.3	88.7	89.7	1,458	79.4	86.4	83.2
Work on a professor's research project	145	25.6	26.4	26.2	1,457	34.2	37.9	36.2
Get tutoring help in specific courses	144	15.4	25.7	22.9	1,455	18.4	29.8	24.6