

The Evergreen State College

Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006

Tribal: Reservation-based/Community-Determined Programs

Overview

This report summarizes the responses of 29 students in the Tribal: Reservation-based/Community-Determined Programs who responded to the Evergreen Student Experience Survey in 2006. All 40 degree-seeking students who were enrolled in a Tribal: Reservation-based/Community-Determined Program as of 10th day of Spring Quarter were asked to participate. This report is to aid in the assessment of the Tribal: Reservation-based/Community-Determined Programs through data-gathering that is specific to the population of students enrolled in Tribal Programs.

There were four students who were not degree-seeking students by 10th day of Spring Quarter, but for whom responses are included in this report. The responses of three special (non-degree-seeking) students and one regular (degree-seeking) student who enrolled after 10th day were included for more statistical power given the relatively small number of responses. Additionally, there are special students who regularly participate in the Tribal programs and often matriculate just before earning a degree.

Number of Tribal Reservation-based students responded	29
Total number of Tribal Reservation-based students enrolled 10th day plus four additional responses	44
Percentage responded	66%

Survey Response Types

The largest proportion of responses were obtained within a proctored session, where students enrolled in a Tribal Program were encouraged to fill out the survey. Twenty-eight percent of the responses were completed in a web version of the survey.

<i>Survey Response Types</i>	N	%
Proctored survey	21	72%
Web survey	8	28%

Demographic Comparisons Between Respondents and the Degree-Seeking Tribal Undergraduate Population

Given the relatively high percentage of Tribal Program students responding (66%), respondents appear to be largely representative of the population. In order to test the representativeness of responses, comparisons were made between the demographics of respondents and those of the population of students enrolled in a Tribal Program as of 10th day. Results are shown in the following tables. There were slight differences in terms of gender and race/ethnicity, although these differences were not statistically significant. (Chi square tests were used to test for statistically significant differences on these items.) There were some differences in the class standing of respondents compared to the population of degree-seeking students, since the responses of three special students were included among responses. The proportion of students new in Academic Year 05-06 and those who were continuing was similar between respondents and the population.

Gender of Respondents Compared to Population of Degree-Seeking Tribal Program Students

	N Respondents	% of Respondents	N Degree-Seeking Tribal Undergraduates Spring 2006	% of Tribal Undergraduates Spring 2006
Female	21	72%	30	75%
Male	8	28%	10	25%

Race/Ethnicity of Respondents Compared to Population of Degree-Seeking Tribal Program Students

Of the survey respondents, 89.7% self-identified as Native American or Alaska Native at the time of application to Evergreen. Of the percentage of degree-seeking Tribal Program students, 82.5% had self-identified as a Native American or Alaska Native. Through a Chi Square test, this difference was not found to be significant.

Class Standing of Respondents Compared to Population of Degree-Seeking Tribal Program Students

	N Respondents	% of Respondents	N Degree-Seeking Tribal Undergraduates Spring 2006	% of Tribal Undergraduates Spring 2006
Freshmen	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
Sophomores	9	31.0%	16	40.0%
Juniors	16	55.2%	20	50.0%
Seniors	1	3.4%	3	7.5%
Special	3	10.3%	0	0.0%

Proportion of New and Continuing Respondents Compared to Population of Degree-Seeking Tribal Program Students

	N Respondents	% of Respondents	N Degree-Seeking Tribal Undergraduates Spring 2006	% of Tribal Undergraduates Spring 2006
New in AY 05-06	14	48.3%	19	47.5%
Continuing in AY 05-06	15	51.7%	21	52.5%