

The Evergreen State College  
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2008  
Responses of Olympia Campus Students

### Diversity at Evergreen

Students were asked a series of questions regarding the importance of diversity to their learning, the amount of respect for diversity, and interactions with people on campus who are different from themselves in terms of backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles. In terms of the importance of diversity on campus to learning, the most common response among Olympia campus respondents was that diversity was "Quite a bit" important (40.5%) with "Very" important being the second most frequent response (31.2%). A total of 16.8% of Olympia respondents indicated that diversity was "Somewhat" important to their learning and 11.5% indicated that it was "Not at All" or "A Little Bit" important.

On the question, "How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus?" the most common response was "Quite a Bit." The mean was lower on this item than on the question relating to the importance of diversity to learning. A total of 10.4% of the Olympia campus respondents indicated that there was no or very little respect for differences. Another 36.3% thought that there was some respect for differences, while 53.5% indicated there was "Quite a bit" or "A Lot" of respect on campus.

*How important do you think diversity on campus is to your learning? (N=321, 9 skipped question)*

Not at all (0)	A Little Bit (1)	Somewhat (2)	Quite a bit (3)	Very (4)
4.0%	7.5%	16.8%	40.5%	31.2%

Mean = 2.87

Median = 3.00

*How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus? (N=320, 10 skipped question)*

None (0)	Very Little (1)	Some (2)	Quite a bit (3)	A Lot (4)
1.3%	9.1%	36.3%	37.2%	16.3%

Mean = 2.58

Median = 3.00