

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2011
First-Time, First Years

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 (37.3%) with "Very" important being the second most frequent response (31.4%). A total of 20.6% of first-time first year respondents indicated that diversity was "Somewhat" important to their learning and 10.8% 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 higher on this item than on the question relating to the importance of diversity to learning. A total of 74.4% indicated there was "Quite a bit" or "A Lot" of respect on campus. Another 21.6% thought that there was some respect for differences, while 3.9% of the Olympia campus respondents indicated that there was no or very little respect for differences.

How important do you think diversity on campus is to your learning? (N=102, 7 skipped question)

Not at all (0)	A Little Bit (1)	Somewhat (2)	Quite a bit (3)	Very (4)
3.9%	6.9%	20.6%	37.3%	31.4%

Mean = 2.85

Median = 3.00

How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus? (N=102, 7 skipped question)

None (0)	Very Little (1)	Some (2)	Quite a bit (3)	A Lot (4)
1.0%	2.9%	21.6%	39.2%	35.2%

Mean = 3.05

Median = 3.00