

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2011
Tacoma Campus

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 Tacoma campus respondents was that diversity was "Very" important (48%) with "Quite a bit" important being the second most frequent response (34%). A total of 12% of Tacoma respondents indicated that diversity was "Somewhat" important to their learning and 6% 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 on this item was almost identical to the mean of the question relating to the importance of diversity to learning. A total of 6% of the Tacoma campus respondents indicated that there was no or very little respect for differences. Another 16% thought that there was some respect for differences, while 78% 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=50, 2 skipped questions)

| Not at all (0) | A Little Bit (1) | Somewhat (2) | Quite a bit (3) | Very (4) |
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| 2.0% | 4.0% | 12.0% | 34.0% | 48.0% |

Mean = 3.22

Median = 3.00

How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus? (N=50, 2 skipped questions)

| None (0) | Very Little (1) | Some (2) | Quite a bit (3) | A Lot (4) |
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| 0.0% | 6.0% | 16.0% | 40.0% | 38.0% |

Mean = 3.10

Median = 3.00