

Evergreen Student Experience Survey
Spring 2006

About this survey:

This survey is intended to gather information about students' college experience. We will use the information you provide for assessment and improvement of academic programs and student services.

Participation in this survey is completely voluntary and the answers you provide will be kept confidential. At any time you are free to discontinue participation or refuse to answer a particular question. Your participation will be confidential and unidentifiable in the public report.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Jenni Minner, Research Associate, in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, phone (360) 867-6186 or e-mail minnerj@evergreen.edu.

Please print your name and student ID below. This information will be used to enter you into a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate at the Evergreen bookstore. The student who is selected in the random drawing will be contacted at the completion of the survey administration and will have 30 days from the date of notification to claim the gift certificate.¹

Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Thank you for your participation!

¹ The odds of being selected in the drawing are better than 1 in 2,000 depending on the number of students who participate in the survey. A total of 567 students out of a sample of 2,000 students responded in the 2004 administration of the survey. This means that odds in the last administration were 1 in 567.

1. **This year, what kinds of classes have you taken?** *Include classes you are taking this spring. Mark all that apply.*

- ☐ A Daytime, full-time program(s)
☐ B Evening and Weekend part-time program(s)
(8-12 credits per program)
☐ C Evening and Weekend course(s)
(2-6 credits per course)
☐ D Independent learning contract(s)
☐ E Internship(s)
☐ F Class(es) through Extended Education
☐ G Class(es) through Leisure Education

2. **Are you employed this quarter?**

- ☐ 0 No
☐ 1 Yes, 19 hours or less
☐ 2 Yes, 20 – 34 hours
☐ 3 Yes, 35 hours or more

3. **Where are you currently living?**

- ☐ 1 On-campus housing
☐ 2 Private home or apartment off-campus
☐ 3 Other: _____

4. **What is your primary field of study or concentration at Evergreen?**

5. **This year, to what extent do you feel...?**

Mark the box that best describes your answer.

	Not at All	A Little Bit	Moderately	Quite A Bit	Very
A. Satisfied that you can study what you are interested in at Evergreen	0	1	2	3	4
B. Connected to other students in your program(s) and/or course(s)	0	1	2	3	4
C. Connected to the Evergreen community	0	1	2	3	4

6. **How does your academic workload seem to you this year?**

- ☐ 1 Too light
☐ 2 A little too light
☐ 3 Just right
☐ 4 A little too heavy
☐ 5 Too heavy

7. **Were you able to enroll in your first choice of academic offerings?**

A. Fall quarter? ☐ 1 Yes ☐ 0 No

If no, I would have preferred: _____

B. Winter quarter? ☐ 1 Yes ☐ 0 No

If no, I would have preferred: _____

C. Spring quarter? ☐ 1 Yes ☐ 0 No

If no, I would have preferred: _____

8. **Do you plan to stay at Evergreen until you earn a Bachelor's Degree?**

- ☐ 1 Yes ☐ 0 No ☐ 2 Not Sure

9. **If no or not sure, mark all that apply to your situation:**

- ☐ A Planning to transfer to another institution.
☐ B Not attending Evergreen to earn a degree.
☐ C Not satisfied with academics at Evergreen.
☐ D Not able to continue for financial reasons.
☐ E Other (Please write in) _____

10. **Is English your first language?**

- ☐ 1 Yes *(If yes, go to question 12)*
☐ 0 No *(Continue to question 11)*
☐ 2 More than one first language *(Continue to question 11)*

11. **What language do you feel most comfortable speaking outside of class?**

12. **What is the highest level of education for each of the primary caregivers who raised you?**

(Caregivers could be: fathers, mothers, step-fathers, step-mothers, and/or other adults who cared for you when you were growing up.)

	Did not complete high school	High school diploma or GED	Some college	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., J.D., D.D.S	Don't know	Not Applicable
Primary Caregiver 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Primary Caregiver 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Primary Caregiver 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Primary Caregiver 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

13. This year, how satisfied are you with...? <i>Mark the box that best describes your answer.</i>	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
A. Interdisciplinary approach to course content	1	2	3	4	7
B. Group projects and other peer collaborations	1	2	3	4	7
C. Narrative evaluations by faculty	1	2	3	4	7
D. Self evaluations	1	2	3	4	7
E. Seminars (as a way of learning)	1	2	3	4	7
F. Social climate in seminars	1	2	3	4	7
G. Your own progress in achieving your educational goals	1	2	3	4	7
H. Relationships with faculty	1	2	3	4	7
I. The overall quality of instruction	1	2	3	4	7
J. Academic advice from faculty	1	2	3	4	7
K. The quality of faculty feedback on your work	1	2	3	4	7
L. The timeliness of faculty feedback on your work	1	2	3	4	7
M. Lectures and other presentations by faculty	1	2	3	4	7
N. Availability of faculty outside of class	1	2	3	4	7
O. Type of academic assignments	1	2	3	4	7
P. Amount of time that you are able to devote to your academic work	1	2	3	4	7
Q. Your own ability to keep up with the reading workload	1	2	3	4	7
R. Opportunities for in-depth academic work/research	1	2	3	4	7
S. Team teaching by faculty	1	2	3	4	7
T. Evergreen's support for your development as an academic writer	1	2	3	4	7
U. Evergreen's support for your development in quantitative reasoning (e.g. mathematics, statistics)	1	2	3	4	7
V. Opportunities for community service or volunteer work	1	2	3	4	7
W. Your living situation (on or off campus)	1	2	3	4	7
X. Campus activities	1	2	3	4	7
Y. Your social experiences at Evergreen	1	2	3	4	7
Z. The availability of information on the college website	1	2	3	4	7
AA. Opportunities for learning new software and working with technology	1	2	3	4	7
BB. The availability of technical support for your use of computers on and off campus	1	2	3	4	7
CC. The match between the classes you are taking and their description in the catalog.	1	2	3	4	7
DD. Your experiences with diversity at Evergreen (ethnic/racial, political, socioeconomic, sexual orientation, etc.)	1	2	3	4	7
EE. The amount of diversity at Evergreen	1	2	3	4	7

14. How important do you think diversity on campus is to your learning?

- ☐ 0 Not at all
☐ 1 A little bit
☐ 2 Somewhat
☐ 3 Quite a bit
☐ 4 Very

15. How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus?

- ☐ 0 None
☐ 1 Very little
☐ 2 Some
☐ 3 Quite a bit
☐ 4 A lot

16. How do you feel about your interactions with people at Evergreen who have different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles than your own?

17. How confident are you that you...?

Mark the box that best describes your answer.

	Not At All	A Little	Somewhat	Quite	Very
A. Have the skills and abilities to succeed at Evergreen	0	1	2	3	4
B. Have the funding to complete your studies at Evergreen	0	1	2	3	4
C. Can get the kinds of courses you want at Evergreen	0	1	2	3	4
D. Will obtain a well-rounded interdisciplinary education	0	1	2	3	4
E. Will obtain technical skills in a specific field	0	1	2	3	4
F. Will be able to find a satisfying job or make a desired career change after graduation	0	1	2	3	4
G. Have the kind of emotional support from family and friends that you need	0	1	2	3	4
H. Fit in at Evergreen socially	0	1	2	3	4
I. Will be able to manage any debt that you incur in completing your education at Evergreen	0	1	2	3	4
J. Will be able to use your education to meet life-long goals	0	1	2	3	4

18. To what extent have your Evergreen experiences contributed to your growth in each of the following? <i>Mark the box that best describes your answer.</i>	Not at all	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	A lot
A. Writing effectively	0	1	2	3	4
B. Speaking effectively	0	1	2	3	4
C. Reading for academic purposes	0	1	2	3	4
D. Giving effective presentations	0	1	2	3	4
E. Participating in class discussions	0	1	2	3	4
F. Critically analyzing written information	0	1	2	3	4
G. Defining and solving problems	0	1	2	3	4
H. Learning independently	0	1	2	3	4
I. Working cooperatively in a group	0	1	2	3	4
J. Understanding and appreciating the arts	0	1	2	3	4
K. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	0	1	2	3	4
L. Understanding and applying quantitative principles and methods (e.g. mathematics, statistics)	0	1	2	3	4
M. Understanding different philosophies and cultures	0	1	2	3	4
N. Understanding the interaction of society and the environment	0	1	2	3	4
O. Recognizing your responsibilities, rights, and privileges as a citizen	0	1	2	3	4
P. Readiness for a career	0	1	2	3	4
Q. Knowledge in a broad range of subjects	0	1	2	3	4
R. Synthesizing information and ideas from many sources	0	1	2	3	4
S. Managing your time effectively	0	1	2	3	4
T. Functioning as a responsible member of a diverse community	0	1	2	3	4
U. Expressing yourself in creative or artistic ways	0	1	2	3	4
V. Using computer technology to present work, find information, or solve problems	0	1	2	3	4
W. Readiness for further education (graduate, professional, or doctoral)	0	1	2	3	4
X. Depth or expertise in a particular field	0	1	2	3	4

19. Of the skills above, which are the most important to you?

20. To what extent have your Evergreen experiences contributed to your growth in each of the following computer-related skills? <i>Mark the box that best describes your answer.</i>	Not at all	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	A lot
A. Writing a paper for class using a computer (e.g. using Word)	0	1	2	3	4
B. Giving a presentation using a computer (e.g. using PowerPoint to prepare and give a presentation)	0	1	2	3	4
C. Studying or doing research via the Internet or other online sources	0	1	2	3	4
D. Solving mathematical or statistics problems using a computer	0	1	2	3	4
E. Using the computer for artistic expression (e.g. music, other audio, still images, animation, video, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4
F. Developing/maintaining a web site	0	1	2	3	4
G. Computer programming	0	1	2	3	4
H. Preparing a newsletter, brochure, or poster	0	1	2	3	4
I. Using a computer for scientific analysis or lab work	0	1	2	3	4
J. Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or GPS	0	1	2	3	4
K. Creating/using databases or spreadsheets (e.g. using Access or Excel)	0	1	2	3	4

21. Do you own a computer?

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. This year, how much have you participated in the following community activities? <i>Mark the box that best describes your answer.</i>	Not at All	A Little	Some	A Lot
A. Participated in student activity group/club	0	1	2	3
B. Attended lectures, panels, or conferences on campus	0	1	2	3
C. Watched or participated in theatrical or musical performances on campus	0	1	2	3
D. Viewed or participated in art exhibits/shows on campus	0	1	2	3
E. Participated in community service or volunteer work	0	1	2	3
F. Participated in housing-sponsored activities	0	1	2	3

23. How important are the following goals for you in earning your college education? <i>Mark the box that best describes your answer.</i>	Not Important	Slightly Important	Very Important
A. Having expertise in a particular field	0	1	2 3
B. Making more money	0	1	2 3
C. Influencing or changing the political system	0	1	2 3
D. Meeting the expectations of friends and family	0	1	2 3
E. Having a professional career	0	1	2 3
F. Developing creative and effective communication skills (e.g. speaking and writing)	0	1	2 3
G. Developing artistic abilities using one or more media (e.g. sculpture, painting, film, video, photography)	0	1	2 3
H. Starting or improving a business	0	1	2 3
I. Helping others or contributing to the community	0	1	2 3
J. Improving and protecting the environment	0	1	2 3
K. Gaining an understanding of a broad range of ideas and fields of study	0	1	2 3
L. Having the ability to apply scientific principles and methods	0	1	2 3
M. Having computer technology skills	0	1	2 3
N. Having the ability to use quantitative reasoning (e.g. statistics, mathematics, etc.)	0	1	2 3
O. Having a better understanding and appreciation for differences (ethnic, political, etc.)	0	1	2 3
P. Becoming an informed citizen	0	1	2 3
Q. Getting a job of your choice or making a career change	0	1	2 3
R. Being prepared for further education (graduate, professional, or doctoral)	0	1	2 3
S. Personal growth and development	0	1	2 3
T. Achieving personal success or satisfaction	0	1	2 3

24. How far do you typically commute to campus?

(Please fill in) About _____ Miles

25. How do you usually get to campus?

Mark the ways you get to campus in a typical week and the number of days that you usually commute that way.

- ☐ A Drive alone or with child/children only _____ Days per week
- ☐ B Carpool with at least one other adult _____ Days per week
- ☐ C Walk _____ Days per week
- ☐ D Bike _____ Days per week
- ☐ E Ride the bus _____ Days per week
- ☐ F Other: _____ Days per week

26. How often have you used the following campus resources so far this academic year? <i>Mark the box that best describes your answer.</i>	Not at All	A Little	Some	A Lot
A. The library on campus	0	1	2	3
B. Library <u>digital/on-line</u> databases and resources	0	1	2	3
C. Evergreen's website to get information	0	1	2	3
D. Media Loan	0	1	2	3
E. Digital Imaging Studio and/or media workshops	0	1	2	3
F. Computer Center, Computer Applications Lab, or computer workshops	0	1	2	3
G. Academic Advising Office or advising workshops	0	1	2	3
H. Prime Time Advising (in "A" Dorm)	0	1	2	3
I. First People's Advising Services	0	1	2	3
J. KEY Student Services	0	1	2	3
K. Access Services for Students with Disabilities	0	1	2	3
L. Veterans Affairs Office/Services	0	1	2	3
M. Academic Fair or Core Fair	0	1	2	3
N. Graduate School Fair	0	1	2	3
O. Internship Fair	0	1	2	3
P. Financial Aid Office (Contacted for information or assistance)	0	1	2	3
Q. Student Health Center	0	1	2	3
R. Counseling Center	0	1	2	3
S. Center for Mediation Services	0	1	2	3
T. Writing Center and/or writing workshops	0	1	2	3
U. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Center and/or QR workshops	0	1	2	3
V. Tutors in your program	0	1	2	3
W. Career Development Center (such as attending a career fair or using self-assessment and career development tools)	0	1	2	3
X. Student Employment Services (such as using the job board or website for finding a job)	0	1	2	3
Y. College Recreation Center/Leisure Studies	0	1	2	3
Z. Child Care Services	0	1	2	3
AA. Police Services	0	1	2	3
BB. Intercity Transit bus service	0	1	2	3

27. Do you identify as a minority in terms of sexual or gender orientation? (For example, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender fluent, etc.)

- ☐ 1 Yes
- ☐ 0 No
- ☐ 2 Prefer not to respond

28. Please write in any other comments that you would like to share. _____