INTERGROUP RELATIONS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

SELF RATINGS OF INTERGROUP COMPETENCIES
Percentage rating self “a major strength” or “somewhat strong” (compared with average person their age)

- 84.1% Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people
- 85.9% Tolerance of others with different beliefs
- 79.6% Ability to see the world from someone else’s perspective
- 69.7% Ability to discuss and navigate controversial issues
- 74.0% Understanding of others (“above average” or “highest 10%”)
- 67.4% Openness to having own views challenged

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES
Percentage reporting that in the past year they “frequently”...

- 3.2% Demonstrated for a cause (e.g. boycott, rally, protest)
- 76.6% Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group
- 11.5% Helped raise money for a cause or campaign
- 40.0% Performed volunteer work

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE INVOLVEMENT
Percentage reporting a “very good chance” that they will...

- 9.4% Participate in student government
- 45.2% Communicate regularly with your professors
- 34.1% Work on a professor’s research project
- 34.5% Participate in a study abroad program
- 57.4% Participate in student clubs/groups
- 35.2% Participate in volunteer or community service work

COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY GOALS
Percentage rating “very important” or “essential” to them

- 76.4% Helping others who are in difficulty
- 65.5% Improving understanding of other countries & cultures
- 48.9% Helping to promote racial understanding
- 39.7% Being a community leader
- 35.1% Participating in a community action program
OPINIONS ABOUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES
Percentage indicating “agree strongly” or “agree somewhat” that...

- 77.1% Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now.
- 83.7% The federal government should have stricter gun control laws.
- 57.2% Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished.
- 91.2% Sexual activity that occurs without the presence of explicit affirmative consent (i.e., yes means yes) is considered sexual assault.
- 21.5% There is little that a person can do to be better at math.
- 90.9% Addressing global climate change should be a federal priority.

OPINIONS ON SELF
Percentage indicating “A Major Strength” or “Somewhat Strong”...

- Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective: 79.6%
- Critical thinking skills: 75.7%
- Ability to manage your time effectively: 46.8%

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

- 36.4% Christian
- 5.3% Buddhist
- 1.1% Jewish
- 4.8% Other
- 2.0% Muslim
- 50.4% None/Atheist/Agnostic

*Includes multiple denominations

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

- 45.4% Liberal
- 39.2% Middle of the road
- 9.8% Conservative
- 0.6% Far right
- 4.9% Far left

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES
Percentage reporting that in the past year they “frequently”...

- 22.8% Attended religious service
- 22.2% Discussed religion
- 38.0% Discussed politics

CIVIC GOALS
Percentage rating “very important” or “essential” to them

- 63.5% Raising a family
- 43.8% Keeping up to date with political affairs
- 76.4% Helping others who are in difficulty
- 51.4% Developing a meaningful philosophy of life
FRESHMAN PROFILE 2016
WHO’S COMING TO COLLEGE?

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND ASPIRATIONS

SELF RATING OF COLLEGE SKILLS
Percentage rating self “above average” or “highest 10%” (compared with average person their age)

- 77.2% Drive to achieve
- 84.0% Academic ability
- 59.9% Intellectual self-confidence
- 54.3% Leadership ability
- 65.5% Mathematical ability
- 44.4% Writing ability
- 38.8% Public speaking ability

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES
Percentage reporting that in the past year they “frequently”…

- 54.4% Evaluated the quality or reliability of information received
- 25.9% Tutored another student
- 41.6% Explored topics on their own, even though not required for class
- 63.2% Sought solutions to problems and explained to others

THE CIRP FRESHMAN SURVEY
Each year, hundreds of two-year colleges, four-year colleges and universities administer the CIRP Freshman Survey to hundreds of thousands of entering students during orientation or registration. Published annually in “The American Freshman,” the results from these surveys continue to provide a comprehensive portrait of the changing character of entering students and American society at large. For more information about the survey and the instrument, visit:

http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/surveys/cirp.html

EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES
Percentage indicating a “very good chance” that they will...

- 7.5% Join a social fraternity or sorority.
- 52.5% Vote in a local, state, or national election.
- 45.2% Communicate regularly with professors.
- 34.1% Work on a professor’s research project.
- 17.5% Change major field.
- 15.8% Change career choice.

Number of years expected to take to graduate college

- One 0.0%
- Two 0.1%
- Three 4.5%
- Four 90.1%
- Five 4.1%
- Six 0.7%

HIGHEST DEGREE PLANNED

- Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.) 11.9%
- Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.) 38.1%
- Academic Doctorate (Ph.D.) 22.9%
- Professional Doctorate (E.D., Psy.D., etc) 5.1%
- Medical Degree (M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or D.V.M.) 17.6%
- Law (J.D.) 3.4%
- Other 0.9%

CAREER GOALS
Percentage rating “very important” or “essential”

- 38.2% Aspire to make a theoretical contribution to science.
- 57.7% Aspire to pursue a science related research career ("probably yes" or "definitely yes").
- 38.5% Aspire to become successful in a business of their own.
- 55.9% Aspire to become an authority in their field.
- 81.8% Aspire to be very well off financially.
Finances and Work

Concern about Financing College Education
- 14.5% Major Concern
- 58.0% Some Concern
- 27.5% No Concern

Sources Utilized to Fund College
- 32.6% Pell Grant
- 36.9% Need-based Grants or Scholarships

Expectations for Work
- Percentage % indicating “very good chance” that they will...
  - 47.8% Get a job to help pay for college expenses

Best Estimate of Parents’ or Guardians’ Income
- 19.1% Less than $30,000
- 25.1% $30,000 to $74,999
- 23.5% $75,000 to $124,999
- 32.3% $125,000 or more

Emotional, Psychological, and Physical Wellness

Past Year Experiences
- 9.2% Not at all
- 54.9% Occasionally
- 35.9% Frequently
  - Felt overwhelmed
- 74.5% Not at all
- 22.3% Occasionally
- 3.2% Frequently
  - Drank wine or liquor
- 40.3% Not at all
- 47.8% Occasionally
- 11.9% Frequently
  - Felt depressed
- 14.8% Not at all
- 53.6% Occasionally
- 31.6% Frequently
  - Felt anxious
- 78.6% Not at all
- 18.7% Occasionally
- 2.7% Frequently
  - Drank beer
- 78.6% Not at all
- 18.7% Occasionally
- 2.7% Frequently
  - Drank beer

Future Expectations
- 16.8% Very Good Chance
- 40.1% Some Chance
- 34.2% Very Little Chance
- 8.9% No Chance
- 16.8% Very Good Chance
- 40.1% Some Chance
- 34.2% Very Little Chance
- 8.9% No Chance
- Seek personal counseling

Reasons for Choosing UCSD

Percentage indicating reason as “very important”...
- 29.6% A visit to this campus.
- 54.5% This college’s graduates get good jobs.
- 76.6% This college has a very good academic reputation.
- 11.8% I wanted to live near home.
- 40.6% This college’s graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools.
- 9.5% Could not afford first choice.
- 27.0% This college has a good reputation for its social and extracurricular activities.
- 32.6% I was offered financial assistance.
- 33.4% The cost of attending this college.
- 9.2% Not offered aid by first choice.

Were you accepted by your first choice college?
- 38.6% Yes

Was UCSD your...
- 13.4% Less than third choice
- 22.5% Third choice
- 34.0% Second choice
- 30.1% First choice

To how many other colleges other than UCSD did they apply to this year?
- 6.3% None to three
- 23.5% Four to six
- 70.3% Seven or more