

# THE AMERICAN FRESHMAN FALL ★ 2014

Students arrive on campus with a range of skills and abilities to be successful in college and in life. Below is a snapshot of some experiences and expectations students bring with them to college and areas where they may look to campus services for additional support and development.

## Students today interact with others in diverse environments.



**86%**

Work cooperatively with diverse people



**74%**

Frequently socialize with other racial/ethnic groups



**81%**

Are open-minded towards those with different beliefs

## But there is still opportunity to broaden their perspective.



**23%**

Grew up in completely White or completely non-White neighborhoods



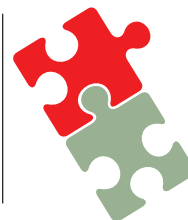
**44%**

Have a strong knowledge of different races/cultures



**37%**

Feel that promoting racial understanding is very important



**43%**

Understand their community's problems

## HELP DESK

Students begin developing productive habits in high school...



**86%**

Explored topics on their own



**55%**

Frequently asked questions in class



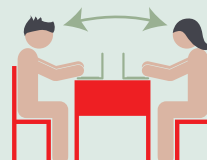
**43%**

Spent 6+ hours per week studying or doing homework

...But many believe they'll need additional support and guidance in college.

**33%**

Think they'll get tutoring help



**27%**

Anticipate needing remedial work in at least one subject



**34%**

Foresee needing extra time to complete their degree



**10%**

Are undecided on their major



And of those already decided on a major, **42%** may switch

## And enrollment patterns may create additional challenges.



**11%**

May take a temporary leave of absence



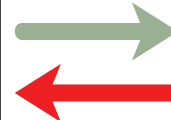
**24%**

Plan to take courses from more than one college simultaneously



**16%**

Predict they'll take an online course at a different institution



**23%**

May transfer to another college before graduating



Information about students as they enter college helps enrollment planning and retention efforts while providing a baseline for understanding college effectiveness. Register for the CIRP Freshman Survey at [www.cirpsurveys.org](http://www.cirpsurveys.org). The 2014 CIRP Freshman Survey report is available as a free download at [heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications](http://heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications)

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