



COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM  
at the HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT UCLA

## 2015 CIRP Freshman Survey Changes

### Items deleted (numbering reflects 2014 TFS Survey)

**DELETED: Web Survey Only QA. Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

*Response categories: No, Yes*

**DELETED: Web Survey Only QB. What is your race? (Select one or more)**

White

Black or African American

Asian

East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)

South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)

Other Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native

**DELETED: Web Survey Only QC. Do you identify as multiracial?**

*Response categories: No, Yes*

**DELETED: 18. During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? (Mark one for each item)**

*Response categories: None, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more*

English

Mathematics

Foreign Language

Physical Science

Biological Sciences

History/Am. Gov't

Computer Science

Arts and/or Music

DELETED: **19. Have you had, or do you feel you will need, any remedial work in any of the following subjects?** (Mark all that apply)

*Response categories: Have Had, Will Need*

English

Reading

Mathematics

Writing

**31. For the activities below, indicate which ones you did during the past year. If you engaged in an activity frequently, mark F. If you engaged in an activity one or more times, but not frequently, mark O (Occasionally). Mark N (Not at all) if you have not performed the activity during the past year.** (Mark one for each item)

*Response categories: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at All*

DELETED: Was a guest in a teacher's home

DELETED: Used the Internet for research or homework

**34. How often in the past year did you?** (Mark one for each item)

DELETED: Work with other students on group projects

DELETED: Integrate skills and knowledge from different sources and experiences

**35. Are you:** (Mark all that apply)

DELETED: Asian American/Asian

**38. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself.** (Mark one in each row)

DELETED: Popularity

DELETED: **39. Think about your current abilities and tell us how strong or weak you believe you are in each of the following areas:** (Mark one for each item)

General knowledge

Knowledge of a particular field or discipline

Knowledge of people from different races/cultures

Understanding of the problems facing your community

Understanding of national issues

Understanding of global issues

Critical thinking skills

Problem-solving skills

Ability to manage your time effectively

Foreign language ability

Interpersonal skills

**40. Mark one in each row:**

*Response categories: Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly*

DELETED: Federal military spending should be increased

DELETED: Addressing global climate change should be a federal priority

DELETED: The chief benefit of a college education is that it increases one's earning power

DELETED: Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education

DELETED: The death penalty should be abolished

DELETED: Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society

**41. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend this particular college. How important was each reason in your decision to come here? (Mark one answer for each possible reason)**

DELETED: My relatives wanted me to come here

DELETED: Information from a website

DELETED: Ability to take online courses

**DELETED: 46. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions? (Mark yes or no for each item)**

*Response categories: Yes, No*

Learning disability (dyslexia, etc.)

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Autism spectrum/Asperger's syndrome

Physical disability (speech, sight, mobility, hearing, etc.)

Chronic illness (cancer, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, etc.)

Psychological disorder (depression, etc.)

Other

**47. Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: (Mark one for each item)**

DELETED: Adopting "green" practices to protect the environment

**48. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: (Mark one for each item)**

DELETED: Need extra time to complete your degree requirements

DELETED: Get tutoring help in specific courses

**Items added/restored (numbering reflects 2015 TFS Survey)**

**ADDED: ##. How many weeks this summer did you participate in a bridge program at this institution?**

*Response categories: 0, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7+*

**RESTORED: ##. Have you had, or do you feel you will need, any special tutoring or remedial work in any of the following subjects? (Mark all that apply)**

*Response categories: Have Had, Will Need*

- English
- Reading
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Foreign Language
- Writing

**ADDED: ##. How many Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses or exams did you take in high school? (Mark one in each row)**

*Response categories: Not offered at my high school, None, 1-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15+*

- AP Courses
- AP Exams
- IB Courses
- IB Exams

**ADDED: ##. Please mark the sex of your parent(s) or guardian(s).**

*Response categories: Male, Female*

- Parent/Guardian 1
- Parent/Guardian 2

**ADDED: ##. Did you receive any of the following forms of financial aid? (Mark Yes or No for each item)**

*Response categories: Yes, No*

- Military grants
- Work-study
- Pell Grant
- Need-based grants or scholarships
- Merit-based grants or scholarships

**##. Current religious preference:** (Mark one in each column)

ADDED: Agnostic

ADDED: Atheist

**##. How would you rate yourself in the following areas:** (Mark one for each item)

ADDED: Critical thinking skills

ADDED: Ability to manage your time effectively

**##. Are you:** (Mark all that apply)

ADDED: East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)

ADDED: Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong, Filipino)

ADDED: South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)

ADDED: Other Asian

**##. Mark one in each row:**

*Response categories: Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly*

RESTORED: Abortion should be legal

RESTORED: Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus

RESTORED: Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society

RESTORED: Marijuana should be legalized

RESTORED: Dissent is a critical component of the political process

RESTORED: Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus

RESTORED: Women should receive the same salary and opportunities for advancement as men in comparable positions

RESTORED: The United States should intervene in the wars of other countries

ADDED: **##. What is your sexual orientation?**

Heterosexual/Straight

Gay

Lesbian

Bisexual

Queer

Other

ADDED: **##. Do you identify as transgender?**

*Response categories: Yes, No*

**Items changed (numbering reflects 2014 TFS Survey)**

**13. To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?**

CHANGED: *Response categories: None, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-10, 11 or more* **TO**  
*Response categories: None, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8, 9-10, 11 or more*

CHANGED: **24. Please indicate your intended career as well as the careers of your parents, using the codes provided on the attached fold out. TO**

**Please indicate your intended career as well as the careers of your parents/guardians, using the codes provided on the attached fold out.**

CHANGED: (Your intended career, Your mother's career, Your father's career)  
**TO** (Your intended career, Parent/Guardian 1 career, Parent/Guardian 2 career)

**25. Current employment status:** (Mark one in each row)

CHANGED: (Your mother, Your father) **TO**  
(Parent/Guardian 1, Parent/Guardian 2)

**26. How much of your first year's educational expenses (room, board, tuition, and fees) do you expect to cover from each of the sources listed below?** (Mark one answer for each possible source)

CHANGED: *Response categories: None, Less than \$1,000, \$1,000-2,999, \$3,000-5,999, \$6,000-9,999, \$10,000+* **TO**  
*Response categories: None, \$1-\$2,999, \$3,000-\$5,999, \$6,000-\$9,999, \$10,000-\$14,999, \$15,000+*

CHANGED: **27. What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year?**

**Consider income from all sources before taxes. TO**

**What is your best estimate of your parents'/guardians' total income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes.**

**29. Current religious preference:** (Mark one in each column)

CHANGED: (Yours, Father's, Mother's) **TO**  
(Yours, Parent/Guardian 1, Parent/Guardian 2)

CHANGED 33. What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your parents?

(Mark one in each column) **TO**

**What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your parents/guardians?** (Mark one in each column).

CHANGED: Father **TO** Parent/Guardian 1

CHANGED: Mother **TO** Parent/Guardian 2

**41. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend this particular college. How important was each reason in your decision to come here?** (Mark one answer for each possible reason)

CHANGED: My parents wanted me to come here **TO**

My parents/relatives wanted me to come here