

THE AMERICAN FRESHMAN

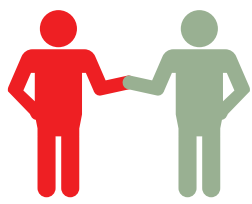
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Students arrive on campus with a range of skills and abilities to be successful in college and in life. Below is a snapshot of some experiences and expectations students bring with them to college and areas where they may look to campus services for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

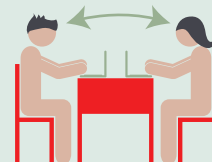
Students begin developing productive habits in high school...

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



86%
Explored topics on their own

33%
Think they'll get tutoring help



10%
Are undecided on their major



55%
Frequently asked questions in class

27%
Anticipate needing remedial work in at least one subject



43%
Spent 6+ hours per week studying or doing homework

34%
Foresee needing extra time to complete their degree



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

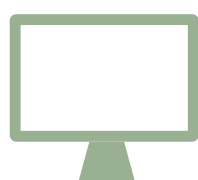
And enrollment patterns may create additional challenges.



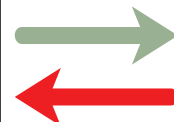
11%
May take a temporary leave of absence



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. The 2014 CIRP Freshman Survey report is available as a free download at heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications

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