2021 CIRP FRESHMAN SURVEY

(NOTE: Use similar layout for the identification fields from the 2020 CIRP Freshman Survey)

PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPS YOUR NAME AND PERMANENT/HOME ADDRESS (one letter or number per box).

NAME
  FIRST
  MI
  LAST

When were you born?
  Month (01-12)
  Day (01-31)
  Year

ADDRESS
  CITY
  STATE
  ZIP
  COUNTRY if NOT USA

STUDENT ID # (as instructed):

EMAIL (print letters carefully):

SERIAL #

MARKING DIRECTIONS
  • Use a black or blue pen.
  • Fill in your response completely. Mark out any answer you wish to change with an “X”.
    (NOTE: retain correct mark/incorrect marks examples)

Group Code
  A
  B
1. In what year did you graduate from high school? (Mark one)
   - 2021
   - 2020
   - 2019
   - 2018 or earlier
   - Did not graduate but passed G.E.D. test
   - Never completed high school

2. Are you enrolling: (Mark one)
   - Full-time
   - Part-time

3. How many miles is this college from your permanent home? (Mark one)
   - 5 or less
   - 6-10
   - 11-50
   - 51-100
   - 101-500
   - Over 500

4. What was your average grade in high school? (Mark one)
   - A or A+
   - A-
   - B+
   - B
   - B-
   - C+
   - C
   - D

5. Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at this institution?
   - Yes
   - No

6. Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at any other institution?
   - Yes
   - No

7. Do you identify as transgender?
   - Yes
   - No

8. What is your current gender identity?
   - Man
   - Woman
   - Non-binary
Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming
Identity not listed above

9. What is your sexual orientation?
   Heterosexual/Straight
   Asexual
   Bisexual
   Gay
   Lesbian
   Pansexual
   Queer
   Not listed above

10. Did you take the SAT and/or ACT?
   Only SAT
   Only ACT
   SAT and ACT
   Did not take either test

11. What were your scores on the SAT and/or ACT?
   SAT Critical Reading
   SAT Mathematics
   ACT Composite

12. From what kind of high school did you graduate? (Mark one)
   Public school (not charter or magnet)
   Public charter school
   Public magnet school
   Private religious/parochial school
   Private independent college-prep school
   Home school

13. Are you: (Mark all that apply)
   African American/Black
   Native American/Alaska Native
   East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)
   Filipina/o/x
   Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong)
   South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)
   Other Asian
   Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
   Mexican American/Chicana/o/x
   Puerto Rican
   South American
   Central American
Other Latina/o/x
White/Caucasian
Other

14. To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?
   None
   1
   2
   3
   4
   5
   6
   7-8
   9-10
   11 or more

15. Were you accepted by your first choice college?
   Yes
   No

16. Is this college your: (Mark one)
   First choice
   Second choice
   Third choice
   Less than third choice

17. Citizenship status: (Mark one)
   U.S. citizen
   Permanent resident (green card)
   International student (i.e., F-1, J-1, or M-1 visa)
   None of the above

18. At any time since you turned 13, were you in foster care or were you a dependent of the court?
   Yes
   No
   I don’t know

19. Please mark which of the following courses you have completed:
   Response categories: Yes, No
   Pre-calculus/Trigonometry
   Probability & Statistics
   Calculus
   AP Probability & Statistics
   AP Calculus
20. 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, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more
   Mathematics
   Foreign Language
   Physical Science
   Biological Science
   History/Am. Gov’t
   Computer Science
   Arts and/or Music

21. On how many AP exams did you score a 3 or higher?
   None
   1-2
   3-4
   5-6
   7-8
   9 or more

22. Which years did you take physics in high school? (Mark all that apply)
   9th
   10th
   11th
   12th
   Did not take physics

23. Do you consider yourself: (Mark Yes or No for each item)
   Response categories: Yes, No
   Pre-Med
   Pre-Law

24. Please indicate your intended major using the codes provided on the attached fold out.
   ARTS AND HUMANITIES
   Art, fine and applied
   Classical and Modern Languages and Literature
   English (language and literature)
   History
   Journalism/Communication
   Media/Film Studies
   Music
   Philosophy
   Theatre/Drama
   Theology/ Religion
   Other Arts and Humanities
   BIOLOGICAL & LIFE SCIENCES
   Agriculture/Natural Resources
   Animal Biology (zoology)
Biochemistry/Biophysics
Biology (general)
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Environmental Science
Marine Biology
Microbiology
Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology
Neurobiology/Neuroscience
Plant Biology (botany)
Other Biological Science
**BUSINESS**
Accounting
Business Admin. (general)
Computer/Management Information Systems
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Hospitality/Tourism
Human Resources Management
International Business
Management
Marketing
Real Estate
Other Business
**EDUCATION**
Elementary Education
Music/Art Education
Physical Education/Recreation
Secondary Education
Special Education
Other Education
**ENGINEERING**
Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering
Biological/Agricultural Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical/ Electronic/Communications Engineering
Engineering Science/Engineering Physics
Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering
Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering
Materials Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Other Engineering
**HEALTH PROFESSIONS**
Clinical Laboratory Science
Health Care Administration/Studies
Health Technology
Kinesiology
Nursing
Pharmacy
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)
Other Health Profession

**MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**
Computer Science
Mathematics/Statistics
Other Math and Computer Science

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
Astronomy & Astrophysics
Atmospheric Sciences
Chemistry
Earth & Planetary Sciences
Marine Sciences
Physics
Other Physical Science

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**
Anthropology
Economics
Ethnic/Cultural Studies
Geography
Political Science (gov’t., international relations)
Psychology
Public Policy
Social Work
Sociology
Women’s/Gender Studies
Other Social Science

**OTHER MAJORS**
Architecture/Urban Planning
Criminal Justice
Library Science
Security & Protective Services
Military Sciences/Technology/Operations

**OTHER**

**UNDECIDED**

25. **Please indicate your intended career as well as the careers of your parents/guardians, using the codes provided on the attached fold out.** (Your intended career, Parent/Guardian 1 career, Parent/Guardian 2 career)

**ARTS**
Actor or Entertainer
Artist
Graphic Designer
Musician
Writer/Producer/Director

**AGRICULTURE**
Farmer or Forester
Natural Resource Specialist/Environmentalist

**BUSINESS**
Accountant
Administrative Assistant
Business Manager/Executive
Business Owner/Entrepreneur
Finance (e.g., Actuary, Banking, Loan Officer, Planner)
Human Resources
Management Consultant
Real Estate Agent/Realtor/Appraiser/Developer
Retail Sales
Sales/Marketing
Sports Management

**COMMUNICATIONS**
Advertising
Journalist
Public Relations/ Media Relations

**EDUCATION**
College Administrator/Staff
College Faculty
Early Childcare Provider
Elementary School Teacher
K-12 Administrator
Librarian
Secondary School Teacher in a non-STEM subject
Secondary School Teacher in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM)
Teacher’s Assistant/Paraprofessional
Other K-12 Professional

**GOVERNMENT**
Federal/State/Local Government Official
Military
Postal Worker
Protective Services (e.g., Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighter)

**HEALTHCARE/MEDICINE**
Clinical Psychologist
Dentist/Orthodontist
Dietician/Nutritionist
Home Health Care Worker
Medical/Dental Assistant (e.g. Hygienist, Lab Tech, Nursing Asst.)
Medical Doctor/Surgeon
Mental Health Professional
Optometrist
Pharmacist
Physician Assistant
Registered Nurse
Social Worker
Therapist (e.g., Physical, Occupational, Speech)
Veterinarian
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
Computer Programmer/Developer
Computer/Systems Analyst
Web Designer
**LAW**
Lawyer/Judge
Paralegal
**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**
Engineer
Research Scientist (e.g., Biologist, Chemist, Physicist)
Urban Planner/Architect
**SERVICE INDUSTRY**
Custodian/Janitor/Housekeeper
Food Service (e.g., Chef/Cook, Server)
Hair Stylist/Aesthetician/Manicurist
Interior Designer
Skilled Trades (e.g., Plumber, Electrician, Construction)
Social/Non-Profit Services
**CLERGY**
**HOMEMAKER/STAY AT HOME PARENT**
**OTHER**
**UNDECIDED/UNKNOWN**

26. **Current employment status:** (Mark one in each row)
*Response Categories: Employed, Seasonally Employed, Not employed, Retired, Unknown/Not Applicable*
   - Parent/Guardian 1
   - Parent/Guardian 2

27. **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)
*Response categories: None, $1-$2,999, $3,000-$5,999, $6,000-$9,999, $10,000-$14,999, $15,000+*
   - Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)
   - My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)
   - Aid which need not be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)
   - Aid which must be repaid (loans, etc.)

28. **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

29. What is your best estimate of your parents'/guardians' total income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes. (Mark one)
   Less than $15,000
   $15,000-$24,999
   $25,000-$29,999
   $30,000-$59,999
   $60,000-$74,999
   $75,000-$99,999
   $100,000-$124,999
   $125,000-$149,999
   $150,000-$199,999
   $200,000-$249,999
   $250,000-$499,999
   $500,000 or higher

30. Have you been homeless for one month or more?
   Yes
   No

31. Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education? (Mark one)
   None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)
   Some (but I probably will have enough funds)
   Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)

32. Current religious preference: (Mark one in each column)
   Response categories: Yours, Parent/Guardian 1, Parent/Guardian 2
   Agnostic
   Atheist
   Baptist
   Buddhist
   Church of Christ
   Eastern Orthodox
   Episcopalian
   Hindu
   Jewish
   Lutheran
   Methodist
   Muslim
   Presbyterian
   Quaker
   Roman Catholic
Seventh-day Adventist
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
United Church of Christ/Congregational
Other Christian
Other religion(s)/belief(s)
None

33. **What is the highest academic degree that you intend to obtain?**  (Mark one in each column)
*Response categories: Highest Planned, Highest Planned at This College*
   - None
   - Vocational certificate
   - Associate (A.A., A.S., or equivalent)
   - Bachelor’s (B.A., B.S., B.D., etc.)
   - Master’s (M.A., M.S., M.B.A., etc.)
   - J.D. (Law)
   - M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., etc. (Medical)
   - Ph.D.
   - Professional Doctorate (Ed.D., Psy.D., etc.)
   - Other

34. **In the past year, how often have you:** (Mark one for each item)
*Response categories: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at All*
   - Attended a religious service
   - Been bored in class
   - Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)
   - Tutored another student
   - Studied with other students
   - Consumed beer
   - Consumed wine or liquor
   - Vaped/used e-cigarettes
   - Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do
   - Felt depressed
   - Performed volunteer work
   - Asked a teacher for advice after class
   - Felt challenged by my coursework
   - Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group
   - Been late to class
   - Discussed politics
   - Skipped school/class
   - Publicly communicated my opinion about a cause (e.g., blog, email, petition)
   - Helped raise money for a cause or campaign
   - Fallen asleep in class
   - Failed to complete homework on time
   - Felt anxious
   - Written computer code
   - Felt hungry but did not eat because I didn’t have enough money for food
35. **How would you rate yourself in the following areas:** (Mark one for each item)  
*Response categories: A Major Strength, Somewhat Strong, Average, Somewhat Weak, A Major Weakness*
- Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective  
- Tolerance of others with different beliefs  
- Openness to having my own views challenged  
- Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues  
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people  
- Critical thinking skills  
- Ability to manage my time effectively

36. **What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your parents/guardians?** (Mark one in each column)  
*Response categories: Parent/Guardian 1, Parent/Guardian 2*
- Junior high/Middle school or less  
- Some high school  
- High school graduate/ GED  
- Postsecondary school other than college  
- Some college  
- College degree  
- Some graduate school  
- Graduate degree  
- Unknown/Not Applicable

37. **How often in the past year did you?** (Mark one for each item)  
*Response categories: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at All*
- Support your opinions with a logical argument  
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others  
- Look up scientific research articles and resources  
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class  
- Accept mistakes as part of the learning process
38. How would you characterize your political views? (Mark one)
   Far left
   Liberal
   Middle-of-the-road
   Conservative
   Far right

39. In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?
   (Mark one answer for each possible reason)
   Response categories: Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important
   To be able to get a better job
   To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
   To make me a more cultured person
   To be able to make more money
   To learn more about things that interest me
   To get training for a specific career
   To prepare myself for graduate or professional school
   To please my family

40. 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)
   Response categories: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%
   Academic ability
   Artistic ability
   Compassion
   Creativity
   Drive to achieve
   Emotional health
   Flexibility during uncertain times
   Leadership ability
   Mathematical ability
   Physical health
   Public speaking ability
   Risk-taking
   Self-confidence (intellectual)
   Self-confidence (social)
   Spirituality
   Understanding of others
   Writing ability
41. **Mark one in each row:**

*Response categories: 4 Strongly Agree, 3 Agree Somewhat, 2 Disagree Somewhat, 1 Strongly Disagree*

Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America  
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education  
Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions  
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society  
The U.S. government should create a clear path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants  
Sexual activity that occurs without the presence of explicit, affirmative consent (i.e. "yes means yes") is considered sexual assault  
Abortion should be legal  
Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus  
Women should receive the same salary and opportunities for advancement as men in comparable positions  
Dissent is a critical component of the political process  
Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus  
There is little a person can do to be better at math - you are either “good” or “bad” at math  
The U.S. is unprepared to address a global pandemic

42. **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)

*Response categories: Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important*

My parents/relatives wanted me to come here  
My teacher advised me  
This college has a very good academic reputation  
This college has a good reputation for its social and extracurricular activities  
I was offered financial assistance  
The cost of attending this college  
High school counselor advised me  
Private college counselor advised me  
I wanted to live near home  
Not offered aid by first choice  
Could not afford first choice  
This college’s graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools  
This college’s graduates get good jobs  
I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of this college  
I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college  
Rankings in national magazines  
I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program  
A visit to this campus  
This college’s graduates make a difference in the world  
Communication with a professor  
The academic reputation of my intended major
43. During your last year in high school, how much time did you spend during a typical week:
Response categories: None, Less than 1 hour, 1-2, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, Over 20
   Hours per week:
   Studying/homework
   Socializing with friends in person
   Using social media
   Watching TV/online video content (e.g., Amazon, Hulu, Netflix, YouTube)
   Playing video games
   Participating in student clubs/groups
   Exercising/sports
   Working (for pay)
   Performing household/childcare duties

44. Military Status: (Mark one)
   None
   ROTC, cadet, or midshipman at a service academy
   In the Reserves or National Guard
   On Active Duty
   A discharged veteran NOT serving on Active Duty, in Reserves, or in National Guard

45. How many years do you expect it will take you to graduate from this college?
   1
   2
   3
   4
   5
   6+
   I do not plan to graduate from this college.

46. Will you pursue a science-related research career? (Mark one)
   Definitely yes
   Probably yes
   Uncertain
   Probably no
   Definitely no

47. Is English your primary language?
   Yes
   No

48. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions? (Mark Yes or No for each item)
   Learning disability (dyslexia, etc.)
   Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
   Autism spectrum disorder
Physical or sensory disability (speech, sight, mobility, hearing, etc.)
Chronic illness (cancer, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, etc.)
Psychological disorder (depression, PTSD, etc.)
Other

49. Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: (Mark one for each item)
Response categories: E Essential, V Very Important, S Somewhat Important, N Not Important
- Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)
- Becoming an authority in my field
- Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field
- Influencing the political structure
- Influencing social values
- Raising a family
- Being very well off financially
- Helping others who are in difficulty
- Making a theoretical contribution to science
- Writing original works (poems, novels, etc.)
- Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, etc.)
- Becoming successful in a business of my own
- Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment
- Developing a meaningful philosophy of life
- Participating in a community action program
- Helping to promote racial understanding
- Keeping up to date with political affairs
- Becoming a community leader
- Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures
- Integrating spirituality into my life

50. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: (Mark one for each item)
Response categories: V Very Good Chance, S Some Chance, L Very Little Chance, N No Chance
- Change major field
- Change career choice
- Participate in student government
- Get a job to help pay for college expenses
- Join a fraternity or sorority
- Participate in student protests or demonstrations
- Transfer to another college before graduating
- Participate in volunteer or community service work
- Seek personal counseling
- Participate in student clubs/groups
- Participate in a study abroad program
- Work on a professor’s research project
- Get tutoring help in specific courses
- Take courses from more than one college simultaneously
Take a leave of absence from this college temporarily
Take a course exclusively online
Vote in a local, state, or national election

51. Please rate your agreement with each of the following statements (Mark one in each row):
Response categories: 5 Strongly Agree, 4 Agree Somewhat, 3 Disagree Somewhat, 2 Strongly Disagree 1 Can’t Rate/No Experience
- The admissions staff responded to my questions in a timely manner.
- The communications I received from the institution regarding enrollment were clear.
- Financial aid office staff explained the details of my financial package.
- I am pleased with how my on-campus housing arrangements worked out.
- My academic advisor has helped me choose my classes.
- Orientation for new students has made me feel connected to the institution.

52. What factors influenced your decision to enroll in a different college than expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic? (Mark all that apply)
- I did not enroll in a different college
- Cost of attendance
- Location
- College’s response to pandemic (including decisions about instruction, housing, dining, etc.)
- Change in admissions practices (institution became test optional)
- My health or the health of a family member
- Other factor not listed

53. To what extent did you consider whether a college degree is even worthwhile given the pandemic and current economy?
- To a very large extent
- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a small extent
- Not at all

54. Rate the extent to which each of the following has been a source of stress for you since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic: (Mark one for each item)
Response categories: To a very large extent, To a large extent, To some extent, To a small extent, Not at all
- Mental health
- Physical health
- Completing high school diploma requirements
- Being academically prepared for college
The remaining ovals are provided for questions specifically designed by your college rather than the Higher Education Research Institute. If your college has chosen to use the ovals, please observe carefully the supplemental directions given to you.

55. – 74.
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THANK YOU!

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