

2023 CIRP FRESHMAN SURVEY

(NOTE: Use similar layout for the identification fields from the 2022 CIRP Freshman Survey)

All of your responses to this survey are confidential. We do ask that you provide some information that will help us link previous and future studies that will help improve the college experience.

Please enter the following information.

NAME

FIRST

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LAST

When were you born?

Month (01-12)

Day (01-31)

Year

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNTRY if NOT USA

Please provide your Student ID number as instructed. Do not use hyphens.

STUDENT ID # (*as instructed*):

Please provide your email address.

EMAIL:

Group Code

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1. In what year did you graduate from high school? (Select one)

2023

2022

2021

2020 or earlier

Did not graduate but passed G.E.D. test

Never completed high school

2. **Are you enrolling:** (Select *one*)

- Full-time
- Part-time

3. **How many miles is this college from your permanent home?** (Select *one*)

- 5 or less
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 50
- 51 to 100
- 101 to 500
- Over 500

4. **What was your average grade in high school?** (Select *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? (Select *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. On a scale of 1-7 with 1 being the most remote and 7 being the most urban, how remote/urban would you characterize the hometown you lived in during most of your high school experience? (Select *one*)

1 remote
2
3 rural
4
5 suburban
6
7 urban

14. Are you: (Select *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/e/x
Puerto Rican
South American

Central American
Other Latina/o/e/x
White/Caucasian
Other

15. 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

16. Were you accepted by your first choice college?

Yes
No

17. Is this college your: (Select *one*)

First choice
Second choice
Third choice
Less than third choice

18. Citizenship status: (Select *one*)

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

19. 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

20. Please select which of the following courses you have completed:

Response categories: Yes, No

Pre-calculus/Trigonometry
Probability & Statistics
Calculus
AP Probability & Statistics
AP Calculus

21. During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? (Select *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

22. On how many AP exams did you score a 3 or higher?

- None
- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-8
- 9 or more

23. Which years did you take physics in high school? (Select all that apply)

- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th
- Did not take physics

24. Do you consider yourself: (Select Yes or No for *each* item)

Response categories: Yes, No

- Pre-Med
- Pre-Law

25. Please indicate your intended major. (Please select from the drop-down)

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

26. Please indicate your intended career as well as the careers of your parents/guardians.

(Please select from the drop-down) (*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

27. Current employment status: (Select *one* in each row)

Response Categories: Employed, Seasonally Employed, Not employed, Retired, Unknown/Not Applicable

Parent/Guardian 1
Parent/Guardian 2

28. 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? (Select *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.)

29. Did you receive any of the following forms of financial aid? (Select 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

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

31. Do your parent(s)/guardian(s) own the property where you lived during most of your high school experience? (Select *one*)

Yes
No
I don't know

32. Have you been homeless for one month or more?

Yes
No

33. Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education? (Select *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)

34. Due to current inflation rates: (Select *all that apply*)

I have decided to attend college closer to home
I am attending a less expensive college than originally planned
I will have to take out more loans than expected
I will have to work more hours per week than anticipated
I have changed my choice of major

35. Current religious preference: (Please select from the drop-down)

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

36. What is the highest academic degree that you intend to obtain? (Please select from the drop-down)

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

37. In the past year, how often have you: (Select *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

38. How would you rate yourself in the following areas: (Select *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

39. What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your parents/guardians?

(Please select from the drop-down)

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

40. How often in the past year did you? (Select *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

41. How would you characterize your political views? (Select *one*)

- Far left
- Liberal
- Middle-of-the-road
- Conservative
- Far right

42. In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons? (Select *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

43. 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. (Select *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

44. Select *one* in each row:

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

- Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America
- Federal military spending should be increased
- Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education

Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions

Addressing global climate change should be a federal priority

The U.S. government should create a clear path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants

Abortion should be legal

Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished

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

At least a basic understanding of computer programming is important for nearly any career today

45. 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? (Select 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

46. 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

47. Military Status: (Select *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

48. 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.

49. Is English your primary language?

Yes
No

50. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions? (Select 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

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

Response categories: Essential, Very Important, Somewhat Important, 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
Working to correct social inequalities
Working to correct economic inequalities
Working to achieve greater gender equity

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

Response categories: Very Good Chance, Some Chance, Very Little Chance, 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

53. Please rate your agreement with each of the following statements: (Select *one* for each item)

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

54. To what extent did you consider whether a college degree is even worthwhile?

To a very large extent

To a large extent
To some extent
To a small extent
Not at all

55. Rate the extent to which each of the following has been a source of stress for you due to the COVID-19 pandemic: (Select *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.

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THANK YOU!

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