

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2008
Responses of First-Time, First-Year Students

Diversity at Evergreen

Students were asked a series of questions regarding the importance of diversity to their learning, the amount of respect for diversity, and interactions with people on campus who are different from themselves in terms of backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles. In terms of the importance of diversity on campus to learning, the most common response among first-time, first-year respondents was that diversity was "Very" important (35.3%) with "Quite A Bit" important being the second most frequent response (32.4%). A total of 19.1% of first-time, first-year respondents indicated that diversity was "Somewhat" important to their learning and 13.2% indicated that it was "Not at All" or "A Little Bit" important.

On the question, "How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus?" the most common response was "Quite a Bit." The mean was lower on this item than on the question relating to the importance of diversity to learning. A total of 7.4% of first-time, first-year respondents indicated that there was no or very little respect for differences. Another 25.2% thought that there was some respect for differences, while 67.4% indicated there was "Quite a bit" or "A Lot" of respect on campus.

How important do you think diversity on campus is to your learning? (N=136, 4 skipped question)

Not at all (0)	A Little Bit (1)	Somewhat (2)	Quite a bit (3)	Very (4)
4.4%	8.8%	19.1%	32.4%	35.3%

Mean = 2.85

Median = 3.00

How much respect do you think there is for different backgrounds, perspectives, and lifestyles on campus? (N=135, 5 skipped question)

None (0)	Very Little (1)	Some (2)	Quite a bit (3)	A Lot (4)
0.7%	6.7%	25.2%	49.6%	17.8%

Mean = 2.77

Median = 3.00