

Any other comments you would like to share? (Transfer and First-time, First-year)

A total of 157 students provided additional comments. 65% indicated excitement, enthusiasm, or thankfulness for attending Evergreen. 8% had suggestions for Evergreen, 6% commented on advising/orientation, 6% had financial comments, 6% had survey comments, and 5% worry about campus culture.

	<i>Transfer Respondents</i>	
	N	%
Excited, thankful for Evergreen	104	65%
Evergreen could add...	12	8%
Financial	10	6%
Survey Comments	10	6%
Advising or Orientation	10	6%
Worry about campus culture	8	5%

**Categories are not mutually exclusive*

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Selected comments about being excited for Evergreen (5 of 104 comments)

As a first gen student, attending a school like Evergreen made my college dreams possible. Keep being awesome

I am glad I chose Evergreen as the college to pursue my education

I am so excited to attend Evergreen!

I'm glad Evergreen gives students the ability to choose what they want to learn and be free of other subjects they don't care for. I'm excited to get started.

The biggest factor that attracted me to evergreen was the cultural diversity. I just feel like I will really fit in there and I can be myself while receiving respect from my teachers and peers.

Suggestions for resources Evergreen could add to make it better

As a freshman with no help from high school or parents, I wish there was a list and a time line of what to do after I have been accepted. I've been pretty confused with the overwhelming amount of random links and webpages and I wish the process was a little more clear.

Communication about readiness for school was bad. As a freshman I need to be told what to pay/when/what indeed so I feel like I am on track. Maybe have counselor contact incoming students before orientation.

[Childcare in Tacoma] [2]

[More science courses in Evening and Weekend Studies]

I wish Evergreen had the sport lacrosse

I wish there were more resources for older students returning to school. I wish there were more courses offered online weekends and evenings. I wish there were housing for those students who are married or partnered with or with out kids. I felt that the orientation had really no activities for those 30+ (we still like to do stuff !)

It might be helpful to create a Facebook page for accepted students to join and meet one another before the school year starts! For shy or socially anxious students, this could greatly ease nerves by allowing them to make friends before attending Evergreen.

I feel the Evergreen CAS site could be updated in line with the rest of the Evergreen website, because it's very disingenuous. Also, is it possible to enable mail client service on our evergreen.edu emails?

One thing that I hoped for in Evergreen was more online classes and Psychology classes.

Please ensure that all pages that have a link to it aren't blank. It creates distress to some people.

Registration and admissions caused my registration time ticket to be delayed, which resulted in my loss of ability to register in time to enroll in my first, second or third program choice because of a misregistration of me as a sophomore rather than junior, DESPITE my informing them, and their statement that they had fixed it. The first come first serve registration process created a scenario in which a clerical error caused me some serious stress and disadvantage in registration, despite my concerted effort the week before registration to fix the problem. (when they changed my enrollment status to junior, they failed to change my time ticket, and I did not have time to fix it before the morning Juniors were allowed to enroll, and the programs I was interested in had all been filled by 8:15 AM)

Comments about Advising and Orientation

Signing up for classes I was frustrated that there aren't many options between 4 and 16 credits. One of my main goals with finishing the last half of my four year degree (2 years left) is to take Spanish. My advisor commented if that doesn't work I may have to wait and do later.

Feel like I will need guidance to assure that I take the right courses and that I work toward things that interest me. Also that my choices will lead to a future that will sustain me financially. There hasn't been any contact from Evergreen but I'm sure I will be able to talk with counselors etc as the semester approaches. Many of my friends are going to orientations already for Fall and I guess I'm getting anxious. Excited for the Fall semester!!

I am still in the dark about the grading policy or the expectations of the course I have enrolled in, and feel unsure on how to find the book list for my upcoming class. however, I feel supported by advising and their kindness has been a big factor in deciding to take classes here.

I had to choose between UW and Evergreen, but I eventually barely decided on Evergreen solely due to the film program, something that UW lacks. This is the career I'll pursue and this is why I came.

I really appreciate that Evergreen allows students to design their own focus of study. It is a big relief that I am not being forced to take college level math. Thank you.

I was extremely impressed with the Orientation sessions provided for new students this year. I went in with low expectations and was incredibly surprised and inspired by the workshops. The focus on diversity and communication across differences is so important. I left feeling like a part of a community that I already know will be my new home away from home. I felt accepted and supported by other students and staff. I felt encouraged to speak my mind without judgement and connected to others deeper than the surface level. Thank you so much for your dedication.

Interested in advising for a career path in what I'm interested in

The LGBTQ+ inclusiveness of the campus is a big reason I became interested in the college in the first place. It feels very welcoming. The only negative in that aspect is that my request for a different name has not gone through yet and I sent in the application for it two months ago. Otherwise the Rainbow Fort and various clubs are very exciting. The only reason I've hesitated about Evergreen is because of my concerns about how this Bachelor's will transfer to a graduate program.

The way that class schedules are shown can be a bit confusing, but that may just be a result of my inexperience viewing them.

Transfer Day is very helpful

Worries about campus culture

I am excited about the science department in this school. I can not wait to work with fellow students and to learn further into my field of study. I am nervous about the political activism at the school. I am not from this area of the country, and the things I see on the local news frighten me. I worry that I will not be heard.

Despite looking forward to attending this fall, I have severe misgivings about the peculiar culture that seems to exist in and around Evergreen, and the long standing inability to manage Evergreen's public image in and around Olympia. There is a distinct stigma associated with the college among many people, particularly if they are not left of center. In fact, as a person who does not identify as on the political left, I felt extremely uncomfortable at times when I visited campus, and left with the distinct feeling that my best course of action for the next two years was to simply focus on my studies, and avoid any interaction with the Evergreen culture and social life, as it became very clear that deviation from the political groupthink would be met with ostracization.

I find myself in a strange place at Evergreen. I often find that the appreciation of your Indigenous community is rarely practiced beyond lip service. I have seen things within your S&A process that show a base misunderstanding of the distinctions between Indigenous and Settler PoC. While this isn't necessarily your fault it is concerning that diversity is so championed at Evergreen while the practices don't seem to reflect the level of praise.

I have repeatedly run into the drawback from my own understanding and from feedback from other students that while Evergreen boasts a diverse group of students and as being accepting of all types of people, there is a clearly defined niche group and if you "don't fit in", you don't get the same experience. Since this is my first quarter, I have yet to experience this firsthand, but of all the students I have met, they seem to either fit into this group or feel isolated by it. Evergreen seems to be a haven for this group of people, but in the excitement of having such a place, awareness of inclusion of others not like themselves seems to have been a bit lost.

I have yet to formally attend Evergreen but I must say that I am a bit concerned about the so-called 'progressivism' observable on the campus. Evergreen proclaims that it teaches student 'how to think, not what to think,' and although I believe this to be mostly true, I do wonder whether certain ideas are truly open for discussion or are students in some way disparaged from any real discourse of ideas due to the risk of 'offending' anyone? The discussion(s) observed during my orientation program lead me to believe the latter, and I again voice my concern that polarity of ideology can be just as regressive as bigotry. I hope the general populous of the Evergreen student body does not mimic this in-group out-group mentality.

I think you guys should do something about the "evergreen confessions" page on Facebook, it really gives a negative look into Evergreen.

I'm terrified of this school because it's such a different experience compared with some of the other places from which I might receive a degree. The long reviews in place of grades might make employers less enthusiastic to take the risk of allowing someone without a GPA onto their team, and the ability for bias to show in these reviews is troubling regardless of the direction it heads. However, Evergreen's resources, location, total cost, and accommodation for independent studying make it worth the risk to me.

One thing that is problematic with Evergreen is the bureaucracy of the school institution and education industry as it relates to the larger structures of capitalism and colonization. The academic language required to participate in the schooling programs is inaccessible and/or undesirable to many people. The amount of money that school costs, the idea that going to school will get you a better job and the unchecked class and racial privileges of students and administration uphold the systems of oppression that kill and have killed people across the world everyday for centuries. [We should] actually have the ability to reacquaint ourselves with the depths of emotional and spiritual connection with [our planet], than the [administration] needs to recognize the power they hold within themselves to let go of their privileges and actually listen to students and faculty around them and our needs. In fact, the administration can aid the global revolution, by witnessing the sorrow and confusion in their own hearts, let it go and listen to and help the people running the student groups and grass-roots foundations for peace and social justice across the globe. Thank you.
