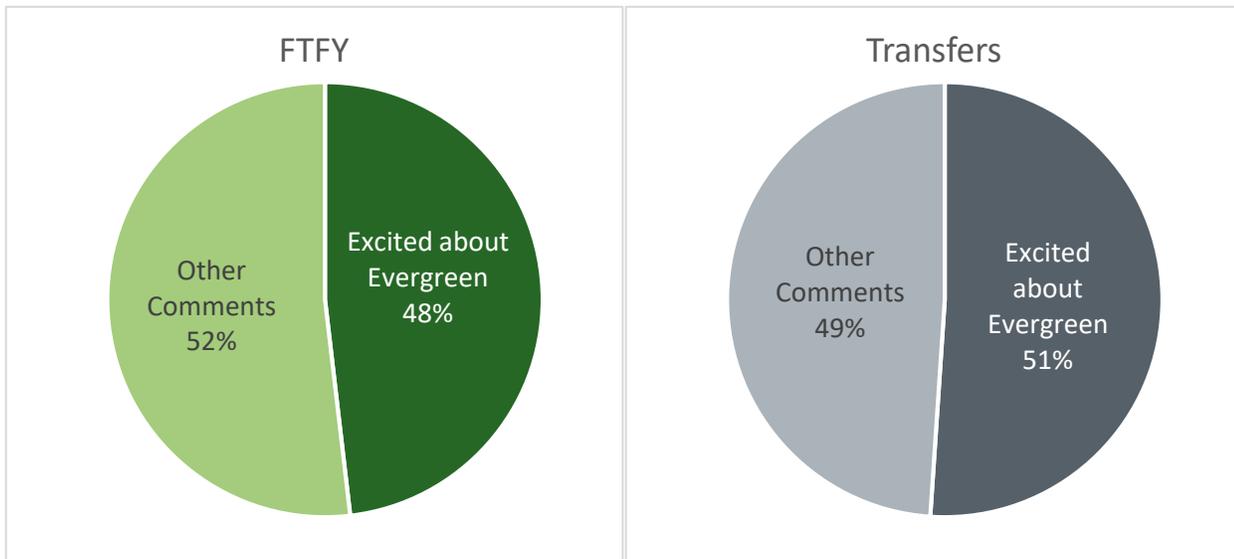


Any other comments you would like to share? (Transfers and First-time, First-year)

A total of 74 students provided additional comments. Approximately 50% of First-time, First-years (FTFY) and Transfers indicated excitement, enthusiasm, or thankfulness for attending Evergreen. The other 50% of both groups made other comments (which may or may not have included excitement about Evergreen and are listed below).

	FTFY		Transfers	
Excited about Evergreen	13	48%	24	51%
Other Comments	14	52%	23	49%



Any other comments you would like to share?

Comments from FTFY

Although I am incredibly excited to be surrounded by people who share my same interests and philosophies, I do worry a little bit that there is not much representation of the full political spectrum at Evergreen. I myself am very progressive and align myself with the left, but I also enjoy debating political issues with people who have different political beliefs from myself. I hope to find people I can have a healthy debate with, but I guess I'll have to wait and see if I find those people at Evergreen.

As a high school senior that is planning to attend Evergreen, this makes me feel accepted in the community already.

As a new student who is [non-traditional age] first time attending college, I have heard incredible comments from current students regarding support of faculty for older students. I find these comments extremely reassuring.

Evergreen is my dream college and I cannot wait to be a part of the community. I hope it lives up to my expectations

Evergreen sounds like an absolutely wonderful place, my biggest concerns are about how I will pay for my education and the political culture on campus being too exclusionary and hostile

Having discussions online is dumb.

Heck

I am afraid that I will not get the education I want at this school. If TESC is truly a college that allows you to get to where you want to be, I want to see what they could do for me to get to where I want to be in the next 4 years.

I'm an overall very anxious person. I'm quite worried I might be in over my head with regards to the level of difficulty college presents. I'm going to try, but I'm worried I could potentially fail and it's making school rather stressful and less fun.

I'm very excited for my time at Evergreen! I really hope that Greener Forums user "556" won't be as loud and abrasive on the actual campus, though. He said that the three students who passed away not too long ago died because of insanity for being "SJWs"; that doesn't seem like a good person to have in a healthy and respectful community.

[Asexual means] uninterested in romantic relationships and with very low desire of sexual activities.

Please tell people whether or not they got work study. I was sort of expecting one and haven't been told anything about that.

Registration has been a bit confusing and frustrating. Different messages from several people out of the same office, some of which was very contradictory. I was more than a little surprised that at the age of [50+] I was asked for my high school transcripts and that it was mandatory to have them even though I had college transcripts from other institutions.

Your website needs a lot of help, you should give the computer class a crack at it.

Comments from Transfers

Evening and Weekend classes -- more options and openings.

Evergreen has been very welcoming in my transfer. It has been a great environment so far and I have had positive encounters with the staff. The only negative experience I have had is my climate change class being cancelled on the students last minute. I was excited and preparing for that class and got word it was unfortunately cancelled. Other than that, it has been great!

I am aware of recent negative publicity. To be honest, it was a bit disconcerting. However, other positive aspects of the school far outweigh any concerns.

I am concerned about further ideological conflicts on campus, though feel confident I can act invisibly while completing my education independently. I plan to only take classes from faculty who did not sign the solidarity letter with the protestors.

I am disappointed with the amount of arts that have been cut. I chose Evergreen for the arts courses and the pairing of them with other subjects.

I am just really looking forward to starting at Evergreen in the Fall and a little nervous as I haven't been on a campus in many years. My only wish is that Evergreen offered more online courses and had some online degree programs. I completed my AA completely online. I work full time and travel once a month for a week at a time for work, so it's hard for me to take classes on campus. I really want to go to Evergreen though so am hoping I can make it work somehow.

I am looking forward to seeing what I will learn from Evergreen and I hope it contributes to a better future for me and everyone who attends. I believe in this "experiment" as some call it. I ignore the negative remarks and focus on the positive or helpful ones when making my decisions regarding my education here.

I am somewhat nervous to come back to school in my late 20's, in part because I know Evergreen is a major hub of self-discovery for people, particularly people going through the transformation of their early 20's. I barely made it through the years of 19-22 alive, and I confess that being surrounded by the energy of people learning what it means for them to be independent adults is a little daunting. I love working with people in their 40's, 60's... I am really grateful for the work that Evergreen does to provide a safe and dynamic place for people to learn and grow and come of age, but I am nervous to see how I will fit in with that process. How will the container of the school hold me, who is no longer lost? How will I be able to help keep spaces safe and dynamic for the existing students? I have talked a lot with a few others who are returning to school after some years living as independent adults, and I am relieved to know I am not the only one going through this process. I haven't talked to career advisors yet, but I am excited to do so; while I have ideas about what I want, I don't know very much about my intended field yet and I am going to talk to everyone I can about it.

I hope I won't run into problems here like I did at [my last college] that forced me to find a new school, when I had done nothing wrong but was perceived as a threat because of past actions I have already served time for.

I hope that the influence of social justice and political efforts don't get in the way of quality, compassion, and openness in the educational environment.

I like that there are programs instead of individual classes, but is there a way that some of the science classes can be taken outside of the programs?

I like the idea of assigned academic advisors; however, mine has not been real responsive. Have emailed twice with questions and received no response. Calling seems to work better (just to general advising number).

I loved the way that faculty members are always willing to help and support the students. The international evaluators that reviewed my transcripts were a big part of my choice to study at Evergreen State College. I am amazed about the Bilingual programs that you have.

Thank you

I'm a little worried as a new student that identifies as a straight, cis gendered person who has never questioned their gender, that I won't fit in with other students.

I'm concerned that myself, my classmates, and my professors may be forced to refrain from freely exchanging ideas due to racial tension on campus.

I'm deaf, and am concerned about faculty being able to help me learn.

My father is active duty military and I am eligible for the post 9-11 GI Bill. [I might go get my masters]

One of my main reasons for picking Evergreen was the café food offered to students. The food at the school is very good/healthy.

Please treat new students with courtesy and help them to understand the process of enrollment, financial aid, tuition and loans. This college treated me like shit quite frankly and that is the only reason I have also applied at [another school] i am hopeful for some great teachers and classes to redeem the residency and financial aid departments. I could have saved a lot of money time and stress if only someone would give me the time of day. Thank you.

Seeing police in riot gear on the street view of campus in google maps is quite concerning.

Sorry about the website rant, everyone I have met here seems super nice so far. Looking forward to getting started. Thanks for listening!

The events on media have me concerned and feel uncomfortable regarding safety. I hope to never receive an excessive amount hateful vulgar expressions, or threats of physical harm if my views and opinions are not 100% aligned with peers views, or if my actions are misinterpreted and taken out of context. I expect law abiding behavior when having peaceful demonstration and protest. Have letter/number grade option assigned may help when transferring to graduate school or other programs, however some schools allow for testing or demonstration of proficiency in alternative ways. Some classes appear to work in pairs or groups, and when it comes to writing or creating sensitive content and protecting authorship, I may not want to share with many people. Keeping work private until copyrighted and protected. Many people digest work at subconsciously or consciously and then reproduce similar work, and may forget the original stimulation that inspired them for their work. Yet, at the same time, I see group work in many assignments as beneficial and conducive towards learning, allowing free expression and sharing of all information, stimulating to all around us for deeper personal, academic and professional growth. Housing is expensive, and I desire alternative lower cost living options, such as sustainable housing community, public shower and bathing, and option of living in a hammock and shelter that allows for optimal ventilation and airflow, ergonomics, and a deep relaxation. Put hammocks in the classroom. Allow option to study on a yoga ball. Housing and Dining are too expensive. CON Narrative Evaluations are PRO, but I desire grade option in addition, as most University desire grade, for example 3.0 or 4.0. Then I feel secure that my education will feel more secure in preparing me for Grad School.

This school has been great so far. I cannot wait to call myself a graduate. Thank you.

With regards to the question of whether Evergreen's reputation affected my decision to apply, I will admit that it was more complicated than a pro or con. The reputation as a free thinking, liberal haven appealed to me. As a queer person, Evergreen's reputation as an inclusive community that celebrates diversity was very important to me. But, I also had relatives and family friends cautioning me away from Evergreen based on rumors that y'all almost lost accreditation? So it's not all one way. There were pros AND cons to your reputation as a school. But it's totally cool, I'm really excited to go here. Like, over the moon excited. I'm thrilled to be an evergreen student. Thanks for your time.
