

The Evergreen State College
 Evergreen New Student Survey 2005
 Tacoma Analysis

How much influence did the following factors have on your decision to attend Evergreen?

New students were asked to indicate how much influence a series of factors had on their decision to attend Evergreen. The chart below shows Tacoma students' answers to these questions sorted from highest to lowest mean (average) response. The factors with the highest mean responses for Tacoma students were close contact with faculty, ability to study in a variety of subjects, and ability to study one subject through multiple disciplines or perspectives (interdisciplinary learning). On average, Tacoma students reported that they were least influenced by: availability of art programs or art studios, availability of science programs or science labs, and the natural beauty of the area.

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<i>Scale: 0=No Influence, 1 = Slightly Influential, 2=Influential, 3=Very Influential</i>	Mean	No Influence (0)	Slightly Influential (1)	Influential (2)	Very Influential (3)	Missing
Close contact with faculty	2.28	5.3%	8.8%	38.6%	47.4%	1
Ability to study in a variety of subjects	2.23	3.5%	17.5%	31.6%	47.4%	1
Ability to study one subject through multiple disciplines or perspectives (interdisciplinary learning)	2.21	3.4%	12.1%	44.8%	39.7%	0
Class size	2.19	10.3%	12.1%	25.9%	51.7%	0
Availability of classes on evenings and weekends	2.17	10.3%	12.1%	27.6%	50.0%	0
Quality of faculty	2.12	7.0%	10.5%	45.6%	36.8%	1
Ability to study in a specific field or discipline of your choice	2.08	11.5%	9.6%	38.5%	40.4%	6
Ability to take integrated programs instead of individual classes	2.02	12.1%	13.8%	34.5%	39.7%	0
Ability to apply learning through internship opportunities	1.91	12.3%	22.8%	26.3%	38.6%	1
Ability to apply learning through community projects in class	1.89	12.3%	21.1%	31.6%	35.1%	1
Ability to do independent study	1.84	10.5%	24.6%	35.1%	29.8%	1
Opportunity to design your own education	1.83	17.2%	19.0%	27.6%	36.2%	0
Narrative evaluations instead of grades	1.72	24.1%	17.2%	20.7%	37.9%	0
Availability of computer programs, computer labs	1.48	19.0%	34.5%	25.9%	20.7%	0
Availability of financial aid or scholarship	1.47	24.1%	27.6%	25.9%	22.4%	0

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Cost of attendance (tuition, living expenses)	1.35	33.3%	21.1%	22.8%	22.8%	1
Other friends or family members that are attending or have attended Evergreen	1.26	37.9%	20.7%	19.0%	22.4%	0
Availability of media-related programs, film and video equipment and/or labs	1.21	29.3%	34.5%	22.4%	13.8%	0
Availability of art programs, art studios	1.03	27.6%	51.7%	10.3%	10.3%	0
Availability of science programs, science labs	0.95	42.1%	28.1%	22.8%	7.0%	1
Natural beauty of the area	0.86	50.0%	25.9%	12.1%	12.1%	0