

**The Evergreen State College**  
**Evergreen New Student Survey 2012**  
*Olympia Campus - Transfer students*

**Feel free to write in any other comments you would like to share:**

A total of 57 transfer students provided additional comments that could be categorized (17% of all transfer respondents). A majority indicated excitement/enthusiasm for attending Evergreen (31%). A substantial amount of students (21%) indicated a broad range of comments that were categorized as "other".

<b>Additional comments from Transfer students (N=57)</b>	<b>Comments*</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Excited/Enthusiasm for Evergreen	26	31%
Financial Situation or Financial Aid	4	5%
Non-Resident, Transfer and Non-Traditional Student Issues	4	5%
Academic Offerings and Availability	2	2%
Thank You - General	8	9%
Faculty/Staff	11	13%
Student Activities and Campus Life	6	7%
😊 / ♥	2	2%
Residential and Dining Services	2	2%
Comments about the survey itself	2	2%
Other	18	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	

*\*categories are not mutually exclusive*

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The individual comments that were included in each category are detailed below. Some students had comments that fit within multiple categories and were listed more than once. Comments are redacted to protect individual students' identities.

**Excited/Enthusiasm for Evergreen**

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Looking forward to starting new at Evergreen :)

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Looking forward to pursuing my further education at Evergreen!

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I've already taken 16 credits at Evergreen as a special student, 8 credits last spring, 8 credits over the summer. I like it so far. I'm excited for school to start again here soon!

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I'm very excited in pursuing my education at The Evergreen State College.

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I'm really excited to be starting this summer.

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I have the belief that attending Evergreen will proliferate my academic career, it will also have a positive impact in my daily life.

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I have lived in Lacey most of my life and have wanted to attend Evergreen since I was 10.

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I have been to the campus 2 or 3 times and left so very excited. Everyone I have spoken with or met with was extremely nice and helpful. I haven't looked forward to anything as much as attending Evergreen for quite a while. =)

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I feel lucky to be here.

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I cant wait to start here. I am looking at this as a fresh new start and a exciting new chapter in my life.

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I am very excited to begin my studies at Evergreen, I know that it is the right fit for me!

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I am very excited to be heading out to olympia in the next few weeks, and can't wait to meet all of the wonderful people at evergreen.

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I am sure that my experience at Evergreen will be a positive one and am looking forward to my education opportunities.

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I am really looking forward to starting school at Evergreen in the fall =)

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I am really looking forward to get started!

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I am looking forward to attending Evergreen. I have heard nothing but positives about the school, the environment as well as the faculty. And I am very excited to be apart of that.

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I am feeling very positive about Evergreen and my future studies. Everyone at Evergreen has been very helpful, positive, and friendly. Thank you!

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I am excited to see what Evergreen has to offer me.

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I am excited to really learn new ways to think about my field and also meeting like-minded people.

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I am an international student from [east Asia]. I've finished my AA degree from [2-year community college] in Summer 2012. I feel excited to go to a new college at Evergreen, which is totally different from my previous school. I am worried about if my communication skill may be awkward to work with other students. Hoping to have a great time!!

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Honestly, I am very excited and anxious about attending school at Evergreen. Is there a teacher meet and greet at all before the quarter begins? It would be lovely to meet them and my fellow students before class begins. Thank you.

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Excited to explore Olympia and meet lots of new people!

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Evergreen rocks!!

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Can't wait to start!

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**Financial/Financial Aid**

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I'm not sure if I am going to take out loans.

I hope I don't have to take out any loans but I probably will in the next year or two. I also have not received any real scholarships or anything, but i did receive an academic achievement award from evergreen and am currently awaiting the results of my [message truncated]

I got two scholarships while I was attending [2-year community college].

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**Non-Resident, Transfer and Non-Traditional Student Issues**

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The whole process wasn't very accommodating to an older student. I was repeatedly condescended and treated as a child. The worst instance of this was during the meeting with admissions during my campus visit. I understand that the college needs to appeal [message truncated]

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**Academic Offerings and Availability**

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At present, unexpectedly wary of how attending a single program will compare to my previous college experiences. They seem more agonizing to choose than a group of disparate classes per quarter.

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**Thank You - General**

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thank you for helping me finish my 4 year degree!

Thank you Evergreen, all hardworking employees, faculty, and amazingly passionate and understanding students. Many reasons exist why I moved across country for this school, and very happily.

It must be very tedious to go through all these surveys, so here's a (low quality) drawing of Homer Simpson: [Drawing of Homer Simpson; "Thank you for you time!"]

I really enjoy the way the school is set up for people who are highly motivated to go further than most schools less beurocratic mess. Also, the people in different offices are personable and not an automated machine and are so able and ready to help with what you need. Thank you!

I myself am not active duty, but my husband is so I have been in contact with the Veteran's Affairs office and they were extremely helpful and kind.

I look forward to the challenge my time at Evergreen. Thanks.

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## Faculty/Staff

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The First People's office has been very helpful.

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I am really appreciative of the quick responses and aid of all the administrative departments and faculty. It is rare to find a school that makes you feel valued, and Evergreen exceeds expectations. I am finishing my last two years of college here, and I [message truncated]

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### **Residential and Dining Services**

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Would like to live on campus. My cat and inability to house him is an issue. would be cool if some accomadation could be made

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Do not like to fill out surveys.

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## Other

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With help from family, friends, and the Evergreen community, I hope to make the transition as smoothly as possible.

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Thanks for the Transfer day. I got a lot of Info from the presenters.

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My experience with teachers, staff and students is limited due to classes having not yet started. Most answers are based off a very rudimentary impression.

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I got lost on campus trying to find the book store. maybe new student signs the first week?

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Bring back Super Saturday!!

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