



COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM  
at the HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT UCLA

## 2013 CIRP Freshman Survey Changes

### Items deleted (numbering reflects 2012 TFS Survey)

**DELETE: 19. During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? (Mark one for each item).**

*Response categories: None, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more*

English  
Mathematics  
Foreign Language  
Physical Science  
Biological Science  
History/ Am. Gov't  
Computer Science  
Arts and/or Music

**DELETE: 21. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions? (Mark yes or no for each item)**

*Response categories: Yes, No*

Learning disability (dyslexia, etc.)

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Autism spectrum/Asperger's syndrome

Physical disability (speech, sight, mobility, hearing, etc.)

Chronic illness (cancer, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, etc.)

Psychological disorder (depression, etc.)

Other

**DELETE: 28. Do you consider yourself (Mark Yes or No for each item)**

Born-Again Christian

Evangelical

**36. Mark one in each row:**

DELETE: Abortion should be legal

DELETE: The death penalty should be abolished

DELETE: Racial discrimination is no longer a problem in America

DELETE: Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society

DELETE: Dissent is a critical component of the political process

DELETE: Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions

DELETE: Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus

**Items added/restored (numbering reflects 2013 TFS Survey)**

**RESTORED: 19. How many Advanced Placement courses or exams did you take in high school?** (Mark one in each row)

*Response categories: Not offered at my high school, none, 1-4, 5-9, 10-14 15+*

AP Courses

AP Exams

**ADD: 21. Have you had, or do you feel you will need, any special tutoring or remedial work in any of the following subjects?** (Mark all that apply)

*Response categories: Have Had, Will Need*

English

Reading

Mathematics

Social Studies

Science

Foreign Language

Writing

**ADD: 25. Current employment status (Mark one in each row):**

*Response Choices: Employed, Unemployed, Retired*

Your mother

Your father

**31. For the activities listed below, indicate which ones you did during the past year.**

**ADD:** Used an online instructional website (e.g. Khan Academy, Coursera)

As assigned for a class

To learn something on your own

**40. Mark one in each row:**

RESTORE: Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished

RESTORE: The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns

RESTORE: The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit

RESTORE: Addressing global warming should be a federal priority

RESTORE: The chief benefit of a college education is that it increases one's earning power

RESTORE: Gays and lesbians should have the legal right to adopt a child

RESTORE: Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education

**ADD: 39. Think about your current abilities and tell us how strong or weak you believe you are in each of the following areas:** (Mark one for each item) *Response scale: A Major Strength, Somewhat Strong, Average, Somewhat Weak, A Major Weakness*

- General knowledge
- Knowledge of a particular field or discipline
- Knowledge of people from different races/cultures
- Understanding of the problems facing your community
- Understanding of national issues
- Understanding of global issues
- Critical thinking skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Leadership abilities
- Ability to get along with people of different races/cultures
- Ability to manage your time effectively
- Foreign language ability
- Interpersonal skills

**ADD: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION FOR WEB VERSION OF SURVEY ONLY**

**We are testing a new format for asking students about race and ethnicity. Please help us to improve our survey by answering the following three questions.**

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- No
- Yes, Mexican American/Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Other Hispanic or Latino

What is your race? (Select one or more)

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
  - East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)
  - Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong, Filipino)
  - South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)
  - Other Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native

Do you identify as multiracial?

- No
- Yes

**Items changed (numbering reflects 2013 TFS Survey)**

CHANGED: All references to year advance one year (i.e., replace instances of 2012 with 2013)

**CHANGED 24. Please indicate your intended career as well as the careers of your parents, using the codes provided on the attached fold out.**

See Separate Careers Changes Document

**29. Current religious preference:**

CHANGED: Seventh Day Adventist **TO** Seventh-day Adventist

**32. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself.**

CHANGED: *Response categories: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%* **TO** *Response categories: A Major Strength, Somewhat Strong, Average, Somewhat Weak A Major Weakness*

**42. During your last year in high school, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?**

CHANGED: Online social networks (Myspace, Facebook, etc.) **TO** Online social networks (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)