

SURVEY INSTRUMENT CHANGES FOR 2004

This document summarizes the changes made to the CIRP Freshman Survey Instrument between 2003 and 2004. We recommend you review these changes in the event you want to use some of your Local Option questions (see page 4 of the Administrative Guidelines) to ask questions that have been removed, or in the event you can remove Local Option questions that are now being asked in the body of the survey.

2003 QUESTIONS REMOVED FROM THE 2004 CIRP

The “Astin letter” (“Dear Student: This information is being collected...”). The contents of the “Astin letter” are included in the Student Information Sheet.

10. Which of your parent were born in the U.S.?

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| Both | Father only |
| Neither | Mother only |

11. Which of the following statements applies to you?

I was born in the United States
I came to the United States:
 Before age 6
 Between ages 6-12
 After age 12

17. Have you had, or do you feel you will need, any special tutoring or remedial work in any of the following subjects?

| | Have | Will |
|------------------|------|------|
| | Had | Need |
| English | | |
| Reading | | |
| Mathematics | | |
| Social Studies | | |
| Science | | |
| Foreign Language | | |
| Writing | | |

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

Overslept and missed class or appointment
Visited an art gallery or museum
Discussed religion
Communicated via email
Communicated via Instant Messaging
Other Internet use

26. When did you first visit this college?

Before I applied
After I applied but before I was accepted
After I was accepted but before I decided to attend
After I decided to attend

2003 QUESTIONS REMOVED FROM THE 2004 CIRP (continued)

29. In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?
To improve my reading and study skills
A mentor/role model encouraged me to go
30. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age.
Persistence
Popularity
Risk-taking
32. Mark one in each row [“opinion questions”]
People should not obey laws which violate their personal values
33. Please indicate the extent to which each of the following describes you.
Searching for meaning/purpose in life
Engaging in self-reflection
Appreciating the interconnectedness of everything
Believing in the sacredness of life
Being honest in my relationships with others
36. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend this particular college...
This college offers special educational programs
This college has low tuition
39. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will:
Get a bachelor’s degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)?
Develop close friendships with other students?
Drop out of college?

QUESTIONS INTRODUCED IN/RESTORED TO THE 2004 CIRP

8. From what kind of secondary school did you graduate?
Public school (not charter or magnet)
Public charter school
Public magnet school
Private religious/parochial school
Private independent college-prep school
Home school
13. During the last year of high school what proportion of the time did you live with:
Mother
Father
Stepmother
Stepfather
Grandparent
Legal guardian
Other adult(s)

QUESTIONS INTRODUCED IN/RESTORED TO THE 2004 CIRP (continued)

17. During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects?
- English
 - Mathematics
 - Foreign Language
 - Physical Science
 - Biological Science
 - History/Am. Govt.
 - Computer Science
 - Arts and/or Music
18. Do you have a disability?
- None
 - Hearing
 - Speech
 - Orthopedic
 - Learning disability
 - Health-related
 - Partially sighted or blind
 - Other
23. Current religious preference
- Church of Christ
24. Do you consider yourself a Born-Again Christian?]
- Yes
 - No
25. For the activities listed below, indicate which ones you did during the past year...
- Discussed religion/spirituality
 - In class
 - With friends
 - With family
 - Worked on a local, state or national political campaign
 - Maintained a healthy diet
 - Stayed up all night
 - Missed school because of illness
27. For each item, please mark Yes or No:
- Have you participated in:
 - A summer research program?
 - A health science research program sponsored by a University?
29. In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?
- To find my purpose in life

QUESTIONS INTRODUCED IN/RESTORED TO THE 2004 CIRP (continued)

30. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age.
Compassion
Courage
Forgiveness
Generosity
Kindness
Time management
32. Mark one in each row [“opinion questions”]
Colleges have a right to ban extreme speakers
If two people really like each other, it’s all right for them to have sex even if they’ve known each other for only a very short time
34. Below is a list of community service/volunteer activities. Indicate which of these you participated in during high school.
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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| None | Elder Care | Community improvement/construction |
| Tutoring/teaching | Hospital work | Conflict mediation |
| Counseling/mentoring | Substance abuse education | Service to my religious community |
| Environmental activities | Other health education | Other community service |
| Child care | Services to the homeless | |
37. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend this particular college...
The cost of attending this college
This college’s graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools
39. Please indicate the importance to your personally of...
Working to find a cure to a health problem

QUESTIONS CHANGED IN THE 2004 CIRP

4. In what year did you graduate from high school?
2003 *changed to* 2004
2002 *changed to* 2003
2001 *changed to* 2002
2000 *changed to* 2001
14. Where do you plan to live during the fall term?
College dormitory *changed to* College residence hall
23. Current religious preference
Episcopal *changed to* Episcopalian
United Church of Christ *changed to* United Church of Christ/Congregational
25. Please indicate the ethnic background of yourself, your father, and your mother.
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Please indicate your ethnic background.

QUESTIONS CHANGED IN THE 2004 CIRP (continued)

39. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will:
Strengthen religious beliefs/convictions

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Strengthen your religious beliefs/convictions

40. Do you give the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) permission to include your ID number should your college request the data for additional research analyses? HERI maintains strict standards of confidentiality and would require your college to sign a pledge of confidentiality.

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