CIRP
Your First College Year Survey
2008

University of California - San Diego
1,056 responses
Executive Summary

Student Research & Information,
Student Affairs, UCSD
Presentation Summary

- Demographics
- How Students Spend Time
- Interactions with Faculty
- Academic Issues
- Habits of Mind
- Civic Engagement
- Campus Climate

- Peer Relationships
- Diversity
- Personal Health Issues
- Plans to Return Next Year
- Satisfaction with College Choice
Demographics

Men 39.1%

Women 60.9%

- White/Caucasian: 38.1%
- Asian American/Asian: 54.0%
- African American/Black: 1.0%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 3.8%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 1.9%
- Hispanic: 11.5%
- Other: 7.4%
How Students Spend Time

Hours spent in a typical week during the past year

- **Attending class/labs**: 73.5%
  - <1: 7.6%
  - 1-5: 17.3%
  - 6-10: 1.6%
  - 11+: 3.8%
  - 11+: 54.4%

- **Studying/homework**: 31.3%
  - <1: 0.9%
  - 1-5: 31.7%
  - 6-10: 36.0%
  - 11+: 1.6%

- **Student clubs/groups**: 36.2%
  - <1: 2.8%
  - 1-5: 6.6%
  - 6-10: 36.2%
  - 11+: 54.4%

- **Socializing with friends**: 32.2%
  - <1: 3.8%
  - 1-5: 7.8%
  - 6-10: 30.0%
  - 11+: 32.2%

- **Online social networks**: 59.7%
  - <1: 11.1%
  - 1-5: 21.5%
  - 6-10: 36.0%
  - 11+: 17.3%

- **Partying**: 6.6%
  - <1: 1.6%
  - 1-5: 6.9%
  - 6-10: 31.2%
  - 11+: 60.3%
Interaction with Faculty
How has it been to get to know faculty?

- 4.4% Very Easy
- 28.6% Somewhat Easy
- 48.3% Somewhat Difficult
- 18.8% Very Difficult
Interaction with Faculty
How has it been to understand what your professors expect of you academically?

- Very Easy: 14.9%
- Somewhat Easy: 56.4%
- Somewhat Difficult: 26.3%
- Very Difficult: 2.4%
Interaction with Faculty

How often have you interacted with...

Faculty During Office Hours

- Never: 21.8%
- < Once a Week: 15.1%
- Once a week or more: 63.1%

Faculty Outside Class or Office Hours

- Never: 49.6%
- < Once a Week: 40.3%
- Once a week or more: 10.1%
Interaction with Faculty

Since entering this college, how often have you worked on a professor’s research project?

- 2.3% Frequently
- 5.9% Occasionally
- 91.9% Not at all
Interaction with Faculty
How often have you received from your professors...

- **Negative feedback about your academic work**
  - Occasionally: 27.7%
  - Frequently: 1.8%

- **Emotional support or encouragement**
  - Occasionally: 22.7%
  - Frequently: 2.2%

- **Advice/guidance about your educational program**
  - Occasionally: 37.7%
  - Frequently: 3.8%
Interaction with Faculty
The faculty here are interested in students’ academic/personal problems
Major Selection
Since entering this college, have you...

- Decided to pursue a different major: 35.5%
- Remained undecided about a major: 20.9%
Academic-Related Gains

Compared with when you entered this college, how would you describe your...
## Academic Climate

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<td>Spoken up in class</td>
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<td>Thought that your courses inspired you to think in new ways</td>
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<td>Discussed course content with students outside of class</td>
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<td>Witnessed academic dishonesty or cheating</td>
<td>34.3%</td>
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Academic Climate

To what extent do you agree or disagree that at this institution there is strong competition among students for high grades?

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<td>39.2%</td>
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Academic Success Habits
How has it been to...

- Adjust to academic demands of college: 33.6%
  - Very Easy: 10.3%
  - Somewhat Easy: 23.3%

- Manage your time effectively: 27.4%
  - Very Easy: 6.6%
  - Somewhat Easy: 20.8%

- Develop effective study skills: 36.9%
  - Very Easy: 8.2%
  - Somewhat Easy: 28.7%

- Use campus services available to students: 58.1%
  - Very Easy: 25.0%
  - Somewhat Easy: 33.1%
Academic Balance

I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities

- Strongly Agree: 5.7%
- Agree: 57.9%
- Disagree: 30.7%
- Strongly Disagree: 5.8%
Academic Program Participation

Have you enrolled or participated in a...

- Remedial course: 6.9%
- Academic support program: 11.6%
- Honors/advanced course: 12.2%
- First-year seminar: 23.4%
- FIG, learning cluster, linked courses, etc: 4.3%
Academic Disengagement
How often have you...

- Skipped class: 9.5% frequently, 70.6% occasionally
- Come late to class: 3.4% frequently, 18.1% occasionally
- Fell asleep in class: 7.3% frequently, 41.0% occasionally
- Been bored in class: 43.2% frequently
- Turned in assignments late: 8.4% frequently, 61.3% occasionally
- Turned in work that was not your best: 7.4% frequently, 68.8% occasionally
Satisfaction with Academics

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Library facilities and services: 36.6% Very Satisfied, 51.3% Somewhat Satisfied
- Lab facilities and equipment: 18.0% Very Satisfied, 50.1% Somewhat Satisfied
- Classroom facilities: 10.8% Very Satisfied, 60.6% Somewhat Satisfied
- Class size: 2.8% Very Satisfied, 33.8% Somewhat Satisfied
- Overall academic experience: 14.7% Very Satisfied, 61.5% Somewhat Satisfied
Satisfaction with Academics
How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

Overall quality of instruction: 60.9% Very Satisfied, 13.2% Somewhat Satisfied
Relevance of coursework to everyday life: 36.6% Very Satisfied, 5.0% Somewhat Satisfied
Relevance of coursework to career: 42.5% Very Satisfied, 10.2% Somewhat Satisfied
Amount of contact with faculty: 32.5% Very Satisfied, 5.0% Somewhat Satisfied
Satisfaction with Computing

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Availability of internet access
  - Very Satisfied: 28.4%
  - Somewhat Satisfied: 46.3%

- Computer facilities/ labs
  - Very Satisfied: 22.8%
  - Somewhat Satisfied: 55.3%

- Quality of computer training/ assistance
  - Very Satisfied: 14.9%
  - Somewhat Satisfied: 46.1%
Habits of Mind

In the past year, how frequently did you...

- Support your opinions with a logical argument: 40.3%
- Ask questions in class: 12.8%
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others: 37.0%
- Revise your papers to improve your writing: 47.3%
- Seek feedback on your academic work: 33.5%
Habits of Mind

In the past year, how frequently did you...

- Seek alternative solutions to a problem: 30.3%
- Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain: 27.2%
- Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received: 38.4%
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class: 28.6%
- Look up scientific research articles and resources: 23.8%
## Civic Engagement

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<td>Volunteered</td>
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<td>Performed community service as part of class</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
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<td>Participated in political demonstrations</td>
<td>12.9%</td>
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<td>Worked on a local, state, or national campaign</td>
<td>7.1%</td>
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<td>Read internet news sites</td>
<td>34.6%</td>
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<td>Discussed politics</td>
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Civic Engagement

How important to you personally is each of the following...

- Keeping up-to-date with political affairs: 32.8%
- Influencing the political structure: 29.5%
- Becoming a community leader: 26.4%
- Participating in community action: 31.1%
- Helping others in difficulty: 47.5%
- Becoming involved with cleaning up the environment: 29.5%

Essential vs. Very Important
Civic Engagement

Compared with when you entered this college, how would you describe your...

Understanding of problems facing your community: 10.1% Much Stronger, 46.3% Stronger
Understanding of national issues: 7.9% Much Stronger, 41.7% Stronger
Understanding of global issues: 11.0% Much Stronger, 40.6% Stronger
Political Views

How would you characterize your political views?

- **Far left** 3.6%
- **Liberal** 40.5%
- **Middle-of-the-Road** 42.8%
- **Conservative** 12.4%
- **Far Right** 0.7%
Campus Climate
To what extent do you agree that you...

Feel a sense of belonging with this college
- Strongly Agree: 10.2%
- Agree: 59.5%

See yourself as part of the campus community
- Strongly Agree: 9.9%
- Agree: 62.8%

Feel like just another number on campus
- Strongly Agree: 15.6%
- Agree: 49.8%
## Campus Climate

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<td>Felt lonely or homesick</td>
<td>54.3%</td>
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<td>Felt isolated from campus life</td>
<td>48.1%</td>
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<td>Felt unsafe on campus</td>
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<td>Gone home for the weekend</td>
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<td>Sense of community among students</td>
<td>35.7%</td>
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Peer Relationships

Since entering this college, how often have you interacted with close friends...

- **From high school**
  - Never: 8.5%
  - Monthly or less: 31.6%
  - Weekly: 39.4%
  - Daily: 20.5%

- **Not at this institution**
  - Never: 4.4%
  - Monthly or less: 28.1%
  - Weekly: 39.1%
  - Daily: 28.5%

- **At this institution**
  - Never: 4.4%
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  - Daily: 61.1%
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with **male** students?
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with female students?
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with students from a different racial/ethnic group?

- Very Easy: 31.4%
- Somewhat Easy: 45.4%
- Somewhat Difficult: 19.1%
- Very Difficult: 4.1%
Peer Relationships
How often have you...

- Received advice/counseling from another student
  - Occasionally: 63.5%
  - Frequently: 10.9%

- Tutored another student
  - Occasionally: 42.1%
  - Frequently: 5.6%

- Studied with other students
  - Occasionally: 59.2%
  - Frequently: 30.9%

- Had difficulty with roommate(s)
  - Occasionally: 38.9%
  - Frequently: 8.8%
Anticipated Levels of Satisfaction with UCSD 1984-2003

- Applied to 7 or more colleges
- Chances are very good they will be satisfied with college experience
- Ranked UCSD as first choice
- Overall College Experience

Survey Year

- 1984
- 1986
- 1988
- 1991
- 1996
- 2002
- 2007
- 2008 YFCY
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Grades and Academic Behavior

- Reported grades of A or A+
- Bored in class
- Studied 6 or more hours per week
- SAT "Recentered"

Survey Year

- 1984
- 1986
- 1988
- 1991
- 1996
- 2002
- 2003
- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008

Percentage

- 0.0
- 10.0
- 20.0
- 30.0
- 40.0
- 50.0
- 60.0
- 70.0
- 80.0

Mean "Recentered" SAT Score

- 0
- 200
- 400
- 600
- 800
- 1000
- 1200
- 1400
- 1600

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### Plans to Return

What do you think you will be doing in Fall 2008?

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<td>Attending another institution</td>
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<td>Don’t know or have not decided yet</td>
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<td>Not attending any institution</td>
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### University of California-San Diego
First-time Full-Time

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### Students rating themselves "above average" or "highest 10%" compared with the average person their age in:

- **Academic ability**: 85.6 (2007) vs. 64.2 (2008) (-21.4)
- **Artistic ability**: 31.8 (2007) vs. 32.9 (2008) (1.1)
- **Competitiveness**: 55.4 (2007) vs. 50.5 (2008) (-4.9)
- **Computer skills**: 44.1 (2007) vs. 42.6 (2008) (-1.5)
- **Cooperativeness**: 77.3 (2007) vs. 75.6 (2008) (-1.7)
- **Creativity**: 50.5 (2007) vs. 51.3 (2008) (0.8)
- **Drive to achieve**: 79.1 (2007) vs. 69.2 (2008) (-9.9)
- **Emotional health**: 52.1 (2007) vs. 53.8 (2008) (1.7)
- **Leadership ability**: 53.1 (2007) vs. 55.9 (2008) (2.8)
- **Mathematical ability**: 61.3 (2007) vs. 49.7 (2008) (-11.6)
- **Physical health**: 44.3 (2007) vs. 43.6 (2008) (-0.7)
- **Public speaking ability**: 34.9 (2007) vs. 37.0 (2008) (2.1)
- **Self-confidence (intellectual)**: 65.1 (2007) vs. 53.6 (2008) (-11.5)
- **Self-confidence (social)**: 43.5 (2007) vs. 41.3 (2008) (-2.2)
- **Self-understanding**: 58.8 (2007) vs. 60.3 (2008) (1.5)
- **Spirituality**: 36.5 (2007) vs. 38.5 (2008) (2.0)
- **Understanding of others**: 70.2 (2007) vs. 67.7 (2008) (-2.5)
- **Writing ability**: 47.3 (2007) vs. 45.0 (2008) (-2.3)

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Higher Education Research Institute
Personal Health Issues

Times in the past two weeks, if any, students have had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row

- None: 76.6%
- Once: 10.2%
- Twice: 7.0%
- 3-5 times: 4.9%
- 6-9 times: 0.7%
- 10+: 0.6%

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Peer Relationships

How satisfied are you with your interaction with other students at this college?

- Very Satisfied: 6.3%
- Satisfied: 45.3%
- Neutral: 28.8%
- Dissatisfied: 15.2%
- Very Dissatisfied: 4.5%
- No Experience: 0.0%
## Personal Health Issues

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<td>Drank wine or liquor</td>
<td>39.2%</td>
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<td>Smoked cigarettes</td>
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<td>Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do</td>
<td>54.5%</td>
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<td>Felt depressed</td>
<td>58.6%</td>
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<td>Missed class due to illness</td>
<td>42.2%</td>
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<td>Slept more than 8 hours a day</td>
<td>59.7%</td>
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<td>Worried about your health</td>
<td>46.6%</td>
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<td>Maintained a healthy diet</td>
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"Very Important" Influencing Decision to Attend UCSD (2008 Cohort)

- Good academic reputation: 75.2%
- Rankings in national magazines: 38.4%
- Size of college: 18.1%
- Good reputation for social activities: 20.9%
- Cost of attending: 31.8%
- Relatives' influence: 3.8%
- Parents' influence: 14.5%
Satisfaction with College Choice

If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at this college?

- Definitely yes: 35%
- Probably yes: 39%
- Probably no: 15%
- Definitely no: 6%
- Not sure yet: 6%
CIRP-YFCY Survey Data

- Survey data available by Undergraduate College
- Summaries and other Survey data for UCSD Students on UCSD Student Research and Information website
- http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/