University of Richmond
College Senior Survey
2015 Results

Graduating Seniors

University of Richmond
n=241 (Response Rate: 31%)

Nonsectarian 4yr Colleges
n=5,430 (Comparison Group)

Higher Education Research Institute, University of California at Los Angeles
Results from the College Senior Survey (CSS) connect academic, civic, and diversity outcomes with college experiences to examine the institutional impact of:

- Academic outcomes and experiences
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- Diversity
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A Note about CIRP Constructs

The CIRP constructs throughout this PowerPoint are used to help summarize important information about students from the CSS.

Constructs

Constructs statistically aggregate questions from CIRP surveys that tap into key features of the college experience. These student traits and institutional practices contribute to learning and development in college.
Demographics

Sex

- Male: 31.5%
- Female: 68.5%

Race/Ethnicity

- African-American/Black: 5.9%
- American-Indian/Alaska Native: 0.0%
- Asian-Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 8.4%
- Latino: 6.7%
- White/Caucasion: 74.1%
- Other Race/Ethnicity: 0.8%
- Two or More Races/Ethnicities: 4.2%
Demographics

Primary Major (Aggregated)

- Agriculture: 0.0% (Men), 0.0% (Women)
- Biological Science: 12.7% (Men), 13.7% (Women)
- Business: 30.4% (Men), 43.7% (Women)
- Education: 0.0% (Men), 0.0% (Women)
- Engineering: 0.0% (Men), 0.0% (Women)
- English: 1.4% (Men), 2.5% (Women)
- Fine Arts: 1.4% (Men), 3.7% (Women)
- History or Political Science: 7.0% (Men), 7.5% (Women)
- Humanities: 11.8% (Men), 7.0% (Women)
- Mathematics or Statistics: 1.4% (Men), 1.2% (Women)
- Physical Science: 5.6% (Men), 4.3% (Women)
- Social Science: 9.9% (Men), 19.3% (Women)
- Other: 5.6% (Men), 9.9% (Women)

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Overall GPA

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Finances

Borrowed money to help pay for college

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38.6% UR, 49.5% Comparison Group
Sources of Funding for College Expenses

- **Family resources**: UR 83.7% | Comparison Group 84.8%
- **Personal resources**: UR 56.2% | Comparison Group 63.8%
- **Aid not to be repaid**: UR 70.5% | Comparison Group 77.6%
- **Aid to be repaid**: UR 48.6% | Comparison Group 62.6%
- **Other sources**: UR 11.4% | Comparison Group 18.2%

***Sources***: 2015 College Senior Survey
Academic Outcomes and Experiences

Students develop skills, knowledge, and abilities through their experiences both in and out of the classroom.
**Habits of Mind**

_Habits of Mind_ is a unified measure of the behaviors and traits associated with academic success. These learning behaviors are seen as the foundation for lifelong learning.

### Construct Items

- Support your opinions with a logical argument
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others
- Seek alternative solutions to a problem
- Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received
- Ask questions in class
- Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain
- Seek feedback on your academic work
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class
- Revise your papers to improve your writing
- Look up scientific research articles and resources
- Accept mistakes as part of the learning process

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Pluralistic Orientation is a unified measure of skills and dispositions appropriate for living and working in a diverse society.

**Construct Items**
- Tolerance of others with different beliefs
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people
- Openness to having my own views challenged
- Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective
- Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues
Academic Self-Concept

Self-awareness and confidence in academic environments help students learn by encouraging their intellectual inquiry. *Academic Self-Concept* is a unified measure of students’ beliefs about their abilities and confidence in academic environments.

### Construct Items
- Self-rated academic ability
- Self-rated self-confidence (intellectual)
- Self-rated drive to achieve
- Self-rated mathematical ability

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**UR** | **Comparison Group**
Faculty Interaction

Faculty Interaction: Mentorship measures the extent to which students and faculty have mentoring relationships that foster both academic and personal support and guidance.

Construct Items

- Help in achieving your professional goals
- Advice and guidance about your educational program
- Emotional support and encouragement
- Feedback on your academic work (outside of grades)
- An opportunity to discuss coursework outside of class
- Encouragement to pursue graduate/professional study
- Help to improve your study skills
- A letter of recommendation
- An opportunity to work on a research project
Guidance from Faculty

“How often have professors at your college provided you with…”

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<td>Advice and guidance about your</td>
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<td>educational program</td>
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<td>Emotional support and encouragement</td>
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<td>Feedback on your academic work</td>
<td>48.2%</td>
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<td>(outside of grades)</td>
<td>42.6%</td>
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Academic Validation

Faculty interactions in the classroom can foster students’ academic development. These items measure the extent to which students’ view of faculty actions in class reflects concern for their academic success.

- Felt that faculty provided me with feedback that helped me assess my progress in class
- Felt that my contributions were valued in class
- Felt that faculty encouraged me to ask questions and participate in discussions

**UR**
- Frequently
- Occasionally

**Comparison Group**
- Frequently
- Occasionally

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General Interpersonal Validation

These items measure the extent to which students believe faculty and staff provide attention to their development.

- At least one faculty member has taken an interest in my development: UR 43.1%, Strongly Agree 46.0%
- At least one staff member has taken an interest in my development: UR 32.2%, Strongly Agree 39.0%
- Faculty believe in my potential to succeed academically: UR 40.3%, Strongly Agree 47.4%
- Staff recognize my achievements: UR 61.1%, Strongly Agree 61.8%
- Faculty empower me to learn here: UR 57.4%, Strongly Agree 57.4%
- Staff encouraged me to get involved in campus activities: UR 60.6%, Strongly Agree 51.6%
Academic Outcomes

These items illustrate the extent to which students agree that this institution has contributed to their academic skills and abilities.

- Knowledge of a particular field or discipline: 40.9% Strongly Agree, 44.2% Agree
- Critical thinking skills: 19.9% Strongly Agree, 31.3% Agree
- Problem-solving skills: 27.6% Strongly Agree, 37.6% Agree

Comparison Group
- Strongly Agree
- Agree

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Academic Enhancement Experiences

Opportunities to apply learning inside and outside the classroom augment students’ academic involvement, allowing them to make meaningful intellectual connections and communicate their knowledge to others.

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<td>Completed a culminating experience for your degree (e.g., capstone course/project, thesis, comp exam)</td>
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<td>Participated in an undergraduate research program</td>
<td>35.1%</td>
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<td>Participated in an internship program</td>
<td>81.6%</td>
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Active and Collaborative Learning

These items illustrate the extent to which students have deepened their knowledge of course material through interaction with faculty and other students.

- Integrate skills and knowledge from different sources and experiences
  - UR: 14.2% Frequently, 85.8% Occasionally
  - Comparison Group: 18.4% Frequently, 81.1% Occasionally

- Tutored another college student
  - UR: 12.0% Frequently, 41.9% Occasionally
  - Comparison Group: 16.2% Frequently, 35.7% Occasionally

- Performed community service as part of a class
  - UR: 16.6% Frequently, 43.0% Occasionally
  - Comparison Group: 12.6% Frequently, 39.5% Occasionally

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Active and Collaborative Learning

These items illustrate the extent to which students have furthered their knowledge of course material through interaction with faculty and other students.

- Discussed course content with students outside of class: 72.5% (UR) 71.8% (Comparison Group)
- Worked with classmates on group projects during class: 50.2% (UR) 52.8% (Comparison Group)
- Studied with other students: 41.9% (UR) 41.4% (Comparison Group)

Legend:
- Blue: Frequently
- Yellow: Occasionally

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Written and Oral Communication

Effective communication skills are essential prerequisites for success in today's world, both personally and professionally.

- **Took a class that required one or more 10+ page papers**
  - UR: 41.6%
  - Comparison Group: 44.9%

- **Took a class that required multiple short papers**
  - UR: 74.0%
  - Comparison Group: 75.0%

- **Made a presentation in class**
  - UR: 80.3%
  - Comparison Group: 72.1%

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Effective communication skills are essential prerequisites for success in today's world, both personally and professionally.

- **Public speaking ability**
  - UR: 17.0% (Highest 10%), 40.4% (Above Average)
  - Comparison Group: 17.9% (Highest 10%), 36.5% (Above Average)

- **Writing ability**
  - UR: 18.1% (Highest 10%), 48.4% (Above Average)
  - Comparison Group: 20.2% (Highest 10%), 44.5% (Above Average)
Co-Curricular Outcomes and Experiences

Co-curricular experiences provide opportunities for students to grow intellectually, interpersonally, and emotionally.
Activities and beliefs equip and empower students to create a world that is equitable, just, democratic, and sustainable. Social Agency measures the extent to which students value political and social involvement as a personal goal.

**Construct Items**
- Participating in a community action program
- Helping to promote racial understanding
- Becoming a community leader
- Keeping up to date with political affairs
- Influencing social values
- Helping others who are in difficulty
Civic Engagement

Engaged citizens are a critical element in the functioning of our democratic society. Civic Engagement measures the extent to which students are motivated and involved in civic, electoral, and political activities.

Construct Items

- I am interested in seeking information about current social and political issues
- Publicly communicated your opinion about a cause (e.g., blog, email, petition)
- Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign
- Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)
- Goal: Keeping up to date with political affairs
- Goal: Influencing social values
- Helped raise money for a cause or campaign
- Performed volunteer or community service work
Civic Awareness

The ability to evaluate, question, and develop solutions affecting local and global communities is an important skill. *Civic Awareness* measures students’ understanding of the issues facing their community, nation, and the world.

Construct Items

- Understanding of national issues
- Understanding of global issues
- Understanding of the problems facing your community

Graduating Seniors: 46.3 (UR) 45.6 (Comparison Group)

Men: 46.5 (UR) 46.0 (Comparison Group)

Women: 46.2 (UR) 45.4 (Comparison Group)
Leadership measures students' beliefs about their leadership development and capability, and their experiences as a leader.

### Construct Items

- Self-rated ability in leadership abilities
- Self-rating in leadership ability
- I have effectively led a group to a common purpose
- Been a leader in an organization
- Participated in leadership training

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Positive Cross-Racial Interaction

Contact with diverse peers allows students to gain valuable insights about themselves and others. *Positive Cross-Racial Interaction* is a unified measure of students’ level of positive interaction with diverse peers.

Construct Items

- Had intellectual discussions outside of class
- Shared personal feelings and problems
- Dined or shared a meal
- Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class
- Studied or prepared for class
- Socialized or partied
Contact with diverse peers allows students to gain valuable insights about themselves and others. *Negative Cross-Racial Interaction* is a unified measure of students’ level of negative interaction with diverse peers.

**Construct Items**
- Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions
- Felt insulted or threatened because of your race/ethnicity
- Had guarded, cautious interactions

**Bar Chart**
- **Graduating Seniors**
  - UR: 52.9
  - Comparison Group: 52.7
- **Men**
  - UR: 53.0
  - Comparison Group: 53.3
- **Women**
  - UR: 52.9
  - Comparison Group: 52.4

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The campus community is a powerful source of influence on students’ development. *Sense of Belonging* measures the extent to which students feel a sense of academic and social integration on campus.

**Construct Items**

- I feel I am a member of this campus
- I feel a sense of belonging to this college
- I see myself as part of the campus community
- If asked, I would recommend this college to others

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Diversity Outcomes

Contact with diverse students, faculty, and ideas allows students to gain valuable insights about themselves and others.

Knowledge of people from different races/cultures

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Had a roommate of different race/ethnicity

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In class, I have heard faculty express stereotypes based on race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation.

There is a lot of racial tension on this campus.

I have felt discriminated against at this institution because of my race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation.

A diverse and inclusive campus environment strengthens students’ learning experiences and prepares them to participate in an increasingly diverse society.
Satisfaction with Campus Diversity

A diverse campus—including students, faculty, and ideas—has a powerful impact on the student experience. These items gauge satisfaction with the diversity of the student body, faculty, and beliefs.

- Respect for the expression of diverse beliefs
  - UR: Very Satisfied 20.8%, Satisfied 42.5%
  - Comparison Group: Very Satisfied 25.6%, Satisfied 42.8%

- Racial/ethnic diversity of the student body
  - UR: Very Satisfied 15.0%, Satisfied 30.0%
  - Comparison Group: Very Satisfied 17.7%, Satisfied 34.0%
Health and Wellness

Students’ physical and emotional well-being can affect many important aspects of the student experience, including academic performance and persistence. These items gauge student behaviors, attitudes, and experiences related to health and wellness.

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- Drank beer:
  - UR: 36.2% (Frequently 43.3%) 100%
  - Comparison Group: 42.1% (Frequently 51.7%)

- Drank wine or liquor:
  - UR: 36.1% (Frequently 50.9%)
  - Comparison Group: 16.3% (Frequently 2.4%)

- Smoked cigarettes:
  - UR: 16.7% (Frequently 5.1%)
  - Comparison Group: 10%

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Future Plans

This section describes students’ degree aspirations and career plans.
**Future Plans**

**Planned Primary Activity Fall 2015**

- Working full-time
  - UR: 79.5%
  - Comp Group: 77.6%

- Working part-time
  - UR: 23.6%
  - Comp Group: 33.8%

### Current state of employment plans

- **Your Institution**
  - Not planning on employment this fall: 10.0%
  - Not actively looking for a position: 3.2%
  - Looking, but no offers yet: 8.4%
  - Received an offer for a position but declined: 4.7%
  - Currently considering an offer: 11.3%
  - Accepted an offer of employment: 30.5%

- **Comparison Group**
  - Not planning on employment this fall: 13.7%
  - Not actively looking for a position: 2.9%
  - Looking, but no offers yet: 9.9%
  - Received an offer for a position but declined: 11.3%
  - Currently considering an offer: 26.1%
  - Accepted an offer of employment: 41.4%
Future Plans: Graduate/Professional School

Planned Activity Fall 2015

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<td>Attend graduate/professional school part-time</td>
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Degree Aspirations

Highest Degree Planned to Complete at Any Institution

Ph.D. or Ed.D. 18.4% 18.5%
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M. 8.8% 5.3%
LL.B or J.D. (Law) 3.3% 4.9%
Master's (M.A., M.S., etc.) 51.0% 48.2%
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity) 0.0% 0.1%
Bachelor's (B.A., B.S., etc.) 14.6% 19.1%
Other, Voc. Cert., A.A. or equivalent 0.8% 2.0%
None 2.9% 1.7%

UR  Comparison Group

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# Future Plans

## Probable Career/Occupation

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<td>Business</td>
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When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations:

(Percentages combine “Essential” and “Very Important” responses)

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<td>Stable, secure future</td>
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<td>Availability of jobs</td>
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<td>Leadership potential</td>
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<td>Expression of personal values</td>
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<td>Opportunity for innovation</td>
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<td>Creativity and initiative</td>
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<td>High income potential</td>
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<td>Working for social change</td>
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<td>Social recognition or status</td>
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Future Plans

Preparedness for Future Plans

Preparedness for employment after college

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Preparedness for graduate or advanced education

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Comparison Group

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Satisfaction

Understanding how students perceive their college experience identifies areas that are working well and sheds light on those that need improvement.
Overall Satisfaction

*Overall Satisfaction* measures students’ satisfaction with the college experience.

Construct Items

- Overall college experience
- If you could make your college choice over, would still choose to enroll at your current college
- Overall quality of instruction
**Satisfaction with Coursework**

*Satisfaction with Coursework* measures the extent to which students see their coursework as relevant, useful, and applicable to their academic success and future plans.

### Construct Items
- Relevance of coursework to future career plans
- Relevance of coursework to everyday life
- Courses in your major field
- General education or core curriculum courses

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**Graduating Seniors**
- UR: 52.5
- Comparison Group: 51.3

**Men**
- UR: 51.0
- Comparison Group: 50.6

**Women**
- UR: 53.2
- Comparison Group: 51.7

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Satisfaction with Academic Support and Courses

In addition to actual coursework, various support services are instrumental in shaping students’ academic experiences.

- **Amount of contact with faculty**: 63.8% (UR) vs. 55.8% (Comparison Group)
- **Academic advising**: 31.9% (UR) vs. 34.9% (Comparison Group)
- **Tutoring or other academic assistance**: 27.8% (UR) vs. 23.6% (Comparison Group)
- **Class size**: 72.0% (UR) vs. 59.9% (Comparison Group)
- **Ability to find faculty or staff mentor**: 40.5% (UR) vs. 40.1% (Comparison Group)

Legend:
- **UR**: Very Satisfied (light blue), Satisfied (dark blue), Not Satisfied (yellow)
- **Comparison Group**: Very Satisfied (light blue), Satisfied (dark blue), Not Satisfied (yellow)
Satisfaction with Services and Community

Where students live and the support they receive are critical to shaping their college experience.

- Career-related resources and support: 27.4% UR, 19.4% Comparison Group
- Financial aid package: 40.7% UR, 23.5% Comparison Group
- Student housing: 19.4% UR, 17.6% Comparison Group
- Overall sense of community among students: 28.5% UR, 35.4% Comparison Group

UR:
- Very Satisfied: Blue
- Satisfied: Yellow

Comparison Group:
- Very Satisfied: Blue
- Satisfied: Yellow

2015 College Senior Survey
Overall Satisfaction

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

- Definitely Yes: 49.7%
- Probably Yes: 39.8%
- Probably No: 8.4%
- Definitely No: 2.1%

Comparison Group:
- Definitely Yes: 41.2%
- Probably Yes: 39.4%
- Probably No: 14.6%
- Definitely No: 4.8%