INTERGROUP RELATIONS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

SELF RATINGS OF INTERGROUP COMPETENCIES
% rating current abilities as “somewhat strong” or “a major strength”

- 88.1% Tolerance of others with different beliefs
- 85.9% Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people
- 84.6% Ability to get along with people of different races/cultures
- 81.1% Ability to see the world from someone else’s perspective
- 69.7% Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues
- 66.5% Openness to having my own views challenged
- 47.5% Knowledge of people from different races/cultures

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES
% reporting that in the past year they “frequently”...

- 3.5% Demonstrated for a cause (e.g. boycott, rally, protest)
- 13.9% Publicly communicated my opinion about a cause

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE INVOLVEMENT
% reporting a “very good chance” that they will...

- 4.7% Participate in student protests or demonstrations
- 78.1% Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group
- 74.2% Socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group
- 51.5% Have a roommate of a different race/ethnicity
- 44.8% Participate in volunteer or community service work
- 38.6% Participate in a study abroad program

COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY GOALS
% rating “very important” or “essential” to them

- 73.8% Helping others who are in difficulty
- 60.0% Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures
- 38.8% Helping to promote racial understanding
- 31.9% Participating in a community action program
- 38.1% Being a community leader
OPINIONS AND BELIEFS

OPINIONS ABOUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES
% indicating “agree” or “strongly agree” that...

90.0% Gays and lesbians should have the right to adopt a child.
78.5% The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns.
72.1% Addressing global warming should be a federal priority.
71.0% Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now.
70.4% A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody’s medical costs.
67.7% The chief benefit of a college education is that it increases one’s earning power.
57.8% Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished.
46.0% The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit.
26.7% Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

40.8% Christian*
4.0% Buddhist
3.6% Jewish
2.1% Muslim
2.6% Other
40.8% None

*Includes multiple denominations

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

FAR LEFT 2.7%
LIBERAL 39.9%
MIDDLE OF THE ROAD 44.5%
CONSERVATIVE 12.3%
FAR RIGHT <1%

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES
% reporting in the past year that they “frequently”...

26.7% Attended religious services
27.6% Discussed religion
35.2% Discussed politics

CIVIC GOALS
% rating “very important” or “essential” to them

40.3% Keeping up to date with political affairs
17.4% Influencing the political structure
37.7% Influencing social values
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND ASPIRATIONS

SELF RATING OF COLLEGE SKILLS
% rating self "above average" or "top 10%" (compared with average person their age)

89.2% Drive to achieve
88.3% Academic ability
67.3% Intellectual self-confidence
64.9% Mathematical ability
63.2% Leadership ability
50.6% Writing ability
42.0% Public speaking ability

SELF RATING OF CURRENT ABILITIES
% rating current abilities as "a major strength" or "somewhat strong"

74.1% Problem-solving skills
74.0% General knowledge
70.2% Critical thinking skills
67.9% Knowledge of a particular field or discipline
61.6% Leadership abilities
61.1% Ability to manage your time effectively
47.2% Foreign language ability

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES
% reporting that in the past year they “frequently”...

30.8% Tutored another student
50.4% Studied with other students
43.1% Explored topics on their own, even though not required for class

52.2% Evaluated the quality or reliability of information
58.1% Sought feedback on academic work

EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES
% indicating a "very good chance" that they will...

67.2% Make at least a “B” average
63.5% Discuss course content outside of class
44.0% Communicate regularly with professors
38.3% Work on a professor’s research project
22.1% Change major field
17.9% Change career choice
3.1% Need extra time to complete degree
71.2% Be satisfied with UCLA
60.9% Participate in student clubs/groups

HIGHEST DEGREE PLANNED

8.8% Bachelor’s degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)
35.7% Master’s degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)
25.5% Academic Doctorate (Ph.D or Ed.D)
24.2% Medical Degree (M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or D.V.M.)
4.7% Law (J.D.)
0.7% Other

CAREER GOALS
% rating “very important” or “essential”

Thirty-three percent aspire to make a theoretical contribution to science.
Thirty-eight percent aspire to become successful in a business of their own.
Sixty percent aspire to become an authority in their field.
Seventy-nine percent aspire to be very well off financially.
FINANCES AND WORK

CONCERN ABOUT FINANCING COLLEGE EDUCATION

Major concern 11.9%
Some concern 57.0%
No concern 31.1%

EXPECTATIONS FOR WORK

% indicating a “very good chance” that they will...

41.9% Get a job to pay for college expenses.
3.7% Work full-time while attending college.

EMOTIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS

PAST YEAR EXPERIENCES

FELT OVERWHELMED
Frequently - 25.5%
Occasionally - 59.8%
Not at all - 14.8%

FELT DEPRESSED
Frequently - 4.5%
Occasionally - 35.1%
Not at all - 60.4%

SMOKED CIGARETTES
Frequently - 0.5%
Occasionally - 4.2%
Not at all - 95.4%

DRANK ALCOHOL
Frequently - 2.85%
Occasionally - 29.4%
Not at all - 67.8%

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

SEEK PERSONAL COUNSELING

Very Good Chance - 16.8%
Some Chance - 38.0%
Very Little Chance - 36.9%
No Chance - 8.2%

TOP 10 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UCLA

% indicating reason as “very important”

85.5% UCLA has a very good academic reputation
85.2% To learn more about the things that interest me
84.6% To be able to get a better job
76.8% To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
70.3% To prepare myself for graduate or professional school
67.1% To get training for a specific career
62.4% To be able to make more money
61.3% UCLA’s graduates get good jobs
56.0% To make me a more cultured person
54.9% UCLA has a good reputation for its social activities