

The Evergreen State College Evergreen New Student Survey 2005

Factors in Decision to Attend Evergreen

New students were asked to indicate how much influence a series of factors had on their decision to attend Evergreen. The factors with the highest mean responses for both first-time, first-year students and transfer students were: opportunity to design your own education, ability to take integrated programs instead of individual classes, ability to study in a variety of subjects, and ability to study one subject through multiple disciplines or perspectives (interdisciplinary learning).

How much influence did the following factors have on your decision to attend Evergreen?

First-time, First-year Students (N=417)

Listed in Order of Highest to Lowest Means (Scale: 0=No Influence, 1=Slightly Influential, 2=Influential, 3=Very Influential)	Mean	Slightly				Missing
		No Influence (0)	Influential (1)	Influential (2)	Very Influential (3)	
Opportunity to design your own education	2.45	2.5%	9.9%	27.8%	59.9%	11
Ability to take integrated programs instead of individual classes	2.44	2.5%	11.3%	25.9%	60.3%	11
Ability to study in a variety of subjects	2.43	2.2%	6.7%	36.4%	54.6%	16
Ability to study one subject through multiple disciplines or perspectives (interdisciplinary learning)	2.26	4.7%	13.3%	33.5%	48.5%	11
Class size	2.24	5.7%	10.3%	38.6%	45.5%	10
Close contact with faculty	2.22	8.9%	8.4%	34.7%	48.0%	11
Ability to study in a specific field or discipline of your choice (please write in:)	2.18	12.3%	10.0%	25.1%	52.6%	58
Quality of faculty	2.16	5.7%	13.5%	39.9%	40.9%	11
Narrative evaluations instead of grades	2.13	6.4%	17.4%	33.3%	42.9%	9
Natural beauty of the area	2.09	5.7%	19.9%	34.2%	40.2%	14
Ability to do independent study	1.94	10.4%	20.5%	34.1%	35.1%	12
Ability to apply learning through community projects in class	1.85	9.8%	23.5%	39.0%	27.7%	9
Availability of art programs, art studios	1.81	17.0%	21.4%	25.3%	36.4%	10
Ability to apply learning through internship opportunities	1.73	14.5%	23.1%	36.9%	25.6%	10
Availability of media-related programs, film and video equipment and/or labs	1.59	18.9%	26.5%	30.7%	23.8%	10
Cost of Attendance (tuition, living expenses)	1.39	22.9%	30.5%	31.3%	15.3%	11
Availability of science programs, science labs	1.14	35.4%	29.0%	21.4%	14.3%	10
Availability of computer programs, computer labs	1.13	32.1%	34.6%	21.6%	11.8%	9
Availability of financial aid or scholarship	1.11	38.3%	25.2%	23.7%	12.8%	12
Other friends or family members that are attending or have attended Evergreen	0.97	47.0%	20.0%	21.8%	11.1%	13
Availability of classes on evenings and weekends	0.78	54.3%	22.7%	13.6%	9.4%	12