CIRP 1999

Freshmen Students: Fall 1999

The 1999 freshmen norms are based on the responses of 261,217 students at 462 two- and four-year colleges and universities. Of Elon's 1,000 Fall 1999 first-time full-time freshmen, 947 participated in this survey (a 95% response rate). Some key findings are:

Nationally:

- Growing stress among college freshmen, especially women
- Academic disengagement escalates further (bored in class, came to class late, overslept and missed class or appointment)
- "Grade Inflation" intensifies
- Declining commitment to social activism
- Drinking and smoking on the decline
- Growing interest in teaching and the arts

Elon vs. 4-Year Private "other" Religious Schools:

- Elon has more A-/B+ students (48.2% vs. 41.0%)
- Elon has more students who lived 500 or more miles from college (1-in-3 vs. 1-in-6)
- Elon students come from a more affluent back ground ($100,000 or more: 45.0% vs. 19.4%)
- As a first choice college, Elon was higher (82.3% vs. 75.0%)
- Elon had more students taking AP (advanced placement) exams (52.1% vs. 37.5%)
- More Elon students came from high schools that required community service (34.6% vs. 21.7%)
- More Elon students plan to obtain a master's degree (56.6% vs. 40.5%)
- Elon students are less concerned about financing college: (No concern financing: 48.4% vs. 32.9%)
- More Elon students attend college to become a more cultured person (48.6% vs. 39.0%)

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