

CIRP 2000

Freshmen Students: Fall 2000

The 2000 freshmen norms are based on the responses of 269,413 students at 434 baccalaureate colleges. Of Elon's 1,144 Fall 2000 first-time full-time freshmen, 1,030 participated in this survey (a 90% response rate). Some key findings are:

Nationally:

- Women close the gender gap in computer use, but lag behind in computing confidence
- Election year interest in politics hits record-low
- Freshmen are less driven by status (responsibility, recognition, authority)
- Freshmen are investing less time in their studies, but are earning higher grades
- Alcohol and cigarette use are down over time
- Declining interest in medical and health careers
- Rising opposition to death penalty
- Growing support for gay rights

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

- Elon has more A-/B+ students (48.6% vs. 40.9%)
- Elon has more students who lived 500 or more miles from college (1-in-3 vs. 1-in-5)
- Elon students come from a more affluent back ground (\$100,000 or more: 48.3% vs. 20.5%)
- As a first choice college, Elon was higher (80.3% vs. 74.6%)
- 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 (39.2% vs. 24.7%)
- More Elon students plan to obtain a master's degree (59.9% vs. 44.1%)
- Elon students are less concerned about financing college: (No concern financing: 48.0% vs. 33.0%)
- More Elon students attend college to become a more cultured person (51.0% vs. 40.6%)

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