



University of Washington Campus Climate Survey 2000: Current Students Response Percentages and Means by Minority Status

The Campus Climate Survey was mailed to 2585 juniors, seniors, and graduate students in November, 2000. Students were selected using a form of stratified, random sampling and 808 (31.4%) returned completed questionnaires. The average scale scores and percentages of students who chose each of the response options are shown below. Percentages are based on the number of students who answered each respective question. Responses of White vs. minority students were compared using analysis of variance or chi-square as appropriate, and significant differences are marked *, **, or *** ($p < .05$, $.01$, and $.001$, respectively).

SECTION A. The following questions ask for information about you and your present situation. Remember, **all information that you provide is anonymous and will be reported only in combination with other responses.**

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SECTION B. *How much do you agree or disagree* with each of the following statements? There are no right or wrong answers, just select the answer that best reflects your own feelings and beliefs.

		DISAGREE			AGREE			N	Mean
		Strongly	Moderately	Slightly	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly		
1. Overall, my educational experience at the UW has been a rewarding one.	white	0.8	2.9	5.5	19.3	39.5	31.9	238	4.9
	minority	1.6	5.1	5.1	15.5	46.3	26.3	490	4.8
2. I would recommend the UW to a sibling or friend as a good place to go to college.	white	3.8	4.6	5.5	16.9	35.9	33.3	237	4.8
	minority	3.9	4.7	6.7	16.9	36.3	31.6	491	4.7
3. The overall quality of academic programs at the UW is excellent.	white	0.4	3.8	9.0	27.4	40.2	19.2	234	4.6
	minority	0.8	4.7	8.0	27.1	39.0	20.3	487	4.6
4. The UW provides an environment for the free and open expression of ideas, opinions and beliefs.	white	0.4	3.0	5.5	20.0	46.8	24.3	235	4.8 **
	minority	3.1	3.1	10.9	25.6	34.4	23.0	488	4.5
5. I am confident that I made the right decision in choosing to attend the UW.	white	2.5	3.4	4.7	15.7	26.7	47.0	236	5.0
	minority	3.5	4.7	6.1	16.7	30.6	38.4	490	4.8
6. I feel as though I belong in the UW community.	white	4.3	11.9	19.1	28.9	20.9	14.9	235	3.9
	minority	7.4	9.7	17.0	30.6	22.4	12.9	487	3.9
7. Faculty treat me fairly.	white	0.8	2.5	5.9	18.0	41.8	31.0	239	4.9
	minority	1.6	3.2	8.5	21.3	37.5	27.8	493	4.7
8. Teaching assistants treat me fairly.	white	1.4	2.9	4.3	21.7	38.2	31.4	207	4.9
	minority	1.4	3.0	8.2	22.1	38.8	26.5	438	4.7
9. Other students treat me fairly.	white	0.0	0.8	3.0	12.7	44.9	38.6	236	5.2 ***
		0.4	3.5	6.8	21.0	42.2	26.1	486	4.8
10. The courses I enjoy the most were those that make me think about things from a different perspective.	white	0.9	1.3	5.7	26.1	36.5	29.6	230	4.8 ***
	minority	0.2	1.9	4.4	17.4	33.2	42.9	482	5.1
11. I enjoy taking courses that challenge my beliefs and values.	white	2.2	3.1	8.8	23.2	33.8	28.9	228	4.7 **
	minority	1.0	1.9	8.3	18.0	33.2	37.6	482	4.9
12. Learning about people from different cultures is a very important part of college education.	white	1.3	4.8	6.6	19.7	24.5	43.2	229	4.9 ***
	minority	1.4	0.8	3.7	7.6	25.1	61.4	490	5.4
13. A real value of college education lies in being introduced to different values.	white	6.0	6.0	17.6	28.8	26.2	15.5	233	4.1 ***
	minority	1.6	3.7	9.8	20.7	27.6	36.6	489	4.8

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14. I enjoy talking with people who have values different from mine because it helps me understand myself and my values better.	white	1.7	3.5	7.8	22.9	38.5	25.5	231	4.7 ***	
	minority	1.0	1.2	6.8	16.0	34.1	40.9	487	5.0	
15. Courses I enjoy most emphasize traditional values and perspectives.	white	16.7	18.5	26.9	19.8	13.2	4.8	227	3.1 *	
	minority	13.6	15.5	24.1	25.8	15.7	5.2	477	3.3	
16. Contact with individuals who are different from me (e.g., race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation) are an essential part of my college education.	white	5.1	6.8	8.1	19.7	23.1	37.2	234	4.6 ***	
	minority	2.0	1.8	5.9	15.5	24.3	50.4	490	5.1	

SECTION C. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? There are no right or wrong answers, just select the answer that best reflects your own feelings and beliefs.

		DISAGREE				AGREE			N	Mean
		Strongly	Moderately	Slightly	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly			
1. If I work hard I am almost always assured of getting the grade I wanted to achieve.	white	5.1	9.3	5.1	19.5	38.6	22.5	236	4.4	
	minority	6.2	4.1	9.0	18.1	38.2	24.4	487	4.5	
2. I have been exposed to racial / ethnic conflict on campus.	white	36.1	20.9	16.5	16.5	6.5	3.5	230	2.5 ***	
	minority	24.1	21.2	14.1	15.6	11.6	13.3	481	3.1	
3. I am often ignored in class even when I attempt to participate.	white	49.1	28.2	11.1	8.1	2.1	1.3	234	1.9 *	
	minority	46.0	21.2	17.9	9.3	4.1	1.4	485	2.1	
4. When I make a comment in the classroom I am usually taken seriously by the instructor.	white	0.9	2.6	5.1	13.7	45.3	32.5	234	5.0	
	minority	1.9	3.3	5.0	20.5	38.6	30.8	484	4.8	
5. When we work in small groups in class, I usually emerge as a leader.	white	2.2	3.9	13.0	37.7	32.5	10.8	231	4.3 ***	
	minority	6.6	8.3	19.5	30.7	24.8	10.2	472	3.9	
6. When we work in small groups in class, I am often ignored by my classmates or given trivial jobs.	white	52.2	28.7	12.2	4.8	1.3	0.9	230	1.8 *	
	minority	45.7	28.3	13.2	6.9	4.2	1.7	477	2.0	
7. Faculty members recognize that I have important ideas to contribute.	white	2.1	4.7	8.5	24.7	39.6	20.4	235	4.6	
	minority	2.7	5.9	13.2	27.5	30.2	20.5	477	4.4	
8. Sometimes I get singled out in class to speak on behalf of a specific racial / ethnic perspective.	white	72.9	16.4	6.2	2.7	1.8	0.0	225	1.4 ***	
	minority	37.2	21.5	13.4	10.6	7.9	9.4	479	2.6	
9. Sometimes faculty make inappropriate jokes about people who are different.	white	64.9	16.9	4.3	8.2	3.5	2.2	231	1.7 **	
	minority	50.2	19.8	11.0	7.6	5.8	5.6	484	2.2	
10. Faculty members respect me as a person.	white	1.7	2.6	3.4	14.1	39.3	38.9	234	5.0	
	minority	1.7	1.9	5.8	17.6	38.5	34.6	483	4.9	
11. I have been the brunt of stereotypes in class.	white	63.9	12.9	9.9	8.6	3.9	0.9	233	1.8 *	
	minority	52.4	19.2	11.6	7.2	5.9	3.6	473	2.1	
12. I feel isolated on campus.	white	33.6	25.9	9.9	16.4	7.8	6.5	232	2.6	
	minority	31.2	17.7	8.3	17.9	12.7	12.3	481	3.0	
13. I have been exposed to a racist atmosphere in the classroom.	white	68.8	19.5	5.2	3.9	2.2	0.4	231	1.5 ***	
	minority	51.6	18.0	9.5	7.7	8.1	5.2	483	2.2	
14. I have been exposed to a racist atmosphere outside of the classroom.	white	55.2	23.9	7.0	9.1	3.0	1.7	230	1.9 ***	
	minority	40.7	18.9	8.7	13.1	9.1	9.5	482	2.6	
15. Most professors communicate that I am welcome in their classroom.	white	0.9	3.0	3.8	16.2	36.2	40.0	235	5.0	
	minority	2.5	2.9	6.0	18.4	29.6	40.6	483	4.9	

SECTION D. How have you changed because of your experiences at UW? Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, just select the answer that best reflects your own feelings and beliefs.

		DISAGREE				AGREE			N	Mean
		Strongly	Moderately	Slightly	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly			
1. I am more likely to discuss topics related to cultural diversity with friends.	white	8.4	9.7	13.3	31.9	21.2	15.5	226	3.9 **	
	minority	6.5	5.9	10.3	30.0	23.1	24.3	477	4.3	
2. I am more likely to stop myself from using language that may be offensive to others.	white	10.6	8.8	16.4	29.6	17.7	16.8	226	3.9 *	
	minority	9.0	6.0	9.4	21.9	21.5	32.2	466	4.4	
3. I am better able to handle negative language used by another so as to try to educate the other person.	white	8.2	10.0	23.3	36.5	15.1	6.8	219	3.6 ***	
	minority	7.9	6.4	17.0	32.2	20.0	16.5	466	4.0	
4. I am more likely to initiate contact with people who are not of my culture or racial / ethnic background.	white	8.5	11.2	17.5	32.3	20.2	10.3	223	3.8 ***	
	minority	7.8	5.3	12.5	31.1	23.9	19.3	472	4.2	
5. I have a greater understanding of racial / ethnic differences.	white	5.4	7.6	12.5	33.0	29.9	11.6	224	4.1 ***	
	minority	6.8	3.8	8.5	24.1	31.1	25.8	473	4.5	
6. I have a greater understanding of diversity in general.	white	5.3	6.2	12.8	31.9	28.8	15.0	226	4.2 **	
	minority	7.2	3.6	8.7	22.3	28.9	29.3	471	4.5	

SECTION E. How helpful have each of the following UW services been to you?

		Never Used	Not at all Helpful	Not very Helpful	So-So	Somewhat Helpful	Extremely Helpful	N	Mean
1. Academic Advising	white	32.2	3.9	11.6	12.4	21.9	18.0		3.6 *
	minority	25.9	4.1	7.6	15.0	24.3	23.0		3.7
2. Career Services	white	65.0	3.5	6.6	8.8	12.8	3.1		3.2
	minority	62.7	2.3	5.4	12.2	10.8	6.6		3.4
3. Counseling Center	white	76.5	0.9	3.5	3.5	9.7	5.8		3.7
	minority	68.8	2.3	4.0	7.3	11.1	6.5		3.5
4. Department Advisor	white	25.7	3.1	7.1	11.1	23.0	30.1		3.9
	minority	19.3	2.9	5.9	10.7	27.7	33.4		4.0
5. EOP Counselor	white	97.3	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.5		3.5
	minority	73.2	1.5	2.1	5.9	4.2	13.0		3.9
6. Ethnic Cultural Center	white	97.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.9		4.2
	minority	69.8	1.1	1.3	7.0	7.4	13.5		4.0
7. Financial Aid Office	white	37.7	3.0	6.5	12.1	24.7	16.0		3.7
	minority	30.2	2.7	6.2	12.8	22.1	26.0		3.9
8. Hall Health Center	white	40.4	2.2	3.1	11.0	20.6	22.8		4.0
	minority	38.6	2.5	3.3	10.0	23.9	21.8		4.0
9. Housing Services	white	72.9	1.8	4.0	11.1	7.1	3.1		3.2
	minority	61.4	3.6	4.4	13.4	11.7	5.5		3.3
10. Student Activities Office	white	84.8	1.8	0.9	4.9	4.9	2.7		3.4
	minority	77.5	1.3	0.4	9.2	8.0	3.6		3.5
11. Study Skills Center	white	90.2	0.9	0.4	3.6	2.2	2.7		3.5
	minority	81.7	0.6	1.3	4.8	5.9	5.7		3.8
12. Office of Minority Affairs	white	96.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.8		4.3
	minority	62.6	1.3	0.8	5.9	10.9	18.6		4.2

SECTION F. We would like to learn about specific racial / ethnic incidents at the UW and how they were handled. Have you observed or personally experienced such an incident? ***

	white	minority
No, I have not observed or personally experienced any racial / ethnic incident at the UW.	84.3	69.4
Yes, I have observed or personally experienced <u>one</u> such incident at the UW.	7.8	12.1
Yes, I have observed or personally experienced <u>two to five</u> such incidents at the UW.	6.1	14.7
Yes, I have observed or personally experienced <u>six to ten</u> such incidents at the UW.	0.4	1.9
Yes, I have observed or personally experienced <u>more than ten</u> such incidents at the UW.	1.3	1.9
(Estimate total number: .)		
	N = 230	464

If you answered 'Yes,' was it a **

	white	minority
negative	63.3	85.9
neutral	20.0	10.2
positive incident	16.7	3.9
	N = 30	128

Did you report the incident to someone?

	white	minority
Yes	87.5	72.9
No	12.5	27.1
	N = 32	129

Did you feel there was an appropriate resolution to the incident?

	white	minority
Yes	63.0	66.0
No	37.0	34.0
	N = 27	97