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College Student Survey

Survey Results

Institutional Profile

During the Spring 2003 semester, Gardner-Webb University participated for the first time in the "College Student Survey", an instrument which measures philosophical and behavioral changes that occur during the course of a student's college career. The following results include only responses from students who attended Gardner-Webb for four or more years.

Categorical values reflect the percentage of students responding affirmatively to each statement. Responses in which Gardner-Webb students scored at least 10% higher than other religious four-year colleges and / or all private four-year colleges are indicated by blue type; responses in which Gardner-Webb students scored at least 10% lower than other religious four-year colleges and / or all private four-year colleges are indicated by red type. High scores for each response are indicated by bold-faced type.

Since entering college have you (frequently or occasionally):

	G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr		G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr
<i>Failed one or more courses</i>	25.7	17.6	13.4	<i>Joined a fraternity or sorority</i>	0	21.3	21.0
<i>Had a part-time job on campus</i>	63.7	57.5	57.2	<u>Worked on:</u>			
<i>Had a part-time job off campus</i>	54.9	61.2	55.5	<i>independent study projects</i>	50.5	58.6	56.9
<i>Worked full-time while in school</i>	9.7	16.7	13.4	<i>group projects in class</i>	95.4	97.5	97.2
<u>Taken:</u>				<i>Took interdisciplinary courses</i>	44.1	59.8	64.8
<i>a remedial course</i>	9.7	8.0	6.4	<i>Discuss course outside of class</i>	65.7	67.4	67.0
<i>an ethnic studies course</i>	17.7	38.6	41.4	<i>Been a guest in professor's home</i>	69.8	63.0	54.4
<i>a women's studies course</i>	3.5	17.0	24.4	<i>Participated in intramural sports</i>	62.5	49.9	48.6
<i>an honors/advanced course</i>	18.6	21.8	23.4	<i>Failed complete homework on time</i>	67.9	61.6	60.1
<i>Attend a cultural aware workshop</i>	11.5	25.4	27.5	<i>Felt bored in class</i>	38.5	26.5	25.6
<i>Had roommate of different race</i>	38.9	27.2	33.6	<i>Studied with other students</i>	98.2	95.8	95.7
<i>Taken a leave of absence</i>	8.0	6.4	6.1	<i>Voted in a student election</i>	29.2	29.5	24.6
<i>Withdrawn from school</i>	4.4	4.3	3.3	<i>Submitted course assign electron</i>	74.1	84.2	85.5
<u>Participated in:</u>				<i>Received assignment via Internet</i>	76.9	84.4	86.6
<i>ethnic student organization</i>	6.2	12.9	14.9	<i>Missed class due to employment</i>	13.2	26.5	23.4
<i>intercoll football or basketball</i>	8.8	11.4	9.6	<i>Tutored another college student</i>	61.1	48.0	46.8
<i>other intercollegiate sport</i>	21.2	21.5	24.0	<u>Did not have time to study due to:</u>			
<i>an internship program</i>	36.3	44.5	46.0	<i>job responsibilities</i>	44.2	50.8	45.7
<i>in leadership training</i>	12.4	25.7	21.9	<i>family responsibilities</i>	41.0	45.6	44.1
<i>in student government</i>	8.0	13.1	12.1	<u>Met with faculty:</u>			
<i>in a study-abroad program</i>	11.5	19.0	24.5	<i>during office hours</i>	98.2	97.9	98.1
<u>Transferred from:</u>				<i>outside of class/office hours</i>	77.8	77.9	80.8
<i>a community college</i>	13.3	15.4	9.1				
<i>a four-year college</i>	9.7	10.4	8.6				

Students responding "frequently" or "occasionally" to participating in the following activities during the past year:

<i>Smoked cigarettes</i>	3.7	5.4	10.6	<i>Performed volunteer work</i>	71.8	81.4	75.9
<i>Felt lonely or homesick</i>	48.2	53.3	53.7	<i>Participated in demonstrations</i>	28.2	21.1	24.0
<i>Socialized w/ other racial / ethnic</i>	49.5	44.8	48.1	<i>Discussed politics</i>	7.3	19.8	23.7
<i>Felt depressed</i>	5.5	7.2	7.3	<i>Overslept, missed class/appoint</i>	53.2	55.8	56.2
<i>Overwhelmed by all I had to do</i>	40.0	36.8	33.6	<i>Sought personal counseling</i>	22.9	25.1	22.7

<i>Attended a religious service</i>	91.8	85.2	70.8	<i>Visited art gallery or museum</i>	38.2	66.3	67.4
<i>Drank beer</i>	31.8	50.8	72.1	<i>Discussed religion</i>	52.7	43.9	27.4
<i>Drank wine or liquor</i>	42.7	63.7	81.0	<i>Read newspaper editorial page</i>	59.1	61.3	65.2

Professors at your current (or most recent) college frequently provided you with:

	G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr		G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr
<i>Encourage to pursue grad study</i>	43.0	39.9	38.1	<i>A letter of recommendation</i>	35.5	34.5	33.9
<i>Opport to work on research proj</i>	34.6	27.1	26.1	<i>Assistance to improve study skills</i>	26.2	20.2	18.6
<i>Advice/guidance about ed prog</i>	43.0	38.6	36.0	<i>Neg feedback about acad work</i>	8.4	8.5	8.0
<i>Respect (treat like colleague)</i>	69.8	65.0	63.6	<i>Intellectual challenge and stimul</i>	53.8	51.4	50.9
<i>An opportunity to publish</i>	12.1	7.4	7.9	<i>Discuss course outside of class</i>	48.1	48.5	47.9
<i>Emotional support and encour</i>	40.2	36.6	31.9	<i>Help in achieving profess goals</i>	42.5	39.1	35.6

What do you plan to be doing six months from now?

<u>Attending:</u>				<i>Part in comm service organizat</i>	9.7	10.4	8.4
<i>undergrad college full-time</i>	15.9	3.5	2.7	<i>Serving in Armed Forces</i>	0.0	1.2	1.1
<i>undergrad college part-time</i>	2.7	2.5	2.2	<i>Traveling, hostelng, backpack</i>	11.5	13.1	13.2
<i>graduate/professional school</i>	16.8	28.4	29.7	<i>Doing volunteer work</i>	16.8	16.3	12.9
<i>vocational training program</i>	2.7	1.4	1.0	<i>Stay at home or start a family</i>	5.3	6.8	5.2
<i>Working full-time</i>	65.5	71.4	68.6	<i>No current plans</i>	2.7	3.0	3.6
<i>Working part-time</i>	14.2	13.0	12.8				

Students reporting much stronger abilities and skills compared to when they first started college in:

<i>General knowledge</i>	54.1	47.2	49.9	<u>Ability to:</u>			
<i>Analytical/problem-solving skills</i>	38.5	33.5	36.7	<i>think critically</i>	33.0	38.1	42.0
<i>Knowledge in a specific discipline</i>	68.8	65.7	65.5	<i>get along w/ other races/cultures</i>	31.2	22.6	22.1
<i>Foreign language ability</i>	22.0	12.1	13.5	<u>Understanding:</u>			
<i>Knowledge of different cultures</i>	26.6	21.7	21.8	<i>problems facing your commun</i>	19.3	20.0	21.4
<i>Religious beliefs and convictions</i>	33.0	27.1	17.7	<i>social problems facing nation</i>	27.5	27.4	29.5
<i>Leadership abilities</i>	31.2	30.9	28.9	<i>global issues</i>	28.7	26.4	29.2
<i>Interpersonal skills</i>	38.5	33.7	34.4	<i>Mathematical skills</i>	19.3	12.2	12.7
<i>Writing skills</i>	37.6	32.9	35.4	<i>Computer skills</i>	35.2	30.3	30.3
<i>Public speaking ability</i>	35.8	31.8	31.7				

Compared with the average person of his/her age, student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" in:

<i>Academic ability</i>	70.1	75.3	78.3	<i>Popularity</i>	40.2	37.8	41.1
<i>Artistic ability</i>	25.2	31.7	31.8	<i>Public speaking ability</i>	42.5	47.6	48.9
<i>Competitiveness</i>	54.2	55.2	57.2	<i>Self-confidence (intellectual)</i>	62.6	68.3	70.1
<i>Cooperativeness</i>	72.0	76.8	76.5	<i>Self-confidence (social)</i>	56.1	58.3	59.6
<i>Creativity</i>	50.5	54.9	57.1	<i>Self-understanding</i>	67.3	69.1	70.2
<i>Drive to achieve</i>	73.8	74.8	77.3	<i>Spirituality</i>	67.9	57.2	44.6
<i>Emotional health</i>	58.9	59.5	58.3	<i>Understanding of others</i>	70.1	71.2	71.4
<i>Leadership ability</i>	59.8	65.2	65.4	<i>Writing ability</i>	57.0	59.1	61.6
<i>Mathematical ability</i>	33.6	33.8	35.8	<i>Religiousness/Religiosity</i>	65.4	51.0	36.1
<i>Physical health</i>	53.3	52.4	54.2				

Students noting they are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their current (or most recent) college in:

	G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr		G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr
General education / core courses	72.2	75.1	78.5	Academic advising	58.7	63.3	60.8
Science and math courses	63.2	61.2	61.2	Career counseling and advising	53.1	50.6	50.5
Humanities courses	54.8	68.6	73.0	Student housing	57.7	58.3	55.8
Social science courses	61.0	68.6	73.4	Financial aid services	43.6	57.0	55.3
Courses in your major field	81.5	88.1	88.3	Amount of contact with faculty	80.6	84.5	83.8
Course relevance to everyday life	62.0	68.2	68.0	Opportunities for community serv	63.4	72.2	71.2
Overall quality of instruction	83.5	83.5	85.3	Job placement services	48.8	42.0	42.4
Lab facilities and equipment	32.1	58.5	62.8	Campus health services	21.3	50.3	48.9
Library facilities	45.8	62.6	68.3	Class size	86.2	88.0	87.6
Computer facilities	24.1	68.5	69.9	Interaction with other students	83.5	87.5	86.5
Quality of computer training/assist	27.5	50.1	51.8	Abil to find a faculty/staff mentor	73.1	77.4	78.8
Availability of Internet access	58.9	77.7	79.7	Leadership opportunities	71.3	71.4	69.8
Sense of community on campus	72.0	68.4	65.7	Recreational facilities	71.8	58.0	61.7
Tutoring or other acad assistance	62.8	56.4	58.6	Overall college experience	82.6	84.6	85.6

Student objectives noted as "very important" or "essential" :

Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	22.2	17.1	16.8
Becoming an authority in my field	69.4	61.5	63.7
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	51.4	43.1	50.4
Influencing the political structure	15.0	19.9	23.4
Influencing social values	52.8	52.1	49.4
Raising a family	81.3	80.1	79.1
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	39.3	36.6	39.2
Being very well off financially	50.5	47.8	56.2
Helping others who are in difficulty	81.3	77.8	73.8
Making a theoretical contribution to science	20.6	12.4	14.7
Writing original works (poems, novels, short stories, etc.)	22.4	19.3	20.5
Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	33.6	18.0	19.4
Being successful in a business of my own	29.2	29.3	33.0
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	17.8	19.2	21.3
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	51.4	55.7	54.6
Participating in a community action program	23.6	29.1	29.6
Helping to promote racial understanding	35.5	37.0	37.7
Keeping up to date with political affairs	43.0	44.6	49.4
Becoming a community leader	28.0	35.7	36.5
Integrating spirituality into my life	86.9	75.0	55.8

Student agrees "strongly" or "somewhat":

Abortion should be legal	22.6	41.0	60.1
The death penalty should be abolished	27.6	32.2	39.9
If two people really like each other, sex is okay even if they haven't known each other long	17.0	28.3	50.2
The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family	17.1	20.2	16.9
Marijuana should be legalized	19.0	27.0	41.0
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	38.8	34.1	19.6
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	17.1	14.5	13.3
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	15.2	19.3	21.7

<i>Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now</i>	47.1	55.4	58.3
Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus	58.8	55.6	51.4
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	53.1	50.9	49.2
<i>There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals</i>	59.6	54.6	47.8
<i>The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns</i>	65.7	74.8	80.3
<i>Same sex couples should have the right to legal marital status</i>	17.6	39.4	62.8
Material on the Internet should be regulated by the government	46.2	43.5	39.2
Western civilization and culture should be the foundation of the undergraduate curriculum	35.6	34.7	34.3
<i>Federal military spending should be increased</i>	50.0	41.4	37.0

During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following:

	G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr		G-Webb	Relig 4-Yr	Priv 4-Yr
Studying / homework				Watching TV			
Less than one hour	2.8	1.6	1.5	Less than one hour	21.1	20.4	21.0
1 - 2 hours	17.6	7.3	6.3	1 - 2 hours	23.9	24.8	23.5
3 - 5 hours	33.3	23.8	22.3	3 - 5 hours	33.9	28.2	28.5
6 - 10 hours	17.6	28.5	28.0	6 - 10 hours	13.8	16.2	16.2
Over 10 hours	28.7	38.8	41.9	Over 10 hours	7.4	10.3	10.8
Socializing with friends				Household/childcare duties			
Less than one hour	0.9	2.2	1.7	Less than one hour	66.1	53.7	58.7
1 - 2 hours	6.4	7.4	6.1	1 - 2 hours	22.9	25.2	21.7
3 - 5 hours	21.1	19.8	17.0	3 - 5 hours	8.3	11.4	11.1
6 - 10 hours	23.9	27.6	26.4	6 - 10 hours	0.9	4.3	3.7
Over 10 hours	47.7	43.1	48.9	Over 10 hours	1.8	5.4	4.7
Exercising or sports				Reading for pleasure			
Less than one hour	14.9	18.2	16.6	Less than one hour	62.4	57.0	58.5
1 - 2 hours	25.2	22.1	19.8	1 - 2 hours	27.5	25.9	24.3
3 - 5 hours	33.6	29.8	28.3	3 - 5 hours	9.2	11.6	11.7
6 - 10 hours	10.3	16.7	18.9	6 - 10 hours	0.0	3.6	3.7
Over 10 hours	15.8	13.2	16.4	Over 10 hours	0.9	1.8	1.8
Partying				Playing video / computer games			
Less than one hour	64.2	49.8	29.5	Less than one hour	80.7	81.8	80.8
1 - 2 hours	17.4	17.5	16.2	1 - 2 hours	10.1	8.1	8.4
3 - 5 hours	7.3	17.2	23.3	3 - 5 hours	6.4	5.5	5.8
6 - 10 hours	4.6	9.0	17.0	6 - 10 hours	0.9	2.7	2.8
Over 10 hours	6.4	6.5	14.0	Over 10 hours	1.8	1.9	2.2
Participating in student clubs/groups				Prayer / meditation			
Less than one hour	46.3	53.8	51.6	Less than one hour	28.4	45.8	64.4
1 - 2 hours	34.3	22.0	21.8	1 - 2 hours	33.9	28.1	20.7
3 - 5 hours	11.1	15.2	15.4	3 - 5 hours	27.5	16.6	9.3
6 - 10 hours	4.6	5.5	6.5	6 - 10 hours	7.3	5.8	3.2
Over 10 hours	3.7	3.5	4.7	Over 10 hours	2.7	3.8	2.3