Freshmen Students: Fall 2004

The 2004 freshman norms are based on the responses of 289,452 students at 440 of the nation’s baccalaureate colleges and universities. Of Elon’s 1,230 Fall 2004 first-time, full-time freshmen, 1,173 participated in this survey (95% response rate).

Some key findings are:

Nationally

- Students’ interest in politics continues to grow
- Increased use of technology, with freshmen today being more computer-savvy than ever before
- Students’ grades continuing to improve, with the proportion of students earning “A” averages increasing
- The vast majority of students perform volunteer work
- Students report increasing expectations to work during

Student Engagement

Elon developed additional questions which examines students’ high school educational experience. Key findings are:

- 82% stated they very often or often contributed to class discussions
- 69% stated they very often or often made class presentations
- 56% stated they very often or often worked with classmates on assignments out side of class

Elon vs. 4-Year Private Highly Selective Religious

- More Elon students state chances are they will be satisfied with their college choice (70% vs. 60%)
- More Elon students are likely to participate in a study abroad program (70% vs. 38%)
- Elon was chosen more often for size of the school (67% vs. 56%), rankings in national magazines (32% vs. 17%), and website information (25% vs. 14%)
- Elon was selected more often upon visiting the campus (78% vs. 55%)
- More Elon students are likely to participate in student clubs/groups (63% vs. 49%)

A Few of the Schools From Elon’s Comparison Group for CIRP 2004

Agnes Scott College
Albion College
Augustana College
Austin College
Cornell College
Davidson College
Earlham College
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamlin University
Hendrix College
Lake Forest College
Luther College
Muhlenberg College
Randolph-Macon Women’s College
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Southwestern University
University of the South
Wittenberg University
Wofford College