The 2005 freshman norms are based on the responses of 263,710 students at 385 of the nation’s baccalaureate colleges and universities. Of Elon’s 1,236 Fall 2005 first-time, full-time freshmen, 1,158 participated in this survey (94% response rate).

Some key findings are:

Nationally

- Students increase commitment to social concerns and civic responsibility.
- Students’ interest and participation in politics continues to grow.
- The vast majority of students perform volunteer work.
- Students express an increasing importance for becoming a community leader.

Student Engagement

Elon developed additional questions which examines students’ high school educational experience.

Key findings are:

- 80% stated they very often or often contributed to class discussions.
- 66% stated they very often or often made class presentations.
- 50% stated they very often or often worked with classmates on assignments outside of class.

Elon vs. 4-Year Private Highly Selective Religious Schools

- More Elon students state chances are they will be satisfied with their college choice (73% vs. 60%).
- More Elon students are likely to participate in a study abroad program (74% vs. 42%).
- Elon was chosen more often for size of the school (66% vs. 58%), rankings in national magazines (29% vs. 17%), and website information (26% vs. 15%).
- Elon was selected more often upon visiting the campus (82% vs. 55%).
- More Elon students are likely to participate in student clubs/groups (68% vs. 50%).

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