

Green River Community College Fall 2000 Entering Student Survey Results

Section 1 – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Race/ethnicity	Number	Percent
African American	11	2.4
Native American	6	1.3
White	341	74.0
Asian / Islander	39	8.5
Hispanic	5	1.1
Multicultural	10	2.2
Other	11	2.3
Did not respond	38	8.2
Total	461	100.0

Marital status	Number	Percent
Unmarried	321	69.6
Married	115	24.9
Separated	9	2.0
Did not to respond	16	3.5
Total		100.0

Prior school	Number	Percent
High school	296	64.2
Vocational/tech	18	3.9
2 year college	40	8.7
4 year college	56	12.2
Other	26	5.6
Did not respond	25	5.4
Total	461	100.0

HS program	Number	Percent
College prep	177	38.4
Vocational/business	56	12.2
General	183	39.7
Other	23	5.0
Did not respond	22	4.7
Total	461	100.0

Age	Number	Percent
20 or under	270	58.6
21-24	32	6.9
25-29	48	10.4
30-39	60	13.0
40-61	43	9.3
62 or over	4	0.9
Did not respond	4	0.9
Total	461	100.0

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	166	36.0
Female	288	62.5
Did not respond	7	1.5
Total	461	100.0

HS GPA	Number	Percent
3.50 to 4.00	135	29.3
3.00 to 3.49	128	27.8
2.50 to 2.99	68	14.8
2.00 to 2.49	48	10.4
1.50 to 1.99	20	4.3
1.00 to 1.49	8	1.7
Below 1.0	1	0.2
NA or no response	53	11.5
Total	461	100.0

Did parents earn BA degree or higher?	Number	Percent
Neither	246	53.4
Mother, only	42	9.1
Father, only	86	18.7
Both parents	76	16.5
Did not respond	11	2.3
Total	461	100.0

Residence	Number	Percent
Off-campus room/apt	87	18.9
W/ parent or relative	211	45.8
Own home	112	24.3
Other	23	5.0
Undecided/no resp.	28	6.0
Total	461	100.0

Hours work/week	Number	Percent
0 or occasional	127	27.6
1 to 10	38	8.2
11 to 20	87	18.9
21 to 30	73	15.8
31 to 40	40	8.7
40+	52	11.3
Undecided/no resp.	44	9.5
Total	461	100.0

Section II – EDUCATIONAL PLANS, PREFERENCES, AND IMPRESSIONS

How many other colleges did you apply to?		
	Number	Percent
One	351	76.1
Two	42	9.1
Three	13	2.8
Four or more	11	2.4
Did not respond	44	9.6
Total	461	100.0

GRCC was what choice when you applied?		
	Number	Percent
First	371	80.5
Second	37	8.0
Third	9	2.0
Fourth	12	2.6
Did not respond	32	6.9
Total	461	100.0

For what purpose did you enroll at GRCC?	Number	Percent
No definite purpose in mind	37	8.0
To take a few job-related classes to update my skills	17	3.7
To take a few courses for self-improvement	45	9.8
To take courses necessary for transferring to another college	120	26.0
To obtain or maintain a certification	28	6.1
To complete a vocational/technical degree program or certificate	60	13.0
To obtain a transfer-oriented associate degree	126	27.3
Did not respond	28	6.1
Total	433	100.0

Was each of the following a major source, a minor source, or not a source of information about GRCC?
(reported in percentages and ranked from highest to lowest by "Major source")

Major source	Minor source	Not a source	Did not respond	
37.3	27.5	29.5	5.2	GRCC catalog
34.7	25.4	34.3	5.6	Quarterly class schedule
32.5	27.5	33.6	6.3	Parents, relatives, or friends
25.4	22.6	46.0	6.1	GRCC student(s)
23.9	26.5	43.2	6.5	Contact with educational planning/admission staff
23.4	16.9	52.7	6.9	High school teachers / counselors
18.2	25.6	49.7	6.5	GRCC program brochures
18.0	23.2	52.5	6.3	Visits to GRCC campus
13.2	20.8	59.7	6.3	GRCC website
8.5	11.3	73.3	6.9	GRCC alumni
4.8	12.6	75.9	6.7	GRCC representatives at your high school
3.5	13.2	76.8	6.5	Advertisements (radio, newspaper, TV)
2.8	8.2	83.7	6.1	GRCC billboard
2.6	10.4	80.0	6.9	Public displays (fairs, shopping centers)
2.2	7.2	84.2	6.5	Articles in newspaper

How important was each of the following in your decision to attend GRCC? (reported in percentages and ranked from highest to lowest by "Very important")

Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important	Did not respond	
59.9	18.2	10.6	8.7	2.6	Offered the courses or programs I wanted
56.2	19.7	11.1	10.4	2.6	Close to home
49.0	22.6	9.3	16.7	2.4	Cost of attending
43.0	18.4	7.2	27.5	3.9	Could work while attending
21.0	13.0	11.5	50.1	4.3	Availability of financial aid or scholarship
19.5	23.9	17.1	35.4	4.1	Advice of parents, relatives, or friends
15.4	16.1	16.7	47.3	4.6	Advice of someone who has attended GRCC
13.9	10.8	12.1	59.0	4.1	Advice of high school counselor or teacher
13.9	20.2	19.3	42.7	3.9	Class size
11.9	20.2	20.8	42.1	5.0	Vocational or academic reputation of GRCC
9.1	16.1	16.9	53.6	4.3	Facilities (labs, library, recreational areas, etc.)
8.7	15.0	19.3	52.5	4.6	Social atmosphere
8.5	13.4	11.1	62.0	5.0	Contacts with college representatives
8.2	15.0	20.6	52.1	4.1	Size of GRCC
7.6	15.2	19.3	53.8	4.1	Attractiveness of GRCC campus
5.6	8.0	14.8	67.0	4.6	Wanted to be with friends
4.6	3.7	6.3	80.9	4.6	Sports opportunities (varsity athletics)
4.6	5.4	10.2	75.1	4.8	Opportunity for part-time work at GRCC
4.3	6.5	11.9	72.9	4.3	Co-curricular activities (sports, music, drama, etc)

Preferred time of day for class	Number	Percent
Morning	277	60.1
Afternoon	59	12.8
Evening	75	16.3
Weekend	2	0.4
No preference	22	4.8
	26	5.6
Total responses	461	100.0

Preferred class format	Number	Percent
Lecture	90	19.5
Small group	142	30.8
Independent study	32	6.9
Laboratory or shop	55	11.9
Distance learning	22	4.8
No preference	87	18.9
Did not respond	33	7.2
Total responses	461	100.0

Indicate your level of agreement with each statement about GRCC:
(reported in percentages and ranked from highest to lowest by "Total Agree")

Total Agree	Neutral	Total Disagree	DK/NA/No response	
62.1	18.7	5.2	14.1	The cost of attending GRCC is reasonable.
61.1	25.6	4.6	8.6	GRCC staff care about individual students.
44.0	17.6	2.2	36.2	GRCC offers many job-oriented classes.
43.8	24.3	3.7	28.2	GRCC has many activities and organizations for students.
38.8	20.2	13.5	27.7	The advising session for new students was helpful.
34.5	10.0	3.2	52.3	Web registration was easy to use.
30.4	19.5	5.8	44.2	GRCC provides sufficient financial aid for students needing support.
21.9	14.5	3.9	59.7	Touch-tone registration was easy to use.
21.5	19.5	2.4	56.6	GRCC offers many cultural events and programs.
9.8	20.8	4.6	64.9	GRCC has a strong varsity athletic program.

Have you heard of the following campus-wide outcomes at GRCC? (reported in percentages and ranked from highest to lowest by "Yes")

Yes	No	No response	
27.1	67.2	5.6	Critical thinking
26.5	68.3	5.2	Responsibility
21.9	72.5	5.6	Written Communications
17.8	76.6	5.6	Quantitative and/or critical reasoning

Will you need special help in any of the following areas? (reported in percentages and ranked from highest to lowest by "Yes")

Yes	No	No response	
54.4	42.7	2.8	Improving mathematical skills
45.6	50.5	3.9	Improving public speaking skills
44.7	51.0	4.3	Identifying career options
44.0	52.3	3.7	Improving test taking skills
41.6	54.4	3.9	Developing better study skills and habits
34.3	61.6	4.1	Identifying educational goals
28.2	67.9	3.9	Increasing reading speed
27.1	69.0	3.9	Expressing ideas in writing
24.7	71.1	4.1	Increasing reading comprehension

Please rate your abilities in the following areas: (reported in percentages and ranked from highest to lowest by "Excellent")

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No response	
45.6	39.9	10.3	0.9	3.7	Being responsible for your own learning
41.0	44.9	8.9	1.3	3.9	Understanding other people
33.4	50.5	10.0	1.3	4.8	Academic ability
29.3	45.1	20.6	1.3	3.7	Creativity
23.4	49.0	21.0	1.7	4.8	Critical thinking
23.4	44.0	24.5	3.9	4.1	Writing skills
19.5	42.5	27.5	6.9	3.5	Computer skills
15.8	25.6	34.1	20.6	3.9	Public speaking
14.8	36.0	33.6	11.9	3.7	Math skills