

Diversity

Psychology 101 is a class that covers many topics. It is designed to help freshmen transition into college life. All freshman take this course either their first or second semester. At the end of the course a course evaluation is given. While this is self-reported information, it does give some indication of students impression of their personal growth in three critical areas related to knowledge of diversity:

- Issues of cultural/ethnic diversity.
- Issues of differences based on gender.
- An understanding of some of the diversity in the Christian community, in particular that Christians might interpret the Bible differently.

Note that the instrument's questions were reworded in the spring of 2011 so the data tables reflect that change. Because of those changes, it is difficult to establish benchmarks for desired levels of improvement (the change from moderately helpful to undecided is not comparable).

F09-F10 Help me become more sensitive to issues of cultural/ethnic diversity

	Not helpful 1	Somewhat helpful 2	Moderately helpful 3	Very helpful 4	A large boost 5	Percentage very helpful or boost
Fall 2009	21	41	58	61	19	40%
Spring 2010	8	36	64	80	25	49%
Fall 2010	45	67	92	38	17	21%

SP11-SP12 I am more sensitive to issues of cultural/ethnic diversity.

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Percentage agree or strongly agree
Spring 2011	9	22	44	37	12	40%
Fall 2011	12	33	76	58	17	38%
Spring 2012	9	32	67	60	15	41%

F09-F10 Help me become more sensitive to issues of gender.

	Not helpful 1	Somewhat helpful 2	Moderately helpful 3	Very helpful 4	A large boost 5	Percentage very helpful or boost
Fall 2009	23	49	75	34	19	27%
Spring 2010	15	41	71	65	21	40%
Fall 2010	53	76	87	29	13	16%

Sp11- SP12 I am more sensitive to issues of gender.

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Percentage agree or strongly agree
Spring 2011	7	26	47	33	11	35%
Fall 2011	12	40	80	49	15	33%
Spring 2012	10	49	65	47	12	32%

F09-F10 Help me understand that Christians might interpret the Bible differently.

	Not helpful 1	Somewhat helpful 2	Moderately helpful 3	Very helpful 4	A large boost 5	Percentage very helpful or boost
Fall 2009	12	39	60	59	29	44%
Spring 2010	16	18	40	106	32	65%
Fall 2010	14	47	92	82	24	41%

Sp11- SP12 I have a better understanding that Christians might interpret the Bible differently.

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Percentage agree or strongly agree
Spring 2011	3	9	30	59	23	66%
Fall 2011	3	12	48	98	35	68%
Spring 2012	6	18	29	109	21	71%