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# **2005 College Student Survey**

## **Summary of Results**

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## **Background**

- First time Morningside has participated in the College Student Survey (CSS)
- CSS is a follow-up to the CIRP Survey administered to entering students
- Students' results can be matched between surveys to provide longitudinal measures on common items



## Methodology

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- All graduating seniors (Spring 2005) were asked to participate
- Students had choice of completing via paper-and-pencil or online
- Incentives for participating:
  - Morningside Alumni window decal
  - Raffle for three Morningside diploma holders
- Completed surveys returned to HERI for processing and report received in Fall 2005



## In this Summary

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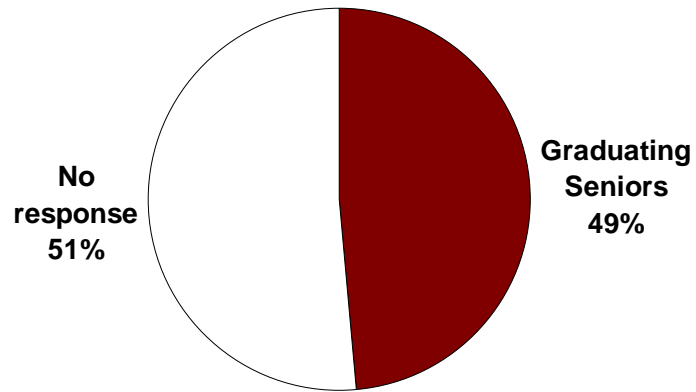
- Graduating seniors only
- Institutional profile
  - Student Characteristics
  - Engagement and Experiences
  - Learning Outcomes
  - Satisfaction
- Longitudinal profile



## Response Rate

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101 students surveyed; 49 responded

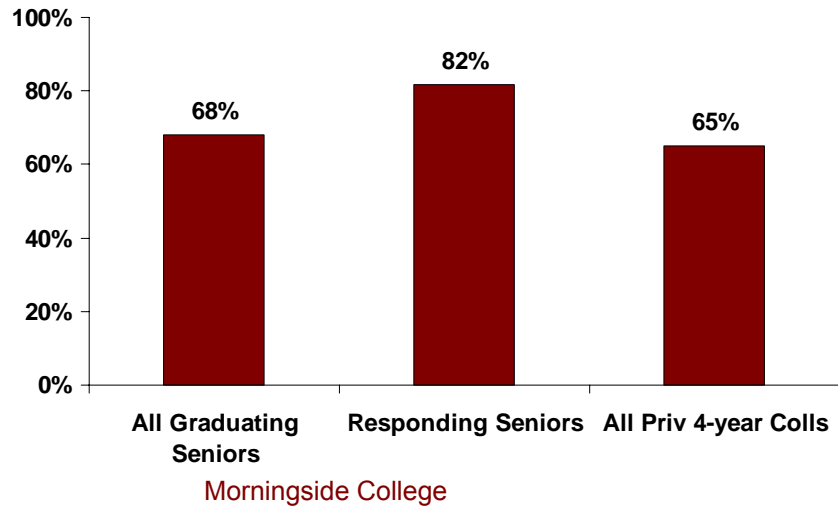


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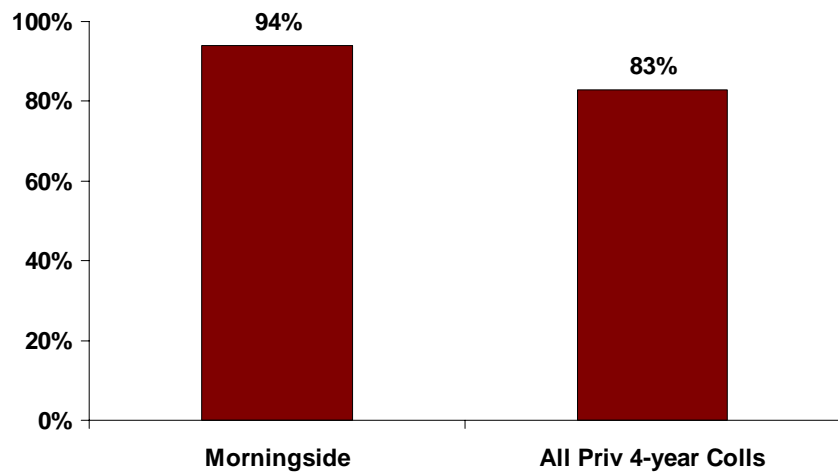
## Student Characteristics



## Percent Female

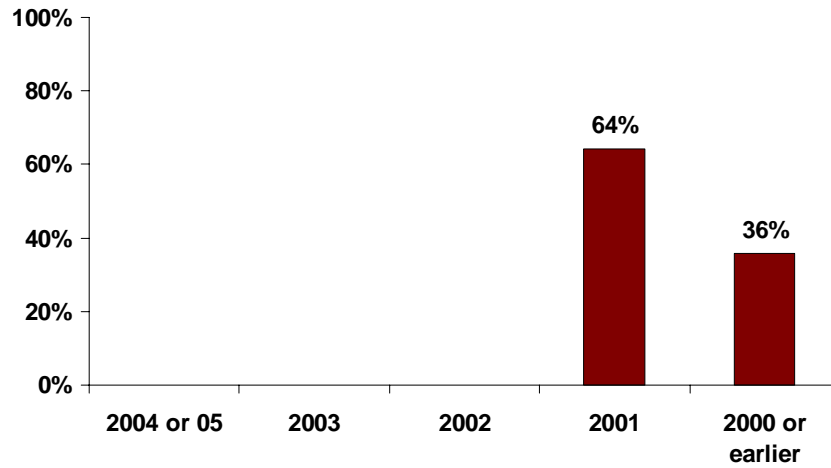


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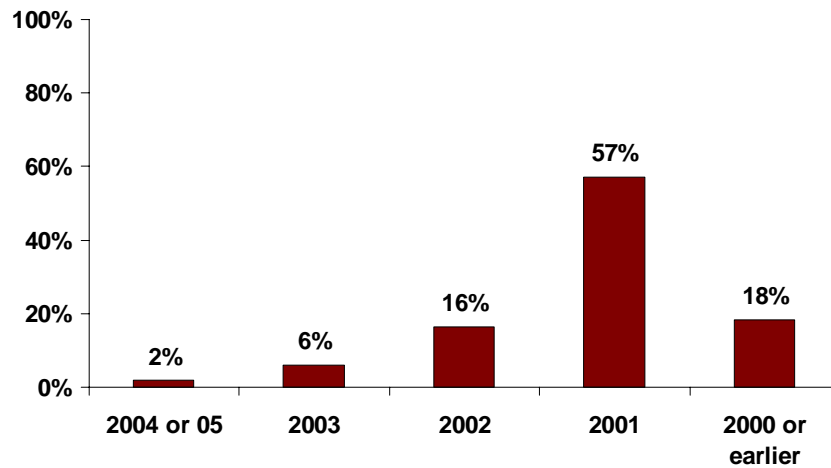




## Year of Entry: First College

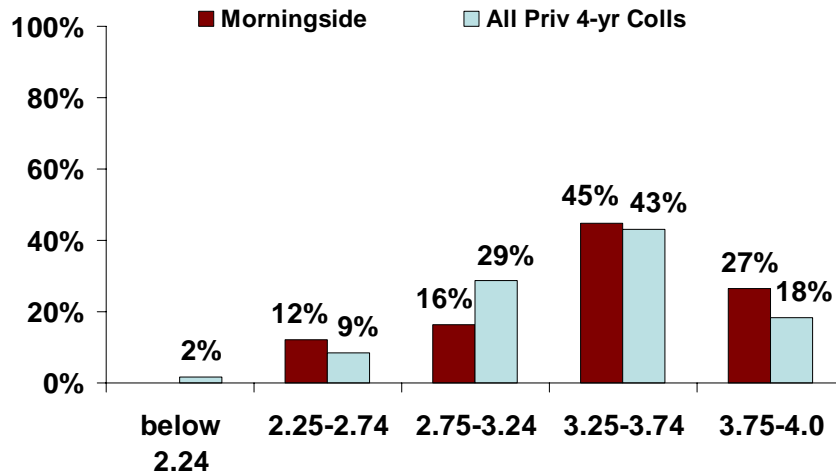


## Year of Entry: Morningside College

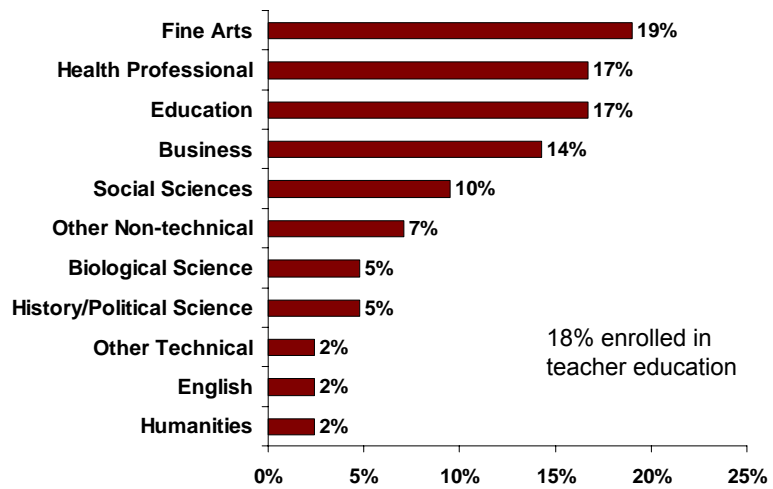




## Undergraduate GPA

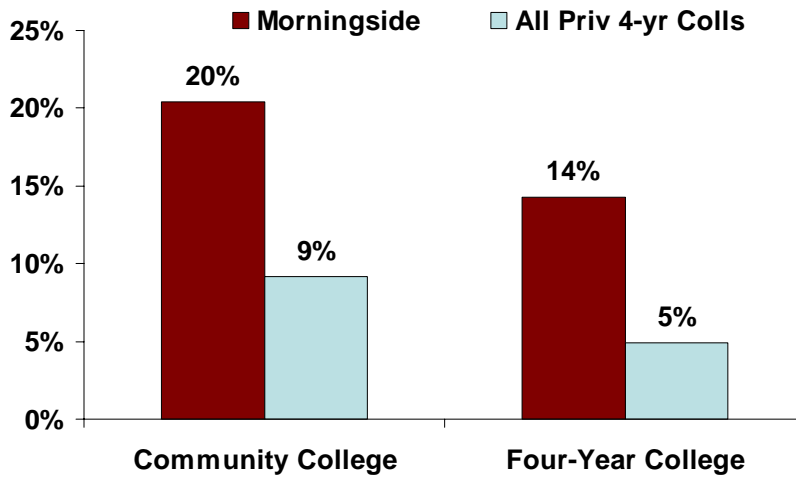


## Undergraduate Major

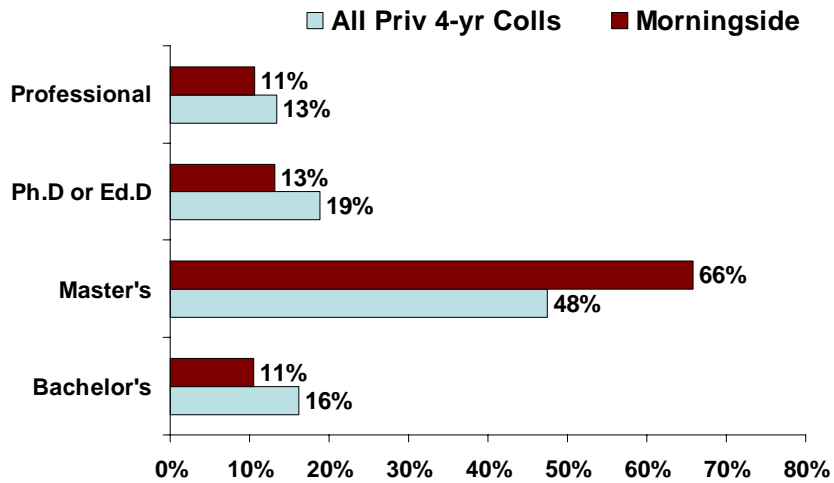




## Since entering college, have you transferred from a...

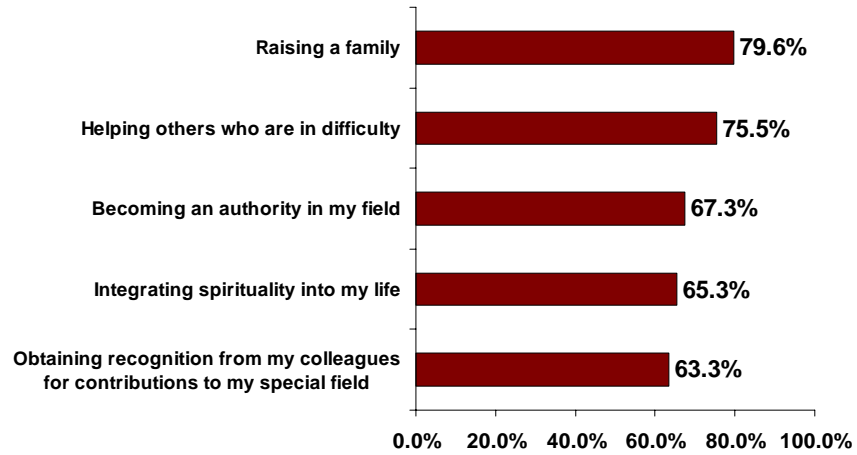


## Highest Degree Planning to Complete

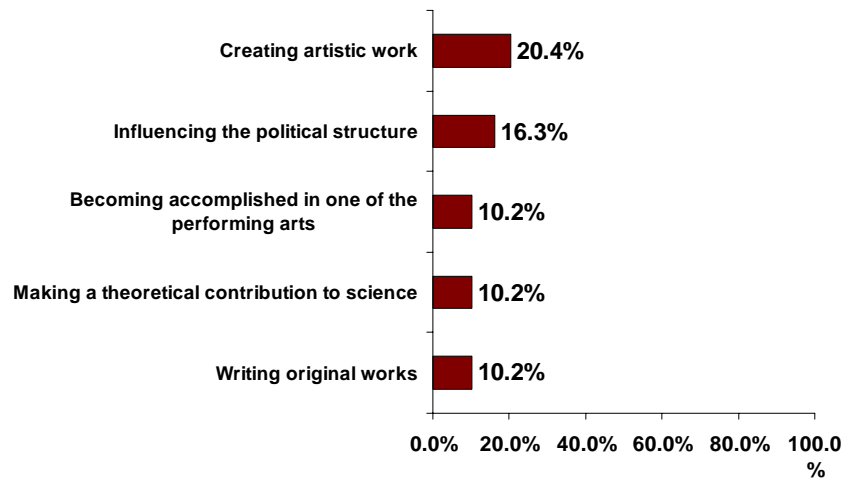




### Top 5 Personal Objectives Considered “Very Important” or “Essential”



### Bottom 5 Personal Objectives Considered “Very Important” or “Essential”

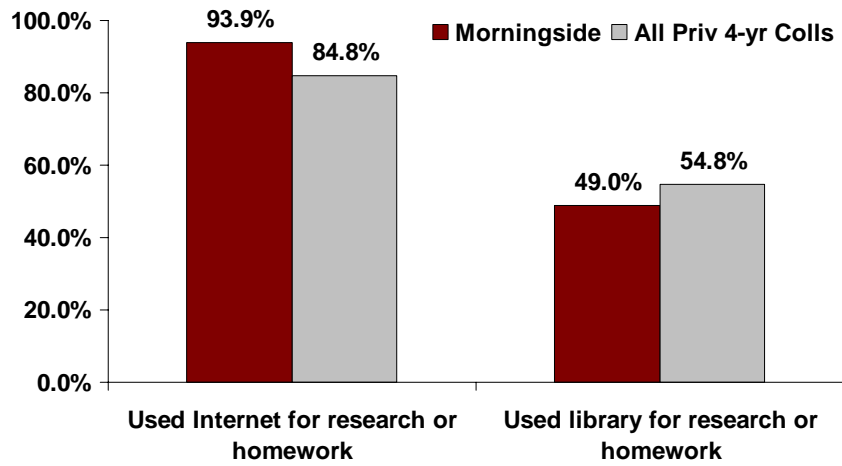




## Engagement and Experiences

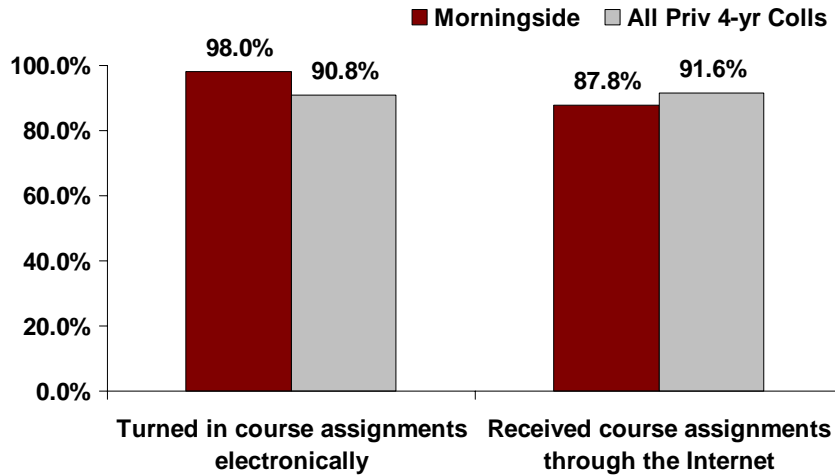


## Frequently Used Internet and Library Resources





## Frequently or Occasionally



## Largest Differences in Experiences between Morningside and All Private Colleges (>10%)

Since entering college have you...	Yes		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Taken a women's studies course	44.9%	23.3%	21.6%
Attended a racial/culture awareness workshop	42.9%	28.4%	14.5%
Taken an ethnic studies courses	53.1%	41.7%	11.4%
Enrolled in honors or advanced courses	34.7%	23.3%	11.4%
Worked full-time while attending courses	30.6%	19.8%	10.8%
Participated in a study-abroad program	6.1%	22.6%	-16.5%
Had a roommate of a different race/ethnicity	14.3%	33.4%	-19.1%

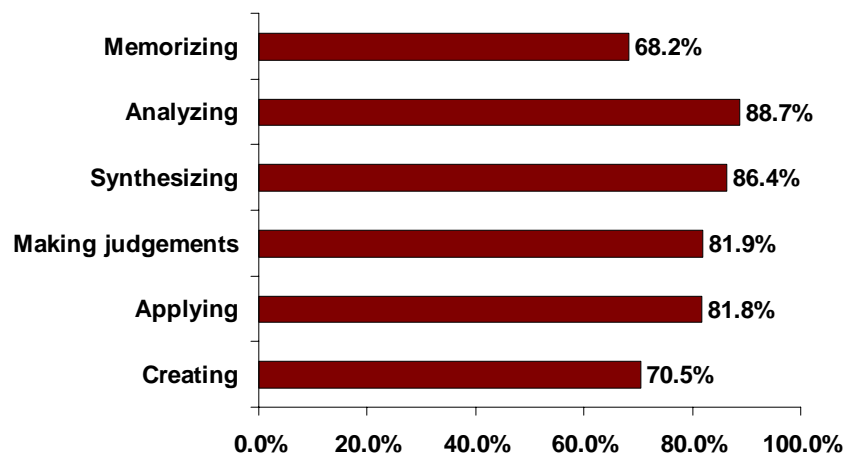


## Since entering college how successful have you been in...

	Very Successful		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	<b>77.6%</b>	67.5%	10.1%
Understanding what your professors expect of you	<b>73.5%</b>	69.5%	4.0%
Managing your time effectively	<b>71.4%</b>	49.7%	21.7%
Getting to know faculty	<b>65.3%</b>	47.8%	17.5%
Developing effective study skills	<b>65.3%</b>	53.8%	11.5%
Developing close friendships with other students	<b>63.3%</b>	68.1%	-4.8%
Utilizing campus services available to students	<b>38.8%</b>	36.7%	2.1%



## How much has your coursework during the current school year emphasized the following mental activities?





## Learning Outcomes



### 1. Demonstrate analytic, synthetic, creative, evaluative, and quantitative thinking

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Ability to think critically	<b>42.9%</b>	40.2%	2.7%
Analytical and problem-solving skills	<b>36.7%</b>	35.4%	1.3%
Mathematical skills	<b>16.3%</b>	13.6%	2.7%



## 2. Communicate effectively

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Writing skills	46.9%	32.6%	14.3%
Public speaking ability	38.8%	30.3%	8.5%



## 3. Behave ethically and responsibly

Extent to which your experience at Morningside College has contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...	Very Much/Quite a bit		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	60.9%	n/a	



#### 4. Use knowledge of cultures to enhance their understanding of themselves and others

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Knowledge of people from different races/cultures	34.7%	21.8%	12.9%
Ability to get along with people of different races/cultures	32.7%	21.8%	10.9%
Foreign language ability	12.2%	13.3%	-1.1%



#### 4. Use knowledge of cultures to enhance their understanding of themselves and others

Extent to which your experience at Morningside College has contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...	Very Much/Quite a bit		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Understanding yourself	71.8%	n/a	



**5. Apply knowledge and skills from multiple, diverse disciplines and practical experiences to understand complex issues and to solve problems**

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
General knowledge	51.0%	47.6%	3.4%
Understand of problems facing our nation	34.7%	26.1%	8.6%
Understanding of global issues	30.6%	26.4%	4.2%



**5. Apply knowledge and skills from multiple, diverse disciplines and practical experiences to understand complex issues and to solve problems**

Extent to which your experience at Morningside College has contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...	Very Much/Quite a bit		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	71.7%	n/a	



## 6. Exhibit a passion for life-long learning

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Computer skills	34.7%	26.7%	8.0%



## 6. Exhibit a passion for life-long learning

Extent to which your experience at Morningside College has contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...	Very Much/Quite a bit		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Developing and carrying out a strategy for locating needed information	71.1%	n/a	
Using computing and information technology	64.5%	n/a	
Learning effective on your own	86.7%	n/a	



### 7. Effect positive change through leadership or active participation in their communities

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Understanding of problems facing your community	25.0%	20.0%	5.0%



### 7. Effect positive change through leadership or active participation in their communities

Extent to which your experience at Morningside College has contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...	Very Much/Quite a bit		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Contributing to the welfare of your community	55.6%	n/a	
Desire to participate in local, state, and/or national elections	37.8%	n/a	



**8. Articulate their own spirituality and personal values, while understanding those of others**

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Religious beliefs and convictions	<b>30.6%</b>	29.3%	1.3%

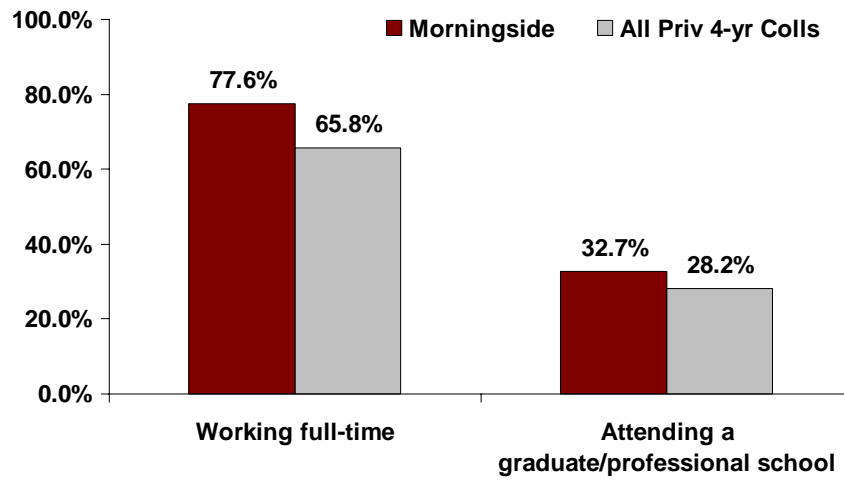


**Largest Differences in Gains between Morningside and All Private Colleges (>10%)**

Gain in abilities and skills compared to when they first started college...	Much Stronger		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Writing skills	<b>46.9%</b>	32.6%	14.3%
Knowledge of people from different races/cultures	<b>34.7%</b>	21.8%	12.9%
Ability to get along with people of different races/cultures	<b>32.7%</b>	21.8%	10.9%
Knowledge of a particular field or discipline	<b>71.4%</b>	61.0%	10.4%



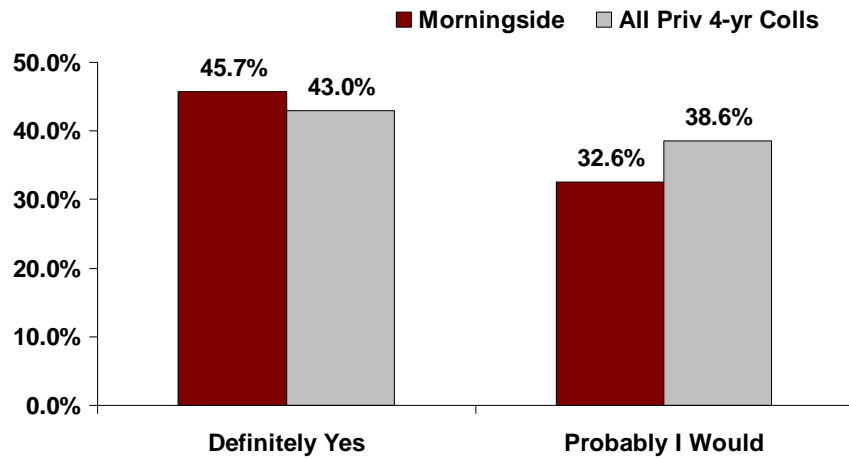
## What do you plan on doing six months from now?



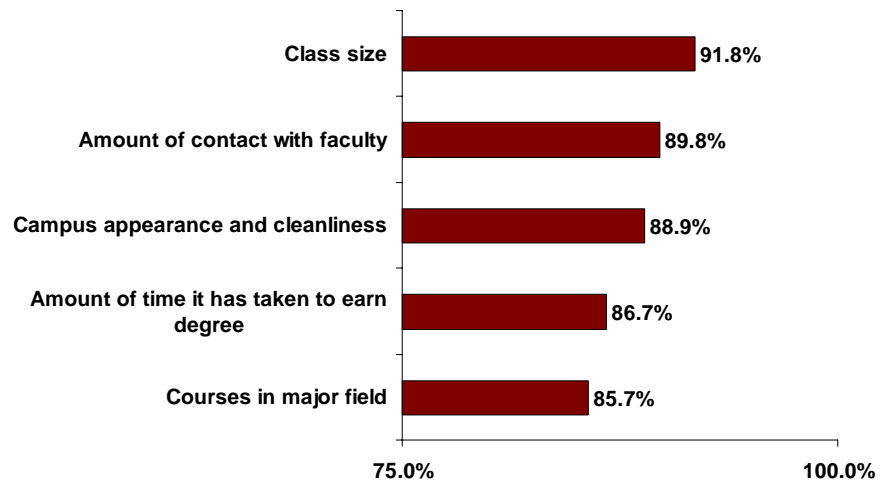
## Satisfaction



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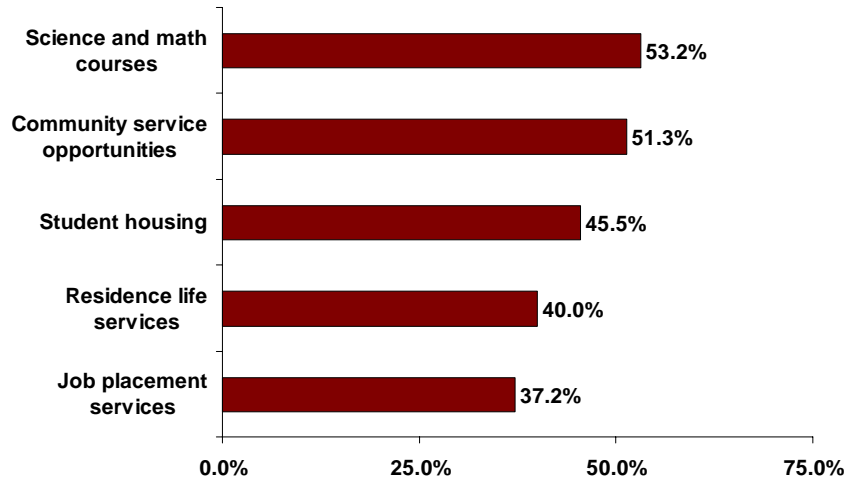


### Top 5 Areas that Students were “Very Satisfied” or “Satisfied”





## Bottom 5 Areas that Students were “Very Satisfied” or “Satisfied”



## Largest Differences in Satisfaction between Morningside and All Private Colleges (>10%)

Satisfaction with...	Very Satisfied or Satisfied		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Laboratory facilities and equipment	80.0%	60.7%	19.3%
Financial aid services	73.9%	54.7%	19.2%
Satisfaction with campus health services	67.5%	48.4%	19.1%
Leadership opportunities	84.6%	66.9%	17.7%
Ability to find faculty or staff mentor	84.1%	73.0%	11.1%
Opportunities for community service	51.3%	64.5%	-13.2%
Overall quality of instruction	73.5%	87.9%	-14.4%

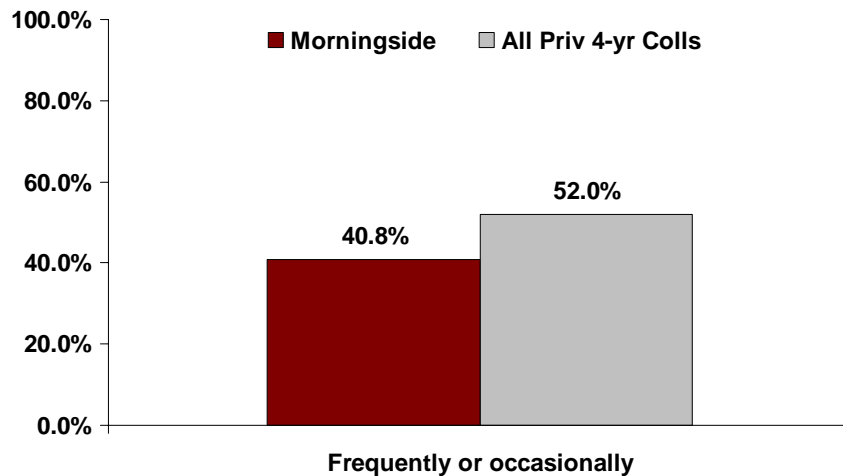


## How often have professors provided you with...

	Frequently		
	Morningside	All Priv 4-yr Colls	Difference
Respect (treated you like a colleague/peer)	65.3%	65.3%	0.0%
Help in achieving your professional goals	49.0%	35.0%	14.0%
An opportunity to apply classroom learning to "real-life" issues	49.0%	38.3%	10.7%
A letter of recommendation	43.7%	34.9%	8.8%
Encouragement to pursue graduate/professional study	36.7%	40.9%	-4.2%
Emotional support and encouragement	34.7%	32.9%	1.8%
Assistance to improve your study skills	20.4%	20.1%	0.3%
Negative feedback about your academic work	2.0%	8.3%	-6.3%



## Since entering college how often have you had difficulty in getting the courses you needed?





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## **Longitudinal Trends CIRP to CSS**



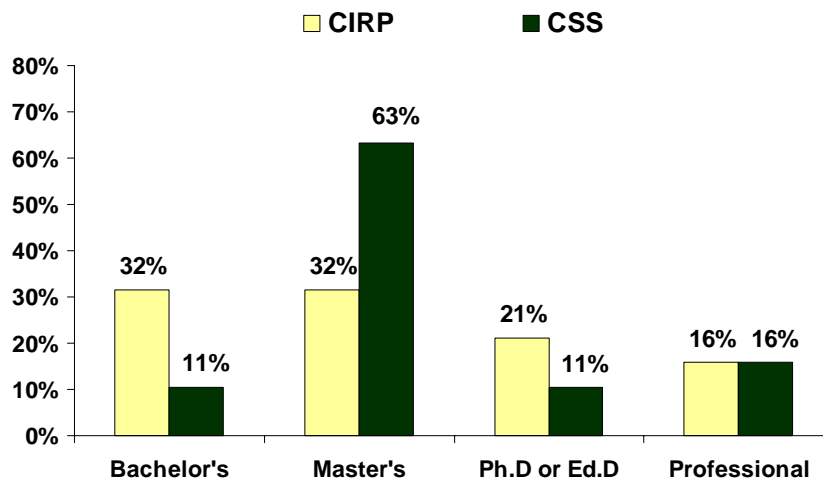
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### **CIRP to CSS**

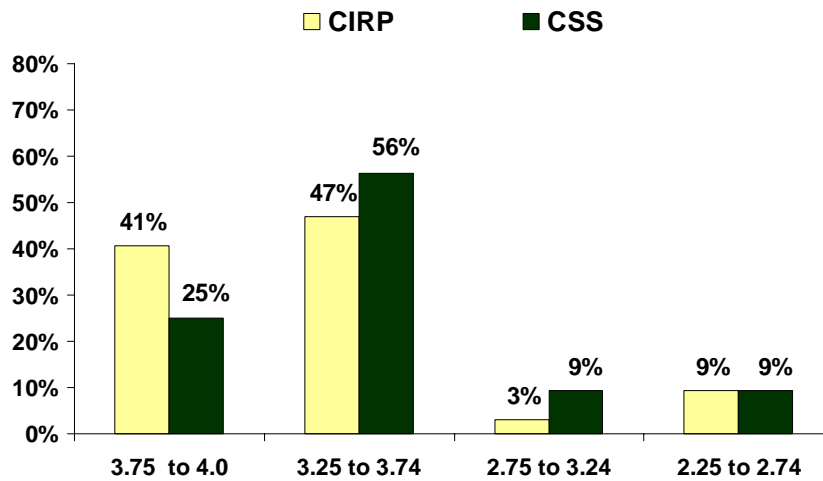
- CIRP completed as a freshman
- CSS completed as a senior
- 32 of the students who responded to the CSS had previously completed the CIRP
- Responses were matched by HERI



## Highest Degree Planning to Complete



## Grade Point Average





## Top 5 Objectives considered Very Important or Essential

### CIRP

1. Raising a family (83.9%)
2. Becoming an authority in my field (71.0%)
3. Helping others who are in difficulty (58.1%)
4. Being well off financially (54.8%)
5. Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field (45.2%)

### CSS

1. Raising a family (87.1%)
2. Helping others who are in difficulty (74.2%)
3. Becoming an authority in my field (64.5%)
4. Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field (61.3%)
5. Integrating spirituality into my life (60.0%)



## Largest Differences in Importance of Personal Objectives between CIRP and CSS (>10%)

Objectives	Very Important or Essential		
	CIRP	CSS	Difference
Becoming a community leader	22.6%	41.9%	19.3%
Integrating spirituality into my life	43.3%	60.0%	16.7%
Keeping up to date with political affairs	16.1%	32.2%	16.2%
Helping others who are in difficulty	58.1%	74.2%	16.1%
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	38.7%	54.8%	16.1%



### Largest Differences in Importance of Personal Objectives between CIRP and CSS (>10%)

Objectives	Very Important or Essential		
	CIRP	CSS	Difference
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field	45.2%	61.3%	16.1%
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	32.3%	45.2%	12.9%
Being well off financially	54.8%	35.5%	-19.3%

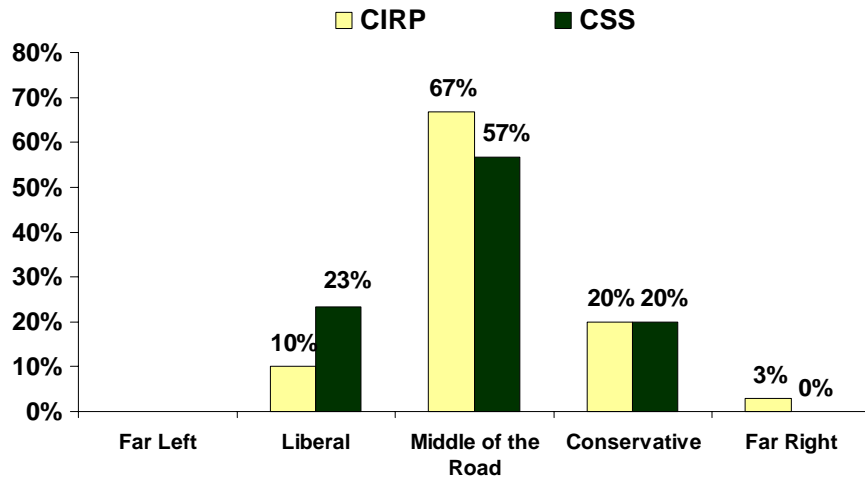


### Largest Differences in Self-Rating between CIRP and CSS (>10%)

Rate yourself as compared with the average person of your age	Above Average or Highest 10%		
	CIRP	CSS	Difference
Self-understanding	40.6%	65.6%	25.0%
Leadership ability	46.9%	65.6%	18.7%
Cooperativeness	59.4%	75.0%	15.6%
Popularity	12.5%	28.1%	15.6%
Emotional health	50.0%	62.5%	12.5%
Self-confidence (social)	40.6%	53.1%	12.5%
Physical health	50.0%	37.5%	-12.5%



## Characterization of Political Views



## Largest Differences in Opinions between CIRP and CSS (>10%)

Agreement with following statements	Strongly or Somewhat Agree		
	CIRP	CSS	Difference
If two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've known each other for only a very short time	25.8%	48.4%	22.6%
Same sex couples should have the same right to legal marital status	41.4%	58.6%	17.2%
Marijuana should be legalized	20.0%	30.0%	10.0%

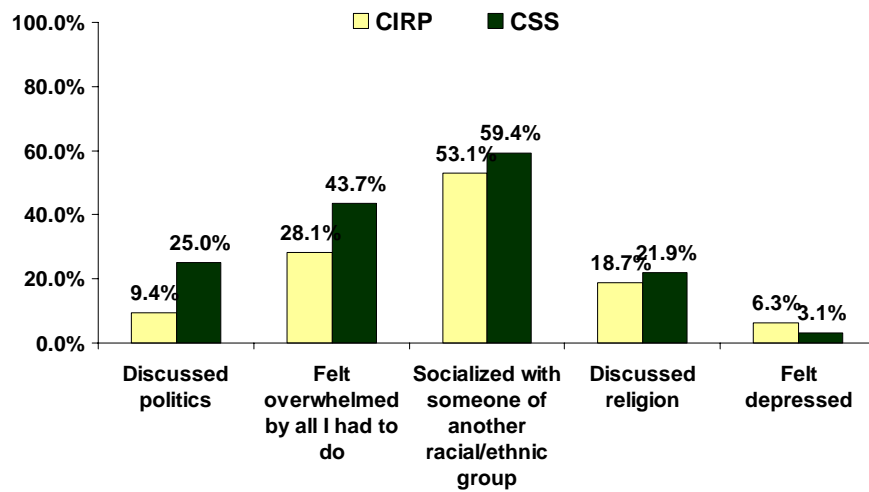


## Largest Differences in Opinions between CIRP and CSS (>10%)

Agreement with following statements	Strongly or Somewhat Agree		
	CIRP	CSS	Difference
The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family	13.8%	3.4%	-10.4%
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	44.4%	33.3%	-11.1%
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships	29.0%	16.1%	-12.9%
There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of individuals	74.2%	54.8%	-19.4%

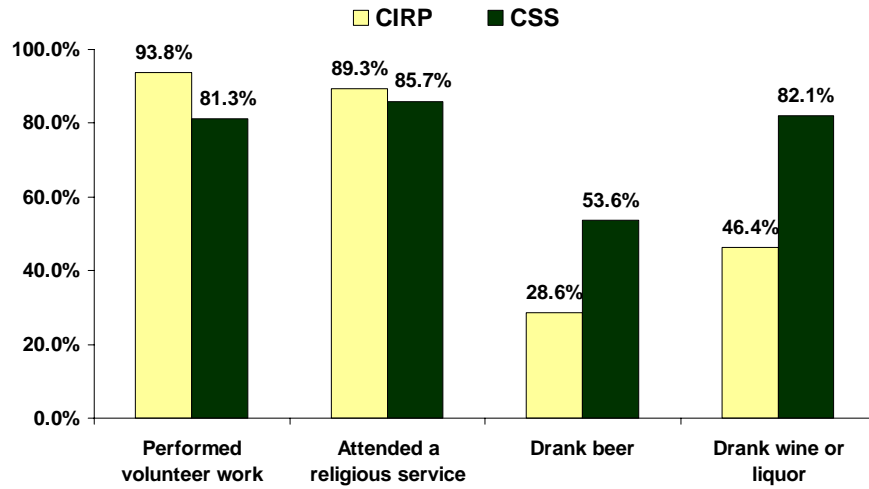


## Activities Frequently Engaged in During the Past Year: CIRP and CSS

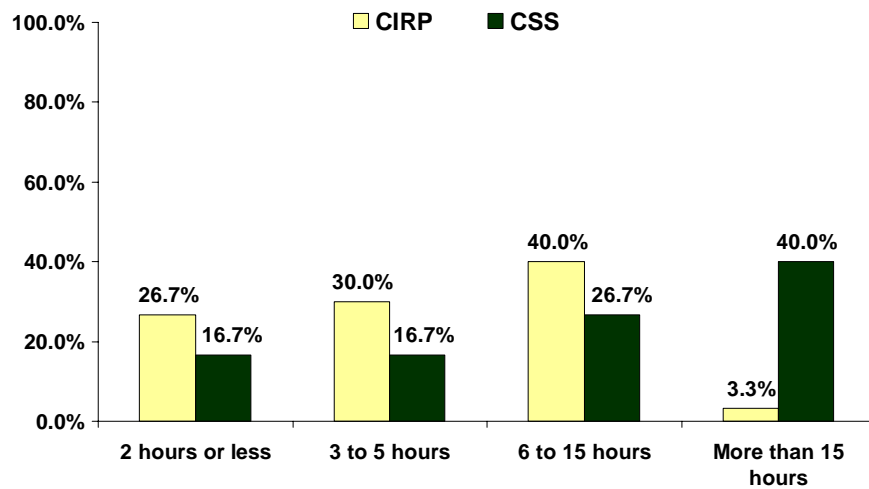




### Activities Frequently or Occasionally Engaged in During the Past Year: CIRP and CSS

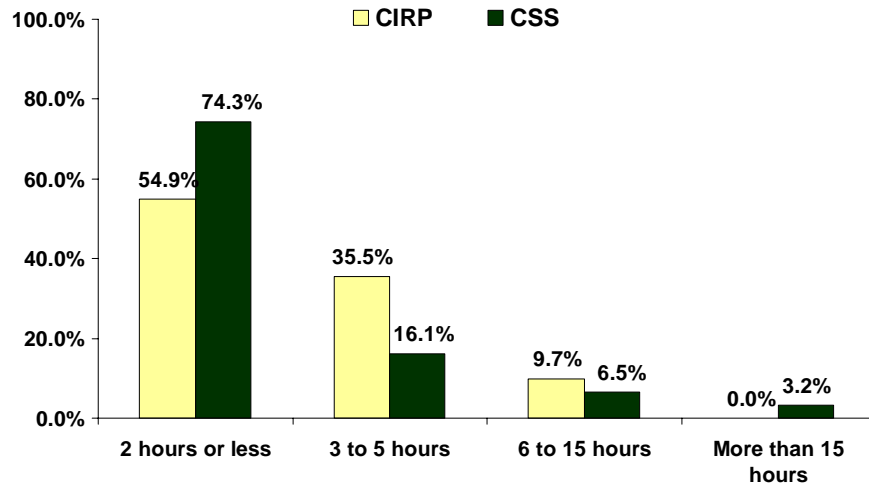


### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Studying/Homework: CIRP and CSS

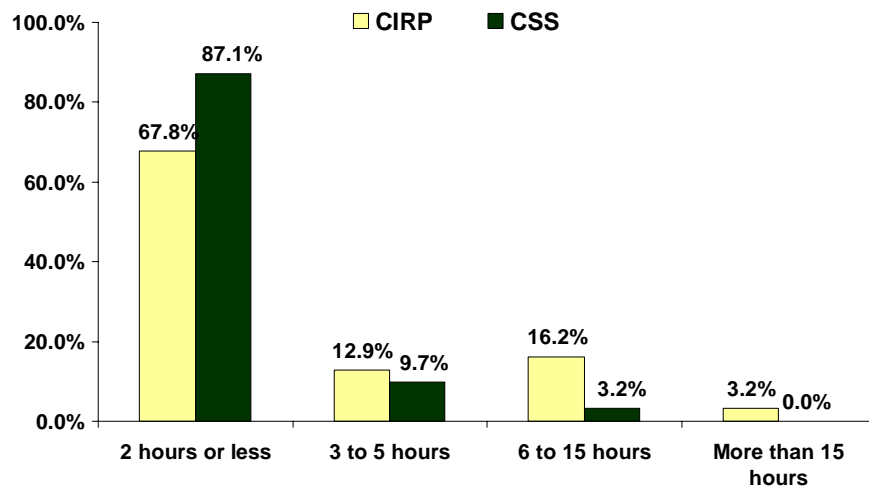




### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Student Clubs/Groups: CIRP and CSS

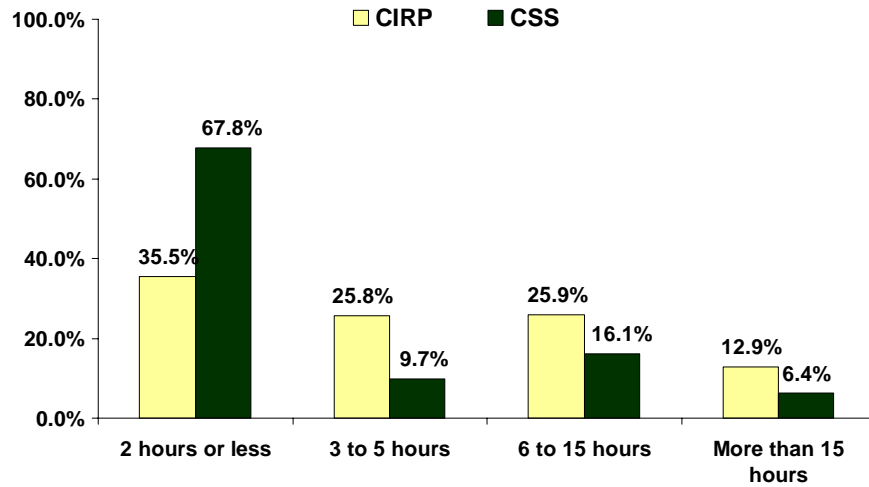


### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Reading for Pleasure: CIRP and CSS

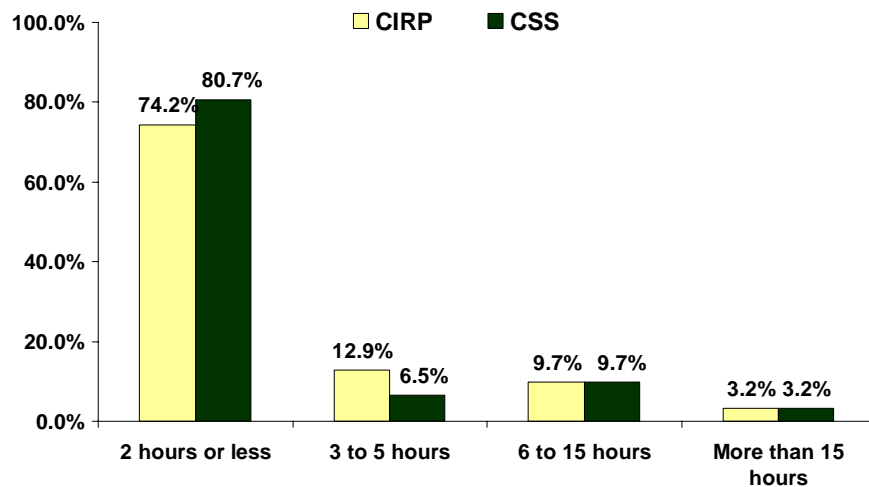




### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Exercising/Sports: CIRP and CSS

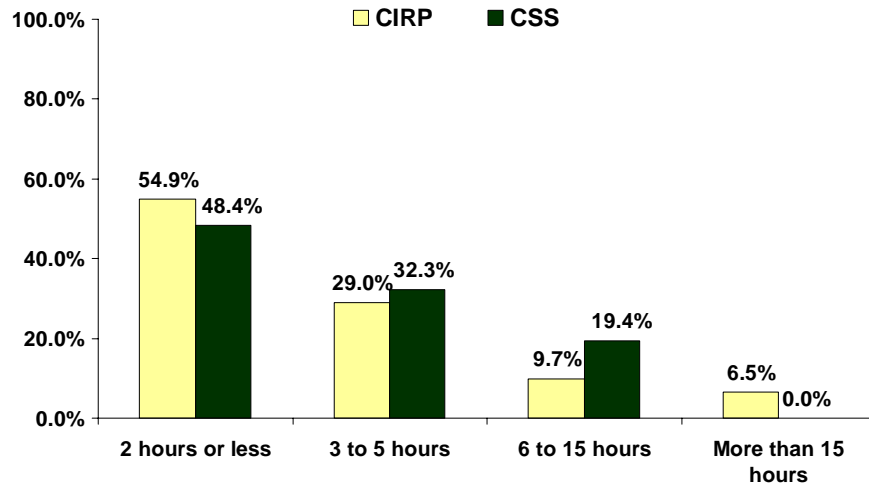


### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Partying: CIRP and CSS

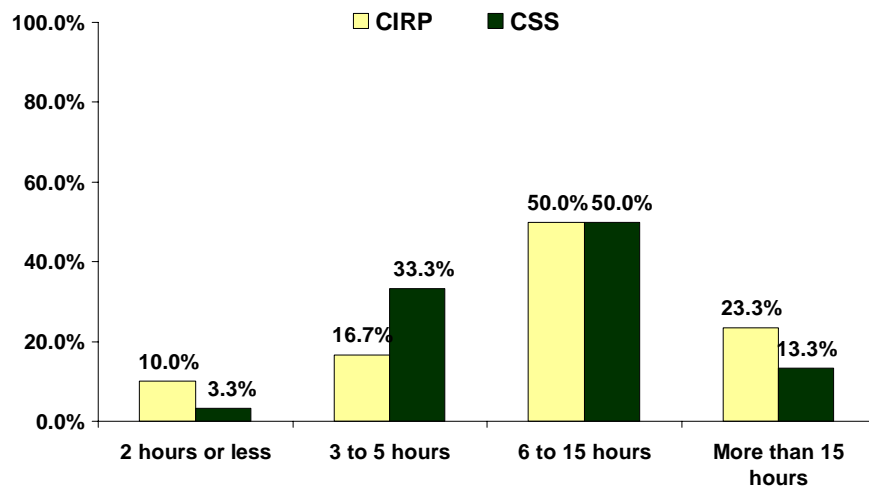




### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Watching TV: CIRP and CSS

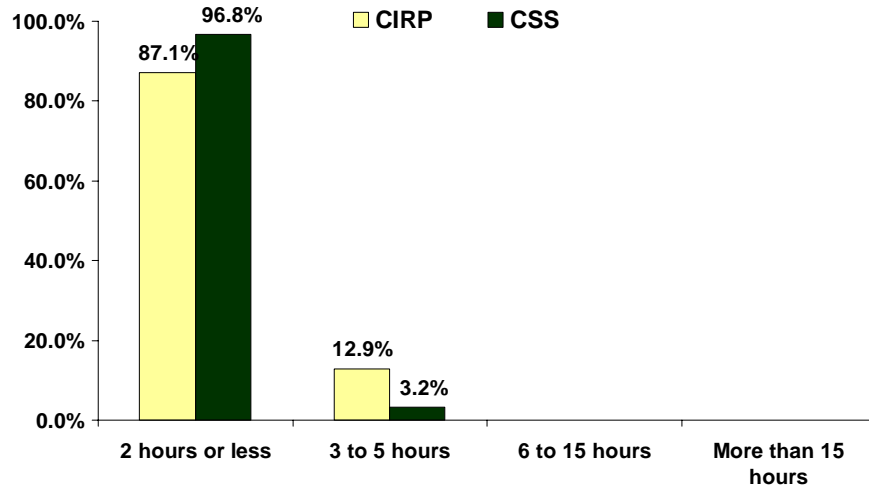


### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Socializing with Friends: CIRP and CSS





### Time Spent During a Typical Week During the Past Year on Prayer/Meditation: CIRP and CSS



### Questions

- What was surprising to you?
- What was worrisome?
- What are some specific ways that we can use this information to improve the Morningside experience?