

De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

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Subject: Community Engagement Survey, Spring 2012

The Community Engagement survey was conducted in the spring quarter of 2012. It was sent to all enrolled students (21,563) at the end of the quarter (May 21) in order to capture activities students participated in throughout the academic year. Students could access the survey through their email, MyPortal account or the De Anza Facebook page. This survey was then separated into respondents who have taken Political Science courses any time between 2009-10 and 2011-12 (8,902) and all other students. This resulted in 225 valid responses for Political Science students.

The results show:

Since entering De Anza College, have you participated in the following activities?

- 54% of Political Science students volunteered compared to 36% of all other students.
- 19% of Political Science students worked on a local, state or national campaign, a much higher percentage compared to 8% of all other students.
- 57% of Political Science students voted in a student election at De Anza compared to 32% of all other students.
- 76% of Political Science students discussed politics compared to 59% of all other students.

Since entering De Anza College I have increased my knowledge of:

- 85% of Political Science students stated they strongly agree or agree that their knowledge has increased in regards to global issues compared to 69% of all other students.
- 90% of Political Science students stated they strongly agree or agree that their knowledge has increased in regards to national issues compared to 72% of all other students.

Since entering De Anza College I have increased my ability to:

- 93% of Political Science students strongly agree or agree that their ability to see things from the perspective of others increased compared with 85% of all other students.
- 67% of Political Science students strongly agree or agree that their ability to have an impact on social change or political change increased compared with 51% of all other students.
- 74% of Political Science students strongly agree or agree that they see themselves as part of the campus community at De Anza versus 68% of all other students.

Since entering De Anza College, I believe more now than I did before that:

- 77% of Political Science students stated they strongly agree or agree that they believe more now than before that they are able to affect social or political change compared to 59% of all other students.
- 84% of Political Science students stated they strongly agree or agree that they believe more now than before that they have something to offer the world compared to 78% all other students.
- 90% of Political Science students stated they strongly agree or agree that they believe more now than before that helping others is personally rewarding compared to 83% of all other students.

Political Knowledge

- 38% of Political Science students versus 30% of all other students identified that if the President of the United States fails to sign or veto a bill sent to him within 10 days, it automatically becomes a law.
- 71% of Political Science students versus 56% of all other students identified that a 2/3 vote is required for the U.S Senate and House of Representatives to override a presidential veto.
- 71% of Political Science students versus 63% of all other students identified that the Supreme Court has the responsibility to make the final decision on whether a law is constitutional or not.

I. Since entering this college, have you participated in the following activities?

	Political Science Students						All Other Students					
	Yes		No		Total		Yes		No		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	No	%	N	%
Ia. Joined a group or organization	86	45%	136	55%	222	100%	288	33%	583	67%	1,093	100%
Ib. Volunteered	110	54%	113	46%	223	100%	314	36%	561	64%	1,098	100%
Ic. Performed community service as a class requirement	99	47%	125	53%	224	100%	194	22%	676	78%	1,094	100%
Id. Worked on a local, state or national campaign	38	19%	186	81%	224	100%	68	8%	797	92%	1,089	100%
Ie. Attended a march, rally, protest or boycott	53	29%	171	71%	224	100%	129	15%	740	85%	1,093	100%
If. Raised money for a campaign, party or group	35	18%	188	82%	223	100%	118	14%	745	86%	1,086	100%
Ig. Persuaded others to vote for a particular candidate or	49	26%	175	74%	224	100%	146	17%	722	83%	1,092	100%
Ih. Raised awareness about an issue, campaign, party or group	99	49%	126	51%	225	100%	263	30%	605	70%	1,093	100%
Ii. Registered to vote	109	53%	114	47%	223	100%	356	41%	514	59%	1,093	100%
Ij. Voted in a student election at De Anza	121	57%	103	43%	224	100%	279	32%	591	68%	1,094	100%
Ik. Voted in a local, state or federal election	91	43%	132	57%	223	100%	352	41%	515	59%	1,092	100%
Il. Signed a petition	135	64%	88	36%	223	100%	464	54%	402	46%	1,089	100%
Im. Contacted public officials or the media (through Facebook, Twitter, email, phone, letter, etc.)	74	34%	149	66%	223	100%	234	27%	635	73%	1,092	100%
In. Obtained news regularly (through Internet, television, newspaper, radio, etc.)	173	78%	52	22%	225	100%	653	75%	222	25%	1,100	100%
Io. Discussed politics	167	76%	57	24%	224	100%	507	59%	357	41%	1,088	100%

2. Since entering De Anza College I have increased my knowledge of:

		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2a. Global issues	Poli Students	74	41%	113	44%	34	13%	4	2%	225	100%
	All Others	169	19%	443	50%	217	25%	52	6%	881	100%
2b. National issues	Poli Students	74	39%	123	51%	24	9%	2	1%	223	100%
	All Others	175	20%	456	52%	196	22%	54	6%	881	100%
2c. Issues facing my community	Poli Students	73	41%	117	45%	29	11%	5	3%	224	100%
	All Others	217	25%	415	47%	192	22%	51	6%	875	100%

3. Since entering De Anza College I have increased my ability to:

		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
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3a. See things from the perspective of others	Poli Students	78	40%	130	53%	15	6%	2	1%	225	100%
	All Others	249	28%	501	57%	109	12%	22	2%	881	100%
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3b. Converse productively with someone from another ethnic background	Poli Students	85	44%	116	47%	22	8%	2	1%	225	100%
	All Others	287	33%	460	52%	109	12%	25	3%	881	100%
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3c. Work with others from diverse backgrounds	Poli Students	100	51%	110	43%	12	5%	2	1%	224	100%
	All Others	342	39%	420	48%	93	10%	24	3%	879	100%
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3d. Have my views challenged by others	Poli Students	65	32%	116	51%	38	16%	5	2%	224	100%
	All Others	198	22%	447	51%	198	22%	38	4%	881	100%
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3e. See myself as part of the campus community at De Anza	Poli Students	52	27%	110	47%	47	18%	15	8%	224	100%
	All Others	178	20%	420	48%	226	25%	59	7%	883	100%
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3f. Have an impact on social change or political change	Poli Students	35	18%	107	49%	71	27%	12	6%	225	100%
	All Others	113	13%	334	38%	352	40%	77	9%	876	100%
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3g. Understand people from other cultures or ethnicities	Poli Students	82	42%	126	52%	13	5%	3	1%	224	100%
	All Others	292	33%	456	52%	107	12%	25	3%	880	100%

4. Since entering De Anza College, I believe more now than I did before that:

		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
4a. I am able to affect social or political change	Poli Students	49	28%	117	49%	50	19%	8	5%	224	100%
	All Others	133	15%	388	44%	299	34%	62	7%	882	100%
4b. Helping others is personally rewarding	Poli Students	91	47%	109	43%	22	10%	2	1%	224	100%
	All Others	298	34%	428	49%	124	14%	29	3%	879	100%
4c. My actions can have an impact on a large scale	Poli Students	63	32%	105	45%	49	19%	6	4%	223	100%
	All Others	193	22%	380	43%	251	28%	55	6%	879	100%
4d. I am able to seek out information about social or political events to develop an informed position on an issue	Poli Students	73	39%	113	45%	33	13%	6	3%	225	100%
	All Others	170	19%	432	50%	229	26%	43	5%	874	100%
4e. I can learn a lot through my involvement in community causes	Poli Students	70	36%	113	47%	32	12%	8	5%	223	100%
	All Others	186	21%	443	51%	208	24%	40	5%	877	100%
4f. I have something to offer the world	Poli Students	79	38%	110	46%	29	13%	6	3%	224	100%
	All Others	255	29%	426	49%	159	18%	31	4%	871	100%

5. If the President of the United States fails to sign or veto a bill sent to him within 10 days, what happens to the law?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
It automatically becomes a law	87	38%	265	30%
It gets sent back to Congress for revisions	94	40%	305	35%
The president gets an extension	5	3%	35	4%
It becomes law for only one year	4	1%	12	1%
Don't know	35	17%	262	30%
Total	225	100%	879	100%

6. How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to override a presidential veto?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
4/5 or 80 percent	17	7%	71	8%
2/3 or 67 percent	157	71%	494	56%
3/5 or 60 percent	23	10%	90	10%
1/2 or 50 percent	6	3%	26	3%
Don't know	22	9%	196	22%
Total	225	100%	877	100%

7. What individual or group of individuals has the responsibility to make the final decision on whether a law is constitutional or not?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
The President of the United States	17	6%	89	10%
The Supreme Court	152	71%	549	63%
Congress	39	14%	127	15%
Don't know	17	9%	108	12%
Total	225	100%	873	100%

8. What is your current enrollment status?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
Part-time (Less than 12 units)	65	27%	464	53%
Full-time (12 units or more)	160	73%	413	47%
Total	225	100%	877	100%

9. How many credits have you completed at De Anza?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
0-12	11	5%	205	23%
13-24	10	4%	165	19%
25-59	59	23%	262	30%
60-89	66	27%	101	11%
90 units or more	79	41%	147	17%
Total	225	100%	880	100%

10. What is your ethnicity? (Mark all that apply)

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
Asian	90	38%	312	36%
African American	3	1%	29	3%
Filipino	14	8%	26	3%
Hispanic	33	16%	122	14%
Multiple Ethnicities	6	3%	38	4%
Native American	1	0%	3	0%
Pacific Islander	1	0%	9	1%
White	52	21%	284	33%
Other	24	12%	52	6%
Total	224	100%	875	100%

11. What is your sex?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
Male	83	39%	340	39%
Female	141	61%	524	61%
Total	224	100%	864	100%

14. How many hours per week do you work for pay?

	Poli Students				All Other Students			
	On Campus		Off Campus		On Campus		Off Campus	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	169	82%	105	49%	686	88%	419	51%
1-5 hours	5	2%	9	4%	23	3%	41	5%
6-10 hours	6	7%	11	5%	17	2%	40	5%
11-15 hours	4	3%	12	7%	12	2%	39	5%
16-20 hours	8	3%	12	7%	12	2%	65	8%
21-30 hours	2	2%	26	10%	8	1%	63	8%
31-40 hours	1	0%	19	10%	9	1%	64	8%
40+ hours			16	7%	10	1%	99	12%
Total	195	100%	210	100%	777	100%	830	100%

15. Is English the primary language you speak at home?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
Yes	122	55%	552	64%
No	102	45%	313	36%
Total	224	100%	865	100%

16. What is the highest education level of your primary parent or guardian?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
Grade 9 or less	15	7%	71	8%
Some high school, did not graduate	15	7%	52	6%
High school graduate (diploma, GED or equivalent)	46	21%	134	15%
Some college, no degree	33	16%	130	15%
Associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)	26	12%	82	9%
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)	50	21%	194	22%
Graduate degree (master's, Ph.D., or professional degree beyond bachelor's)	29	12%	163	18%
Unknown	11	4%	51	6%
No parent/guardian raised me			3	0%
Total	225	100%	880	100%

17. What is the highest education level of your secondary parent or guardian?

	Poli Students		All Other Students	
	Responses	Percent	Responses	Percent
Grade 9 or less	20	10%	84	10%
Some high school, did not graduate	20	8%	65	7%
High school graduate (diploma, GED or equivalent)	41	19%	158	18%
Some college, no degree	35	16%	113	13%
Associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)	22	10%	79	9%
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)	41	16%	152	18%
Graduate degree (master's, Ph.D., or professional degree beyond bachelor's)	15	6%	87	10%
I was raised by only one parent/gaurdian	18	10%	65	7%
No parent/guardian raised me	2	1%	13	1%
Unknown	10	4%	61	7%
Total	224	100%	877	100%



Community Engagement Survey

This survey will be used for research purposes only. Your responses will remain anonymous and any data that is reported will be at the aggregate level (no individual data will be shared). You may choose not to answer any question. Thank you for your time and feedback.

Please provide your Campuswide ID.

By providing your ID it allows the De Anza Research Office to link the survey results to institutional data for greater in-depth analysis. Your ID and responses will remain confidential and we will only report results in the aggregate form.

1. Since entering De Anza College, have you participated in the following activities?

	Yes	No
Joined a group or organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteered	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performed community service as a class requirement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worked on a local, state or national campaign	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attended a march, rally, protest or boycott	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raised money for a campaign, party or group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persuaded others to vote for a particular candidate or party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raised awareness about an issue, campaign, party or group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registered to vote	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voted in a student election at De Anza	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voted in a local, state or federal election	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signed a petition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contacted public officials or the media (through Facebook, Twitter, email, phone, letter, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obtained news regularly (through Internet, television, newspaper, radio, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discussed politics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

For questions 2-4 please provide your level of agreement with each question.

2. Since entering De Anza I have increased my knowledge of:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Global issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Issues facing my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Since entering De Anza I have increased my ability to:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
See things from the perspective of others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Converse productively with someone from another ethnic background	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work with others from diverse backgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have my views challenged by others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
See myself as part of the campus community at De Anza	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have an impact on social change or political change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understand people from other cultures or ethnicities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Since entering De Anza, I believe more now than I did before that:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am able to effect social or political change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helping others is personally rewarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My actions can have an impact on a large scale	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to seek out information about social or political events to develop an informed position on an issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can learn a lot through my involvement in community causes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have something to offer the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

For questions 5-7 please provide your best answer.

5. If the President of the United States fails to sign or veto a bill sent to him within 10 days, what happens to the law?

- It automatically becomes a law
- It gets sent back to Congress for revisions
- The president gets an extension
- It becomes law for only one year
- Don't know

6. How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to override a presidential veto?

- 4/5 or 80 percent
- 2/3 or 67 percent
- 3/5 or 60 percent
- 1/2 or 50 percent
- Don't know

7. What individual or group of individuals has the responsibility to make the final decision on whether a law is constitutional or not?

- The President of the United States
- The Supreme Court
- Congress
- Don't know

For questions 8-17 please provide information about your background.

8. What is your current enrollment status?

- Part-time (Less than 12 units)
- Full-time (12 units or more)

9. How many credits have you completed at De Anza?

- 0-12
- 13-24
- 25-59
- 60-89
- 90 units or more

10. What is your ethnicity?

- Asian
- African American
- Filipino
- Hispanic
- Multiple Ethnicities
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other

11. What is your sex:

- Male
- Female

12. What is your age?

- 19 or under
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-49
- 50+

13. Please provide an estimate of what you perceive to be the income of your parents/guardians while you were in high school.

- Less than \$19,999
- \$20,000-\$59,999
- \$60,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,000
- \$150,000+
- Don't know

14. How many hours per week do you work for pay?

	None	1-5 hours	6-10 hours	11-15 hours	16-20 hours	21-30 hours	31-40 hours	40+ hours
On campus	<input type="radio"/>							
Off campus	<input type="radio"/>							

15. Is English the primary language you speak at home?

- Yes
- No

16. What is the highest education level of your primary parent or guardian?

- Grade 9 or less
- Some high school, did not graduate
- High school graduate (diploma, GED or equivalent)
- Some college, no degree
- Associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)
- Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)
- Graduate degree (master's, Ph.D. or professional degree beyond bachelor's)
- Unknown

No parent/guardian raised me

17. What is the highest education level of your secondary parent or guardian?

Grade 9 or less

Some high school, did not graduate

High school graduate (diploma, GED or equivalent)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)

Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)

Graduate degree (master's, Ph.D. or professional degree beyond bachelor's)

Unknown

No parent/guardian raised me

I was raised by only one parent/guardian

Submit



Your survey has been submitted.

Thank you for your participation!