Harold Washington College's Human Diversity Survey – 2012

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A Message To Our Students

Dear Student:

Harold Washington College (HWC) is using this survey to measure if its general education goal of student understanding of and respect for human diversity is being achieved. This survey focuses on how well our students think we are doing to promote human diversity in the college community, and will allow us to learn more about student attitudes and experiences with human diversity.

It will take about 20-30 minutes to complete this survey. Your responses are important to us. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this important survey.

Human diversity is defined by such things as: age, citizenship, education, ethnicity, gender, health, language, marital status, national origin, political beliefs, physical attributes and disabilities, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status, and other differences in cultural expression and tradition.

YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

If you have already taken this survey, please do not take it a second time.

01. Where are you taking this survey?

- O During class
- O Outside of class

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02.	How would you rate yourself in the following areas: (Mark <i>one</i> for <i>each</i> item).	1	2	3	4	5	
a.	Communication skills	О	О	О	О	O	
b.	Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people	О	О	О	О	O	
c.	Knowledge about my own culture	О	О	О	О	O	
d.	Math ability	О	О	О	О	O	
e.	Racial/cultural awareness	О	О	О	О	O	
f.	Ability to solve complex problems	О	О	О	О	О	
g.	Openness to having my views challenged	О	О	О	О	О	
h.	Leadership ability	О	О	О	О	О	
i.	Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	О	О	О	О	O	
j.	Knowledge about the cultural background of others	О	О	О	О	O	
k.	Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues	О	О	О	О	O	
1.	Academic ability	О	О	О	О	O	
m.	Tolerance of those with beliefs other than your own	О	О	О	О	O	
n.	Social self-confidence	O	О	О	О	O	

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03.	Н	ow would you describe the racial and/or ethnic composition	of th	e				
		lowing: ("People of color: includes African Americans, spanics, Asian Americans, Arab American and American In	dians	s).				
	a.	Neighborhood where you grew up	O	О	О	О	О	О
	b.	High school that you graduated from	O	Ο	О	О	О	О
	c.	Your friends before coming to HWC	O	Ο	О	О	О	О
	d.	Your friends since coming to HWC	O	О	О	О	О	О
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04.		dicate how frequently you engaged in each of the lowing <i>before</i> you attended Harold Washington College:	1	2	3	4	5	
	a.	Discussed politics with peers	O	О	О	О	О	О
	b.	Discussed racial and/or ethnic issues	О	О	О	О	О	О
	c.	Participated in clubs	O	О	О	О	О	О
	d.	Engaged in volunteer work	O	О	О	О	О	О
	e.	Studied or worked with someone from a racial/ethnic group other than your own	О	О	О	О	О	О
	f.	Participated in an academic honor society	О	О	О	О	О	О
	g.	Participated in activities to clean up the environment	О	О	О	O	О	О

Always Frequently Occasionally Never

	05. <u>Before</u> coming to Harold Washington College, how often did you encounter discrimination based on your:												
a.	Race and/or ethnicity	O	O	O	O								
b.	Gender	O	О	О	O								
c.	Sexual orientation	O	O	O	O								
d.	Economic background	O	O	O	O								
e.	Religious beliefs	O	O	O	O								
f.	Age	О	О	О	О								
g.	Primary Language Spoken	O	O	O	О								
h.	Style of Dress	О	О	О	О								
i.	Style of Communication	O	О	О	О								
	Always Frequently Occasionally Never <u>Since</u> coming to Harold Washington College, how often have you encountered discrimination based on your:												
a.	Race and/or ethnicity	О	O	O	O								
b.					O								
	GenderO	О	О	О	O								
c.	GenderO Sexual orientation	O O	0 0	O O	0								
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	Sexual orientation	O	О	O	O								
d.	Sexual orientation Economic background	O O	O O	O O	O O								
d. e.	Sexual orientation Economic background Religious beliefs	O O O	0 0 0	0 0 0	O O								
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	4. I	5. Substantial Inte 4. Regular Interacti 3. Some Regular Interaction							
	2. Little In 1. No Interac		1 	1	1				
		1	2	3	4	5			
)7.	How much interaction do you have with people in each of the following groups <i>now</i> ?								
	a. American Indian/Alaska Native	O	О	О	О	O			
	b. Asian	O	О	О	О	O			
	c. Black or African American	O	О	Ο	Ο	O			
	d. Hispanic/Latino	O	О	О	О	O			
	e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	O	О	О	О	O			
	f. White	O	О	О	О	O			
	g. Mult-racial	O	О	О	О	O			
	h. Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender / Questioning	O	О	О	О	O			
	i. People with disabilities	O	О	О	О	O			
	j. People with religious beliefs other than your own	O	О	О	О	O			
	k. International students or non-USA citizens	O	О	О	О	O			
	1. People for whom English is not their first language	О	О	О	О	O			
	m. People who are substantially different in age than you	O	О	О	O	O			

		2. Disa	3. Nei	4. A utral	gly A Agree	0	
		1. Strongly Disagree		l	l	l	
08.		ople often have differences in perspectives. Indicate w much you agree or disagree with each statement.	1	2	3	4	5
	a.	There are two sides to every issue, and I try to look at them both.	О	О	О	О	O
	b.	Conflicting perspectives are healthy in a democracy.	О	О	О	О	O
	c.	I try to look at everybody's side of a disagreement before I make a decision.	О	О	О	О	O
	d.	Conflict is a normal part of life.	О	О	О	О	O
	e.	I sometimes find it difficult to see the "other person's" point of view.	0	0	0	0	O
	f.	When I'm upset at someone, I usually try to "put myself in their shoes" for a while.	0	О	0	0	O
	g.	Democracy thrives on differing views.	О	О	О	О	O
	h.	Conflict between groups can have positive consequences.	О	О	О	О	O
	i.	Building partnerships from varied interests is key to a working democracy.	О	Ο	Ο	Ο	O

			5. Always 4. Often 3. Sometimes							
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			1. Never		İ	İ	İ			
09.		licate how often you felt uncomfortable in a situation	1	2	3	4	5			
		th a person or a group of people who are: American Indian/Alaska Native	0	О	О	О	О			
	b.	Asian	О	О	О	О	О			
	c.	Black or African American	O	О	О	О	О			
	d.	Hispanic/Latino	O	О	О	О	О			
	e.	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	O	О	О	О	О			
	f.	White	O	О	О	О	О			
	g.	Multi-racial	О	О	О	О	О			
	h.	Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual/ Transgender / Questioning	O	О	О	О	О			
	i.	People with disabilities	O	О	О	О	О			
	j.	People with religious beliefs other than your own	O	О	О	О	О			
	k.	International students or non-USA citizens	O	О	О	О	О			
	1.	People for whom English is not their first language	О	О	О	О	О			
	m.	People who are substantially different in age than you	О	О	О	О	О			

		3. 2. Somewhat 1. Not Imp	Very Impo Important	rtan	ntial t 	 	
10.		your role as a responsible citizen in this society, how importa	1	2	3	4	
	a.	Working to end poverty.	О	О	О	О	
	b.	Paying taxes to support public services.	О	О	О	О	
	c.	Using career-related skills to work in low-income communities.	О	О	O	О	
	d.	Contributing money to a political cause.	О	О	О	O	
	e.	Promoting racial tolerance and respect	O	О	О	O	
	f.	Voting in national elections.	О	О	О	О	
	g.	Creating awareness of how people affect the environment.	О	О	О	О	
	h.	Making consumer decisions based on a company's ethics.	О	О	О	О	
	i.	Speaking up against social injustice.	О	О	О	О	
	j.	Volunteering with community groups or agencies.	О	О	О	О	
	k.	Ending homelessness.	О	О	О	О	
	1.	Ending discrimination.	О	О	О	O	
				wha		t 	
 11.	Ind	licate whether you support or oppose each of the following:	1	2	3	4	
	a.	Incorporating writings and research about more racial/ethnic groups and women into courses.	О	О	О	О	
	b.	Requiring students to complete a community-based experience with diverse populations.	О	О	О	О	
	c.	Offering courses to help students develop an appropriate appreciation for their own and other cultures.	О	О	О	O	
	d.	Requiring students to take at least one cultural or ethnic diversity course in order to graduate.	О	О	О	О	
	e.	Offering opportunities for intensive discussion between students with different backgrounds and beliefs.	O	О	О	О	

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12.		licate the extent to which you agree or disagree with	1	2	3	4
	a.	Racial and/or ethnic discrimination is no longer a major problem in the United States.	О	О	О	O
	b.	Many people lack an understanding of the problems that people from different racial and/or ethnic groups face.	O	О	0	0
	c.	Our society has done enough to promote the welfare of different racial and/or ethnic groups.	О	О	0	О
	d.	A high priority should be given to see that students of color receive financial aid for college.	О	0	О	О
	e.	Hiring more faculty of color should be a top priority of Harold Washington College.	O	О	О	О
	f.	The social system prevents people of color from getting their fair share of good jobs and better pay.	О	О	О	O
	g.	State hate crime laws are needed to protect people from harassment based on race, gender, or sexual orientation.	О	О	О	О
	h.	A person's racial background in this society does not interfere with achieving everything he or she wants to achieve.	О	О	О	О
	i.	HWC should aggressively recruit more students of color.	O	О	О	O
	j.	Enhancing a student's ability to live in a multicultural society is a part of this college's mission.	O	О	О	О
	k.	Colleges do not have a responsibility to correct racial and/or ethnic injustice.	O	О	0	О
	1.	Emphasizing diversity contributes to disunity on this campus.	О	О	О	О

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13.		licate the extent to which you agree or disagree with ch statement.	1	2	3	4
	a.	It is important for me to educate others about the social identity groups to which I belong.	О	О	О	O
	b.	I often think about what I have in common with others in my racial and/or ethnic group.	О	О	О	O
	c.	I like to learn about social identity groups different from my own.	О	О	О	О
	d.	I would probably not be able to continue my friendship with a friend who I discovered had a sexual orientation other than my ow	O n.	О	О	O
	e.	I think that what generally happens to people in my racial and/or ethnic group will affect what happens in my life	О	О	0	O
	f.	I want to bridge difference between social identity groups	О	О	О	O
	g.	I feel proud when a member of my racial / ethnic group accomplishes something outstanding.	О	О	0	O
	h.	Women should be taken as seriously as men in the classroom.	О	О	О	О
	i.	If I found out someone I knew had a sexual orientation other than my own, I would be accepting and supportive.	О	О	О	O
	j.	People should have equal rights regardless of their sexual orientation.	О	О	О	O
	k.	I would vote in a presidential election for a qualified woman whose views are similar to mine.	О	О	О	O

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Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement.												

14.

For purposes of this question, "culture" is defined as "a group of people with a shared system of values and traditions and common hopes for the future".

	a.	Speaking languages other than English should not be encouraged in the United States.	О	О	О	O
	b.	I am open to developing friendships with people from cultures other than my own.	О	О	Ο	О
	c.	Contact with individuals of cultures other than my own is valuable.	O	О	О	О
	d.	I enjoy having discussions with people whose ideas and values vary from my own.	О	О	О	O
	e.	I do not enjoy studying the contributions that members of of cultures other than my own have made to our society.	O	О	О	О
	f.	I enjoy classes that emphasize the contributions of cultures other than my own.	О	О	О	O
	g.	Knowledge and understanding of other cultures promote stereotypes.	O	О	О	О
	h.	I think there is too much emphasis upon appreciating the ideologies, practices, and contributions that persons various cultures bring to our world.	О	O	0	О
			<u>True</u>		Fa	<u>lse</u>
15. I	ndi	eate if each of the following statements is true or false.				
		Cultural diversity refers solely to differences in race, ethnicity, gender or age.	O		()
	b.	Diversity exists among people from the same cultural groups	O		()
	b. c.	Diversity exists among people from the same cultural groups Aspects of culture which contribute to our diversity include gender, religion and social class.	0		(
		Aspects of culture which contribute to our diversity include	_)
	c.	Aspects of culture which contribute to our diversity include gender, religion and social class.	0		()

3. S	5. Always 4. Often 3. Sometimes							
2. Sele	dom			 				
To what extent have you experienced the following with students of a racial / ethnic group other than your own?	1	2	3	4	5			
a. Attended events sponsored by racial / ethnic groups other than my own.	О	О	О	О	O			
b. Dined or shared a meal.	О	О	О	О	O			
c. Had meaningful and honest discussions about racial / ethnic relations outside of class.	Ο	Ο	Ο	О	O			
d. Shared personal feelings and problems.	О	О	О	О	O			
e. Had tense, somewhat hostile interaction.	О	О	О	О	O			
f. Felt insulted or threatened based on my race or ethnicity.	О	О	О	О	O			
g. Studies or prepared for class.	О	О	О	О	O			
h. Socialized or partied.	О	О	O	О	O			
i. Had intellectual discussions outside of class.	О	О	О	О	O			
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17.	Please indicate to what degree you agree with the following statements:	1	2	3	4
	For the purposes of this question, "diversity" refers to variations in r gender, age or a visible disability.	ace	, eti	hnic	eity,
a.	HWC has done a good job providing programs and activities that promote an understanding of diversity.	О	О	О	О
b.	At HWC students are resentful of others diverse from themselves.	О	О	Ο	О
c.	HWC should require at least one course on the role of diversity in our society.	0	О	О	О
d.	HWC does not promote respect for diversity.	О	О	О	О
e.	Diversity at HWC was one of the reasons I chose to come here.	О	О	О	О
f.	I am comfortable with instructors from diverse backgrounds.	О	О	О	О
g.	At HWC, I have had classes taught by faculty of backgrounds other than my own.	O	О	Ο	О
h.	Discrimination based on diversity is no longer a problem in Chicago.	О	О	О	О
i.	I feel pressured to participate in activities related to diversity at HWC.	О	0	О	О

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18.		ease indicate to what degree you agree with the lowing statements:	1	2	3	4	_
	a.	My experiences since coming to HWC have led me to become more understanding people's differences in race, ethnicity, gender, age or with a visible disability.	О	О	O	O	
	b.	At HWC getting to know people whose race, ethnicity, gender or age is different from my own, or those with a visible disability has been easy.	O	О	О	О	
	c.	At HWC I feel there are expectations about my academic performance because of my race, ethnicity, gender, age or a visible disability.	О	О	Ο	О	
	d.	At HWC I feel there are expectations about my academic performance because of my language, social economic status, or sexual orientation.	О	О	О	О	
	e.	I feel I need to minimize various characteristics of my race, ethnicity, gender, age or visible disability in order to fit in.	О	О	О	О	
	f.	My experiences since coming to HWC have strengthened my own sense of identity.	O	О	О	О	
	g.	In my experience, students of various races, ethnicities, genders, ages or those with a visible disability participate equally in classroom discussions.	O	O	О	O	
	h.	In my encounters with HWC's service departments (the Financial Aid office, the Registrar's office, the Admission's office, the Library, the the Security desk, etc.) I have experienced discrimination based on my race, ethnicity, gender, age or visible disability.	0	О	О	0	
	i.	I feel I am expected to represent my race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability group in class discussions.	О	О	О	О	
	j.	Faculty use examples relevant to people of my race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability group in their lectures.	О	О	О	О	
	k.	I feel comfortable going to see a faculty member of my own race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability group.	О	О	О	О	
	1.	I feel comfortable going to see a faculty member of a race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability group other than my own.	O	О	О	О	

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	3. Agre 2. Disagree Son 1. Strongly Disagr	newha	ewha		ee
		1	2	3	4
19.	Please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements:				
	a. I feel differently about people when I discover that their sexual orientation, religion or socio-economic status varies from my own.	О	О	О	О
	b. Faculty treat students differently once they discover their sexual orientation, religion or socio-economic status.	О	О	О	O
	c. I am less likely to interact with people whose sexual orientation, religion, or socio-economic status varies from my own.	Ο	О	О	О
	d. When I discover that someone has a disability, I feel differently about him/her.	О	О	О	0
	e. Faculty have different expectations of students with disabilities.	О	О	О	O
	Indicate the <i>total number</i> of college level course hours that you have dessary): At HWC At Other Colleges	:ompl	etec	i (e	stimate i
21.	Indicate total number of courses of each type that you are taking <i>this seme</i>	ester:			
	Fully In-Person: Hybrid (Blend of In-Person and Online): Online:				
	Are you Hispanic/ Latino? (A Hispanic or Latino is a person of Cuban, Mexical theorem of Cuban, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)	can, P	uert	o R	ican,
	o Yes				
	o No				
23.	Select one designation from the races in the following list: o American Indian or Alaskan Native o Asian				
	Black or African American				
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific IslanderWhite				
	whiteMulti-racial				
	o None of the Above				

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24. Please indicate your sex: Female O Transgender O Male O

25. My sexual orientation is:

Lesbian O Gay O Bisexual O Questioning O Heterosexual O

26. My age is:

17 or less O 18-25 O 26-40 O 41-60 O 61 or more O

27. I have a disability.

Yes O No O

28. Feel free to share any comments you have about this survey that you want us to know.

You Have Now Completed The Survey!

Thank you for your participation in the Harold Washington College Human Diversity Survey! We greatly appreciate the time you have shared.