

## Quick Guide: Macalester Survey Question Inventory

Multiple offices on campus survey students and alumni on various aspects of their experience at Macalester, ranging from basic demographics to campus activities, personal growth and satisfaction. To reduce the surveying demands on our community, please use the guide below and the [Macalester Survey Question Inventory](#) to explore whether our existing data will meet your informational needs before conducting a new survey. For further questions about these surveys or about accessing existing data, please contact the Office of Institutional Research: <http://www.macalester.edu/ir/contactus/>. Past reports of many survey results can be found at: <https://www.macalester.edu/ir/surveyresults/>

Survey Name	Sample	Most Recent Year	Description	Sample Searchable Keywords
<b>CIRP Freshman Survey</b>	First Years	2016 (annual)	Collects information on what incoming students are like before they experience college, including demographics, knowledge, and expectations.	Admissions Decisions, Demographics, Expectations for College, Financial Aid, High School Experiences, Values
<b>College Senior Survey</b>	Seniors	2015 (scheduled for spring 2019)	The College Senior Survey (CSS) connects academic, civic, and diversity outcomes with a comprehensive set of college experiences to measure the impact of college. When used in conjunction with the CIRP Freshman Survey, the CSS generates valuable longitudinal data on students' cognitive and affective growth during college.	Academics, attitudes, classroom experiences, campus climate, career, faculty interactions, intercultural experiences, personal growth, satisfaction
<b>Graduating Senior Survey</b>	Seniors	2016 (annual)	Survey of seniors 2 weeks prior to graduation, asking about professional development experiences, employment plans, and graduate school plans. Six-month follow-up is also conducted.	Career, Civic Engagement, Grad School, Income, Internships, Research
<b>Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey</b>	All students	2015 (scheduled for spring 2018)	Survey of all students asking about perceptions of Macalester's climate on unwanted sexual contact and sexual assault, perceptions of how Macalester addresses and responds to sexual assault, and the extent of experiences of unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault.	Campus climate, demographics, lifestyles/health, sexual assault education & prevalence
<b>HEDS Alumni Survey</b>	Alumni 5-years out	2015 (scheduled for 2020)	Every 5 years, asks alumni about the quality and impact of their undergraduate education on their postgraduate critical thinking, problem solving, and other learning outcomes. Further, the survey asks about postgraduate employment, college satisfaction, and college debt.	Career, Civic Engagement, Class Activities, Debt, Demographics, Faculty Interactions, Grad School, Personal Growth, Satisfaction, Student Activities
<b>Faculty Work Environment Survey</b>	Faculty	2015	Asks faculty about perceptions of work climate, work load, responsibilities, stress, administration, students, and work satisfaction.	Attitudes, challenge, demographics, satisfaction

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<b>National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)</b>	First Years & Seniors	2014 (will be conducted spring 2017)	Collects information about first-year and senior students' participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development. Provides an estimate of how undergrads spend their time and what they gain from attending college.	Academic Advising, Academic Challenge, Career, Civic Engagement, Class Activities, Demographics, Internships/work, Personal Growth, Satisfaction
<b>HEDS Senior Survey</b>	Seniors	2013 (scheduled for spring 2018)	Asks graduating college seniors to evaluate teaching practices and institutional conditions, to assess their intellectual growth and development, and to describe immediate plans following graduation.	Career, Civic Engagement, Class Activities, Debt, Demographics, Faculty Interactions, Grad School, Personal Growth, Satisfaction
<b>Personal &amp; Social Responsibility Inventory</b>	All students	2013 (not scheduled for future)	The PSRI assesses campus climate on five dimensions that describe developmentally appropriate goals for students in college: Striving for excellence, Cultivating academic integrity, Contributing to community, Perspective taking, Ethical & Moral reasoning and action	Academics, climate, civic engagement, critical thinking, diversity, lifestyle/health, personal growth
<b>National College Health Assessment</b>	All students	2015 (will be conducted spring 2017)	Collects data about students' smoking habits, contraception use, mental health issues, relationship difficulties, sexual behaviors, exercise habits, preventive health practices, and perceptions of drug and alcohol use.	Campus climate, demographics, lifestyle/health, personal growth
<b>College Student Experiences Questionnaire</b>	All students	2012 (no longer conducted)	Designed to measure: 1) the quality of effort undergraduate students invest in using educational resources and opportunities, 2) the students' perceptions of how much the campus environment emphasizes a diverse set of educational priorities, and 3) how the students' efforts and perceptions relate to personal estimates of progress made toward a holistic set of learning outcomes.	Academics, attitudes, classroom experiences, campus climate, career, faculty interactions, intercultural experiences, personal growth, satisfaction