

**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**2008 COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM (CIRP) FRESHMAN SURVEY INFORMATION SHEET**

**PURPOSE OF THE STUDY**

You are asked to complete this survey as part of a national study conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at the University of California, Los Angeles. This study is designed to determine what happens to students when they attend college. Since 1965, over 13 million students at over 1,900 colleges and universities have participated in this research. The data gathered are used in studies designed to better understand student learning and development and to help improve the quality of college education. Your participation in this research study (or decision not to participate) will not affect your relationship with your college nor your grades.

**PROCEDURES**

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we would ask you to complete the attached survey and return it to the designated person at your campus (if you complete a paper form) or submit it via the Internet (if you complete an on-line form). Most respondents can complete this questionnaire in about 25 minutes, although individual progress will vary by how quickly you move through the questions.

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO SUBJECTS AND/OR SOCIETY**

You may have the opportunity to reflect on your prior academic experiences and your expectations for college as you complete the survey, which may enhance self-understanding. Your responses to the survey also will be directly beneficial to your college or university, and may benefit future generations of college students as well.

**POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS**

There could be survey items that you are uncomfortable answering or to which you would simply prefer not to respond. Your participation in this study is strictly voluntary, and you will be under no obligation whatsoever to answer any questions that you are not inclined to answer. You may choose not to answer any specific questions you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Please note that your responses will be used for research purposes only and will be strictly confidential. Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and we will release your survey data back to your institution with identifying information only if we have your explicit permission to do so. Further, all colleges receiving such information are required to certify in advance that the data will only be used for research purposes and will not be used to investigate specific individuals. If you do not give us permission to release your survey data with identifying information, we will provide your college with non-identifiable data.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you volunteer to complete this survey, you may decide not to complete the survey for any reason at any time without consequence of any kind. The Higher Education Research Institute does not offer payment for participation. Your completion and return of the enclosed questionnaire indicate your consent to participate in the study.

**IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS**

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please contact Mr. John Pryor at this address:

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**RIGHTS OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the UCLA Office for Protection of Research Subjects, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, UCLA, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694, (310) 825-8714.

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