

## COMPETENCIES

Next we would like you to rate your competencies in different academic areas. Using all students entering college for the first time this coming fall as a comparison standard, how would you rate your own abilities in each of these areas today. Please try to provide an honest assessment of your knowledge and abilities that is specific to the area referred to, rather than an overall impression of yourself. (N = 633, asked of randomization groups 2, 3, and 4) COMP.x

	Well below average	Somewhat below average	Slightly below average	About average	Slightly above average	Somewhat above average	Well above average
Writing skills and effectiveness.	1%	1%	4%	20%	27%	35%	11%
Oral communication and public speaking skills.	1%	4%	9%	28%	23%	26%	10%
Ability to critically evaluate written information .	0%	1%	5%	26%	31%	28%	9%
Ability to define research or analysis problems in such a way that you can see clearly what steps you need to do to solve them	0%	1%	6%	33%	33%	21%	6%
Ability to work and learn independently without being given directions.	0%	1%	3%	17%	30%	34%	15%
Ability to work cooperatively in a group, no matter who is in it, to successfully solve problems.	1%	1%	4%	24%	28%	32%	12%
Ability to understand and apply formal scientific principles and methods to solve problems.	0%	2%	12%	34%	26%	17%	8%
Ability to understand and apply quantitative or mathematical / statistical principles and methods to solve problems	1%	5%	14%	32%	21%	18%	9%
Knowledge and understanding of different cultures and philosophies.	0%	2%	7%	25%	30%	23%	12%
Knowledge and understanding of how humans impact the environment.	0%	0%	5%	26%	28%	27%	13%
Ability to work effectively with technology, especially computers.	0%	2%	8%	27%	22%	24%	16%
Leadership skills and the ability to manage the work of others.	1%	2%	5%	24%	30%	24%	13%
Knowledge of the dynamics of social relationships and organizations.	1%	2%	5%	27%	32%	25%	10%
Ability to use library resources (beyond newspaper, internet websites, and magazine articles), such as reference books, online databases, special collections and others sources.	1%	6%	15%	36%	23%	14%	5%

Ability to organize the results of library research into a research paper.	1%	3%	10%	34%	29%	18%	6%
Knowledge and understanding of plagiarism and your ability to avoid it	0%	1%	1%	23%	24%	29%	21%