



WITHDRAWING STUDENT SURVEY

Dear Oxy Student: Date _____
Student ID Number _____

All of us who work at the College are always sorry to see a student leave the campus. We know that there are many reasons why students leave, but we hope that you will take some time to help us understand your situation in hopes that we may be able to make campus improvements for other students in the academic, co-curricular, and administrative areas of the campus.

Please help us by completing this survey as part of the withdrawal process. Individual responses are always strictly confidential. Please turn it into the Registrar’s Office with your other completed forms. Should you wish to contact us further or have conversations in person, please call us at extension 2693.

With our best wishes,
Office of Institutional Assessment and Retention

1. Why have you made the decision to leave Occidental? Please rate the extent to which the following reasons were important in your decision to leave Occidental College using the following scale (fill in or circle choice):

5 = Very Important 4 = Somewhat Important 3 = Neither Important nor Unimportant
2 = Somewhat Unimportant 1 = Very Unimportant 0 = Not Applicable

COLLEGE TYPE/LOCATION						
Wanted to attend a larger institution	5	4	3	2	1	0
Occidental was not my first choice of colleges	5	4	3	2	1	0
Occidental is too isolated	5	4	3	2	1	0
Wasn't able to explore Los Angeles as much as I had hoped	5	4	3	2	1	0
Disliked California lifestyle	5	4	3	2	1	0
Disliked the climate (weather)	5	4	3	2	1	0
Not much to do in Eagle Rock	5	4	3	2	1	0
CAMPUS CLIMATE						
Student body too apathetic, uninvolved	5	4	3	2	1	0
More compatible with students elsewhere	5	4	3	2	1	0
Problems with administration	5	4	3	2	1	0
The diversity mission of the college is overemphasized	5	4	3	2	1	0
The College does not live up to its diversity mission	5	4	3	2	1	0
Too little opportunity for social contact	5	4	3	2	1	0
Ideologies on campus were not compatible with mine	5	4	3	2	1	0
ACADEMICS						
Had difficulty with academic work	5	4	3	2	1	0
Courses not challenging enough	5	4	3	2	1	0
Desired major not available	5	4	3	2	1	0
Lack of variety of courses in major	5	4	3	2	1	0
Classes were too hard to get into	5	4	3	2	1	0
Too many required courses	5	4	3	2	1	0
Classes were too big	5	4	3	2	1	0
I didn't really understand what a liberal arts college was	5	4	3	2	1	0
Unable to finish senior comprehensive	5	4	3	2	1	0
Couldn't find the resources to help me succeed academically	5	4	3	2	1	0
Faculty members were too busy to help me	5	4	3	2	1	0
Want to go abroad on a program not supported by Occidental College	5	4	3	2	1	0
Courses not engaging	5	4	3	2	1	0
Professors were unwelcoming	5	4	3	2	1	0

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FINANCES						
Applied for, but did not receive financial aid	5	4	3	2	1	0
Received financial aid, but amount inadequate	5	4	3	2	1	0
My part-time job interfered with my studies	5	4	3	2	1	0
Received adequate financial aid but do not want to owe so much in loans	5	4	3	2	1	0
Family circumstances changed	5	4	3	2	1	0
Can afford Occidental, but don't think the college is worth the price	5	4	3	2	1	0
My parents think the college is too expensive	5	4	3	2	1	0
PERSONAL REASONS						
Miss family or friends back home	5	4	3	2	1	0
Need a break from studies	5	4	3	2	1	0
Family responsibilities too great	5	4	3	2	1	0
I need to work to support my family	5	4	3	2	1	0
Experienced health problems	5	4	3	2	1	0
Experienced emotional problems	5	4	3	2	1	0
Illness in the family	5	4	3	2	1	0
Want to be where my friends are	5	4	3	2	1	0
Occidental was just not a good fit for me	5	4	3	2	1	0

Other, please specify: _____

2. Background Information and Future Plans.

a) What was your status at the time of withdrawal? Enrolled student On leave of absence

b) What are your plans for the coming year? Check all that apply:

Attend college - Institution Name: _____ Intended major _____

Will you be attending: Full time Part time

Work - If so, type of work? _____

Will you be working: Full time Part time

Take time off

Care for home and/or family

Travel

Other (please specify) _____

c) Do you expect to complete college eventually? Yes No

d) Did you seek help from the Dean of Students Office as you considered withdrawing from the campus?

Yes No If so, were they helpful? Yes No

e) Did you seek help from your Academic Advisor as you considered withdrawing from the campus?

Yes No If so, was he/she helpful? Yes No

3. What could we have done better to have kept you here at Occidental College? _____
