Valparaiso University Computing & Information Sciences Entry Survey

You are invited to participate in an important internet survey conducted by the CIS Department to help us understand and identify the experiences you had that may have influenced your decision to attend Valpo, declare a major, or take an Intro course. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Your participation is voluntary. You do not have to be involved in this study if you do not want to be. You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason, and without penalty. You do not waive any of your legal rights by agreeing to this consent form.

There is no direct benefit to you for participating in this study. You will not receive any financial compensation for completing this survey. The risk in this research is minimal and is no greater than what you would ordinarily encounter in daily life.

Your participation in this study, including all information you provide, will be kept anonymous and confidential. If you have any questions, you may contact Valparaiso University's Review Board at valpoirb@valpo.edu or the study's independent consultant, Peak Research at peakresearch@usa.net.

By completing answering the following question, you indicate that you have read and understand the above information regarding consent. By completing the survey, you agree to voluntarily participate in the above-mentioned study. You may print and retain a copy of this consent form for your records.

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Consent *
Note: If you are under 18 (or choose not to respond), your answers will not be included in the study or any published results, but will still inform VU of your experiences.

○ I am 18 or older

○ I am under 18 years old

○ I do not wish to provide this information.

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General and Academic Demographics

Basic Demographics

Gender *

- ◯ Identify as Female
- ◯ Identify as Male
- ◯ Choose not to reply

Race/Ethnicity *
Choose all that apply

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Other Asian
- ☐ Pacific Islander
- ☐ Choose not to reply
- ☐ Other: [_____]

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? *

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano

☐ Yes, Puerto Rican

☐ Yes, Cuban

☐ Choose not to reply

☐ Other: [_____]

Academic Demographics

Which major(s) have you declared or plan to declare? *
Choose all that apply

☐ Computer Science

☐ Mathematics

☐ Statistics/Actuarial Science

☐ Engineering

☐ Not Sure

☐ Other: [_____]

Which minor(s) have you declared or plan to declare?
Choose all that apply

☐ Computer Science

☐ Mathematics

☐ Statistics/Actuarial Science

☐ Engineering

☐ Not Sure

☐ Other: [_____]

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What brought you to this Course

How often, if at all did you participate in any of the following events or activities hosted by Valparaiso University ON CAMPUS?

	Never	Once	More than Once
Valpo Visit Day (Saturday Event)	○	○	○
Admitted Student Days (Spring Semester)	○	○	○
Overnight Visit through the Admissions Office	○	○	○
Weekday Visit through the Admissions Office	○	○	○
MSEED All-Star Day (November)	○	○	○
MSEED Scholarship Day (February)	○	○	○
Christ College's Honors Visit Day (February)	○	○	○
Meet with a Professor	○	○	○
Take a Tour of Campus	○	○	○
Chat with an Admissions Counselor	○	○	○
Sit in On a Class	○	○	○

How often, if at all, did you participate in any of the following events or activities hosted by Valparaiso University OFF CAMPUS or through the INTERNET/SOCIAL MEDIA?

	Never	Once	More than Once
Admission Counselor Spoke at your high school	○	○	○
College Fair in your community (Valpo had a table)	○	○	○

	Never	Once	More than Once
Reception in your community (private event for admitted students)	○	○	○
Talk on the phone with a Valpo Ambassador in Admissions (current student)	○	○	○
Talk on the phone with your Valpo Admission Counselor	○	○	○
Email with your Valpo Admissions Counselor	○	○	○
Participate on any Valpo Facebook page	○	○	○
Participate in the Admissions Office Tumblr page	○	○	○
Follow Valpo Twitter Feeds	○	○	○
Visit Valpo's website for information about the university	○	○	○
Visit the CIS Department website for information about the major	○	○	○
Receive brochures, letters, or other Valpo materials and information	○	○	○

What other experiences have you had that led you to this course?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
High School Class in Computing	○	○	○
Science Technology Engineering or Math (STEM) Event in High School	○	○	○
STEM Event in Middle School	○	○	○
STEM Event in Elementary School	○	○	○
Summer Camp for CS/Coding	○	○	○
Talk with a High School Guidance Counselor	○	○	○
Talk with a Professional who Works in Industry	○	○	○
Computing Contest (e.g. NCWIT Aspirations Awards)	○	○	○
Hack-A-Thon	○	○	○
Game Design Experience	○	○	○
Another college course that involved computing	○	○	○

	Yes	No	Not Sure
A professor recommended it	○	○	○

Are you interested in any of the following experiences and opportunities at Valpo?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Study Abroad	○	○	○
Disney Experience	○	○	○
Honors Program	○	○	○
Student Work Study	○	○	○
Internships	○	○	○
Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs)	○	○	○
Tutoring or TAing	○	○	○
Study Groups	○	○	○
Computing Clubs/Extracurriculars	○	○	○

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CS 157 Feedback

How many computing assignments have you found to be interesting? *

○ None

○ Only one assignment

○ A few assignments

○ Most or all assignments

I understand the relevance of the assignments to my career goals *

	1	2	3	4	
Strongly Disagree	○	○	○	○	Strongly Agree

Please compare your level of programming experience with the experience required by this course *

○ Requires more experience than I have

○ Is about right for my programming experience

○ Requires less experience than I have

So far, the average total number of hours per week I have spent on homework and labs for CS-157 is: *

○ 0-3 Hours

○ 4-6 Hours

○ 7-9 Hours

○ 10 or more Hours

When I have a question about homework in one of my computing courses, I ask: *

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	N/A
Other students in my class	○	○	○	○	○

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	N/A
The professor teaching my class	○	○	○	○	○
The teaching assistants	○	○	○	○	○
Another student who previously took the same class	○	○	○	○	○
A source not described above	○	○	○	○	○

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Computer Attitude Scale for Freshmen

These questions are about your attitude toward computers in general.

I feel discomfort when I have to use the keyboard

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	○	○	○	○	○	Strongly agree

I feel uneasy on the prospect of connecting computer's cables (keyboard, printer, etc.)

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	○	○	○	○	○	Strongly agree

I feel at ease using complicated electronic devices

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	○	○	○	○	○	Strongly agree

The thought that I may make a mistake that will cause computer malfunction really scares me

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	○	○	○	○	○	Strongly agree

When I use or am about to use a computer, I feel anxious

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	○	○	○	○	○	Strongly agree

I feel uneasy when I am present at discussions that concern computers' technical characteristics

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I feel I don't have adequate knowledge to meet the department's needs regarding computer use

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I feel uncomfortable when I sit next to experienced computer users

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I believe that computers are essential tools in work and education

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

Computers make our life better

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

Computers improve people's communication

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I always look forward to using a computer

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I enjoy programming

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I eagerly anticipate working as a computer specialist

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I feel uncomfortable with the prospect of spending long hours in font of a computer

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

I am afraid that continuous work with the computer will harm me physically

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly disagree ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Strongly agree

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