

Introductory Survey

As I start each class, I like to learn a little bit about my students and their expectations for the course so that I can both know and teach them better. This questionnaire gives you a chance to tell me something about yourself.

I'll admit that my surveys include somewhat strange, casual, or "fluffy" questions. I find such questions useful, as they give me a better sense of who you are and how you react to things. I can also use them to stimulate discussion.

For those who care, I will make my answers to this survey available in the near future. You will also be able to find my responses to your questions in a separate document.

Name: _____

Major: _____

Year: _____

Advisor: _____

Where are you from? _____

What other courses are you taking this term? Please include meeting times. I prefer both course names and course abbreviations.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Tell me about your background with computers. *Don't worry if you have little or no background!*

Why are you taking this course?

What do you expect to learn or gain from this course?

What are your biggest concerns for this course?

I know that it's a little bit early to ask, but do you plan to continue taking courses in CS after you complete CS151? Why or why not?

What do you like most about Grinnell?

What do you like least about Grinnell (or what do you dislike most about Grinnell)?

What is the best course you have taken at Grinnell so far? Who taught that course? What made it good? (I'm always trying to find out which of my colleagues I should learn from.) If you have not taken a course at Grinnell before, please tell me about a great course from high school.

Most surveys like this ask you to list your five favorite books, movies, TV shows, CDs, chia animals, buildings on campus, professors, or whatever. I'll give you a little more freedom. Pick a class of objects (it can be one that I listed, it can be one that I didn't list), and list your five favorite objects in that class.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Tell me a little more about yourself. You might describe hobbies, interests, goals, whatever.

What other questions should I have asked on this form? (You don't have to come up with any; I just like to find ways to improve my introductory questionnaire.)

Since I'm asking you all of these questions, it's only fair that you get to ask me some questions. What, if anything, would you like to know about me, the course, computer science, or whatever?