

# Student Trait Development

## First-Year to Senior: Students' Self-Reported Top 5 and Bottom 5 Traits of Women and Men

*Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age.*

Traits	First-Year Women	Senior Women	First-Year Men	Senior Men
Academic ability	X	X	X	X
Artistic ability	O	O	O	O
Computer skills	O	O	O	O
Cooperativeness	X	X	X	X
Creativity				
Drive to achieve	X	X	X	X
Emotional health				
Leadership ability	X	X	X	X
Mathematical ability		O		
Physical health				
Popularity	O	O	O	O
Public speaking ability	O		O	
Self-confidence (intellectual)			X	X
Self-confidence (social)			O	O
Self-understanding				
Spirituality	O	O	O	O
Understanding of others	X	X		
Writing ability				

X = Top 5 Trait; O = Bottom 5 Trait

**Women and men rated themselves equally in their trait growth and decline over their undergraduate experience, except for the following:**

- **“Understanding of Others” a Top 5 trait for women**
- **“Intellectual Self-Confidence” a Top 5 trait for men**
- **“Social Self-Confidence” a Bottom 5 trait for men**
- **Women declined in “Mathematical Ability” in their senior year**
- **Both women and men reported growth in “Public Speaking Ability”**

**The 2010 Freshman Survey & 2014 College Senior Survey  
Response Rates = 78% & 45% , respectively (women = 55% & 66%, respectively)**

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## First-Year to Senior: Significant Self-Reported Trait Differences Between Women and Men

*Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age.*

Scale: (1) lowest 10% (2) below average (3) average (4) above average (5) highest 10%

<b>First-Year</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>Competitiveness</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.75</b>
<b>Emotional health</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>Public speaking ability</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>3.37</b>
<b>Self-confidence (intellectual)</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>4.04</b>
<b>Spirituality</b>	<b>3.09</b>	<b>3.37</b>

<b>Senior</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>Computer skills</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>3.45</b>
<b>Leadership ability</b>	<b>3.98</b>	<b>4.19</b>
<b>Mathematical ability</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>Physical health</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.74</b>
<b>Popularity</b>	<b>3.10</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>Public speaking ability</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.77</b>
<b>Risk-taking</b>	<b>3.15</b>	<b>3.39</b>
<b>Self-confidence (intellectual)</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>4.16</b>

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