

Meredith College 2011 Sustainability Literacy Assessment Survey

Please enter your seven digit Meredith College student ID number:

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1. My Understanding of Environmental Issues

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. (Check box)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1a. I have an excellent understanding of environmental issues.				
1b. It is important for young adults to understand environmental issues.				
1c. I spent a lot of time time playing in nature as a child.				
1d. Right now, my daily behavior reflects my understanding of environmental issues.				
1e. While at Meredith, my behavior will reflect my understanding of environmental issues.				
1f. It is very important to me to recycle.				
1g. It is very important to me to minimize waste generated.				
1h. It is very important to me to eat healthy food (eg: organic / fair-trade / local).				
1i. It is very important to me to conserve water.				
1j. It is very important that my purchases are environmentally responsible.				
1k. It is very important to me to minimize energy usage.				
1l. It is very important to me to minimize my contribution to climate change.				

2. Factors that Influence my Environmental Practices

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. (Check box)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<i>Engage in environmental practices because...</i>				
2a. I believe it will make the world a better place.				
2b. I find it personally or spiritually rewarding.				
2c. I was taught by my family or friends.				
2d. I was taught by my school.				
2e. I was taught by my community and/or religious organization.				
2f. I find them economically beneficial.				
2g. I feel a deep connection with the natural world.				

3. My Interest in Learning More about Sustainability

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. (Check box)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<i>While at Meredith College, I would like to...</i>				
3a. Learn more about environmental issues and sustainability while in college.				
3b. Take a course focused on sustainability.				
3c. Complement my chosen major with the interdisciplinary environmental sustainability minor.				
3d. Either major or double-major in the interdisciplinary environmental sustainability major.				
3e. Participate in a student organization or event focused on sustainability.				

4. My Environmentally Responsible Behaviors

How often do you do the following? (Check box)	Never	Less than Half of the Time	Half the Time	Most of the Time	Always
4a. Recycle plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard when possible.					
4b. Bring a reusable bag when shopping.					
4c. Make healthy food choices when possible eg: (organic / fair-trade / local).					
4d. Use as little water as necessary in the kitchen and bathroom.					
4e. Buy locally-produced or second-hand goods.					
4f. Turn off lights and electronics when not in use.					
4g. Choose to carpool, take the bus or bicycle.					

5. Please write in your definition of sustainability.

6. Defining Sustainability

Please rate how important each of the following is to your definition of "sustainability."	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
6a. Reduce				
6b. Reuse				
6c. Recycling				
6d. Living Simply				
6e. Taking Action				
6f. Being Proactive				
6g. Making behavioral changes				
6h. Educating myself				
6i. Being efficient				
6j. Conserving resources				
6k. Reserving resources for future generations				
6l. Thinking differently about my daily behavior				
6m. Taking responsibility for my actions				
6n. Reducing my carbon footprint				
6o. Understanding the global effects of my actions				

7. Sustainability at Meredith College

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
7a. Sustainability was one of the factors that influenced my decision to enroll in Meredith College.				
7b. It is important to me that Meredith College invests in long-term solutions that save energy and money.				
7c. I would like Meredith College to generate renewable energy on campus.				
7d. I am willing to be slightly warmer or cooler if Meredith adjusts building temperatures to save energy.				

This survey was developed and first administered in 2009 and has been modified and adjusted based on results and student feedback in the following years. Meredith College has not performed any validity and reliability measures. The survey was developed by Laura Fieselman in the Office of Sustainability together with the Office of Research Planning and Assessment, please contact sustainability@meredith.edu or the Office of Research, Planning and Assessment at 919-760-2364 for more information.