**Standard Demographic Questions for Surveys**

**Marquette Student Affairs Assessment Team**

The list of questions below has been developed to create a standard set of questions and response options for demographic questions that may be included on various Marquette survey projects. By using questions from this standard set, data from the survey can be more easily compared with data from other students or institutional data. Questions and response options follow the format of questions used by the university in the student information system, and/or federal reporting guidelines.

***Note that surveys should only include demographic questions if you have already planned how you will utilize the information.***  *If you do not plan to analyze/report data using these variables, consider asking ONLY the essential demographic questions you will use.*

**In which college/school is your primary major?**

*List below could change, based on target population*

* Arts and Sciences
* Business Administration
* Communication
* Education
* Engineering
* Health Sciences
* Nursing
* Professional Studies
* Dental School
* Graduate School
* Graduate School of Management
* Law School

**What is your class standing?**

*List below could change, based on target population*

* Freshman
* Sophomore
* Junior
* Senior
* Graduate/Professional

**What is your sex?**

* Female
* Male
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to respond

*If an additional question about gender is desired for the survey:*

**With which gender do you identify?**

* Man
* Woman
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to respond

**Which best describes your sexual orientation?**

* Bisexual
* Gay
* Lesbian
* Heterosexual
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to respond

**Do you have a documented disability?**

* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to respond

**Have either of your parents or the people who raised you earned a bachelor’s degree (or higher)?**

* Yes
* No
* Not sure
* Prefer not to respond

**Have either of your parents, the people who raised you, or any siblings earned a bachelor’s degree (or higher) from Marquette?**

* Yes
* No
* Not sure
* Prefer not to respond

**What is your citizenship status?**

* U.S. citizen
* Permanent resident
* Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
* Prefer not to respond

*The next two questions are used together when determining race/ethnicity*

**Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to respond

**What is your race? (Select one or more)**

* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)
* Black or African American (including African and Caribbean)
* Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
* White (including Middle Eastern)
* Prefer not to respond (Coded as *Race and Ethnicity Unknown*)

*\*\* Note: Marquette collects race and ethnicity information based on standards developed by the U.S. Department of Education, which dictate how to collect and report racial and ethnic data.  These standards allow a respondent to self-identify his or her race and ethnicity, and allow a respondent to select more than one racial or ethnic designation.*

*The standards require the use of a two-part question, focusing first on ethnicity and second on race when collecting the data from individuals. The racial and ethnic categories used are also determined by the U.S. Department of Education.*

*For more information, please see the October 2007 guidance published by the Department of Education (Department) (72 Fed. Reg. 59266 (Oct. 19, 2007), at* [*http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/other/2007-4/101907c.html*](http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/other/2007-4/101907c.html)*.*

*Marquette follows federal guidelines when coding responses for multiracial students. When coding, respondents who select more than one race should be coded “Two or More Races.” However, if the respondent indicates his/her ethnicity is “Hispanic or Latino,” the response must be coded “Hispanic or Latino” as the primary response, regardless of the response to the race question.*

**What is your religious affiliation?**

*Short List of Responses*

* Catholic
* Other Christian Religion (e.g. Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Non-Denominational, Presbyterian, etc.)
* Other World Religion (e.g. Buddhist, Islam, Judaism, Sikh, etc.)
* I do not have a religious affiliation
* Prefer not to respond

*Long List of Responses (with notations for how to code the data into five categories above)*

* Agnostic Do not have a religious affiliation
* Assemblies of God Other Christian Religion
* Atheist Do not have a religious affiliation
* Baptist Other Christian Religion
* Buddhist Other World Religion
* Catholic Catholic
* Christian Scientist Other Christian Religion
* Church of Christ Other Christian Religion
* Eastern Orthodox Other Christian Religion
* Episcopalian Other Christian Religion
* Evangelical Other Christian Religion
* Hindu Other World Religion
* Islamic Other World Religion
* Jewish Other World Religion
* Latter Day Saints Other World Religion
* Lutheran Other Christian Religion
* Methodist Other Christian Religion
* Non-Denominational Christian Other Christian Religion
* Pentecostal/Apostolic Other Christian Religion
* Presbyterian Other Christian Religion
* Seventh Day Adventist Other Christian Religion
* Sikh Other World Religion
* Southern Baptist Other Christian Religion
* Unitarian Universalist Other World Religion
* United Church of Christ Other Christian Religion
* Other Christian Religion Other Christian Religion
* Other Non-Christian Religion Other World Religion
* I do not have a religious affiliation Do not have a religious affiliation
* Prefer not to respond Prefer not to respond/Unknown