Engagement with Society

A group of researchers at UIC is trying to understand how undergraduates participate in society. If you are an undergraduate at UIC, we hope you will volunteer. Our research focuses on how students’ thoughts and feelings about diversity play a role in their decisions about what to do with their time and their academic achievement.

Our research has two steps, and you may participate in one or both. For the first step, volunteers will complete a battery of online surveys that should take about 30 minutes. If willing, volunteers for a second step will participate in a Zoom interview that will be recorded using the volunteer’s preference for audio or both audio and video.

Volunteers who complete both portions of the research can also agree to participate in a gift card lottery organized so that the odds of winning are 1:32. The lottery will award $50 Tango gift cards to 5 randomly selected individuals who complete both parts of the study. We plan to combine survey answers from about 600 volunteers to explore how students evaluate their roles in society, their academic well-being, and the role of culture in their lives. Themes found in those surveys will be compared with themes that are apparent in about 160 interviews to validate our conclusions. We hope you share your ideas!

To participate in our research, just point your browser to the following link: Engagement with Society

If you would like more information on how to become involved, please contact Dr. Theresa (Terri) Thorkildsen, Professor of Education and Psychology, University of Illinois at Chicago by sending e-mail to thork@uic.edu or by calling 312-996-8138.