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Institutional Questionnaire

(Numbers in parentheses refer to parallel question on CDS 2008-2009)

1. Name of college or university Kenyon College
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UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

6. **Total** enrollment (FT degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate & professional) 1635
7. **Undergraduate** enrollment (FT degree-seeking) 1635

Please characterize **total undergraduate** student body in terms of:

8. **Sex:** Male 47% Female 53%
9. **Geographic Origin:**

In-State 18%
Out-of-state 82%
Foreign 4%

10. **High school:**

Public 52%
Private / Parochial 48%
Home Schooled 0%

11. **Race (B2):**

African American 4%
Asian American 5%
Caucasian 81%
Hispanic 3%
Native American ≤1%
Foreign 4%

12. Percentage of entering freshmen who return for their sophomore year (B22) 94%
13. Percentage of entering freshmen who graduate within six years (B11) 88%

STATISTICS ON CURRENT FRESHMEN CLASS

14. Number of applicants (C1) 4509

Percent admitted 31.3%

Percent of admitted applicants who enrolled (Yield) 32.3%

15. Number of Early Decision applicants (C21) 340 Percent admitted 55%

16. High school class rank (C10). Percent in:

Top Tenth 61%

Top Quarter 87%

Top Half 99%

17. Average high school GPA (C12) 3.85

18. Test score ranges of the middle 50% of all enrolled first-time freshmen (C9)

	25 th percentile	75 th percentile
SAT critical reading	<u>630</u>	<u>730</u>
SAT math	<u>610</u>	<u>700</u>
SAT writing	<u>630</u>	<u>720</u>
ACT Comp	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>

FINANCIAL AID POLICIES

19. What percentage of all undergraduates receive need-based financial aid (H2-d÷H2-a) 48.5%

20. What percentage of all undergraduates receive non-need-based merit scholarships based on academic performance (H2A-n)? 23.3%

Average non-need-based award (H2A-o) \$11,779

21. How many athletic scholarships do you offer? 0 In how many sports? 0

22. Have you initiated any special financial aid programs aimed at making your institution more affordable and accessible, e.g. eliminating loans for from financial aid packages or eliminating tuition for low- and middle-income students? If so, please describe in detail. (H15)

A new financial aid incentive guarantees a loan-free education for selected students with the greatest need who bring the qualities of creativity, community service, and leadership to Kenyon. A \$10 million gift from the late Kenyon alumnus Paul Newman and the Newman's Own Foundation and more than \$30 million in other gifts are the core of the loan-free program. Twenty-five students have been admitted to Kenyon in 2008-09 with financial aid packages without loans. The program is expected to grow in coming years.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

23. Are campus interviews: ☐ not available ☐ optional ☒ recommended ☐ required
Are alumni interviews: ☐ not available ☐ optional ☒ recommended ☐ required

Are campus interviews: ☒ used in evaluating students ☐ only for information
Are alumni interviews: ☒ used in evaluating students ☐ only for information

24. Policy toward the Common Application: (check one)

- ☐ Do not accept
☐ Use exclusively
☒ Use with own supplement

Note to respondents: If your institution is a member of the Common Application, you need not answer questions 25 to 27. We will obtain this information from the C.A. grid

25. Do you have rolling admissions? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, when does notification begin (C16) _____

26. Please indicate application deadlines for:

Regular Admissions (C14) _____
Early Decision (C21) _____
Early Action (C22) _____
Single-Choice Early Action _____
Second Early Decision (C21) _____
Financial Aid _____
Housing _____

27. Please indicate your policies regarding standardized tests (C8) (choose one)

SAT I or ACT: ☐ required ☐ optional

SAT Subject Tests: ☐ required ☐ optional

If SAT Subject Tests are required, which ones? _____

Do you require students taking the ACT to take the optional Writing Test? Yes ☐ No ☐

28. Please list in **descending order** the six schools with which you have an applicant overlap.
"Shared Prospective Applicants"

1 <u>Oberlin College</u>	2 <u>Middlebury College</u>	3 <u>Carleton College</u>
4 <u>Denison University</u>	5 <u>Grinnell College</u>	6 <u>Bowdoin College</u>

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

29. What percentage of classes (not courses) taken by freshmen have:

1-19 students 67%
20-49 students 31%
50-99 students ≤2%
100+ students 0%

30. What percentage of classes (not courses) taken by freshman are taught by:

Tenured professors 36%
Junior faculty 53%
Graduate students _____%
Other (Adjuncts) 11%

31. What are you five most popular majors (in descending order):

1English
2Psychology____
3Political Science

4Economics
5History

32. Please describe any recent changes in the general education requirements that all undergraduates must complete.

There have been no recent changes in the general education requirements.

33. Have you made any other curriculum changes in the last two years? Have you added or dropped any programs? If so, please explain.

No

34. Please describe your study abroad programs.

Kenyon's reputation for offering students the best and most selective international programs has emerged, in part, from the College's competitive OCS application process. Kenyon sends its most motivated and best prepared students abroad and, therefore, has high expectations of their success. Programs are available for a wide variety of disciplines, including all that are offered at Kenyon. Study abroad is offered in 61 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific Rim, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Latin America, North America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

What proportion of undergraduates receive academic credit for study abroad during their four years?

47%

35. Please describe any special support programs for freshmen that you operate, such as freshmen seminars or "first-year programs" etc. What proportion of freshmen participate?

There are no college-wide special programs exclusively for freshmen.

36. Most colleges and universities today are struggling with tensions related to campus security and responsible alcohol or tobacco use and physical safety. Please describe any new programs or policies dealing with these issues.

These issues continue to be a focus of discussion and training sessions during each year's freshman orientation, and various campus groups address them with programming throughout the year. Several new programs and policies regarding alcohol use are either newly implemented or currently under consideration, all with the goal of reducing risky behavior.

37. Do you have any signature academic programs or emphases of which you are particularly proud?

Learning communities?
Honors programs?
Undergraduate research?
Writing across the curriculum?
Other?

Kenyon is noted for its emphasis on students' written and oral communication skills across the curriculum. Students in the natural sciences benefit from especially close collaborations with faculty members, both during the academic year and in the competitive Summer Science Scholars Program, in which they conduct research on a project of their own devising with a faculty mentor.

38. What are your strongest academic programs?

English, political science, economics, history, international studies, art, drama, and the natural sciences.

39. What are your weakest academic programs? (Please be candid. Everyone has them!)

Kenyon has made the decision to maintain its focus on a core collection of liberal arts and sciences, and a limited number of interdisciplinary programs, in order to maintain strength across the curriculum.

40. Are there ways in which the academic mission of your school is evolving?

We hope we're always evolving as an institution, but we're not currently engaged in any kind of programmatic evolution with regard to our mission.

41. Have you completed any new physical facilities with in the past two years? If so, please describe.

Lentz House- English department classrooms/office building

STUDENT LIFE

42. What percentage of students live in university housing? (F1) 98%

**43. In what NCAA division do you compete in athletics (choose one) ☐ I ☐ IA ☐ II ☒ III.
Other? Please specify.**

44. Which inter-collegiate teams (men's and women's) are most competitive? Please list any athletic championships in the last two years.

Women's Basketball - NCAC champions (2008)

Women's Cross Country – NCAC champions (2008); NCAA team participation (2007, 2008)

Men's Cross Country - NCAA individual participation (2007)

Field Hockey - NCAC champions (2007); NCAC tournament champions (2007); NCAA team participation (2007)

Men's Lacrosse - NCAA team participation (2008)

Men's Swimming - NCAC champions (2008), NCAA champions (2008, 2009)

Women's Swimming - NCAC champions (2008), NCAA champions (2008, 2009)

Men's Soccer - NCAC champions (2007)

Men's Tennis - NCAC champions (2008, 2009); NCAA team participation (2008, 2009); NCAA singles participation (2008, 2009); NCAA singles champion (2008); NCAA doubles participation (2008, 2009)

Women's Tennis - NCAC team participation (2008).

45. Are there any other areas, such as debate or chess, where students at your school are competitive?

Chess Club, Debate Club

46. Please describe the recreational and intramural sports program. Which are the most popular activities? . What proportion of undergraduates participate?

Basketball and floor hockey are most popular. More than half of the undergraduates participated in one or more sports during the year. Below are the programs for the 2008-09 year:

Fall:

- * Flag football (fall)
- * Outdoor Soccer (fall)
- * Tennis
- * Floor hockey
- * Kickball
- * Racquetball
- * Squash

Spring:

- * 5 on 5 Basketball
- * Volleyball
- * Softball
- * Indoor Soccer
- * Ultimate Frisbee
- * Outdoor Soccer

Club sports that were active throughout the year are as follows:

- * Rugby (men and women)
- * Ultimate Frisbee
- * Squash
- * Archery
- * Soccer (Women's)
- * Cycling
- * Equestrian
- * Fencing
- * Ice Hockey (men and women)
- * Martial Arts
- * Sailing Club
- * Sand Volleyball
- * Swim Club
- * KAC Heads
- * Baseball
- * Dodgeball League
- * Paintball Club
- * KSA (Kenyon Student Athletes)
- * Outdoors Club

47. What percentage of:

Men belong to fraternities? (F1) 27%

Women to sororities? (F1) 8%

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

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