

Tinto Forced Choice

This activity highlights aspects of Tinto's academic and social integration concepts. Be sure to personalize this to your campus with correct names of services, restaurants, etc.

Instructions: Have students clear the chairs and stand in the middle of the room. Tell them that you will be asking them a series of questions after which they must pick one answer (they cannot stand in the middle).

As you ask each question, indicate which side of the room corresponds to which option. After the students have selected their sides, have them look at who is on the same side and who is on the other side. You can either invite students to discuss why they have chosen a particular side or do the activity in silence and then discuss it afterwards.

	<i>come to this side if:</i>	<i>go to that side if:</i>
1.	you feel totally on top of things	you feel a little stressed
2.	college is what you expected	college is NOT what you expected
3.	you like Abercrombie	you like Urban Outfitters
4.	you love your classes this term	you hate your classes this term
5.	you had a high school job	you didn't have a high school job
6.	you still have a job back home	you don't have a job back home
7.	you like the activities you see around campus...	you have not yet found anything that really fits for you...
8.	you've been to some academic skills workshops	you haven't yet...
9.	one or both of your parents went to college	neither of your parents went to college
10.	one or both of your parents has a graduate degree (Masters or Phd) or a professional degree (lawyer, doctor, etc.)	neither of your parents has a graduate or professional degree
11.	you feel homesick	you don't feel homesick
12.	this college was your first choice	this college was NOT your first choice
13.	you knew what you wanted to major in before you came here	you didn't have a major in mind
14.	you expect to have a job while you're in school	you don't expect to have a job while you're in school
15.	you like to work out at the gym	you like to play outside
16.	you feel sure this campus is the right place for you	you're not so sure....
17.	your parents wanted you to stay at home	your parents were ready for you to move on
18.	you get along well with your roommate	you don't get along with your roommate
19.	you have good friends you enjoy hanging with...	you have not yet met people you really vibe with...
20.	you have a relationship back home...	you don't have a relationship back home...
21.	you've met someone here you kind of like...	you haven't met anyone here yet...
22.	you feel you did well in high school, academically.	you feel you didn't do so well...
23.	your parents really expected you to go to college	you had no pressure from your parents to go to college

24.	you feel your high school prepared you for college	you don't feel your high school prepared you.
25.	you've already picked out some activities to get involved in this term	you don't feel you want to commit to anything quite yet
26.	you like the party scene here...	it's not really your thing...
27.	you feel like your faculty would help you if you needed it...	you're not so sure...
28.	you feel you're doing really well so far in your classes	you don't feel confident you're doing well...
29.	you've been to office hours	you haven't been to office hours yet!
30.	you plan on being here next year...	you're thinking about transferring...