

Global Beads Activity

Each person is given a clear plastic baggie and is sat in small groups around a bowl full of different colored beads, each representing a different ethnicity.

Black=African American

Gold=Hispanic

White=Caucasian

Red=Native American

Brown=Indian (Asian)

Yellow=Asian

Others as deemed appropriate

For each question below, participants place one bead in their bag as a response. This activity is to show the diversity of people they may have been exposed to in the past, and to encourage them to explore relationships with students of varying ethnic backgrounds while they are in college.

- 1) What is your ethnicity?
- 2) What is the majority ethnic make-up of your biological family?
- 3) Until the age of 6, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your friends?
- 4) Until the age of 6, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your teachers?
- 5) Between the ages of 7-13, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your friends?
- 6) Between the ages of 7-13, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your teachers?
- 7) In high school, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your friends?
- 8) In high school, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your teachers?
- 9) What is the majority ethnic make-up of the people your parents last had over for dinner?
- 10) What is the ethnicity of the person you most admire that you actually know?
- 11) What is the ethnicity of the person you most admire that is famous?
- 12) Your senior year, what was the majority ethnic make-up of your senior class? (If you can't decide between two beads, put them both in the bag.)
- 13) What is the majority ethnic make-up of your neighbors?
- 14) What is the majority ethnic make-up of your significant other, or person you like (or have liked in the past)?
- 15) What is the ethnicity of the person you have talked to the most at this event (in this class)?