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Your First College Year Survey
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Demographics

- **Men**: 39.1%
- **Women**: 60.9%

- **White/Caucasian**: 38.1%
- **Asian American/Asian**: 54.0%
- **African American/Black**: 1.0%
- **American Indian/Alaska Native**: 1.9%
- **Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander**: 3.8%
- **Hispanic**: 11.5%
- **Other**: 7.4%

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How Students Spend Time
Hours spent in a typical week during the past year

- **Attending class/labs**: 73.5%
  - < 1: 17.3%
  - 1-5: 1.6%
  - 6-10: 31.7%
  - 11+: 36.0%

- **Studying/homework**: 54.4%
  - < 1: 31.3%
  - 1-5: 2.8%
  - 6-10: 6.6%
  - 11+: 36.0%

- **Student clubs/groups**: 54.4%
  - < 1: 34.0%
  - 1-5: 3.8%
  - 6-10: 7.8%
  - 11+: 11.1%

- **Socializing with friends**: 32.2%
  - < 1: 30.0%
  - 1-5: 3.8%
  - 6-10: 7.8%
  - 11+: 11.1%

- **Online social networks**: 60.3%
  - < 1: 21.5%
  - 1-5: 6.9%
  - 6-10: 31.2%
  - 11+: 36.0%

- **Partying**: 73.5%
  - < 1: 6.9%
  - 1-5: 31.2%
  - 6-10: 21.5%
  - 11+: 36.0%
Interaction with Faculty
How has it been to get to know faculty?

- Very Easy: 4.4%
- Somewhat Easy: 28.6%
- Somewhat Difficult: 48.3%
- Very Difficult: 18.8%
Interaction with Faculty
How has it been to understand what your professors expect of you academically?
Interaction with Faculty

How often have you interacted with...

- Faculty During Office Hours
  - 21.8% Never
  - 63.1% < Once a Week
  - 15.1% Once a Week or more

- Faculty Outside Class or Office Hours
  - 49.6% Never
  - 40.3% < Once a Week
  - 10.1% Once a Week or more
Interaction with Faculty

Since entering this college, how often have you worked on a professor’s research project?

- Frequently: 2.3%
- Occasionally: 5.9%
- Not at all: 91.9%
Interaction with Faculty
How often have you received from your professors...

- **Negative feedback about your academic work**
  - Frequently: 1.8%
  - Occasionally: 27.7%

- **Emotional support or encouragement**
  - Frequently: 2.2%
  - Occasionally: 22.7%

- **Advice/ guidance about your educational program**
  - Frequently: 3.8%
  - Occasionally: 37.7%
Interaction with Faculty

The faculty here are interested in students’ academic/personal problems

- Strongly Agree: 11.0% (Academic Problems), 1.8% (Personal Problems)
- Agree: 73.0% (Academic Problems), 35.9% (Personal Problems)
- Disagree: 14.0% (Academic Problems), 51.6% (Personal Problems)
- Strongly Disagree: 2.0% (Academic Problems), 10.7% (Personal Problems)
Major Selection
Since entering this college, have you...

- Decided to pursue a different major: 35.5%
- Remained undecided about a major: 20.9%
Academic-Related Gains

Compared with when you entered this college, how would you describe your...

- General knowledge: 19.5% Much Stronger, 69.8% Stronger
- Knowledge of a particular field or discipline: 31.9% Much Stronger, 59.1% Stronger
- Ability to conduct research: 10.5% Much Stronger, 39.1% Stronger
- Ability to work as part of a team: 7.8% Much Stronger, 35.8% Stronger
- Critical thinking skills: 15.3% Much Stronger, 59.4% Stronger
- Analytical/problem-solving skills: 14.7% Much Stronger, 60.1% Stronger
### Academic Climate

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<td>Spoken up in class</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>13.5%</td>
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<td>Thought that your courses inspired you to think in new ways</td>
<td>56.9%</td>
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<td>Discussed course content with students outside of class</td>
<td>55.8%</td>
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<td>Witnessed academic dishonesty or cheating</td>
<td>34.3%</td>
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In class, I have heard faculty express stereotypes about...

- **Men**
  - Strongly Agree: 3.8%
  - Agree: 18.1%

- **Women**
  - Strongly Agree: 4.0%
  - Agree: 20.8%

- **Racial/Ethnic Groups**
  - Strongly Agree: 4.4%
  - Agree: 22.4%
To what extent do you agree or disagree that at this institution there is strong competition among students for high grades?

- Strongly Agree: 39.2%
- Agree: 45.0%
- Disagree: 14.9%
- Strongly Disagree: 0.9%
Academic Success Habits

How has it been to...

- Adjust to academic demands of college: 10.3% Very Easy, 33.6% Somewhat Easy
- Manage your time effectively: 6.6% Very Easy, 27.4% Somewhat Easy
- Develop effective study skills: 8.2% Very Easy, 36.9% Somewhat Easy
- Use campus services available to students: 25.0% Very Easy, 58.1% Somewhat Easy
Academic Balance
I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities
Academic Program Participation

Have you enrolled or participated in a...

- FIG, learning cluster, linked courses, etc: 4.3%
- First-year seminar: 23.4%
- Honors/advanced course: 12.2%
- Academic support program: 11.6%
- Remedial course: 6.9%
Satisfaction with Academics
How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Library facilities and services: 36.6% Very Satisfied, 51.3% Somewhat Satisfied
- Lab facilities and equipment: 18.0% Very Satisfied, 50.1% Somewhat Satisfied
- Classroom facilities: 10.8% Very Satisfied, 60.6% Somewhat Satisfied
- Class size: 2.8% Very Satisfied, 33.8% Somewhat Satisfied
- Overall academic experience: 14.7% Very Satisfied, 61.5% Somewhat Satisfied
Satisfaction with Academics

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Overall quality of instruction: 60.9%
- Relevance of coursework to everyday life: 36.6%
- Relevance of coursework to career: 42.5%
- Amount of contact with faculty: 32.5%

Very Satisfied
Somewhat Satisfied
Satisfaction with Computing

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Availability of internet access: 28.4% Very Satisfied, 46.3% Somewhat Satisfied
- Computer facilities/ labs: 22.8% Very Satisfied, 55.3% Somewhat Satisfied
- Quality of computer training/ assistance: 14.9% Very Satisfied, 46.1% Somewhat Satisfied
Habits of Mind

In the past year, how frequently did you...

- Support your opinions with a logical argument: 40.3%
- Ask questions in class: 12.8%
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others: 37.0%
- Revise your papers to improve your writing: 47.3%
- Seek feedback on your academic work: 33.5%
Habits of Mind

In the past year, how frequently did you...

Seek alternative solutions to a problem
- 30.3%

Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain
- 27.2%

Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received
- 38.4%

Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class
- 28.6%

Look up scientific research articles and resources
- 23.8%
## Civic Engagement

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<td>Performed community service as part of class</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
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<td>Participated in political demonstrations</td>
<td>12.9%</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
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<td>Worked on a local, state, or national campaign</td>
<td>7.1%</td>
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<td>Read internet news sites</td>
<td>34.6%</td>
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<td>Discussed politics</td>
<td>56.3%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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Civic Engagement

How important to you personally is each of the following...

- Keeping up-to-date with political affairs: 32.8% Very Important, 13.1% Essential
- Influencing the political structure: 29.5% Very Important, 7.6% Essential
- Becoming a community leader: 26.4% Very Important, 8.7% Essential
- Participating in community action: 31.1% Very Important, 9.9% Essential
- Helping others in difficulty: 47.5% Very Important, 33.3% Essential
- Becoming involved with cleaning up the environment: 29.5% Very Important, 8.8% Essential
Civic Engagement

Compared with when you entered this college, how would you describe your...

- Understanding of problems facing your community: 10.1% Much Stronger, 46.3% Stronger
- Understanding of national issues: 7.9% Much Stronger, 41.7% Stronger
- Understanding of global issues: 11.0% Much Stronger, 40.6% Stronger
Political Views
How would you characterize your political views?

3.6% Far left
40.5% Liberal
42.8% Middle-of-the-Road
12.4% Conservative
0.7% Far Right
Campus Climate

To what extent do you agree that you...

Feel a sense of belonging with this college:
- Strongly Agree: 10.2%
- Agree: 59.5%
- Strongly Disagree: 0%
- Disagree: 0%

See yourself as part of the campus community:
- Strongly Agree: 9.9%
- Agree: 62.8%
- Strongly Disagree: 0%
- Disagree: 0%

Feel like just another number on campus:
- Strongly Agree: 15.6%
- Agree: 49.8%
- Strongly Disagree: 0%
- Disagree: 0%
# Campus Climate

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<td>Felt lonely or homesick</td>
<td>54.3%</td>
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<td>Felt isolated from campus life</td>
<td>48.1%</td>
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<td>Felt unsafe on campus</td>
<td>19.9%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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<td>Gone home for the weekend</td>
<td>45.5%</td>
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<td>Sense of community among students</td>
<td>35.7%</td>
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Peer Relationships

Since entering this college, how often have you interacted with close friends...

- From high school:
  - Never: 8.5%
  - Monthly or less: 31.6%
  - Weekly: 39.4%
  - Daily: 20.5%

- Not at this institution:
  - Never: 4.4%
  - Monthly or less: 28.1%
  - Weekly: 39.1%
  - Daily: 28.5%

- At this institution:
  - Never: 4.4%
  - Monthly or less: 7.1%
  - Weekly: 27.4%
  - Daily: 61.1%
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with male students?

- **Very Easy**: 30.3% (Males) 27.8% (Females)
- **Somewhat Easy**: 50.8% (Males) 36.2% (Females)
- **Somewhat Difficult**: 15.7% (Males) 26.6% (Females)
- **Very Difficult**: 3.1% (Males) 9.3% (Females)
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with female students?

- Very Easy: 25.7% (Males), 47.0% (Females)
- Somewhat Easy: 22.5% (Males), 43.7% (Females)
- Somewhat Difficult: 4.8% (Males), 20.4% (Females)
- Very Difficult: 4.8% (Males), 4.8% (Females)
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with students from a different racial/ethnic group?

- Very Easy: 31.4%
- Somewhat Easy: 45.4%
- Somewhat Difficult: 19.1%
- Very Difficult: 4.1%
Peer Relationships

How often have you...

- Received advice/counseling from another student: 63.5%
  - Occasionally: 10.9%
  - Frequently: 52.6%

- Tutored another student: 42.1%
  - Occasionally: 5.6%
  - Frequently: 36.5%

- Studied with other students: 59.2%
  - Occasionally: 30.9%
  - Frequently: 28.3%

- Had difficulty with roommate(s): 38.9%
  - Occasionally: 8.8%
  - Frequently: 30.1%
Peer Relationships

How satisfied are you with your interaction with other students at this college?

- Very Satisfied: 6.3%
- Satisfied: 45.3%
- Neutral: 28.8%
- Dissatisfied: 15.2%
- Very Dissatisfied: 4.5%
- No Experience: 0.0%
Diversity

How often have you socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group?

- Frequently: 64.7%
- Occasionally: 29.8%
- Not at all: 5.5%
Diversity

Compared to the average person your age, how do you rate yourself in terms of your...

- Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues: 41.3% Above Average, 24.6% Highest 10%
- Openness to having my own views challenged: 43.7% Above Average, 23.0% Highest 10%
- Tolerance of others with different beliefs: 47.6% Above Average, 35.5% Highest 10%
- Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective: 48.6% Above Average, 28.8% Highest 10%
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people: 49.3% Above Average, 31.9% Highest 10%
Diversity

I have felt discriminated against based on my...

- Race/ethnicity: 3.5% (0.9%), 21.6% (2.4%)
- Socio-economic status: 2.0% (1.2%), 14.4% (12.5%)
- Gender: 1.2% (11.6%)
- Religion: 2.4% (3.0%)
- Sexual orientation: 0.9% (12.5%)

Strongly Agree - Agree

Sexual orientation
Religion
Gender
Socio-economic status
Race/ethnicity

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To what extent do you agree that...

- There is a lot of racial tension on this campus:
  - 1.8% Strongly Agree
  - 11.8% Agree

- College experiences have exposed me to diverse opinions, cultures, and values:
  - 63.0% Strongly Agree
  - 18.8% Agree
Diversity

To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own?

- Dined or shared a meal: 41.3% Very Often, 22.3% Often
- Socialized or partied: 27.4% Very Often, 21.1% Often
- Attended events sponsored by other racial/ethnic groups: 8.5% Very Often, 11.6% Often
- Studied or prepared for class: 26.1% Very Often, 28.8% Often
- Had intellectual discussions outside of class: 18.9% Very Often, 27.2% Often
- Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class: 18.5% Very Often, 16.7% Often
- Shared personal feelings and problems: 20.7% Very Often, 24.1% Often

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Diversity

To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own?

- Had guarded, cautious interactions: 2.5% Very Often, 5.6% Often
- Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions: 1.3% Very Often, 2.8% Often
- Felt insulted or threatened because of race/ethnicity: 1.2% Very Often, 2.7% Often
Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following...
Diversity

Satisfaction with racial/ethnic diversity of student and faculty

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<td>Very Satisfied</td>
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Diversity

Satisfaction with respect for the expression of diverse beliefs

- Very Satisfied: 15.1%
- Satisfied: 58.6%
- Neutral: 23.6%
- Dissatisfied: 2.2%
- Very Dissatisfied: 0.6%
### Personal Health Issues

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<td>Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do</td>
<td>54.5%</td>
<td>40.9%</td>
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<td>Felt depressed</td>
<td>58.6%</td>
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<td>Missed class due to illness</td>
<td>42.2%</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>Slept more than 8 hours a day</td>
<td>59.7%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Worried about your health</td>
<td>46.6%</td>
<td>7.7%</td>
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<td>Maintained a healthy diet</td>
<td>58.3%</td>
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<td>Drank beer</td>
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<td>Smoked cigarettes</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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Personal Health Issues

Times in the past two weeks, if any, students have had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row

- None: 76.6%
- Once: 10.2%
- Twice: 7.0%
- 3-5 times: 4.9%
- 6-9 times: 0.7%
- 10+: 0.6%
Personal Health Issues

Since entering this college, have you sought personal counseling?

Yes, 19%
No, 81%
### Plans to Return
What do you think you will be doing in Fall 2008?

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<td>Attending another institution</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Don’t know or have not decided yet</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
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<td>Not attending any institution</td>
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Satisfaction with College Choice

If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at this college?

- Definitely yes: 35%
- Probably yes: 39%
- Probably no: 15%
- Definitely no: 6%
- Not sure yet: 6%
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