# 2012 Your First College Year Survey

Please print in ALL CAPS. Your name and email address here helps to facilitate follow-up studies to improve the college experience.

### Name:
- **First:** 
- **Middle:** 
- **Last:** 

### Email (print letters carefully): 

### When were you born?
- Month: 
- Day: 
- Year: 

### Student ID# (as instructed): 

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## Marking Directions
- Use a black or blue pen.
- "X" out any answer you wish to change.

**Correct Marks**
- ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**Incorrect Marks**
- ✓ ✗ ○ ○

## Group Code
- **A** 
- **B** 

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### 1. Your sex:
- Male
- Female

### 2. Compared with when you entered this college, how would you now describe your:
- (Mark one for each item)
  - General knowledge
  - Knowledge of a particular field or discipline
  - Knowledge of people from different races/cultures
  - Understanding of the problems facing your community
  - Understanding of national issues
  - Understanding of global issues
  - Ability to conduct research
  - Ability to work as part of a team
  - Critical thinking skills
  - Problem-solving skills
  - Leadership ability

### 3. Since entering this college, how often have you interacted with the following people (e.g., by phone, email, Instant Messenger, or in person):
- (Mark one for each item)
  - Faculty during office hours
  - Faculty outside of class or office hours
  - Academic advisors/counselors
  - Close friends at this institution
  - Close friends not at this institution
  - Your family
  - Graduate students/teaching assistants
  - Close friends from your high school

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### 4. Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?
- (Mark one)
  - None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)
  - Some (but I probably will have enough funds)
  - Major (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)

### 5. Since entering this college, how often have you felt:
- (Mark one for each item)
  - Lonely or homesick
  - Isolated from campus life
  - Unsafe on this campus
  - Worried about your health
  - That your courses inspired you to think in new ways
  - That your job responsibilities interfered with your coursework
  - That your family responsibilities interfered with your coursework
  - Family support to succeed
  - That faculty provided me with feedback that helped me assess my progress in class
  - That my contributions were valued in class
  - That faculty encouraged me to ask questions and participate in discussions

### 6. Please rate your satisfaction with this institution on each of the aspects of college life listed below:
- (Mark one for each item)
  - General education and core curriculum courses
  - Your overall academic experience
  - Classroom facilities
  - Computer facilities/labs
  - Library facilities
  - Laboratory facilities and equipment
  - Computing assistance
  - Academic advising
  - Student housing (e.g., res. halls)
  - Financial aid office
  - Financial aid package
  - Student health services
  - Student psychological services
  - Orientation for new students
  - Opportunities for community service
  - First-year programs (e.g., first-year seminar, learning community, linked courses)

### 7. Since entering this college, how often have you utilized the following services:
- (Mark one for each item)
  - Study skills advising
  - Financial aid advising
  - Student health services
  - Student psychological services
  - Writing center
  - Disability resource center
  - Career services
  - Academic advising
8. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself. (Mark one for each item)

- Academic ability
- Artistic ability
- Competitiveness
- Computer skills
- Cooperativeness
- Creativity
- Drive to achieve
- Emotional health
- Leadership ability
- Mathematical ability
- Physical health
- Public speaking ability
- Risk-taking
- Self-confidence (intellectual)
- Self-confidence (social)
- Self-understanding
- Spirituality
- Understanding of others
- Writing ability

9. Since entering this college, how has it been to: (Mark one for each item)

- Understand what your professors expect of you academically
- Develop effective study skills
- Adjust to the academic demands of college
- Manage your time effectively
- Develop close friendships with other students

10. How would you characterize your political views? (Mark one)
- Far left
- Liberal
- Middle-of-the-road
- Conservative
- Far right

11. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself. (Mark one for each item)

- Ability to see the world from someone else’s perspective
- Tolerance of others with different beliefs
- Openness to having my own views challenged
- Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people

12. Since entering this college, how often have you:
- Attended a religious service
- Been bored in class
- Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)
- Tutored another student
- Studied with other students
- Been a guest in a professor’s home
- Smoked cigarettes
- Drank beer
- Drank wine or liquor
- Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do
- Felt depressed
- Performed volunteer work
- Asked a professor for advice after class
- Voted in a student election
- Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign
- Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group
- Came late to class
- Used the Internet for research or homework
- Performed community service as part of class
- Discussed religion
- Discussed politics
- Maintained a healthy diet
- Had adequate sleep
- Helped raise money for a cause or campaign
- Publicly communicated your opinion about a cause (e.g., blog, email, petition)

13. Think back over the past two weeks. How many times, if any, have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row? (A drink can be a 12-ounce beer or wine cooler, a 4-ounce glass of wine, or a shot of liquor either straight or in a mixed drink)

- None
- 3-5 times
- Once
- 6-9 times
- Twice
- 10 or more times

14. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: (Mark one for each item)

- I have felt discriminated against at this institution because of my race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation
- I see myself as part of the campus community
- Faculty showed concern about my progress
- There is a lot of racial tension on this campus
- I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities
- The admission/recruitment materials portrayed this campus accurately
- Faculty empower me to learn here
- If asked, I would recommend this college to others
- At least one staff member has taken an interest in my development
- I feel valued at this institution
- Faculty believe in my potential to succeed academically
- My college experiences have exposed me to diverse opinions, cultures, and values
- Staff encouraged me to get involved in campus activities
- In class, I have heard faculty express stereotypes based on race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation
- Staff recognize my achievements
- Faculty encouraged me to meet with them outside of class
- I am interested in seeking information about current social and political issues
- I feel a sense of belonging to this campus
- At least one faculty member has taken an interest in my development
- I feel I am a member of this college
- I have effectively led a group to a common purpose
15. Please rate your satisfaction with this institution on each of the aspects of college life listed below. (Mark one for each item)

Amount of contact with faculty .................................................................
Racial/ethnic diversity of faculty ..............................................................
Racial/ethnic diversity of student body ....................................................
Class size ..............................................................................................
Interaction with other students ............................................................... 
Relevance of coursework to everyday life ............................................... 
Relevance of coursework to future career plans ..................................... 
Overall quality of instruction .................................................................
Respect for the expression of diverse beliefs .........................................
Availability of campus social activities ...................................................
Your social life ....................................................................................... 
Overall sense of community among students ........................................ 
Overall college experience ....................................................................

16. What is your overall grade average (as of your most recently completed academic term)? (Mark one)

- A or A+  
- B  
- C  
- A-  
- B-  
- B+  
- C+  
- I did not receive grades in my courses

17. How often in the past year did you:
(Mark one for each item)

- Ask questions in class .................................................................
- Support your opinions with a logical argument ............................
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others ................
- Revise your papers to improve your writing .................................
- Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received ......
- Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain ......................
- Seek alternative solutions to a problem ....................................... 
- Look up scientific research articles and resources ......................
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class..............................................................
- Accept mistakes as part of the learning process ..........................
- Seek feedback on your academic work ......................................
- Integrate skills and knowledge from different sources and experiences

18. Where did you primarily live while attending college this past year? (Mark one)

On Campus
- Special interest housing
  - First-year student housing
  - Cultural or minority student housing
  - Single-sex housing
  - Special academic program housing
  - Other special interest housing
- Regular college housing
  - Residence hall
  - Apartment
  - Fraternity or sorority housing
  - Other residential housing

Off Campus
- At home with family 
- Fraternity or sorority
- Rented apartment or house
- Other

19. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: (Mark one for each item)

- Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)
- Becoming an authority in my field
- Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my special field
- Influencing the political structure
- Influencing social values
- Raising a family
- Being very well off financially
- Helping others who are in difficulty
- Making a theoretical contribution to science
- Writing original works (poems, novels, etc.)
- Creating artistic works (painting, sculpture, etc.)
- Becoming successful in a business of my own
- Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment
- Developing a meaningful philosophy of life
- Participating in a community action program
- Helping to promote racial understanding
- Keeping up to date with political affairs
- Becoming a community leader
- Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures
- Adopting “green” practices to protect the environment

20. To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own? (Mark one for each item)

- Dined or shared a meal .................................................................
- Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class
- Had guarded, cautious interactions ..............................................
- Shared personal feelings and problems ........................................
- Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions ...................................
- Had intellectual discussions outside of class ..............................
- Felt insulted or threatened because of your race/ethnicity ..........
- Studied or prepared for class ....................................................... 
- Socialized or partied .................................................................

21. Since entering this college, how much time have you spent during a typical week doing the following activities? (Mark one for each item)

- Attending classes/labs .................................................................
- Studying/homework .................................................................
- Socializing with friends ............................................................
- Exercising or sports .................................................................
- Partying ...........................................................................
- Working (for pay) on campus ....................................................
- Working (for pay) off campus ....................................................
- Student clubs and groups ....................................................... 
- Watching TV ........................................................................
- Household/childcare duties .................................................... 
- Commuting ........................................................................
- Online social networks (Myspace, Facebook, etc.) .................

Hours Per Week
- None
- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- Over 20
22. Since entering this college have you:  
(Mark Yes or No) 
- Decided to pursue a different major ................................................. Yes No  
- Remained undecided about a major .................................................. Yes No  
- Changed your career choice .............................................................. Yes No  
- Participated in student government ................................................... Yes No  
- Held a full-time job (approx. 40 hours) while taking classes ................ Yes No  
- Joined a social fraternity or sorority ................................................... Yes No  
- Played club, intramural, or recreational sports .................................... Yes No  
- Played intercollegiate athletics (e.g., NCAA or NAIA-sponsored) ........... Yes No  
- Participated in student groups/clubs ................................................... Yes No  
- Sought personal counseling ............................................................... Yes No  
- Strengthened your religious beliefs/convictions .................................... Yes No  
- Failed one or more courses ............................................................... Yes No  
- Participated in leadership training ...................................................... Yes No  
- Taken an honors course .................................................................... Yes No  
- Taken a remedial or developmental course .......................................... Yes No  
- Enrolled in a formal program where a group of students takes two or more courses together (e.g., FIG, learning community, linked courses) ........................................................................ Yes No  
- Participated in an academic support program ....................................... Yes No  
- Had a roommate of a different race/ethnicity ...................................... Yes No  
- Accumulated excessive credit card debt ................................................. Yes No  
- Taken a course or first-year seminar designed to:  
  - Connect faculty and students in focused academic inquiry ................. Yes No  
  - Help students adjust to college-level academics ................................ Yes No  
  - Help students adjust to college life .................................................... Yes No  
  - Been a leader in an organization ...................................................... Yes No  
  - Communicated regularly with your professors .................................... Yes No

23. Since entering this college, indicate how often you:  
(Mark one for each item) 
- Turned in course assignment(s) late .................................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Contributed to class discussions ....................................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Discussed course content with students outside of class ..................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Skipped class ..................................................................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Received tutoring ................................................................................ Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Worked on a professor's research project ............................................ Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Turned in course assignments that did not reflect your best work ......... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Had difficulty getting along with your roommate(s)/housemate(s) ........ Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Received from your professor advice or guidance about your educational program ................................................................. Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Witnessed academic dishonesty/cheating ......................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Went home for the weekend ............................................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Received advice/counseling from another student ............................. Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Fell asleep in class ............................................................................. Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Had difficulty getting the courses you need ..................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Instant messaged/texted during class ................................................ Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Worked with classmates on group projects:  
  - During class .................................................................................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
  - Outside of class ................................................................................ Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Accessed your campus' library resources electronically ........................ Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Made a presentation in class .............................................................. Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Applied concepts from courses to everyday life ............................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all  
- Used the institution's course catalog (paper or online) ....................... Frequently Occasionally Not at all

24. Are you currently registered to vote?  
- Ineligible  Yes No  

25. If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at your current (or most recent) college?  
(Mark one)  
- Definitely yes  Definitely not Not sure yet  
  - Probably yes  Probably not

26. What do you think you will be doing in Fall 2012?  
(Mark one)  
- Attending your current (or most recent) institution  
- Attending another institution  
- Don't know/have not decided yet

27. Are you currently a full-time or part-time student?  
- Full-time  Part-time  Not enrolled

28. Did you transfer into this institution from another college/university?  
- Yes  No

29. What year did you first enter:  
(Mark one in each column) 
- Your 1st College 
- This College 
  - 2011 or 2012 .................................................................  
  - 2010 .................................................................  
  - 2009 .................................................................  
  - 2008 .................................................................  
  - 2007 or earlier .................................................................

30. Is English your native language?  Yes No

31. Are you:  
(Mark all that apply)  
- White/Caucasian  
- African American/Black  
- American Indian/Alaska Native  
- Asian American/Asian  
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
- Mexican American/Chicano  
- Puerto Rican  
- Other Latino  
- Other

The remaining ovals are provided for additional questions that may be supplied by your institution.

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