



2021 Your First College Year Survey

Contact Information

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Email

Student ID number

When were you born?

Month (01-12)

Day (01-31)

Year

Group Code:

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1. Are you currently a full-time or part-time student?

(Select one response only)

Full-time undergraduate

Part-time undergraduate

Not enrolled

2. What year did you first enter:

(Select one in each column)

[Response Choices: Your 1st College, This College]

2020 or 2021

2019

2018

2017

2016 or earlier

3. Do you identify as transgender?

Yes

No

4. What is your current gender identity?

Man

Woman

Non-binary

Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming

Identity not listed above (please state): [Free response]

5. Are you:

(Select all that apply)

White/Caucasian

African American/Black

Native American/Alaska Native

East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)

Filipina/o/x

Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong)

South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)

Other Asian

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Mexican American/Chicana/o/x

Puerto Rican

Central American

South American

Other Hispanic or Latina/o/x

Other

6. What is your sexual orientation?

(Select one response only)

Heterosexual/Straight

Asexual

Bisexual

Gay

Lesbian

Pansexual

Queer

Not listed above [Free response]

7. How often in the past year did you:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Support your opinions with a logical argument

Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others

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

8. Since entering this college, how often have you interacted with the following people (e.g., by phone, e-mail, text, or in person):

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Daily, 2 or 3 times per week, Once a week, 1 or 2 times per month, 1 or 2 times per term, Never]

Faculty during office hours

Faculty outside of class or office hours

Academic advisors/counselors

Graduate students/teaching assistants

Close friends at this institution

Close friends not at this institution

Your parents/guardians

Your siblings or extended family

9. Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?

(Select one response only)

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)

10. How much of the past year's educational expenses (room, board, tuition, and fees) were covered from each of the following sources?

(Select one answer for each possible source)

[Response categories: None, \$1 to \$2,999, \$3,000 to \$5,999, \$6,000 to \$9,999, \$10,000 to \$14,999, \$15,000 or more]

Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)

My own resources (income from work, work-study, etc.)

Aid which need not be repaid (grants, scholarships, military, etc.)

Aid which must be repaid (loans)

11. Since entering this college, how often have you felt:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Lonely or homesick

Isolated from campus life

Unsafe on this campus

That your courses inspired you to think in new ways
That your job responsibilities interfered with your schoolwork
That your family responsibilities interfered with your schoolwork
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

12. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied, Can't Rate/No Experience]

General education and core curriculum courses
Your overall academic experience
Career-related resources and support
Student housing (e.g., res. halls)
Financial aid office
Financial aid package
Orientation for new students
Opportunities for community service
First-year programs (e.g., first-year seminar, learning community, linked courses, common book)
Mentoring received from faculty
Mentoring received from staff

13. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in the following areas related to instruction:

(Select one answer for each item)

[Response Choices: Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied, Can't Rate/No Experience]

Effectiveness of remote instruction
Functionality of the online learning platform
Flexibility with attendance policy
Flexibility with grading practices
Overall quality of instruction
Instructor availability via virtual office hours or by email
Instructor flexibility in responding to student concerns
Availability of instructional technology support
Opportunities to participate in class discussion
Access to academic support services (i.e., tutoring center)

13a. Is there anything you wish to further clarify about your responses to this section? If yes, please explain: (free response)

14. How many courses are you taking this term with pass/fail grading (as opposed to letter grading)?

(Select one response only)

Not applicable

My school is not offering pass/fail grading

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2

3

4

5+

15. 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.

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%]

Academic ability

Artistic ability

Compassion

Computer programming skills

Creativity

Drive to achieve

Emotional health

Flexibility during uncertain times

Leadership ability

Mathematical ability

Physical health

Public speaking ability

Risk-taking

Self-confidence (intellectual)

Self-confidence (social)

Spirituality

Understanding of others

Writing ability

16. Rate on a scale of 1-7 the extent to which each of the following has been a source of stress for you during the COVID-19 pandemic:

(Select one for each item)

[Response Choices: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (1=Not at All, 4=Somewhat, 7=Extensive)]

Physical health
Mental health
Health of loved ones
Access to health services
The extent to which others adhere to social distancing guidelines while out in public
Coping with social isolation
My current living arrangements
Ability to pay rent
Ability to pay other bills
Funds to purchase basic necessities (e.g. food, toilet paper)
Ability to concentrate on course assignments
Access to internet
Appropriate space to attend classes remotely (e.g. noise level, work area)

16a. Is there anything you wish to further clarify about your responses to this section? If yes, please explain: (free response)

17. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements.
(Select one in each row)

[Response categories: Strongly Agree, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, Strongly Disagree]

The U.S. should implement universal mail-in voting for general elections
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs
Since the start of the pandemic, President Trump has demonstrated effective leadership
The U.S. Congress has demonstrated effective leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic
I feel comfortable with the progress the state where I attend college has made with respect to controlling the spread of the virus
Stay-at-home orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic were generally an overreaction
Since the start of the pandemic, President Trump has been dishonest in his descriptions of the effectiveness of his administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
Campus leadership has communicated effectively regarding the pandemic
I support the decision leaders have made with respect to the current level of in-person operations on campus
My institution's pandemic response prioritizes the health and safety of students
This college should minimize in-person operations until a vaccine is developed

17a. Is there anything you wish to further clarify about your responses to this section? If yes, please explain:
(free response)

18. Since entering this college, how has it been to:
(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Very Easy, Somewhat Easy, Somewhat Difficult, Very Difficult]

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

19. How would you rate yourself in the following areas:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: A Major Strength, Somewhat Strong, Average, Somewhat Weak, A Major Weakness]

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
Critical thinking skills

20. Since entering this college, how often have you:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Attended a religious service
Been bored in class
Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)
Studied with other students
Consumed beer
Consumed wine or liquor
Vaped/used e-cigarettes
Consumed marijuana/cannabis
Consumed non-THC marijuana/cannabis alternatives (e.g., CBD, CBD oils, CBD topical applications)
Consumed a controlled substance to boost your academic performance (e.g., Ritalin, Adderall)
Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do
Felt depressed
Performed volunteer work
Contributed money to help support my family
Asked a professor for advice after class
Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign
Socialized with someone of another sexual orientation
Been late to class
Posted on a course-related online discussion board
Performed community service as part of a class

Discussed religion
Discussed politics
Maintained a healthy diet
Had difficulty concentrating on a task
Had adequate sleep
Helped raise money for a cause or campaign
Publicly communicated your opinion about a cause (e.g., blog, email, petition)
Felt anxious
Written computer code

21. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree]

I have felt discriminated against at this institution because of my race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration/citizenship status, religion, or disability status

I see myself as part of the campus community

There is a lot of racial tension on this campus

There is little that a person can do to be better at math - you are either "good" or "bad" at math

Sexual violence is prevalent on this campus

I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities

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

In class, I have heard faculty express stereotypes based on race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration/citizenship status, religion, or disability status

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

It's important for me to be thinking about my career path after college

I have a clear idea of how to achieve my career goals

My political views closely resemble those of my parents/guardians

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

(Select one response only)

A or A+

A-

B+

B

B-

C+

C

D

I did not receive grades in my courses

23. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied]

Amount of contact with faculty
Racial/ethnic diversity of faculty
Racial/ethnic diversity of student body
Gender diversity of faculty
Respect for the expression of diverse beliefs
Overall sense of community among students
Overall college experience
Administrative response to incidents of:
(Select one in each row)
 Campus emergencies
 Discrimination
 Sexual assaults

24. Please rate your agreement with the following statements: This institution has contributed to my:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree]

Intellectual and practical skills (including inquiry and analysis, critical thinking, and information literacy)
Knowledge of a particular field or discipline
Knowledge of people from different races/cultures
Understanding the problems facing my community
Understanding of national issues
Understanding of global issues
Ability to conduct research
Ability to work as part of a team
Problem-solving skills
Foreign language ability

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

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Very Often, Often, Sometimes, Seldom, Never]

Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class
Pursued (by), dated, or otherwise intimately involved

Felt understood
Had guarded, cautious interactions
Shared personal feelings and problems
Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions
Felt insulted or threatened because of your race/ethnicity
Felt ignored or invisible because your race/ethnicity
Socialized or partied

26. Where did you primarily live while attending college this past year?

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 house
Rented apartment or house
Other

27. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Essential, Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important]

Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)
Becoming an authority in my field
Integrating spirituality into my life
Becoming successful in a business of my own
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.)
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
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment

28. Since entering this college have you:

(Select Yes or No for each item)

Decided to pursue a different major
Remained undecided about a major
Failed one or more courses
Taken an honors course
Taken a remedial or developmental course
Enrolled in a formal program where a group of students takes two or more courses together (e.g. FIG, learning community, linked courses)
Participated in an academic support program
Taken a course or first-year seminar designed to help students adjust to college
Taken courses from more than one institution simultaneously
Taken a course exclusively online

29. Since entering this college have you:

(Select Yes or No for each item)

Changed your career choice
Held a full-time job (approx. 40 hours) while taking classes
Felt hungry but didn't eat because I didn't have enough money for food
Joined a fraternity or sorority
Joined a pre-professional or departmental club
Participated in an undergraduate research program
Played club, intramural, or recreational sports
Played intercollegiate athletics (e.g., NCAA or NAIA)
Sought personal counseling
Strengthened your religious or spiritual beliefs/convictions
Had a roommate of a different race/ethnicity
Accumulated excessive credit card debt
Been a leader in an organization
Voted in a national, state, or local election
Been made aware of your college's sexual harassment/assault reporting policy
Been made aware of your college's academic dishonest policy (e.g., plagiarism, cheating)
Participated in:
 Student government
 Leadership training
 An ethnic/racial student organization
 An LGBTQ student organization
 A women's advocacy group

30. Roughly how much credit card debt do you carry on a monthly basis?

I don't have a credit card

None, I pay my credit card off monthly

\$1-\$249

\$250-\$499

\$500-\$999

\$1000-\$2499

\$2500 or more

31. Since entering this college, how much time have you spent during a typical week doing the following activities?

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Hours per week: None, < 1 hr/wk, 1-2 hrs/wk, 3-5 hrs/wk, 6-10 hrs/wk, 11-15 hrs/wk, 16-20 hrs/wk, Over 20 hrs/wk]

Attending classes/labs

Studying/homework

Working with classmates on group projects

Socializing with friends in person

Participating in student clubs/groups

Watching TV/online video content (e.g., Amazon, Hulu, Netflix, YouTube)

Exercising/sports

Working (for pay) on campus (including remote work)

Working (for pay) off campus

Performing household/childcare duties

Meditating/Participating in mindfulness activity

32. Since entering this college, indicate how often you:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Turned in course assignment(s) late

Discussed course content with students outside of class

Missed class due to employment

Missed class for other reasons

Communicated regularly with your professors

Worked on a professor's research project

Turned in course assignments that did not reflect your best work

Had difficulty getting along with your roommate(s)/housemate(s)

Participated in virtual study spaces during the pandemic

33. How would you characterize your political views?

(Select one response only)

Far left
Liberal
Middle-of-the-road
Conservative
Far right

34. Are you currently registered to vote?

(Select one response only)

Ineligible
Yes
No

35. If given the choice, would you still choose to enroll at your current (or most) recent college? (Select one response only)

Definitely yes
Probably yes
Probably no
Definitely no
Not sure yet

36. Since entering this college, how often have you utilized the following services:

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Study skills advising
Financial aid advising
Student health services
Student psychological services
Writing center
Disability resource center
Career services
Academic advising
Campus safety services (Safe Walk, Public Safety/Police Dept., etc.)

37. What do you think you will be doing in fall 2021?

(Select one response only)

Attending your current (or most recent) institution
Attending another institution
Don't know/have not decided yet
Not attending any institution

38. Military Status:

(Select one response only)

None

ROTC, cadet, or midshipman at a service academy

In Reserves or National Guard

On Active Duty

A discharged veteran NOT serving on Active Duty, in the Reserves, or in the National Guard

39. Please indicate your current major using the codes provided on the attached fold out.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

A1 Art, fine and applied

A2 Classical and Modern Languages and Literature

A3 English (language and literature)

A4 History

A5 Journalism/Communication

A6 Media/Film Studies

A7 Music

A8 Philosophy

A9 Theater/Drama

B1 Theology/Religion

B2 Other Arts and Humanities

BIOLOGICAL & LIFE SCIENCES

B3 Agriculture/Natural Resources

B4 Animal Biology (zoology)

B5 Biochemistry/Biophysics

B6 Biology (general)

B7 Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

B8 Environmental Science

B9 Marine Biology

C1 Microbiology

C2 Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology

C3 Neurobiology/Neuroscience

C4 Plant Biology (botany)

C5 Other Biological Science

BUSINESS

C6 Accounting

C7 Business Admin. (general)

C8 Computer/Management Information Systems

C9 Entrepreneurship

D Finance

D2 Hospitality/Tourism

D3 Human Resources Management

D4 International Business

D5 Management

D6 Marketing

D7 Real Estate

D8 Other Business

EDUCATION

D9 Elementary Education

E1 Music or Art Education

E2 Physical Education or Recreation

E3 Secondary Education

E4 Special Education

E5 Other Education

ENGINEERING

E6 Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering

E7 Biological/Agricultural Engineering

E8 Biomedical Engineering

E9 Chemical Engineering

F1 Civil Engineering

F2 Computer Engineering

F3 Electrical/Electronic Communications Engineering

F4 Engineering Science/Engineering Physics

F5 Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering

F6 Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering

F7 Materials Engineering

F8 Mechanical Engineering

F9 Other Engineering

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

G1 Clinical Laboratory Science

G2 Health Care Administration/Studies

G3 Health Technology

G4 Kinesiology

G5 Nursing

G6 Pharmacy

G7 Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)

G8 Other Health Profession

MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

G9 Computer Science

H1 Mathematics/Statisticians

H2 Other Math and Computer Science

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

H3 Astronomy & Astrophysics

H4 Atmospheric Sciences

H5 Chemistry

H6 Earth & Planetary Sciences

H7 Marine Science

H8 Physics

H9 Other Physical Science

SOCIAL SCIENCE

I1 Anthropology

I2 Economics

I3 Ethnic/Cultural Studies

I4 Geography

I5 Political Science (gov't., international relations)

I6 Psychology

I7 Public Policy

I8 Social Work

I9 Sociology

J1 Women's/Gender Studies

J2 Other Social Science

OTHER MAJORS

J3 Architecture/Urban Planning

J4 Criminal Justice

J5 Library Science

J6 Military Sciences/Technology/Operations

J7 Security & Protective Services

J8 OTHER

J9 UNDECIDED

40. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions?

Learning disability (dyslexia, etc.)

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Autism spectrum disorder

Physical or sensory disability (speech, sight, mobility, hearing, etc.)

Chronic illness (cancer, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, etc.)

Psychological disorder (depression, anxiety, PTSD, etc.)

Other

41. To what extent are the following statements true of you: (Select one in each row)

[Response categories: Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Neutral, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly]

I have a strong sense of belonging to a community of scientists

I derive great personal satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research

I think of myself as a scientist

I feel like I belong in the field of science

42. How confident are you that you can: (Select one in each row)

[Response categories: Absolutely, Very, Moderately, Somewhat, Not at All]

Use technical science skills (use of tools, instruments, and/or techniques)

Generate an answerable research question

Determine how to collect appropriate data

Explain the results of a study

Use scientific literature to guide research

Integrate results from multiple studies

Ask relevant questions
Identify what is known and not known about a problem
Understand scientific concepts
See connections between different areas of science and mathematics

43. Will you pursue a science-related research career?

Definitely yes
Probably yes
Uncertain
Probably no
Definitely no

44. Did you do any of the following activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

(Select one in each row)

[Response Choices: Yes, No]

Extend time to degree
Take courses at a different institution
Decide not to study abroad
Experience a cancellation or shortening of an internship
Decide to pursue a graduate degree
Leave college before completing degree
Decide to pursue a different career path

44a. Is there anything you wish to further clarify about your responses to this section? If yes, please explain: (free response)

45. Did you transfer to this institution from another college/university?

Yes
No

46. Is English your primary language?

Yes
No

47. Do you plan to do any of the following this summer?

(Select Yes or No for each item)

Take courses at this institution
Take courses at another institution
Work for pay

Perform volunteer work
Participate in an internship
Travel

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

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