

2023 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:

A

B

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 row)

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

2022 or 2023

2021

2020

2019

2018 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/e/x
- Puerto Rican
- Central American
- South American
- Other Hispanic or Latina/o/e/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

Classroom facilities

Library resources

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, common book)

Mentoring received from faculty

Mentoring received from staff

13. 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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1

2

3

4

5+

14. 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
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

15. Rate on a scale of 1-7 the extent to which each of the following has been a source of stress for you due to 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
Feeling academically unprepared for my classes

15a. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your first year of college related to the COVID-19 pandemic? (free response)

16. 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

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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

I have been able to talk to a campus mental health professional when needed

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

20. 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

21. 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

Class size
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
Overall sense of community among students
Overall college experience

Administrative response to incidents of:

(Select *one* in each row)

Campus emergencies
Discrimination
Sexual assaults

22. 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

23. 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]

Dined or shared a meal
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
Had intellectual discussions outside of class

Felt insulted or threatened because of your race/ethnicity
Felt ignored or invisible because your race/ethnicity
Studied or prepared for class
Socialized or partied

24. 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

25. 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
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
Integrating spirituality into my life
Working to correct social inequalities
Working to correct economic inequalities
Working to achieve greater gender equity

26. 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

27. 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
Participated in leadership training
Participated in an ethnic/racial student organization
Participated in an LGBTQ student organization
Participated in a women's advocacy group

28. 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

\$1,000-\$2,499

\$2,500 or more

29. 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

Using social media

Partying

Participating in student clubs/groups

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

Exercising/sports

Working (for pay) *on* campus (remote included)

Working (for pay) *off* campus

Performing household/childcare duties

Meditating/Participating in mindfulness activity

30. 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

Tutored another student

Contributed to class discussions

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)

Witnessed academic dishonesty/cheating

Went home for the weekend
Received advice/counseling from another student
Had difficulty getting the courses you need
Texted or used social media during class
Made a presentation in class

31. How would you characterize your political views?

(Select *one* response only)

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

32. Are you currently registered to vote?

(Select *one* response only)

Ineligible
Yes
No

33. 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

34. 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.)

35. What do you think you will be doing in fall 2023?

(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

36. 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

37. Please indicate your current major:

Art, fine and applied
Classical and Modern Languages and Literature
English (language and literature)
History
Journalism/Communication
Media/Film Studies
Music
Philosophy
Theater/Drama
Theology/Religion
Other Arts and Humanities
Agriculture/Natural Resources
Animal Biology (zoology)
Biochemistry/Biophysics
Biology (general)
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Environmental Science
Marine Biology
Microbiology
Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology
Neurobiology/Neuroscience
Plant Biology (botany)
Other Biological Science
Accounting
Business Admin. (general)
Computer/Management Information Systems
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Hospitality/Tourism
Human Resources Management
International Business
Management
Marketing
Real Estate
Other Business
Elementary Education
Music or Art Education
Physical Education or Recreation
Secondary Education
Special Education
Other Education
Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering
Biological/Agricultural Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical/Electronic
Communications Engineering
Engineering Science/Engineering
Physics
Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering
Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering
Materials Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Other Engineering
Clinical Laboratory Science
Health Care Administration/Studies
Health Technology
Kinesiology
Nursing
Pharmacy
Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)
Other Health Profession
Computer Science
Mathematics/Statistics
Other Math and Computer Science
Astronomy & Astrophysics
Atmospheric Sciences
Chemistry
Earth & Planetary Sciences
Marine Science
Physics
Other Physical Science
Anthropology
Economics
Ethnic/Cultural Studies
Geography
Political Science (gov't., international relations)
Psychology
Public Policy
Social Work
Sociology
Women's/Gender Studies
Other Social Science
Architecture/Urban Planning
Criminal Justice
Library Science
Military
Sciences/Technology/Operations
Security & Protective Services
OTHER
UNDECIDED

38. Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions? (Select *all* that apply)

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

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

Definitely yes

Probably yes

Uncertain

Probably no

Definitely no

40. Did you transfer into this institution from another college/university?

No

Yes, I transferred from a different 2-year college

Yes, I transferred from a different 4-year college/university

41. Is English your primary language?

Yes

No

42. Citizenship status: (Select one)

U.S. citizen

Permanent resident (green card)

International student (i.e., F-1, J-1, or M-1 visa)

None of the above

43. On a scale of 1-7, how remote/urban would you characterize the hometown you lived in during most of your high school experience? (Select one)

1 remote

2

3 rural

4

5 suburban

6

7 urban

44. 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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Thank You!