



University of Kentucky NEW FRESHMAN SURVEY

Your answers to the following questions will help us evaluate our programs. This survey should take you 10-15 minutes to complete. Results will be reported only in summary fashion. *Your responses are completely confidential and will not be associated with your identity.* We ask for your Social Security number in order to compile statistics on retention for your class and to obtain necessary background information about your major. Mark your answers by completely filling the appropriate circle.

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

High School Experiences

1. How academically challenging was your senior year in high school?

- ① Not at all challenging
- ② Somewhat challenging
- ③ Challenging
- ④ Very challenging

2. How many years of high school coursework have you taken in the following subject areas?

(Mark one in <u>each</u> row)	1	2	3	4
a. Natural Sciences	①	②	③	④
b. Math	①	②	③	④
c. Foreign Language	①	②	③	④
d. Social Studies	①	②	③	④

3. From the list below, indicate the volunteer, **non-credit** activities in which you participated during high school. Mark all that apply, but do not indicate activities in which you received course credit.

- a. art exhibit or musical, theatrical, or dance production
- b. school newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine or writing contest
- c. debate team, speech contest, or radio/TV production
- d. scientific research project
- e. member of a special interest, social, honorary, or service organization
- f. member of an athletic team or active in intramural sports
- g. class officer, member of a student council, team captain, or officer of any type of school organization

4. What grades did you usually get in school (grade point average)?

- ① A ③ B ⑤ C ⑦ D
- ② A- or B+ ④ B- or C+ ⑥ C- or D+ ⑧ F

5. What was the size of your senior class?

6. How effective was your high school preparation for college-level work?

- ① Very ineffective
- ② Ineffective
- ③ Effective
- ④ Very effective

7. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being impossible and 10 being absolutely certain), what do you think your chances are of being successful at UK?

8. Compared with when you started your senior year, how would you describe your following skills and knowledge?

- (Mark one in each row)
- | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | <i>Much weaker</i> | <i>Weaker</i> | <i>No change</i> | <i>Stronger</i> | <i>Much stronger</i> |
| a. Being able to write | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| b. Being able to make effective .. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| oral presentations | | | | | |
| c. Logically analyzing argu- | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| ments using statistical or mathematical reasoning | | | | | |
| d. Understanding the world | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| from a variety of viewpoints | | | | | |
| e. Enjoying the arts | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| f. Valuing cultural diversity in .. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| our society | | | | | |
| g. Understanding how the arts ... | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| reveal human experience | | | | | |
| h. Understanding methods of | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| reasoning in the natural sciences (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics) | | | | | |
| i. Knowing about nations or | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| cultures outside the United States | | | | | |
| j. Understanding yourself | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |

9. During your senior year of high school, about how often did you do each of the following?

(Mark one in each row)

Never *Sometimes* *Often* *Very often*
 ① ① ② ③

- a. Asked questions in class or ① ① ② ③
contributed to class discussions
- b. Made a class presentation ① ① ② ③
- c. Worked on a paper or project ① ① ② ③
that required integrating ideas or
information from various sources
- d. Came to class without ① ① ② ③
completing readings or assignments
- e. Worked with other students on ① ① ② ③
projects **during class**
- f. Worked with classmates ① ① ② ③
outside of class to prepare class
assignments
- g. Used an electronic medium ① ① ② ③
(list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.)
to discuss or complete an assignment
- h. Talked about career plans with ① ① ② ③
a teacher or counselor
- i. Worked harder than you thought . ① ① ② ③
you could to meet a teacher's
standards or expectations
- j. Discussed ideas from your ① ① ② ③
readings or classes with others
outside of class

10. During your senior year in high school, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities? (Mark one in each row)

Less than 1 hour *None* *1-2 hours* *3-5 hours* *6-10 hours* *11-15 hours* *16-20 hours* *21-30 hours* *Over 30 hours*
 ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

- a. Attending class/labs .. ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- b. Studying/homework .. ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- c. Socializing/partying .. ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- d. Exercising or sports ... ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- e. Participating in ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
student clubs/groups
- f. Watching TV ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- g. Household/childcare . ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
duties
- h. Reading for pleasure . ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
- i. Playing video/ ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧
computer games
- j. Working for pay ① ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

11. How would you describe the racial composition of your high school and your friends in high school?

(Mark only one per column)

School *Friends*
 ① ①
 ② ②
 ③ ③
 ④ ④
 ⑤ ⑤

- Nearly all African-American (or ① ①
other minority)
- Mostly African-American (or other ② ②
minority)
- About half White and half African- ③ ③
American (or other minority)
- Mostly White ④ ④
- Nearly all White ⑤ ⑤

Information about You

12. During the past year, how often have you felt:
(Mark one in each row)

Never *Rarely* *Sometimes* *Often* *Always*
 ① ① ② ③ ④
 ② ② ③ ④ ⑤
 ③ ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥
 ④ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
 ⑤ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

- a. Lonely ① ① ② ③ ④
- b. Supported by your friends ① ① ② ③ ④
- c. That your family is support-.. ① ① ② ③ ④
ive of your academic pursuits
- d. Worried about meeting new . ① ① ② ③ ④
people
- e. Isolated from others at your . ① ① ② ③ ④
school or college
- f. Safe to express your views ... ① ① ② ③ ④
and opinions
- g. A need to break away from .. ① ① ② ③ ④
your family in order to succeed
in college
- h. Pressure to conform to the ... ① ① ② ③ ④
values or beliefs of your friends
- i. Unmotivated ① ① ② ③ ④
- j. Pressure from your friends ... ① ① ② ③ ④
to do things that you don't
want to do

13. Have you experienced any of the following during the last year? (Mark all that apply)

- a. Serious romantic relationship ○
- b. Long-distance romantic relationship ○
- c. Serious financial difficulties ○
- d. Serious illness or injury ○
- e. "Break up" with romantic partner ○
- f. Parents' divorce or separation ○
- g. Serious problem or crisis involving ○
close friend or family member
- h. Death of close friend or family member ○

14. During the past year, how often have you engaged in the following activities with an African-American, a white American, and a person from another minority group? (Mark one in each row)

- | | | | | | |
|----|---|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | | <i>Never</i> | <i>1-3 times</i> | <i>4-6 times</i> | <i>7 or more times</i> |
| a. | Worked on a school project or activity with | | | | |
| | an African-American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | a White American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | another minority member? ... | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| b. | Had a long conversation about a topic of mutual interest with | | | | |
| | an African-American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | a White American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | another minority member? ... | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| c. | Went to a movie or other social event with | | | | |
| | an African-American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | a White American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | another minority member? ... | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| d. | Invited to your home | | | | |
| | an African-American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | a White American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | another minority member? ... | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| e. | Counted among your good friends | | | | |
| | an African-American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | a White American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | another minority member? ... | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| f. | Went to the home of | | | | |
| | an African-American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | a White American? | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |
| | another minority member? ... | ⓪ | ① | ② | ③ |

Expectations about College

15. Whose decision was it for you to attend college and enroll at UK? (Mark one per column)

- | | | | |
|--|--|----------------|-----------|
| | | <i>College</i> | <i>UK</i> |
| | completely my decision | ① | ① |
| | mostly my decision | ② | ② |
| | half my decision and half my parents' (or other people's) decision | ③ | ③ |
| | mostly my parent's (or other people's) decision | ④ | ④ |
| | completely my parents' (or other people's) decision | ⑤ | ⑤ |

16. How many students do you know personally that are currently attending the University of Kentucky?

17. Do you plan to join a fraternity/sorority?
 ⓪ no ① yes ② not sure

18. How apprehensive (nervous) are you about leaving home to attend college?
 ⓪ not at all
 ① somewhat
 ② very

19. How often do you plan to go home on the weekends when you're in college?
 ⓪ never
 ① very infrequently
 ② once a month
 ③ every other weekend
 ④ every weekend

20. Please indicate how important each of the following goals or expectations are for you in your college career:
 (Mark one in each row)

- | | | | | |
|----|--|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | <i>Not important</i> | <i>Somewhat important</i> | <i>Very important</i> |
| a. | To develop my intellectual capabilities | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| b. | To become a cultured person | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| c. | To qualify for a job | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| d. | To study new subjects | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| e. | To make new friends | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| f. | To join a student organization | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| g. | To attend athletic events | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| h. | To increase my earning power in the job market | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| i. | To please my parents | ⓪ | ① | ② |
| j. | To complete a degree | ⓪ | ① | ② |

21. How much time do you plan to spend studying outside of class at UK?
 _____ hours per week

22. What is the highest degree you ultimately plan to earn?
 ① I do not plan to complete a degree
 ② Bachelor's degree
 ③ Master's degree
 ④ Professional degree (such as dentistry, medicine, law, theology)
 ⑤ Doctoral degree (such as a Ph.D., Ed.D.)

23. Indicate whether each of the following will be a major source, a minor source, or not a source of funding for your college education.
(Mark one in each row)

	Not a source	Minor source	Major source
a. Parents/Relatives	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
b. Veteran's benefits	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
c. Educational grants (Pell Grants, FSEOG, Private Grants, etc.)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
d. KEES Scholarship	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
e. Other scholarships (Private, Federal, College, etc.)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
f. Student loans (Perkins Loan, Federal Direct Loan, etc.)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
g. Employment while attending college (including Work-Study)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ
h. Personal savings	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ

24. About how many hours per week will you be employed during your first term at UK?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Ⓐ Undecided | Ⓒ 11 to 20 |
| Ⓑ 0 or only occasional jobs | Ⓓ 21 to 30 |
| Ⓓ 1 to 10 | Ⓔ 31 to 40 |
| | Ⓕ Over 40 |

Demographic Information

25. Your gender:

- Ⓐ male Ⓑ female

26. What group do you belong to?

- Ⓐ White (not Hispanic)
 Ⓑ Black/African American (not Hispanic)
 Ⓒ Hispanic/Latino(a)
 Ⓓ Asian/Pacific Islander
 Ⓔ American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Ⓕ Other (specify _____)

27. About how many people live in your hometown?

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Ⓐ less than 500 | Ⓒ 10,001 to 20,000 |
| Ⓑ 501 to 1,000 | Ⓓ 20,001 to 50,000 |
| Ⓓ 1,001 to 3,000 | Ⓔ 50,001 to 100,000 |
| Ⓔ 3,001 to 7,000 | Ⓕ 100,001 to 250,000 |
| Ⓕ 7,001 to 10,000 | Ⓖ more than 250,000 |

28. About how far is your family home from UK?

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ⓐ less than 10 miles | Ⓒ 101 to 300 miles |
| Ⓑ 11 to 50 miles | Ⓓ 301 to 600 miles |
| Ⓓ 51 to 100 miles | Ⓔ more than 600 miles |

29. What is the highest level of education achieved by your parents? (Mark one per column)

	Mother	Father
Less than high school graduate	Ⓐ	Ⓐ
High school graduate or GED	Ⓑ	Ⓑ
1 to 3 years of college or technical training	Ⓒ	Ⓒ
4-year college degree (BA, BS)	Ⓓ	Ⓓ
Master's degree	Ⓔ	Ⓔ
Ph.D., M.D., or J.D.	Ⓕ	Ⓕ

30. Do you have any brothers/sisters who have attended a college or university?

- Ⓐ no Ⓑ yes Ⓒ I don't have any siblings

31. What is your estimated family income?

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ⓐ less than \$18,000 | Ⓒ \$42,001-\$50,000 |
| Ⓑ \$18,001-\$24,000 | Ⓓ \$50,001-\$60,000 |
| Ⓒ \$24,001-\$30,000 | Ⓔ \$60,001-\$80,000 |
| Ⓓ \$30,001-\$36,000 | Ⓕ \$80,001-\$100,000 |
| Ⓔ \$36,001-\$42,000 | Ⓖ more than \$100,000 |

Thank you for completing the survey.



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