

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

SURVEY OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Your answers to the following questions will help us evaluate our programs. This survey should take you 15-20 minutes to complete. Results will be reported only in summary fashion. *Your responses are treated as confidential and are available only to university advising and research personnel fulfilling assigned roles and responsibilities.* 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.

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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 each 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. How many Advanced Placement courses and exams did you take in high school?

(Mark one in each row)

	0	1	2	3	4	5+
a. AP Courses	⓪	①	②	③	④	⑤
b. AP Exams	⓪	①	②	③	④	⑤

4. What was the size of your senior class?

- ① 1-99
- ② 100-199
- ③ 200-299
- ④ 300-399
- ⑤ 400 or more

5. 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, student council member, team captain, or club officer

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?

- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

8. How would you describe the racial composition of your high school and your friends in high school? (Mark only one per column)

	School	Friends
Nearly all African-American (or other minority)	①	①
Mostly African-American (or other minority)	②	②
About half White and half African-American (or other minority)	③	③
Mostly White	④	④
Nearly all White	⑤	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 |
|---|-------|-----------|-------|------------|
| a. Asked questions in class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b. Made a class presentation | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources .. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d. Referred to knowledge you acquired in your readings or classes .. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f. Used an electronic medium (list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g. Worked with other students on projects during class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| h. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments.. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| i. Read recommended texts/readings in addition to required readings | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| j. Applied the material you were studying to a practical problem | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| k. Contributed to class discussions | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| l. Had serious talks with students whose race is different than your own | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| m. Took detailed notes in class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| n. Felt bored in class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| o. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| p. Discussed ideas from readings or classes with others outside of class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| q. Did assigned homework before class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| r. Expressed views or opinions in class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| s. Skipped/missed class | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| t. Had serious talks with students whose religious or political beliefs were very different from yours | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

10. 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 in each row)

- | | Lowest 10% | Below Average | Average | Above Average | Highest 10% |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| a. Academic ability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Drive to achieve | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Self-confidence (intellectual) ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Self-confidence (social) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

11. Compared with when you started your senior year, how would you describe your following skills and knowledge? (Mark one in each row)

- | | Much weaker | Weaker | No change | Stronger | Much stronger |
|---|-------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| a. Being able to write clearly | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Being able to make effective oral presentations | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Understanding the world from a variety of viewpoints | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Logically analyzing arguments with statistical or mathematical reasoning | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. Appreciating the arts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. Valuing cultural diversity in our society | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. Understanding methods of reasoning in the natural sciences (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics) ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. Using computers and information technology | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i. Thinking critically and analytically | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| j. Understanding yourself | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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

- | | None | Less than 1 hour | 1-2 hours | 3-5 hours | 6-10 hours | 11-15 hours | 16-20 hours | Over 20 hours |
|--|------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| a. Attending class/labs | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| b. Studying/home-work | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| c. Socializing/partying | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| d. Exercising/sports .. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| e. Participating in student clubs/groups | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| f. Watching TV | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| g. Household/child-care duties | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| h. Reading for pleasure | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| i. Playing video/computer games ... | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| j. Working for pay ... | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Information about You

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

- | | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| a. Lonely | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. Supported by your friends | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. That your family is supportive of your academic pursuits ... | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. Worried about meeting new people | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. Isolated from others at your school or college | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. Safe to express your views and opinions | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g. A need to break away from your family in order to succeed in college | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| h. Pressure to conform to the values or beliefs of your friends | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| i. Unmotivated | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| j. Pressure from your friends to do things that you don't want to do | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| k. Tired and lacking energy | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| l. A lot of stress in your life | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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)

- | | Never | 1-3 times | 4-6 times | 7+ times |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 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 | | | | UK |
| 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. 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 |

15. 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

Expectations about College

16. Do you plan to join a fraternity/sorority?

- 0 no 1 yes 2 not sure

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

- | | College | UK |
|--|---------|----|
| 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 |

18. How nervous (anxious) are you about leaving home to attend college?

- 0 not at all nervous
- 1 somewhat nervous
- 2 nervous
- 3 very nervous

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

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| 0 Undecided | 3 | 6 to 10 |
| 1 0 or only occasional jobs | 4 | 11 to 15 |
| 2 1 to 5 | 5 | 16 to 20 |
| | 6 | Over 20 |

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

Somewhat important
Very important
Not important

- 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)

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)

Major source
Minor source
Not a source

- a. Parents/Relatives (0) (1) (2)
- b. Veteran's benefits (0) (1) (2)
- c. Educational grants (Pell Grants, FSEOG, Private Grants, etc.) (0) (1) (2)
- d. KEES Scholarship (0) (1) (2)
- e. Other scholarships (Private, Federal, College, etc.) (0) (1) (2)
- f. Student loans (Perkins Loan, Federal Direct Loan, etc.) (0) (1) (2)
- g. Employment while attending college (including Work-Study) (0) (1) (2)
- h. Personal savings (0) (1) (2)

Demographic Information

24. Your gender:

- (1) male
- (2) female

25. What group do you belong to?

- (1) White (not Hispanic)
- (2) Black/African American (not Hispanic)
- (3) Hispanic/Latino(a)
- (4) Asian/Pacific Islander
- (5) American Indian/Alaskan Native
- (6) Other (specify _____)

26. About how many people live in your hometown?

- (0) less than 500
- (1) 501 to 1,000
- (2) 1,001 to 3,000
- (3) 3,001 to 7,000
- (4) 7,001 to 10,000
- (5) 10,001 to 20,000
- (6) 20,001 to 50,000
- (7) 50,001 to 100,000
- (8) 100,001 to 250,000
- (9) more than 250,000

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

- (0) less than 10 miles
- (1) 11 to 50 miles
- (2) 51 to 100 miles
- (3) 101 to 300 miles
- (4) 301 to 600 miles
- (5) more than 600 miles

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

	Mother	Father
Less than high school graduate	(1)	(1)
High school graduate or GED	(2)	(2)
1 to 3 years of college or technical training	(3)	(3)
4-year college degree (BA, BS)	(4)	(4)
Master's degree	(5)	(5)
Ph.D., M.D., or J.D.	(6)	(6)

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

- (0) no
- (1) yes
- (2) I have no siblings

30. What is your estimated family income?

- (0) less than \$18,000
- (1) \$18,001-\$24,000
- (2) \$24,001-\$30,000
- (3) \$30,001-\$36,000
- (4) \$36,001-\$42,000
- (5) \$42,001-\$50,000
- (6) \$50,001-\$60,000
- (7) \$60,001-\$80,000
- (8) \$80,001-\$100,000
- (9) more than \$100,000

Thank you for completing the survey.

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