



University of Kentucky

SURVEY of FRESHMAN-YEAR EXPERIENCES

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 filling the appropriate circle completely.

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Collegiate Activities and Experiences

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

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

2. How academically challenging is your first year in college?

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

3. During your first year of college, 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

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

4. During your first year of college, about how often have you done each of the following? (Mark one in each row)

Never Sometimes Often Very often
 ① ② ③ ④

- a. Asked questions in class or ① ② ③ ④
contributed to class discussions
- b. Made a class presentation ① ② ③ ④
- c. Worked on a paper or project ① ② ③ ④
that required integrating ideas or
information from various sources
- d. Came to class without ① ② ③ ④
completing readings or assignments
- e. Worked with other students on ① ② ③ ④
projects **during class**
- f. Worked with classmates **outside** . ① ② ③ ④
of class to prepare class assignments
- g. Used an electronic medium ① ② ③ ④
(list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.)
to discuss or complete an assignment
- h. Talked about career plans with ① ② ③ ④
an instructor or advisor
- i. Worked harder than you thought . ① ② ③ ④
you could to meet an instructor's
standards or expectations
- j. Discussed ideas from your ① ② ③ ④
readings or classes with others
outside of class
- k. Was bored in class ① ② ③ ④
- l. Skipped/missed class ① ② ③ ④

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

- (Mark one in each row)
- Much weaker Weaker No change Stronger Much stronger
 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
- a. Being able to write ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
 - b. Being able to make effective . ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
oral presentations

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Much weaker
Weaker
No change
Stronger
Much stronger

- c. Understanding the world ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
from a variety of viewpoints
- d. Logically analyzing argu- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
ments using statistical or
mathematical reasoning
- e. Appreciating the arts ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
- f. Valuing cultural diversity in .. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
our society
- g. Understanding methods of ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
reasoning in the natural sciences
(e.g., biology, chemistry, physics)
- h. Understanding yourself ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

6. Since entering UK, how successful have you been in: (Mark one in each row)

Very unsuccessful
Unsuccessful
Successful
Very successful

- a. Understanding what is expected .. ① ② ③ ④
academically
- b. Establishing a network of friends ① ② ③ ④
on campus
- c. Discussing course content with ... ① ② ③ ④
faculty outside of class
- d. Developing effective study skills ① ② ③ ④
- e. Adjusting to the academic ① ② ③ ④
demands of college
- f. Utilizing campus services ① ② ③ ④
available to students
- g. Dealing with campus bureaucracy ① ② ③ ④
- h. Managing your time effectively .. ① ② ③ ④
- i. Establishing meaningful con- ① ② ③ ④
nections with faculty
- j. Developing close friendships ① ② ③ ④
with students

7. To what extent do you feel UK emphasizes each of the following.
(Mark one in each row)

Very little
Some
Quite a bit
Very much

- a. Studying and academic work ① ② ③ ④
outside of class
- b. Providing the support you need ... ① ② ③ ④
to help you succeed academically

7. (continued)

Very little
Some
Quite a bit
Very much

- c. Providing the support you need ... ① ② ③ ④
to thrive socially
- d. Encouraging contact among ① ② ③ ④
students of different economic, soc-
ial, and racial or ethnic backgrounds
- e. Developing scholarly, analytical, ① ② ③ ④
and intellectual qualities
- f. Developing artistic, expres- ① ② ③ ④
sive, and creative qualities
- g. Developing an understanding ① ② ③ ④
and appreciation of human diversity
- h. Developing information literacy .. ① ② ③ ④
skills (using computers, other
information resources)
- i. Providing job-related skills and ... ① ② ③ ④
knowledge
- j. Offering courses that are relevant ① ② ③ ④
and practical

8. 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 or more times

- a. Worked on a school project
or activity with
an African-American? ① ② ③
a White American? ① ② ③
another minority member? ... ① ② ③
- b. Had a long conversation about
a topic of mutual interest with
an African-American? ① ② ③
a White American? ① ② ③
another minority member? ... ① ② ③
- c. Went to a movie or other social
event with
an African-American? ① ② ③
a White American? ① ② ③
another minority member? ... ① ② ③
- d. Counted among your good friends
an African-American? ① ② ③
a White American? ① ② ③
another minority member? ... ① ② ③

9. During your first year at UK, have you (Mark all that apply)
- a. declared your major
 - b. changed your major
 - c. received tutoring in a course
 - d. enrolled in a remedial course
 - e. enrolled in UK 101
 - f. enrolled in an Honors course
 - g. participated in Freshman Cohort classes
 - h. enrolled in a Freshman Discovery Seminar
 - i. sought personal counseling

Personal Feelings and Experiences

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

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

11. 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

12. Have you joined a fraternity/sorority?

- no yes

13. How many school-sponsored extra-curricular activities have you attended?

- none three five
 one four more than five
 two

14. How many friends from your high school graduating class are attending college?

- none or very few most
 some all or nearly all
 about half

15. How many students do you know at UK whom you could ask to join you in a social activity (e.g., dinner, movie, coffee, athletics, video game, etc)?
- _____

16. How apprehensive (nervous) are you about being away from home to attend college?

- not at all
 somewhat
 very

Living Arrangements and Financial Aid

17. Where do you live?

- UK residence hall private apartment
 UK apartment Greek housing
 private house/condo

18. If you commute, how many hours out of class per week do you spend on campus?

- do not commute
 none 11 to 15
 1 to 5 16 to 20
 6 to 10 more than 20

19. If you live on campus, how often did you go home in addition to regularly scheduled breaks (Thanksgiving, Spring Break, etc.) during each semester? (Mark one per column.)

- | | <i>Fall</i> | <i>Spring</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| do not live on campus | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| never | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| once or twice | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3 to 5 times | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6 or more times | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

20. Indicate whether each of the following was a major source, a minor source, or not a source of funding for your freshman year of college.
(Mark one in each row)

- | | Not a source | Minor source | Major 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 |

21. How concerned are you about your ability to pay for your remaining college education?

- ① Not concerned, I am confident I will have enough funds.
- ② Somewhat concerned, I probably will have enough funds.
- ③ Greatly concerned, not sure I will have enough funds.

Quality of First-Year Experiences

22. How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects at UK?
(Mark one in each row)

- | | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| a. Overall quality of instruction by ..
faculty | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| b. Quality of instruction by TAs | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| c. Individual attention from
instructors | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| d. Quality of library services | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| e. Availability of computing
resources | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| f. Willingness of faculty to meet
with students | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

23. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your academic advisor?
(Mark one in each row)

- | | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Don't Know | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|-------------------|----------|------------|-------|----------------|
| a. Spent sufficient time with me | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| b. Was accessible when I
needed help | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |
| c. Is someone I would recom- ...
mend to other students | ① | ② | ③ | ④ | ⑤ |

24. To what extent has your first year in college fulfilled your expectations?

- ① far below
- ② moderately below
- ③ met expectations
- ④ moderately above
- ⑤ far above

25. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with your first year of college?

- ① very dissatisfied
- ② dissatisfied
- ③ neutral
- ④ satisfied
- ⑤ very satisfied

26. 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?

27. If you could start college again, would you enroll at UK?

- ⓪ definitely not
- ① probably not
- ② probably yes
- ③ definitely yes

28. What are your plans for Fall 2002?

- ⓪ not enroll in college
- ① take an official leave of absence
- ② attend another institution
- ③ return to UK

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Thank you for completing the survey.

