

FIRST COLLEGE YEAR EXPERIENCE SURVEY

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First College Year Experience Survey - Highlights

In Spring of 2009, Sacramento State administered a First College Year Experience survey to first-year students in an effort to better understand student learning and to help improve the quality of college education. This survey asked first-time freshmen to share their views on a variety of issues covering many aspects of their journey to Sac State, as well as their educational expectations and experiences once they got here.

This survey was administered to first-time freshmen who were admitted in Fall 2008 and who were still enrolled as of Spring 2009. Subsequently, **2,386** survey questionnaires were distributed in March of 2009. **523** of those students completed and returned their surveys for an overall response rate of **22%**. The margin of error for this survey calculates to 3.8. This basically means that if 80% of the respondents selected a particular response, it is relatively "certain" (at a 95% confidence level) that between 76.2% (80% -3.8) and 83.8% (80% +3.8) of all freshmen would have selected that same response.

When asked to relay their satisfaction with the *overall academic experience* at this university, **72.8%** indicated that they were either "Satisfied" or "Very satisfied". In a correlated finding, **67.8%** responded in the same manner with regard to their satisfaction with the *overall college experience* at this institution.

The top three **Campus Services and Facilities** with the highest rates of satisfaction for were:

Availability of internet access – 85.9%
Library facilities and equipment – 81.1%
Computer facilities/labs – 77.9%

The top three aspects of **College Life** with the highest rates of satisfaction for were:

Respect for the expression of diverse beliefs – 72.4%
Overall quality of instruction – 66.7%
Availability of campus social activities – 63.3%

The three **Campus Services and Facilities** with the lowest rates of satisfaction were as follows:

Student housing facilities – 35.2%
Student housing office/services – 39.3%
Psychological counseling services – 43.2%

The three aspects of **College Life** with the lowest rates of satisfaction were as follows:

Amount of contact with faculty – 43.8%
Overall sense of community on campus – 52.6%
Racial/ethnic diversity of faculty – 52.9%

Aside from a few specific areas of concern, the majority of students appear to be genuinely satisfied with both *Campus Services and Facilities* (the median of 19 questions = **58%**) and *College Life* (the median of 13 questions = **60%**).

45.1% of the respondents indicated that since entering this college their *courses* "frequently" *inspired them to think in new ways*. A majority of them (**61.8%**) also related that they "frequently" felt *family support to succeed* in college. However, many of them also indicated that they were experiencing "some" (**57.7%**) or "major" (**24.1%**) concern with regard to their *ability to finance* their college education.

In relation to **Adjusting to College Life**, **83.6%** of the respondents stated that it was either "very easy" or "somewhat easy" *to utilize campus services available to students*. However, when it came to *managing their time effectively*, only **52.6%** responded with the same level of optimism.

When asked to relate the extent of their personal experience in relation to being discriminated against based upon *Race/ethnicity, Socio-economic status, Gender, Religion, or Sexual orientation*, very few students reported having had any experience in this regard: Only **6.3%** (the median of 5 questions) of the respondents either "agree" or "strongly agree" that they had experienced such behavior. In a related finding, relatively few students (the median of 3 questions = **14.1%**) expressed having "**heard faculty express stereotypes about** *Racial/ethnic groups, Women, or Men* "in class."

86.7% of the respondents indicated that their *college experiences have exposed them to diverse opinions, cultures, and values* and feel they *are a member of this college*. Over **80%** of them also either "agree" or "strongly agree" that **faculty and staff** here are *interested in students' academic problems*.

When discussing **Interaction among Ethnic/Racial Groups on Campus**, **76.6%** of the students stated that they had either *studied or prepared for class with students from a racial/ethnic group other than their own*, and **73.6%** stated that they had **dined or shared a meal** with students from a different racial/ethnic group. Only **11.1%** of the respondents indicated that they had *felt insulted or threatened because of their race/ethnicity*. In an interesting corollary, **6.6%** responded that they felt as though there was *a lot of racial tension on this campus*.

With respect to co-curricular activities, the top three items (with respondents stating that they either "Frequently" or "Occasionally" participated) were *socialized with someone from another racial/ethnic group* (**90.8%**), *studied with other students* (**85.5%**), and *discussed politics* (**80.7%**). In an interesting footnote, **38.1%** stated that they had "frequently" *been bored in class*, while **35.9%** indicated that they "frequently" *felt overwhelmed by all they had to do*.

With regard to their **Academic Work**, **100%** of the respondents reported that they either "Frequently" or "Occasionally" *took notes during class*, **97.5%**, *revised their papers to improve their writing*, and **97%** *accepted mistakes as part of the learning process*.

When asked "*If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at your current (or most recent) college*", **77.2%** either stated "Definitely yes" or "Probably yes". However, when asked "*What do you think you will be doing in fall 2009*", **90.9%** of the respondents stated that they would be *attending Sacramento State*.

First College Year Experience Survey: College Comparison - Highlights

The table below shows the response rate for each college. The College of **Health & Human Services** had the highest response rate (**26.8%**) while the College of **Engineering and Computer Science** had the lowest (**15.3%**).

College	Population	Respondents	Response Rate	Margin of Error
Arts & Letters	276	66	23.9%	10.5
Business	369	70	19.0%	10.6
Education	58	15	25.9%	22.0
Engineering & Computer Science	307	47	15.3%	13.2
Health & Human Services	522	140	26.8%	7.1
Natural Science & Mathematics	246	57	23.2%	11.4
Social Science & Interdisciplinary Studies	305	70	23.0%	10.3
Undecided	303	58	19.1%	11.6
University	2386	523	22.0%	3.8

Note: Considering the variation within sample sizes and response rates between colleges, it is important to take the Margin of Error into consideration when making assumptions based upon the figures shown.

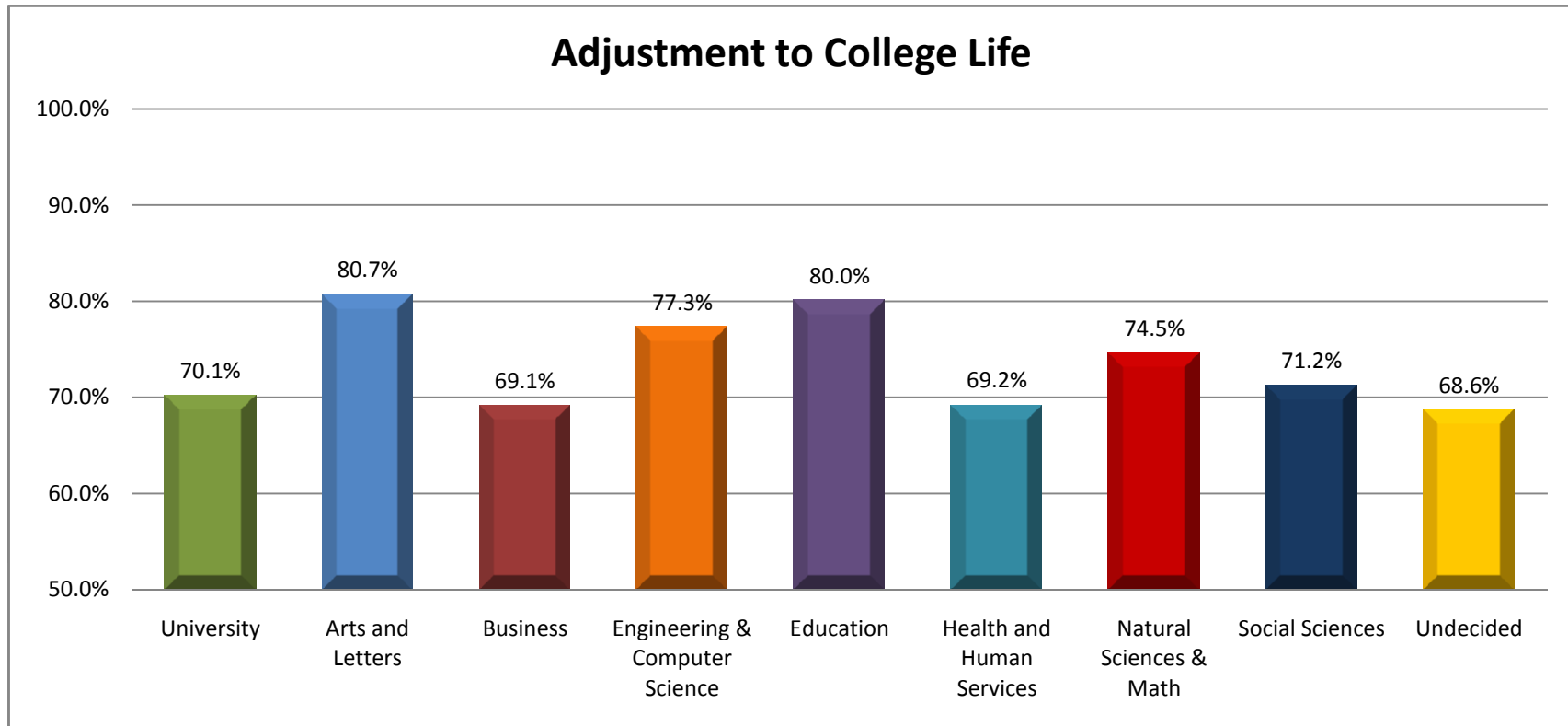
Among the seven colleges, first-year students from the College of **Education** indicated the highest level of satisfaction with their *overall academic experience* (**86.7%**), while the College of **Engineering & Computer Science** had the lowest (**66.0%**). The College of **Education** also gave the highest levels of satisfaction with regard to student satisfaction with the *overall college experience* (**73.3%**), as well as with all **Campus Services and Facilities** in general (the median of 19 questions = **83.3%**).

Students from the College of **Arts & Letters** gave a greater majority of positive responses with regard to their **Adjustment to College Life** than any of the other colleges (The median of 9 questions = **80.7%**).

While still relatively low, students from the College of **Engineering & Computer Science** were more likely (**13.6%**) to perceive that *there is a lot of racial tension on this campus*. In somewhat interesting contrast, respondents from the College of **Education** stated that they had almost never *felt insulted or threatened because of their race/ethnicity*. To better put these findings in perspective, however, it is important to note that the College of **Engineering & Computer Science** had the highest percentage of minority student respondents (**70.2%**), while the College of **Education** lowest (**33.3%**).

In a more positive finding, students from the College of **Engineering & Computer Science** appear to participate more often in **Co-curricular Activities** (the median of 16 questions = **50%**) than any of their peers.

When asked “*If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at your current (or most recent) college*”, **85.7%** of the respondents from the College of **Arts & Letters** stated either “Definitely yes” or “Probably yes”, whereas only **64.5%** of the respondents from the College of **Social Science** responded in the same manner. However, when asked “*What do you think you will be doing in fall 2009*”, the vast majority of the respondents from all of the colleges stated that they would be *attending Sacramento State*.



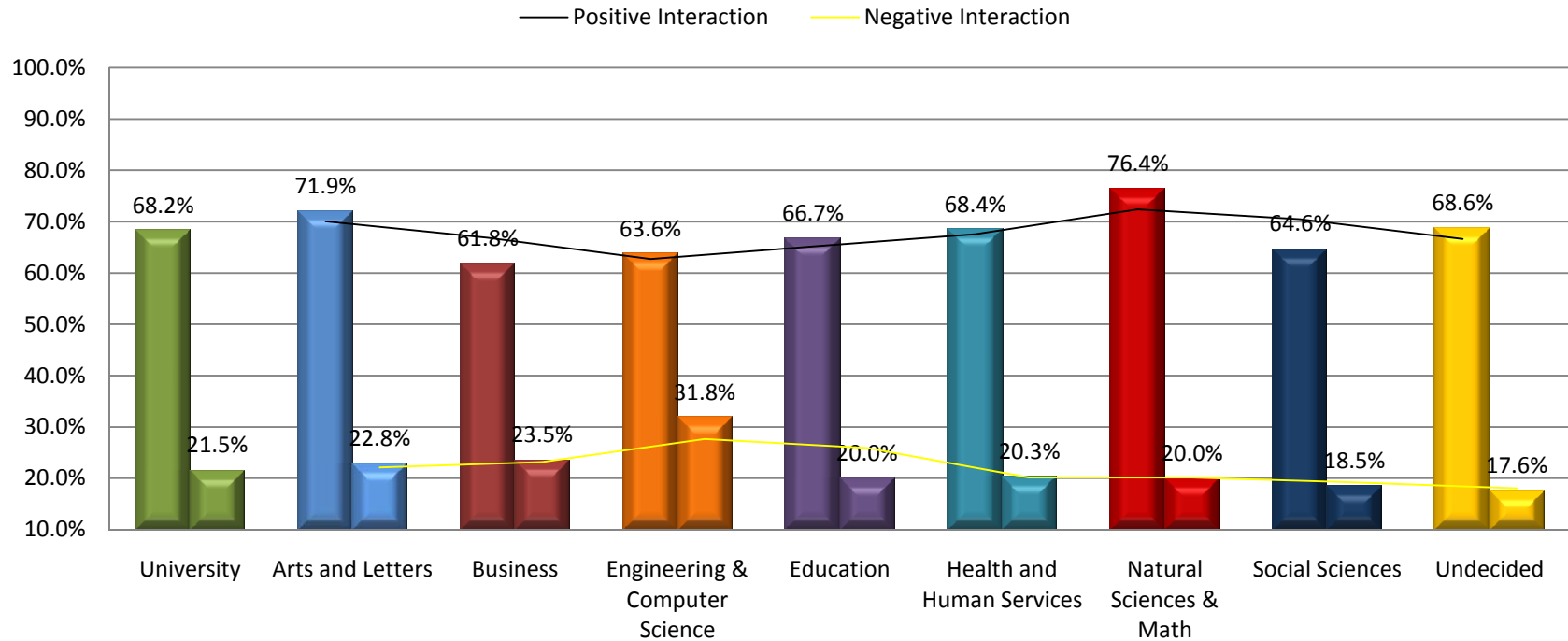
Questions of "Adjustment to College Life"

1. Understand what your professors expect of you academically
2. Develop effective study skills
3. Adjust to the academic demands of college
4. Manage your time effectively
5. Get to know faculty
6. Develop close friendships with male students
7. Develop close friendships with female students
8. Students of a different racial/ ethnic group
9. Utilize campus services available to students

The percentages shown reflect the median response to the nine questions encompassed within this section of the survey.

**These percentages reflect the selections from respondents who chose "Very easy" or "Somewhat easy". Other response options were "Somewhat difficult" and "Very difficult".*

Interaction among Racial/Ethnic Groups on Campus



Questions of "Interaction among Racial/Ethnic Groups"

Positive interactions

1. Dined or shared a meal
2. Shared personal feelings and problems
3. Had intellectual discussions outside of class
4. Studied or prepared for class
5. Socialized or partied
6. Attended events sponsored by other racial/ethnic groups

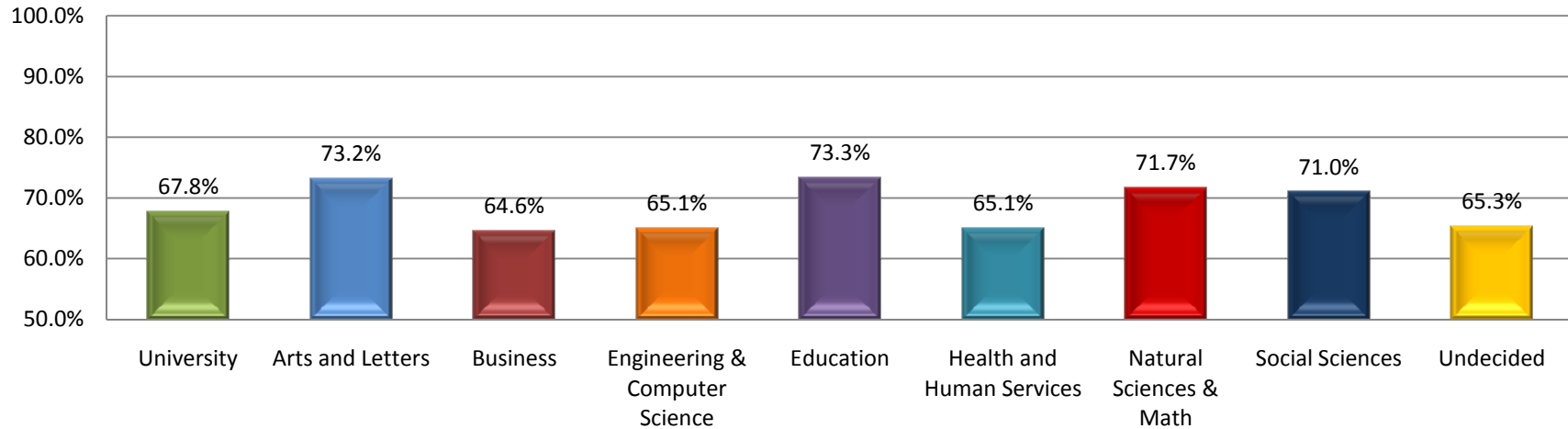
Negative interactions

7. Had guarded, cautious interactions
8. Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions
9. Felt insulted or threatened because of your race/ethnicity

The percentages shown reflect the median response to the six questions relevant to positive interactions and the three questions relating to negative interactions.

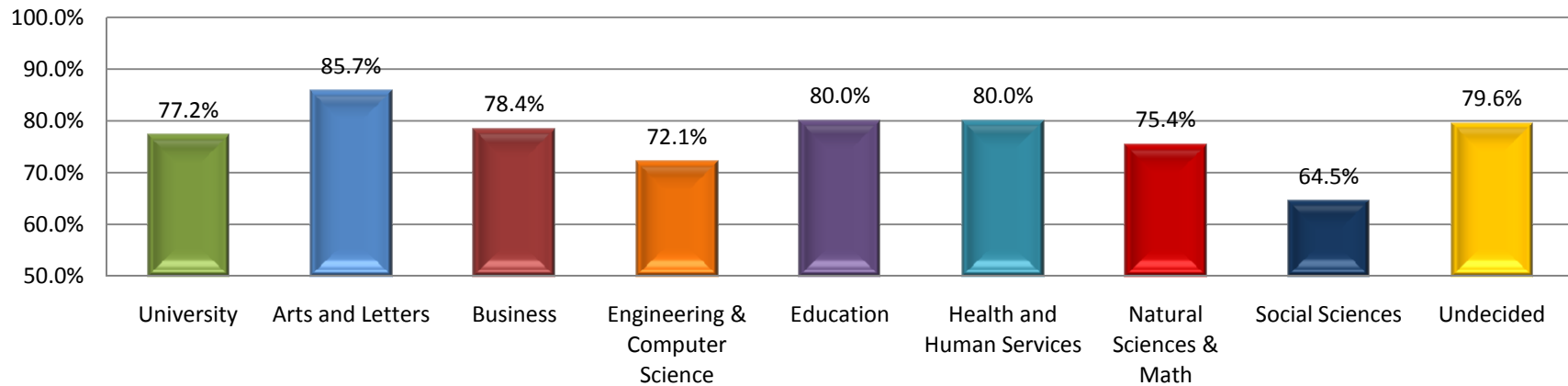
**These percentages reflect the selections from respondents who chose "Very often" or "often" or "Sometimes". Other response options were "Seldom" and "Never".*

Satisfaction with Overall College Experience



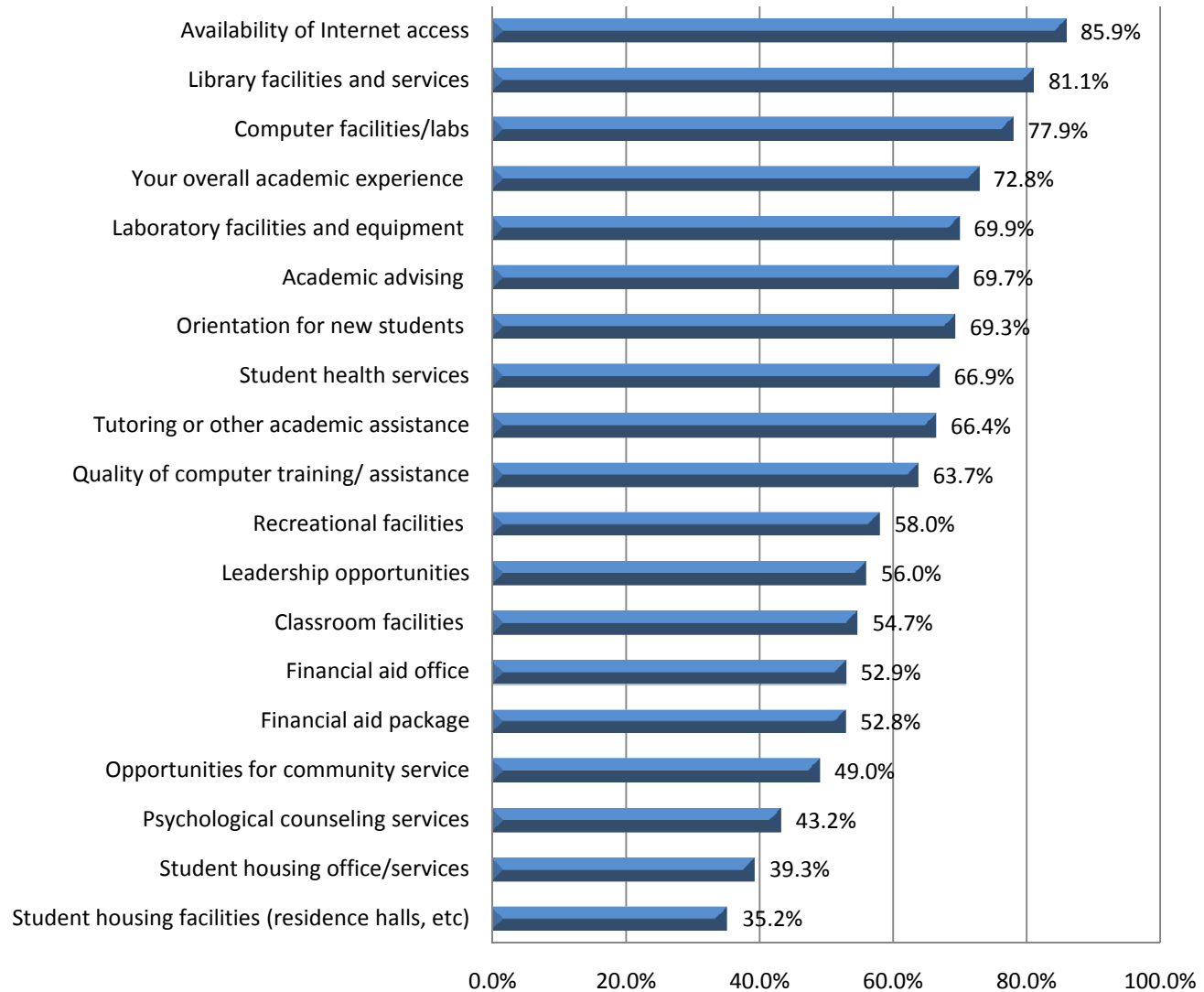
**These percentages reflect the selections from respondents who chose "Very satisfied" or "Satisfied". Other response options were "Neutral", "Dissatisfied" and "Very dissatisfied".*

"Would Choose to Enroll at Sacramento State Again"



**These percentages reflect the selections from respondents who chose "Definitely Yes" or "Probably Yes". Other response options were "Not sure yet", "Probably No" and "Definitely No".*

Satisfaction With Campus Services and Facilities



**These percentages reflect the selections from respondents who chose "Very satisfied" or "Satisfied". Other response options were "Neutral", "Dissatisfied and "Very dissatisfied".*

First College Year Experience Survey
Survey Response Rates and Background Information of Participants

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
Respondents									
Distributed	2386	276	369	307	58	522	246	305	303
Responded	523	66	70	47	15	140	57	70	58
Respondent Rate	22%	23.9%	19.0%	15.3%	25.9%	26.8%	23.2%	23.0%	19.1%
Gender									
Female	76.5%	80.3%	81.4%	27.7%	86.7%	78.6%	71.9%	87.1%	89.7%
Male	23.5%	19.7%	18.6%	72.3%	13.3%	21.4%	28.1%	12.9%	10.3%
Ethnicity/race									
American Indian	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.7%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	29.1%	24.2%	31.4%	23.4%	6.7%	31.4%	42.1%	15.7%	39.7%
Black	8.2%	9.1%	11.4%	10.6%	6.7%	7.1%	5.3%	11.4%	3.4%
Hispanic	20.8%	21.2%	12.9%	34.0%	20.0%	21.4%	17.5%	20.0%	22.4%
Minority	58.7%	54.5%	55.7%	70.2%	33.3%	60.7%	66.7%	47.1%	65.5%
Foreign	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	1.8%	0.0%	1.7%
White	32.5%	34.8%	37.1%	23.4%	60.0%	32.1%	22.8%	44.3%	20.7%
Other/Unreported	8.2%	10.6%	7.1%	6.4%	6.7%	6.4%	8.8%	8.6%	12.1%
Academic Preparedness									
High School GPA	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3
SAT composite score	946	965	924	954	988	941	946	947	947
Need Remediation	64.4%	56.1%	62.9%	70.2%	53.3%	67.1%	61.4%	64.3%	70.7%
Commuter	74.8%	63.6%	85.7%	76.6%	66.7%	72.9%	87.7%	65.7%	77.6%

Note: Data are based on OIR Census Data from the 2008 cohort.

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First College Year Experience Survey Concerns

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
1. Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?									
None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)	18.2%	19.7%	20.0%	25.5%	20.0%	20.0%	10.5%	17.1%	12.1%
Some (but I probably will have enough funds)	57.7%	59.1%	58.6%	57.4%	53.3%	52.9%	66.7%	57.1%	60.3%
enough funds to complete college)	24.1%	21.2%	21.4%	17.0%	26.7%	27.1%	22.8%	25.7%	27.6%
2. Since entering this college, how often have you felt:*									
Lonely or homesick	53.2%	48.5%	40.0%	46.8%	66.7%	56.4%	50.9%	61.4%	60.3%
Isolated from campus life	54.5%	45.5%	48.6%	53.2%	46.7%	50.0%	59.6%	62.9%	70.7%
Unsafe on this campus	20.5%	24.2%	17.1%	23.4%	6.7%	19.3%	21.1%	17.1%	27.6%
Worried about your health	36.7%	31.8%	32.9%	27.7%	33.3%	37.9%	43.9%	40.0%	41.4%
That your courses inspired you to think in new ways	92.5%	92.4%	85.7%	80.9%	100.0%	95.7%	93.0%	95.7%	96.6%
That your job responsibilities interfered with your schoolwork	41.9%	39.4%	44.3%	34.0%	26.7%	47.9%	49.1%	35.7%	37.9%
That your schoolwork interfered with your job responsibilities	36.1%	36.4%	35.7%	27.7%	40.0%	37.1%	45.6%	32.9%	34.5%
That your family responsibilities interfered with your schoolwork	50.1%	47.0%	51.4%	44.7%	40.0%	52.1%	57.9%	41.4%	56.9%
That your social life interfered with your schoolwork	61.2%	60.6%	44.3%	59.6%	66.7%	71.4%	59.6%	55.7%	65.5%
Family support to succeed	90.8%	90.9%	91.4%	87.2%	93.3%	88.6%	89.5%	95.7%	93.1%
Median	51.6%	46.2%	44.3%	45.7%	43.3%	51.1%	54.4%	48.6%	58.6%

*The percentages shown reflect the selection from respondents who chose "Frequently" or "Occasionally". Other response options were "Not at all".

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First College Year Experience Survey
Satisfaction with Campus Services and Facilities

3. Please rate your satisfaction with this institution on each of the aspects of college life listed below:*

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
Your overall academic experience	72.8%	78.8%	74.3%	66.0%	86.7%	73.6%	71.9%	71.4%	67.2%
Classroom facilities	54.7%	57.6%	55.7%	46.8%	53.3%	55.0%	54.4%	58.6%	51.7%
Computer facilities/labs	77.9%	73.4%	73.8%	74.5%	92.9%	79.3%	78.2%	77.9%	83.6%
Library facilities and services	81.1%	78.1%	73.8%	81.8%	100.0%	83.0%	80.0%	82.4%	82.1%
Laboratory facilities and equipment	69.9%	64.6%	64.0%	61.4%	75.0%	71.3%	71.8%	81.4%	74.4%
Quality of computer training/assistance	63.7%	54.3%	57.7%	55.0%	77.8%	66.7%	74.4%	71.1%	60.0%
Availability of Internet access	85.9%	82.8%	81.4%	83.0%	85.7%	89.1%	89.5%	89.9%	80.7%
Academic advising	69.7%	67.8%	70.1%	60.9%	85.7%	68.7%	79.2%	69.6%	68.4%
Tutoring or other academic	66.4%	68.9%	65.4%	48.6%	66.7%	70.1%	67.5%	62.2%	75.6%
Student housing facilities (residence halls, etc)	35.2%	44.4%	26.7%	37.0%	20.0%	42.5%	20.0%	35.1%	22.7%
Student housing office/services	39.3%	50.0%	31.0%	40.7%	83.3%	42.3%	30.4%	35.3%	26.1%
Financial aid office	52.9%	53.8%	52.7%	42.5%	36.4%	54.4%	59.6%	49.0%	58.7%
Financial aid package	52.8%	44.9%	58.8%	46.2%	60.0%	51.0%	63.6%	52.0%	53.5%
Student health services	66.9%	67.5%	58.3%	45.7%	91.7%	71.1%	61.8%	65.3%	84.2%
Psychological counseling	43.2%	54.5%	35.5%	29.2%	83.3%	50.0%	27.8%	22.2%	68.8%
Recreational facilities	58.0%	57.5%	56.3%	59.5%	88.9%	62.9%	48.6%	39.5%	70.0%
Orientation for new students	69.3%	70.3%	67.6%	63.8%	86.7%	69.3%	74.5%	68.6%	65.5%
Leadership opportunities	56.0%	55.0%	56.4%	62.8%	60.0%	63.0%	46.2%	49.0%	48.7%
Opportunities for community service	49.0%	48.7%	46.8%	62.5%	77.8%	48.5%	37.5%	43.2%	53.8%
Median	63.7%	57.6%	58.3%	59.5%	83.3%	66.7%	63.6%	62.2%	67.2%

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First College Year Experience Survey
Satisfaction with College Life

9. Please rate your satisfaction with this Institution on each of the aspects of college life listed below.*

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
Amount of contact with faculty	43.8%	55.4%	43.8%	40.0%	66.7%	39.8%	41.2%	44.3%	38.8%
faculty	52.9%	54.5%	42.2%	55.0%	46.7%	60.0%	48.1%	55.7%	48.9%
Racial/ethnic diversity of student body	61.8%	62.5%	59.7%	52.5%	60.0%	70.1%	58.5%	55.7%	61.7%
Class size	60.0%	69.1%	57.1%	62.8%	53.3%	56.9%	58.5%	64.5%	57.1%
Interaction with other students	58.2%	57.1%	51.6%	66.7%	46.7%	60.5%	61.5%	54.8%	59.2%
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	47.4%	60.7%	45.3%	53.5%	33.3%	42.6%	50.9%	53.2%	35.4%
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	55.5%	57.1%	53.1%	62.8%	53.3%	55.0%	49.1%	56.7%	57.4%
Overall quality of instruction	66.7%	73.2%	64.1%	74.4%	73.3%	64.3%	67.9%	66.1%	59.2%
Respect for the expression of diverse beliefs	72.4%	73.2%	69.8%	61.9%	80.0%	73.4%	75.5%	77.0%	69.4%
Availability of campus social activities	63.3%	62.3%	57.8%	62.5%	71.4%	65.6%	68.6%	72.9%	46.8%
Your social life	61.2%	69.1%	60.9%	71.4%	73.3%	59.8%	52.8%	62.9%	50.0%
Overall sense of community among students	52.6%	54.5%	50.0%	63.4%	66.7%	51.2%	63.5%	41.9%	45.8%
Overall college experience	67.8%	73.2%	64.6%	65.1%	73.3%	65.1%	71.7%	71.0%	65.3%
Median	60.0%	62.3%	57.1%	62.8%	66.7%	60.0%	58.5%	56.7%	57.1%

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First College Year Experience Survey

Adjustment to College Life

4. Since entering this college, how has it been to:*

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
Understand what your professors expect of you	81.4%	84.2%	88.2%	77.3%	100.0%	77.4%	81.8%	83.3%	74.5%
Develop effective study skills	63.6%	64.9%	63.2%	65.9%	86.7%	57.9%	56.4%	77.3%	58.8%
Adjust to the academic demands of college	67.9%	77.2%	75.0%	72.7%	66.7%	63.2%	56.4%	72.7%	62.7%
Manage your time effectively	52.6%	54.4%	69.1%	63.6%	53.3%	44.4%	47.3%	48.5%	51.0%
Get to know faculty	60.3%	68.4%	64.7%	68.2%	66.7%	57.9%	60.0%	60.6%	43.1%
Develop close friendships with:									
Male students	70.1%	80.7%	60.3%	81.8%	73.3%	69.2%	74.5%	62.1%	68.6%
Female students	77.9%	87.7%	73.5%	93.2%	80.0%	72.9%	81.8%	71.2%	76.5%
Students of a different racial/ethnic group	79.3%	89.5%	67.6%	86.4%	80.0%	80.5%	83.6%	71.2%	80.4%
Utilize campus services available to students	83.6%	80.7%	73.5%	84.1%	80.0%	89.5%	80.0%	89.4%	82.4%
Median	70.1%	80.7%	69.1%	77.3%	80.0%	69.2%	74.5%	71.2%	68.6%

*The percentages shown reflect the selection from respondents who chose "Very easy" or "Somewhat easy". Other response options were "Somewhat difficult" and "Very difficult".

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First College Year Experience Survey Campus Climate

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

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
Negative Factors									
<i>I have felt discriminated against based on my:</i>									
Race/ethnicity	7.8%	5.3%	7.4%	15.9%	13.3%	7.5%	9.1%	4.5%	5.9%
Socio-economic status	8.2%	8.8%	5.9%	15.9%	13.3%	7.5%	5.5%	7.6%	7.8%
Gender	6.3%	7.0%	7.4%	13.6%	0.0%	3.8%	9.1%	4.5%	5.9%
Religion	3.9%	3.5%	2.9%	6.8%	6.7%	3.8%	0.0%	6.1%	3.9%
Sexual orientation	3.7%	5.3%	1.5%	4.5%	0.0%	4.5%	3.6%	1.5%	5.9%
<i>In class, I have heard faculty express stereotypes about:</i>									
Racial/ethnic groups	16.0%	24.6%	14.7%	13.6%	13.3%	15.8%	12.7%	10.6%	21.6%
Women	14.1%	21.1%	11.8%	15.9%	0.0%	13.5%	10.9%	10.6%	21.6%
Men	12.9%	21.1%	8.8%	6.8%	0.0%	13.5%	10.9%	10.6%	21.6%
There is a lot of racial tension on this campus	6.6%	12.3%	1.5%	13.6%	6.7%	7.5%	1.8%	4.6%	5.9%
Most students here are treated like "numbers in a book"	31.8%	31.6%	32.4%	45.5%	40.0%	32.3%	20.0%	27.7%	33.3%
Median	8.0%	10.5%	7.4%	13.6%	6.7%	7.5%	9.1%	6.8%	6.9%
Positive Factors									
The admission/recruitment materials portrayed this campus accurately	77.5%	80.7%	73.5%	59.1%	93.3%	82.7%	81.8%	75.8%	74.5%
I see myself as part of the campus community	73.8%	73.7%	75.0%	63.6%	73.3%	72.9%	78.2%	75.8%	76.5%
<i>Faculty here are interested in:</i>									
Students' academic problems	82.4%	91.2%	88.2%	72.7%	73.3%	80.5%	78.2%	86.4%	80.4%
Students' personal problems	42.8%	49.1%	50.0%	47.7%	26.7%	36.8%	49.1%	36.9%	43.1%

First College Year Experience Survey
Campus Climate

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

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
<i>Staff here are interested in:</i>									
Students' academic problems	80.7%	77.2%	85.3%	79.5%	86.7%	82.7%	74.5%	86.2%	72.5%
Students' personal problems	46.7%	54.4%	52.9%	50.0%	26.7%	42.9%	45.5%	49.2%	41.2%
I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities	73.0%	75.4%	76.5%	77.3%	86.7%	74.4%	69.1%	63.1%	70.6%
I feel I am a member of this college	86.7%	89.5%	86.8%	84.1%	86.7%	87.2%	89.1%	83.1%	86.3%
My college experiences have exposed me to diverse opinions, cultures, and values	86.7%	89.5%	83.8%	81.8%	73.3%	88.7%	89.1%	86.2%	88.2%
There is strong competition among students for high grades	58.8%	38.6%	54.4%	56.8%	53.3%	69.9%	63.6%	61.5%	52.9%
I feel a sense of belonging with this college	82.2%	84.2%	77.9%	77.3%	86.7%	83.5%	89.1%	75.4%	86.3%
Median	77.5%	77.2%	76.5%	72.7%	73.3%	80.5%	78.2%	75.8%	74.5%

*These percentages reflect the selections from respondents who chose "Very easy" or "Somewhat easy". Other response options were "Somewhat difficult" and "Strongly disagree".

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First College Year Experience Survey
Interaction among Racial/Ethnic Groups

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

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
<i>Positive Interaction</i>									
Dined or shared a meal	73.6%	78.9%	66.2%	79.5%	80.0%	74.4%	76.4%	67.7%	72.5%
Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class	58.8%	64.9%	47.1%	59.1%	60.0%	56.4%	63.6%	66.2%	58.8%
Shared personal feelings and problems	69.9%	77.2%	61.8%	50.0%	53.3%	77.4%	78.2%	64.6%	72.5%
Had intellectual discussions outside of class	68.2%	71.9%	57.4%	75.0%	73.3%	68.4%	76.4%	63.1%	68.6%
Studied or prepared for class	76.6%	78.9%	77.9%	81.8%	66.7%	75.2%	87.3%	67.7%	74.5%
Socialized or partied	64.1%	57.9%	61.8%	63.6%	73.3%	63.2%	74.5%	64.6%	62.7%
Attended events sponsored by other racial/ethnic groups	34.4%	26.3%	25.0%	40.9%	26.7%	35.3%	47.3%	35.4%	35.3%
Median	68.2%	71.9%	61.8%	63.6%	66.7%	68.4%	76.4%	64.6%	68.6%
<i>Negative Interaction</i>									
Had guarded, cautious interactions	40.0%	43.9%	35.3%	45.5%	40.0%	42.9%	40.0%	40.0%	29.4%
Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions	21.5%	22.8%	23.5%	31.8%	20.0%	20.3%	20.0%	18.5%	17.6%
Felt insulted or threatened because of your race/ethnicity	11.1%	10.5%	10.3%	25.0%	0.0%	10.5%	10.9%	12.3%	3.9%
Median	21.5%	22.8%	23.5%	31.8%	20.0%	20.3%	20.0%	18.5%	17.6%

*The percentages shown reflect the selection from respondents who chose "Very often" or "often" or "Sometimes". Other response options were "Seldom" and "Never".

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First College Year Experience Survey

Co-curricular Activities and Behaviors

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

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
<i>Frequently/Occasionally*</i>									
Attended a religious service	33.8%	35.1%	20.6%	27.3%	13.3%	46.6%	32.7%	32.3%	31.4%
Participated in political demonstrations	18.2%	22.8%	20.6%	18.2%	13.3%	18.0%	18.2%	13.8%	17.6%
Tutored another student	36.1%	31.6%	26.5%	54.5%	40.0%	37.6%	45.5%	33.8%	25.5%
Studied with other students	85.5%	78.9%	86.8%	79.5%	80.0%	89.5%	90.9%	78.5%	90.2%
Been a guest in a professor's home	4.3%	7.0%	4.4%	6.8%	6.7%	5.3%	3.6%	1.5%	0.0%
Performed volunteer work	38.9%	28.1%	38.2%	45.5%	33.3%	39.1%	36.4%	44.6%	43.1%
Asked a professor for advice after class	76.2%	87.7%	70.6%	79.5%	66.7%	75.2%	76.4%	76.9%	72.5%
Voted in a student election	10.5%	12.3%	10.3%	13.6%	13.3%	9.0%	7.3%	10.8%	11.8%
Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign	8.6%	7.0%	8.8%	11.4%	13.3%	11.3%	3.6%	7.7%	5.9%
Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group	90.8%	94.7%	88.2%	90.9%	93.3%	90.2%	90.9%	89.2%	92.2%
Performed community service as part of class	26.8%	14.0%	16.2%	31.8%	33.3%	30.8%	30.9%	29.2%	31.4%
Discussed religion	71.9%	68.4%	66.2%	63.6%	80.0%	72.9%	83.6%	78.5%	64.7%
Discussed politics	80.7%	73.7%	77.9%	77.3%	86.7%	86.5%	83.6%	81.5%	74.5%
Maintained a healthy diet	78.7%	80.7%	85.3%	88.6%	73.3%	75.9%	78.2%	80.0%	66.7%
Had adequate sleep	78.3%	68.4%	89.7%	88.6%	100.0%	73.7%	83.6%	76.9%	66.7%
Contributed money to a political campaign	7.8%	7.0%	7.4%	15.9%	13.3%	8.3%	10.9%	0.0%	5.9%
Median	37.5%	33.3%	32.4%	50.0%	36.7%	42.9%	40.9%	39.2%	37.3%

First College Year Experience Survey

Co-curricular Activities and Behaviors

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

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
<i>Frequently**</i>									
Been bored in class	38.1%	40.4%	32.4%	40.9%	33.3%	38.3%	36.4%	49.2%	29.4%
Smoke cigarettes	1.8%	1.5%	2.3%	0.0%	2.3%	1.8%	4.6%	.0%	2.0%
Drank beer	6.4%	5.3%	4.4%	6.8%	6.7%	8.3%	1.8%	9.2%	5.9%
Drank wine or liquor	6.1%	7.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	7.5%	1.8%	13.8%	5.9%
Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do	35.9%	35.1%	23.5%	29.5%	33.3%	42.9%	36.4%	41.5%	33.3%
Felt depressed	13.9%	21.1%	11.8%	9.1%	0.0%	12.8%	14.5%	15.4%	17.6%
Come late to class	5.3%	1.8%	7.4%	4.5%	6.7%	6.0%	3.6%	3.1%	9.8%
Median	6.4%	7.0%	7.4%	6.8%	6.7%	8.3%	4.6%	13.8%	9.8%
<i>Frequently/Occasionally Used the internet:*</i>									
For research or homework	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.2%	100.0%	98.5%	98.0%
To read news sties	85.2%	82.5%	85.3%	88.6%	80.0%	86.5%	89.1%	84.6%	80.4%
selections from respondents	60.0%	63.2%	58.8%	56.8%	53.3%	58.6%	61.8%	58.5%	66.7%
To blog	40.8%	38.6%	39.7%	40.9%	40.0%	40.6%	49.1%	40.0%	37.3%
Median	72.6%	72.8%	72.1%	72.7%	66.7%	72.6%	75.5%	71.5%	73.5%

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First College Year Experience Survey

Academic Work

8. How often in the past year did you:*

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
Ask questions in class	89.0%	91.1%	92.3%	86.0%	100.0%	88.5%	86.8%	85.5%	89.8%
Support your opinions with a logical argument	91.3%	85.7%	92.3%	93.0%	100.0%	95.4%	94.3%	87.1%	83.7%
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	93.0%	92.9%	96.9%	95.3%	100.0%	92.3%	94.3%	90.3%	87.8%
Revise your papers to improve your writing	97.5%	96.4%	100.0%	86.0%	100.0%	99.2%	100.0%	100.0%	93.9%
Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you	94.3%	98.2%	93.8%	90.7%	100.0%	94.6%	96.2%	95.2%	87.8%
Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain	85.0%	87.5%	87.7%	86.0%	93.3%	83.1%	88.7%	83.9%	77.6%
Seek alternative solutions to a problem	93.9%	98.2%	93.8%	93.0%	86.7%	92.3%	96.2%	93.5%	93.9%
Look up scientific research articles and resources	76.3%	75.0%	73.8%	79.1%	80.0%	76.9%	84.9%	75.8%	67.3%
Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class	77.8%	82.1%	80.0%	79.1%	86.7%	76.9%	84.9%	71.0%	69.4%
Accept mistakes as part of the learning process	97.0%	98.2%	95.4%	97.7%	100.0%	94.6%	98.1%	100.0%	98.0%
Seek feedback on your academic work	93.0%	94.6%	95.4%	90.7%	86.7%	94.6%	94.3%	93.5%	85.7%
Take notes during class	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Median	93.0%	93.8%	93.8%	90.7%	100.0%	93.5%	94.3%	91.9%	87.8%

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First College Year Experience Survey
Overall Experience

	University	Arts and Letters	Business	Engineering & Computer Science	Education	Health and Human Services	Natural Sciences & Math	Social Sciences	Undecided
10. If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at your current (or most recent) college?									
Definitely yes	35.1%	41.1%	24.6%	39.5%	46.7%	39.2%	37.7%	29.0%	28.6%
Probably yes	42.1%	44.6%	53.8%	32.6%	33.3%	40.8%	37.7%	35.5%	51.0%
Probably not	14.0%	7.1%	10.8%	20.9%	6.7%	13.1%	17.0%	21.0%	12.2%
Definitely not	3.6%	0.0%	6.2%	4.7%	0.0%	4.6%	3.8%	3.2%	2.0%
Not sure yet	5.3%	7.1%	4.6%	2.3%	13.3%	2.3%	3.8%	11.3%	6.1%

11. What do you think you will be doing Fall 2009?									
Attending your current (or most recent) institution	90.9%	92.9%	92.3%	86.0%	93.3%	89.2%	92.5%	91.9%	91.8%
Attending another institution	4.0%	.0%	3.1%	11.6%	.0%	6.2%	1.9%	4.8%	.0%
Don't know/have not decided yet	5.1%	7.1%	4.6%	2.3%	6.7%	4.6%	5.7%	3.2%	8.2%
Not attending any institution	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%