

# 2019 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. Do you identify as transgender?**

Yes

No

**2. What is your current gender identity?**

Man/Trans Man

Woman/Trans Woman

Gender queer/Gender non-conforming

Identity not listed above

**3. Are you:**

(Mark all that apply)

White/Caucasian

African American/Black

American Indian/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/x

Puerto Rican

South American

Other Hispanic or Latina/o/x

Other

**4. What is your sexual orientation?**

(Mark one response only)

Heterosexual/Straight

Gay

Lesbian

Bisexual

Queer

Pansexual

Asexual

Not listed above

**5. Are you currently a full-time or part-time student?**

(Mark one response only)

Full-time undergraduate

Part-time undergraduate

Not enrolled

**6. What year did you first enter:**

(Mark one in each column)

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

2018 or 2019

2017

2016

2015

2014 or earlier

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

(Mark one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Ask questions in class

Support your opinions with a logical argument

Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others

Revise your papers to improve your writing

Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain

Seek alternative solutions to a problem

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

Analyze multiple sources of information before coming to a conclusion  
Take on a challenge that scares you

**8. Since entering this college, how often have you interacted with the following people (e.g., by phone, e-mail, text, or in person):**  
(Mark 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?**  
(Mark 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?**  
(Mark 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:**

(Mark one in each row)

[Response Choices: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all]

Lonely or homesick

Isolated from campus life

Unsafe on this campus

Worried about your health

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:**

(Mark 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 services

Classroom facilities

Computer facilities/labs

Library resources

Laboratory facilities and equipment

Technology 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/staff

**13. 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)

[Response Choices: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%]

Academic ability  
Artistic ability  
Compassion  
Computer programming skills  
Creativity  
Drive to achieve  
Emotional health  
Leadership ability  
Mathematical ability  
Physical health  
Public speaking ability  
Risk-taking  
Self-confidence (intellectual)  
Self-confidence (social)  
Spirituality  
Understanding of others  
Writing ability

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

(Mark 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

**15. How would you rate yourself in the following areas:**

(Mark 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  
Ability to manage your time effectively

**16. Since entering this college, how often have you:**

(Mark 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  
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 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

**17. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:**  
(Mark 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, 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

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, sexual orientation, 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

My political views closely resemble those of my parents/guardians

**18. What is your overall grade average (as of your most recently completed academic term)?**

(Mark one response only)

A or A+

A-

B+

B

B-

C+

C

D

I did not receive grades in my courses

**19. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area:**

(Mark one in each row)

[Response Choices: Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied]

Amount of contact with faculty  
Ability to find a faculty or staff mentor  
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

**20. Please rate your agreement with the following statements: This institution has contributed to my:**

(Mark one in each row)

[Response Choices: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree]

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

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

(Mark 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  
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

**22. Where did you primarily live while attending college this past year?**

(Mark one response only)

**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

**23. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:**

(Mark 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

Integrating spirituality into my life

Becoming successful in a business of my own

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.)

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

Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment

**24. Since entering college have you:**

(Mark 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

Participated in a common book or summer reading program in which all students read and discuss the material

Taken a course or first-year seminar designed to help first-year students adjust to college

Taken courses from more than one institution simultaneously

Taken a course exclusively online

**25. Since entering this college have you:**

(Mark 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
- Participated in:
  - Student government
  - Leadership training
  - An ethnic/racial student organization
  - An LGBTQ student organization
  - A women's advocacy group

**26. Since entering this college, how much time have you spent during a typical week doing the following activities?**

(Mark 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
- 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
- Working (for pay) off campus
- Performing household/childcare duties
- Commuting
- Praying/meditating

**27. Since entering this college, indicate how often you:**  
(Mark 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  
Skipped class  
Received tutoring  
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  
Fell asleep in class  
Had difficulty getting the courses you need  
Texted or used social media during class  
Worked with classmates on group projects  
Accessed your campus' library resources electronically  
Made a presentation in class  
Used the institution's course catalog (paper or online)

**28. How would you characterize your political views?**  
(Mark one response only)

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

**29. Are you currently registered to vote?**  
(Mark one response only)

Ineligible  
Yes  
No

**30. If given the choice, would you still choose to enroll at your current (or most) recent college?** (Mark one response only)

- Definitely yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- Definitely no
- Not sure yet

**31. Since entering this college, how often have you utilized the following services:**  
(Mark 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.)

**32. What do you think you will be doing in fall 2019?**  
(Mark one response only)

- Attending your current (or most recent) institution
- Attending another institution
- Don't know/have not decided yet
- Not attending any institution

**33. Military Status:**  
(Mark 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

**34. Please indicate your current major using the codes provided on the attached fold out.**

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

- A1 Art, fine and applied
- A2 Classical and Modern Languages and Literature
- A3 English (language and literature)
- A4 History
  
- A5 Journalism/Communication
- A6 Media/Film Studios
- A7 Music
- A8 Philosophy
- A9 Theater/Drama
- B1 Theology/Religion
- B2 Other Arts and Humanities

**BIOLOGICAL & LIFE SCIENCES**

- B3 Agriculture/Natural Resources
- B4 Animal Biology (zoology)
- B5 Biochemistry/Biophysics
- B6 Biology (general)
- B7 Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- B8 Environmental Science
- B9 Marine Biology
- C1 Microbiology
- C2 Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology
- C3 Neurobiology/Neuroscience
- C4 Plant Biology (botany)
- C5 Other Biological Science

**BUSINESS**

- C6 Accounting
- C7 Business Admin. (general)
- C8 Computer/Management Information Systems
- C9 Entrepreneurship
- D1 Finance
- D2 Hospitality/Tourism
- D3 Human Resource Marketing
- D4 International Business
- D5 Management
- D6 Marketing
- D7 Secretarial Studies
- D8 Other Business

**EDUCATION**

- D9 Elementary Education
- E1 Music or Art Education
- E2 Physical Education or Recreation
- E3 Secondary Education
- E4 Special Education

- E5 Other Education

**ENGINEERING**

- E6 Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering
  
- E7 Biological/Agricultural Engineering
- E8 Biomedical Engineering
- E9 Chemical Engineering
- F1 Civil Engineering
- F2 Computer Engineering
- F3 Electrical/Electronic Communications Engineering
  
- F4 Engineering Science/Engineering Physics
- F5 Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering
  
- F6 Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering
- F7 Materials Engineering
- F8 Mechanical Engineering
- F9 Other Engineering

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

- G1 Clinical Laboratory Science
  
- G2 Health Care Administration/Studies
- G3 Health Technology
- G4 Kinesiology
- G5 Nursing
- G6 Pharmacy
  
- G7 Therapy (occupational, physical, speech)
- G8 Other Health Profession

**MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

- G9 Computer Science
- H1 Mathematics/Statisticians
  
- H2 Other Math and Computer Science

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

- H3 Astronomy & Astrophysics
- H4 Atmospheric Sciences
- H5 Chemistry
- H6 Earth & Planetary Sciences
- H7 Marine Science
- H8 Physics
- H9 Other Physical Science

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

- I1 Anthropology
- I2 Economics

I3 Ethnic/Cultural Studies  
I4 Geography  
I5 Political Science (gov't., international relations)  
I6 Psychology  
I7 Public Policy  
I8 Social Work  
I9 Sociology  
J1 Women's/Gender Studies  
J2 Other Social Science

**OTHER MAJORS**

J3 Architecture/Urban Planning  
J4 Criminal Justice  
J5 Library Science  
J6 Military Sciences/Technology/Operations  
J7 Security & Protective Services

**J8 OTHER**

**J9 UNDECIDED**

**35. To what extent are the following statements true of you: (Mark one in each row)**

[Response categories: Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Neutral, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly]

I have a strong sense of belonging to a community of scientists  
I derive great personal satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research  
I think of myself as a scientist  
I feel like I belong in the field of science

**36. How confident are you that you can: (Mark one in each row)**

[Response categories: Absolutely, Very, Moderately, Somewhat, Not at all]

Use technical science skills (use of tools, instruments, and/or techniques)  
Generate an answerable research question  
Determine how to collect appropriate data  
Explain the results of a study  
Use scientific literature to guide research  
Integrate results from multiple studies  
Ask relevant questions  
Identify what is known and not known about a problem  
Understand scientific concepts  
See connections between different areas of science and mathematics

**37. Will you pursue a science-related research career?**

Definitely yes  
Probably yes  
Uncertain  
Probably no  
Definitely no

**38. Did you transfer to this institution from another college/university?**

Yes  
No

**39. Is English your primary language?**

Yes  
No

**40. Do you plan to do any of the following this summer?**

(Mark 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!**

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