

## Results of the 2013 Survey of First-Year Students

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not at all challenging	208	8.4%
2	Somewhat challenging	1,182	47.9%
3	Challenging	852	34.5%
4	Very challenging	227	9.2%
	Total	2,469	100.0%

### 2. During your senior year of high school, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?

#	Question	None	Less than 1 hour	1-2 hours	3-5 hours	6-10 hours	11-15 hours	16-20 hours	Over 20 hours	Total Responses	Mean
1	Studying/home work	2.7%	14.2%	24.8%	27.1%	17.3%	8.2%	3.9%	1.8%	2,490	3.9
2	Socializing/going out	1.3%	6.6%	17.4%	31.0%	25.5%	10.5%	4.5%	3.3%	2,465	4.4
3	Playing video or computer games	46.3%	21.8%	13.2%	10.0%	4.4%	2.3%	0.6%	1.4%	2,481	2.2
4	Using on-line social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)	4.1%	16.1%	24.5%	24.6%	14.5%	7.4%	3.4%	5.4%	2,485	3.9
5	Texting with friends	1.8%	11.9%	22.3%	23.9%	14.0%	8.8%	6.3%	11.1%	2,487	4.4
6	Working for pay	34.3%	4.2%	6.4%	7.5%	11.7%	12.6%	11.7%	11.5%	2,484	4.0

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

#	Question	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Total Responses	Mean
1	Asked questions in class	1.9%	39.2%	39.3%	19.6%	2,490	2.8
2	Came to class without completing readings or assignments	42.0%	51.9%	4.7%	1.4%	2,488	1.7
3	Contributed to class discussions	1.4%	27.1%	42.0%	29.6%	2,490	3.0
4	Turned in course assignments late	58.3%	37.3%	2.3%	2.0%	2,489	1.5
5	Expressed views/opinions in class	3.1%	35.4%	34.5%	27.1%	2,490	2.9
6	Turned in course assignments that did not reflect your best work	28.5%	63.6%	6.2%	1.7%	2,475	1.8
7	Skipped/missed class	73.5%	24.1%	1.8%	0.6%	2,479	1.3

### 4. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age.

#	Question	Way below average	Below average	Average	Above average	Way above average	Total Responses	Mean
1	Academic ability	0.0%	0.6%	24.5%	62.7%	12.1%	2,462	3.9
2	Drive to achieve	0.0%	1.9%	20.5%	49.4%	28.2%	2,457	4.0
3	Self confidence in social situations	1.8%	12.2%	37.6%	33.4%	15.0%	2,460	3.5

**5. Are you currently experiencing any of the following?  
(Choose all that apply)**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Serious financial difficulties		494	79.4%
2	Serious illness or injury		41	6.6%
3	Serious problem or crisis involving a close friend or family member		191	30.7%

**6. Are you in a serious romantic relationship with someone?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	No		1,642	67.2%
2	Yes		801	32.8%
	Total		2,443	100.0%

## 7. During the past year, how often have you felt:

#	Question	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	Total Responses	Mean
1	Sad or depressed	17.2%	38.3%	31.8%	11.5%	1.2%	2,441	2.4
2	Lonely	23.6%	35.5%	29.9%	9.6%	1.4%	2,440	2.3
3	Anxious or nervous	7.5%	22.5%	43.0%	23.4%	3.7%	2,438	2.9
4	Intimidated by your teachers	51.4%	34.4%	11.6%	2.4%	0.2%	2,442	1.7
5	Concerned about meeting new people	30.8%	31.7%	25.9%	9.2%	2.4%	2,441	2.2
6	Unmotivated	25.0%	36.2%	28.0%	10.2%	0.6%	2,440	2.3
7	Isolated from others	42.7%	32.6%	17.8%	5.9%	1.0%	2,437	1.9
8	Tired or lacking in energy	10.0%	24.7%	40.3%	21.1%	3.8%	2,439	2.8
9	Out of control	66.5%	24.5%	6.4%	2.2%	0.3%	2,438	1.5
10	Worried about your health	54.1%	26.8%	13.3%	4.2%	1.6%	2,440	1.7
11	A lot of stress in your life	12.0%	23.1%	32.0%	24.4%	8.5%	2,443	2.9

## 8. Is your boyfriend or girlfriend coming to UK?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	580	72.6%
2	Yes	219	27.4%
	Total	799	100.0%

## 9. Of all the colleges you applied to, was UK your

#	Answer	Response	%
1	first choice?	1,891	79.0%
2	second choice?	385	16.1%
3	third or less choice?	117	4.9%
	Total	2,393	100.0%

## 10. Please rate UK on these characteristics:

#	Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Total Responses	Mean
1	Academic reputation	0.5%	8.9%	49.8%	40.8%	2,391	3.3
2	Availability of majors of interest to you	0.4%	5.4%	33.1%	61.1%	2,387	3.5
3	Availability of special programs (honors, independent studies, etc.)	0.4%	7.9%	46.3%	45.4%	2,387	3.4
4	Cost to your family	15.6%	43.4%	27.9%	13.1%	2,392	2.4
5	Academic scholarship package	15.8%	34.2%	31.6%	18.3%	2,389	2.5
6	Financial Aid package	15.2%	37.9%	33.6%	13.3%	2,386	2.4
7	Racial climate on campus	1.6%	15.6%	58.3%	24.5%	2,380	3.1
8	Quality of on-campus housing	6.1%	24.0%	48.3%	21.6%	2,383	2.9
9	Recreational, cultural, and social opportunities	0.4%	4.4%	41.7%	53.5%	2,391	3.5
10	Close to home/Convenience of getting home	11.3%	20.2%	35.6%	32.9%	2,392	2.9

## 11. Please rate the events and information provided by UK.

#	Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Total Responses	Mean
1	High School visits by Admissions Counselors	12.2%	16.0%	41.4%	30.5%	1,921	2.9
2	UK sponsored events in your area (UK Preview Night, etc.)	14.4%	16.8%	39.7%	29.1%	1,827	2.8
3	UK sponsored events on campus (Come See For Yourself, etc.)	4.8%	13.1%	47.3%	34.9%	1,821	3.1
4	College fairs in your area	12.7%	20.4%	44.4%	22.5%	1,873	2.8
5	Campus visit	1.3%	5.3%	35.4%	57.9%	2,206	3.5
6	Printed publications (brochures, letters, etc.)	1.7%	7.8%	45.5%	45.0%	2,275	3.3
7	Email communications	2.1%	9.1%	39.8%	49.0%	2,315	3.4
8	Telephone calls by Admissions Counselors	10.2%	19.7%	39.2%	30.8%	2,127	2.9
9	College website	4.1%	11.3%	42.3%	42.3%	2,319	3.2
10	Financial Aid communications	10.4%	29.4%	41.8%	18.3%	2,158	2.7

## 12. How nervous or anxious are you about leaving home to attend college?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not at all nervous	482	20.1%
2	Somewhat nervous	1,249	52.2%
3	Nervous	470	19.6%
4	Very nervous	193	8.1%
	Total	2,394	100.0%

### 13. How often do you plan to go home on the weekends when you're in college?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	187	7.8%
2	Very infrequently	731	30.5%
3	Once a Month	826	34.5%
4	Every other weekend	463	19.3%
5	Every weekend	89	3.7%
6	I will be living at home.	99	4.1%
	Total	2,395	100.0%

### 14. How concerned are you about your ability to pay for your college education?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not concerned, I'm confident I will have enough funds.	767	32.0%
2	Somewhat concerned, I'll probably have enough funds.	1,017	42.5%
3	Very concerned, not sure I'll have enough funds.	610	25.5%
	Total	2,394	100.0%

### 15. How important was the financial aid package offered by UK in your decision to enroll here?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not at all Important	529	22.2%
2	Somewhat important	629	26.4%
3	Important	454	19.0%
4	Very important	774	32.4%
	Total	2,386	100.0%

### 16. Do you plan to join a fraternity or sorority?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	963	40.3%
2	Not sure	673	28.2%
3	Yes	754	31.5%
	Total	2,390	100.0%

### 17. Do you know anyone else attending UK?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	269	11.3%
2	Yes	2,118	88.7%
	Total	2,387	100.0%

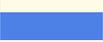
### 18. On a scale of 1 to 10, what do you think your chances are of earning a 3.0 GPA or better during your first year at UK?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1, Impossible	2	0.1%
2	2	3	0.1%
3	3	6	0.3%
4	4	16	0.7%
5	5	65	2.7%
6	6	113	4.7%
7	7	391	16.4%
8	8	531	22.2%
9	9	443	18.5%
10	10, Absolutely certain	821	34.3%
	Total	2,391	100.0%

### 19. On a scale of 1 to 10, what do you think your chances are of graduating from UK within 4 years?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1, Impossible	36	1.5%
2	2	13	0.6%
3	3	30	1.3%
4	4	23	1.0%
5	5	82	3.5%
6	6	62	2.7%
7	7	184	7.9%
8	8	346	14.9%
9	9	481	20.7%
10	10, Absolutely certain	1,068	45.9%
	Total	2,325	100.0%

## 20. About how many people live in your hometown?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Less than 10,000		518	21.8%
2	10,001 to 50,000		704	29.6%
3	50,001 to 100,000		282	11.9%
4	100,001 to 250,000		223	9.4%
5	250,001 to 500,000		295	12.4%
6	More than 500,000		356	15.0%
	Total		2,378	100.0%

## 21. What is the highest level of education achieved by your mother?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Less than high school graduate		47	2.0%
2	High school graduate or GED		472	19.8%
3	1 to 3 years of college or technical training		590	24.8%
4	4-year college degree or higher		1,274	53.5%
	Total		2,383	100.0%

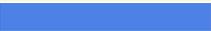
## 22. What is the highest level of education achieved by your father?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than high school graduate	70	3.0%
2	High school graduate or GED	590	24.9%
3	1 to 3 years of college or technical training	456	19.2%
4	4-year college degree or higher	1,255	52.9%
	Total	2,371	100.0%

## 23. What is your best estimate of your parents' / guardians' total income last year?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than \$30,000	230	9.9%
2	\$30,000 to \$39,999	180	7.7%
3	\$40,000 to \$59,999	294	12.6%
4	\$60,000 to \$79,999	357	15.3%
5	\$80,000 to \$99,999	328	14.0%
6	\$100,000 to \$149,999	521	22.3%
7	\$150,000 or higher	425	18.2%
	Total	2,335	100.0%

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

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Undecided		1,077	45.0%
2	0 or only occasional jobs		779	32.6%
3	1 to 5 hours		64	2.7%
4	6 to 10 hours		134	5.6%
5	11 to 15 hours		170	7.1%
6	16 to 20 hours		114	4.8%
7	Over 20 hours		55	2.3%
	Total		2,393	100.0%

**25. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Fill in the answer that best reflects your beliefs and values.**

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	I am good at research and writing papers.	2.7%	12.0%	19.0%	54.2%	12.1%	2,428	3.6
2	I needlessly delay finishing jobs, even when they're important.	19.6%	46.4%	12.6%	18.8%	2.7%	2,424	2.4
3	I know how to schedule my time to accomplish tasks.	0.6%	6.6%	14.1%	59.6%	19.0%	2,425	3.9
4	I find my academic work interesting and absorbing.	1.1%	10.5%	26.8%	50.9%	10.8%	2,422	3.6
5	I know how to take notes.	0.9%	5.4%	18.3%	56.3%	19.1%	2,416	3.9
6	When I have a deadline, I wait until the last minute.	11.5%	40.3%	18.6%	24.5%	5.2%	2,419	2.7
7	I know how to perform well on tests.	3.1%	12.8%	23.5%	45.3%	15.3%	2,420	3.6
8	I keep putting off improving my work habits.	14.9%	38.2%	22.8%	21.6%	2.6%	2,424	2.6

9	I usually do very well in school and at academic tasks.	0.4%	2.3%	11.1%	58.2%	28.0%	2,423	4.1
10	I'm a time waster now, and I can't seem to do anything about it.	27.6%	45.2%	14.7%	10.7%	1.8%	2,424	2.1
11	I promise myself I'll do something and then I drag my feet.	16.3%	40.4%	17.7%	23.3%	2.4%	2,426	2.6
12	I am a very good student.	0.2%	2.3%	14.1%	54.6%	28.7%	2,421	4.1
13	I am very capable of succeeding at UK.	0.2%	0.2%	4.4%	34.2%	61.0%	2,424	4.6