

# University of Kentucky

## 2009-10 Survey of First-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 confidential and are available only to university advising and research personnel fulfilling assigned roles and responsibilities.

### Collegiate Activities and Experiences

**How academically challenging is your first year in college?**

- Q1    ① Not at all challenging  
       ② Somewhat challenging  
       ③ Challenging  
       ④ Very challenging

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

- Q2    ① Very ineffective  
       ② Ineffective  
       ③ Effective  
       ④ Very effective

**During your first year at UK, have you...(Mark all that apply)**

- Q3a     declared your major  
 Q3b     changed your major  
 Q3c     received tutoring in a course  
 Q3d     enrolled in a remedial course  
 Q3e     enrolled in UK 101  
 Q3f     enrolled in an Honors course  
 Q3g     enrolled in a Freshman Discovery Seminar  
 Q3h     used the Writing Center in Young Library  
 Q3i     sought personal counseling  
 Q3j     joined a fraternity/sorority

**During your first year of college, about how often have you done each of the following?**

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Very often</i>
Q4a    Asked questions in class	①	②	③	④
Q4b    Referred to knowledge acquired in your readings or classes	①	②	③	④
Q4c    Came to class without completing readings or assignments	①	②	③	④
Q4d    Read recommended texts/readings in addition to required readings	①	②	③	④
Q4e    Applied the material you were studying to a practical problem	①	②	③	④
Q4f    Contributed to class discussions	①	②	③	④
Q4g    Had serious talks with students whose race is different than yours	①	②	③	④
Q4h    Turned in course assignments late	①	②	③	④
Q4i    Took detailed notes in class	①	②	③	④
Q4j    Felt bored in class	①	②	③	④

**During your first year of college, about how often have you done each of the following?**

		<i>Never</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Very often</i>
Q4k	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	①	②	③	④
Q4l	Discussed ideas from readings or classes with others outside of class	①	②	③	④
Q4m	Did all assigned homework before coming to class	①	②	③	④
Q4n	Expressed views/opinions in class	①	②	③	④
Q4o	Turned in course assignments that did <u>not</u> reflect your best work	①	②	③	④
Q4p	Skipped/missed class	①	②	③	④
Q4q	Had serious talks with students whose religious or political beliefs were very different from yours	①	②	③	④

**How many school-sponsored extra-curricular activities have you attended since you started at UK?**

- Q5
- ① None
  - ② One or two
  - ③ Three or four
  - ④ Five or six
  - ⑤ Seven or eight
  - ⑥ Nine or ten
  - ⑦ Eleven or twelve
  - ⑧ More than twelve

**During your first year of college, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?**

		<i>None</i>	<i>Less than 1 hour</i>	<i>1-2 hours</i>	<i>3-5 hours</i>	<i>6-10 hours</i>	<i>11-15 hours</i>	<i>16-20 hours</i>	<i>Over 20 hours</i>
Q6a	Studying/homework	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6b	Socializing/partying	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6c	Exercise/sports	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6d	Participating in UK clubs/groups	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6e	Watching TV	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6f	Reading for pleasure	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6g	Playing video/computer games	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6h	Using on-line social networking sites	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6i	Working for pay <b>on campus</b>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧
Q6j	Working for pay <b>off campus</b>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧

**Beliefs, Values and Expectations**

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.

		<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
Q7a	I am good at research and writing papers.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7b	The student friendships I have developed at this university have been personally satisfying.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7c	I needlessly delay finishing jobs, even when they're important.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7d	I am satisfied with the extent of my intellectual development since enrolling in this university.	①	②	③	④	⑤

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.

		<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
Q7e	I know how to schedule my time to accomplish tasks.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7f	I find my academic work interesting and absorbing.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7g	I know how to take notes.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7h	My nonclassroom interactions with faculty have had a positive influence on my career goals and aspirations.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7i	When I have a deadline, I wait until the last minute.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7j	Few of the faculty members I have had contact with are generally interested in students.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7k	I know how to perform well on tests.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7l	I keep putting off improving my work habits.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7m	My nonclassroom interactions with faculty have had a positive influence on my personal growth, values, and attitudes.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7n	I usually do very well in school and at academic tasks.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7o	My academic experience has had a positive influence on my intellectual growth and interest in ideas.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7p	I'm a time waster now, and I can't seem to do anything about it.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7q	Few of the faculty members I have had contact with are genuinely outstanding teachers.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7r	I promise myself I'll do something and then I drag my feet.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7s	I am a very good student.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7t	Since coming to this university I have developed close personal relationships with other students.	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q7u	I am very capable of succeeding at UK.	①	②	③	④	⑤

### Self-Evaluation of Skills and Knowledge

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

		<i>Much weaker</i>	<i>Weaker</i>	<i>No change</i>	<i>Stronger</i>	<i>Much Stronger</i>
Q8a	Making effective oral presentations	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8b	Writing effectively	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8c	Understanding the world from a variety of viewpoints	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8d	Using statistical or mathematical reasoning to solve problems	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8e	Appreciating the arts	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8f	Valuing cultural diversity in our society	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8g	Understanding methods and applying principles of reasoning in the natural sciences	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8h	Understanding yourself	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8i	Using computers and information technology	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8j	Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8k	Thinking critically and analytically	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8l	Working cooperatively in a group	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q8m	Developing insight into why you behave the way you do	①	②	③	④	⑤

## Self-Evaluation of Skills and Knowledge

Since entering UK, how successful have you been in:

		<i>Very unsuccessful</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Successful</i>	<i>Very successful</i>
Q9a	Developing close friendships with students	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9b	Establishing meaningful connections with faculty	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9c	Utilizing campus services available to students	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9d	Managing your time effectively	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9e	Understanding what is expected academically	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9f	Discussing course content with faculty outside of class	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9g	Establishing a network of friends on campus	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9h	Developing effective study skills	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q9i	Adjusting to the academic demands of college	①	②	③	④	⑤

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.

		<i>Lowest 10%</i>	<i>Below average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Above average</i>	<i>Highest 10%</i>
Q10a	Academic ability	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q10b	Drive to achieve	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q10c	Self-confidence (intellectual)	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q10d	Self-confidence (social)	①	②	③	④	⑤

## Personal Feelings and Experiences

During the past year, how often have you felt:

		<i>Never</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Always</i>
Q11a	Sad or depressed	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11b	Lonely	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11c	Anxious or nervous	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11d	Intimidated by your teachers/ professors	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11e	Concerned about meeting new people	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11f	Unmotivated	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11g	Isolated from others	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11h	Tired and lacking in energy	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11i	Out of control	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11j	Worried about your health	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11k	A lot of stress in your life	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q11l	Homesick	①	②	③	④	⑤

Have you experienced any of the following during the last year?(Mark all that apply)

- Q12a  Serious romantic relationship
- Q12b  Long-distance romantic relationship
- Q12c  Serious financial difficulties
- Q12d  Serious illness or injury
- Q12e  Break up with romantic partner
- Q12f  Serious problem or crisis involving close friend or family member

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

- Q13
- ① Not at all nervous
  - ② Somewhat nervous
  - ③ Nervous
  - ④ Very nervous

### **Living Arrangements and Financial Need**

**Where do you live?**

- Q14
- ① UK residence hall
  - ② UK apartment
  - ③ Private house/condo
  - ④ Private apartment
  - ⑤ Greek housing

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

- Q15
- ① I do not commute
  - ② None
  - ③ 1 to 5
  - ④ 6 to 10
  - ⑤ 11 to 15
  - ⑥ 16 to 20
  - ⑦ More than 20

**If you live on campus, how often did you go home in addition to regularly scheduled breaks (such as Thanksgiving, Spring Break, etc.) during fall semester?**

- Q16
- ① I do not live on campus
  - ② Never
  - ③ Once or twice
  - ④ 3 to 5 times
  - ⑤ 6 or more times

**If you live on campus, how often did you go home in addition to regularly scheduled breaks (such as Thanksgiving, Spring Break, etc.) during spring semester?**

- Q17
- ① I do not live on campus
  - ② Never
  - ③ Once or twice
  - ④ 3 to 5 times
  - ⑤ 6 or more times

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

- Q18    ① Not concerned, I'm confident I will have enough funds  
          ② Somewhat concerned, I'll probably have enough funds  
          ③ Very concerned, not sure I'll have enough funds

**Quality of First-Year Experiences**

**How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects at UK?**

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Q19a Overall quality of instruction by faculty	①	②	③	④
Q19b Quality of instruction by TAs	①	②	③	④
Q19c Individual attention from instructors	①	②	③	④
Q19d Willingness of faculty to meet with students	①	②	③	④
Q19e Quality of UK's library collection	①	②	③	④
Q19f Quality of service provided by the library staff	①	②	③	④
Q19g Availability of computing resources	①	②	③	④
Q19h Quality of service provided by the computer lab staff	①	②	③	④

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your academic advisor?**

	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
Q20a Spent sufficient time with me	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q20b Was accessible when I needed help	①	②	③	④	⑤
Q20c Is someone I would recommend to other students	①	②	③	④	⑤

**Quality of First-Year Experiences**

**To what extent has your freshman year at UK fulfilled your expectations?**

- Q21    ① Far below  
          ② Moderately below  
          ③ Met expectations  
          ④ Moderately above  
          ⑤ Far above

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

- Q22    ① Very dissatisfied  
          ② Dissatisfied  
          ③ Neutral  
          ④ Satisfied  
          ⑤ Very satisfied

**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?**

- Q23
- |   |               |   |                        |
|---|---------------|---|------------------------|
| ① | 1, Impossible | ⑥ | 6                      |
| ② | 2             | ⑦ | 7                      |
| ③ | 3             | ⑧ | 8                      |
| ④ | 4             | ⑨ | 9                      |
| ⑤ | 5             | ⑩ | 10, Absolutely Certain |

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

- Q24
- |   |               |   |                        |
|---|---------------|---|------------------------|
| ① | 1, Impossible | ⑥ | 6                      |
| ② | 2             | ⑦ | 7                      |
| ③ | 3             | ⑧ | 8                      |
| ④ | 4             | ⑨ | 9                      |
| ⑤ | 5             | ⑩ | 10, Absolutely Certain |

**What are your plans for next fall?**

- Q25
- ① Not enroll in college
  - ② Take an official leave of absence
  - ③ Attend another institution
  - ④ Return to UK

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

- Q26
- ① Definitely not
  - ② Probably not
  - ③ Probably yes
  - ④ Definitely yes

**Thank you!**