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The FREQ Procedure

How academically challenging was your first year in college?				
q1	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Not at all challenging	17	1.82	17	1.82
Somewhat challenging	256	27.47	273	29.29
Challenging	493	52.90	766	82.19
Very challenging	166	17.81	932	100.00

Frequency Missing = 3

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How effective was your high school preparation for college-level work?				
q2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Very ineffective	97	10.41	97	10.41
Ineffective	231	24.79	328	35.19
Effective	397	42.60	725	77.79
Very effective	207	22.21	932	100.00

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Q3: During your first year at UK, how often have you used the following?	N	Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Frequently	Mean	SD
Study skill advising or workshops	881	40.1%	27.4%	24.1%	8.5%	2.01	0.99
Financial aid advising	880	59.1%	25.0%	12.7%	3.2%	1.60	0.83
Student health services	882	42.0%	28.8%	22.2%	7.0%	1.94	0.96
Student psychological services	879	87.4%	7.8%	3.5%	1.3%	1.19	0.55
Academic advising online	880	47.8%	23.6%	20.6%	8.0%	1.89	1.00
Services of academic advisors/counselors	877	5.7%	24.3%	49.3%	20.8%	2.85	0.81
Career counseling	876	70.7%	18.6%	8.9%	1.8%	1.42	0.73
Peer tutoring services	881	46.2%	21.7%	17.5%	14.6%	2.01	1.11

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Q4: How often did you have the following types of contacts with UK faculty (including TAs, GAs, Lecturers and Instructors) during your first year?	N	Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Frequently	Mean	SD
Talked with a faculty member at the end of class	883	7.2%	36.4%	43.4%	13.0%	2.62	0.80
Met with a faculty member during office hours	882	17.9%	41.0%	32.4%	8.6%	2.32	0.86
Discussed class-related issues by e-mail or other electronic means	882	3.2%	17.6%	49.7%	29.6%	3.06	0.77
Talked with a faculty member outside of class	882	23.6%	37.4%	28.5%	10.5%	2.26	0.94

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Q5: During your first year of college, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?	N	None	< 1 hr	1-2 hrs	3-5 hrs	6-10 hrs	11-15 hrs	16-20 hrs	> 20 hrs	Mean	SD
Attending classes/labs	852	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%	2.7%	6.3%	41.0%	40.6%	8.2%	6.41	0.93
Studying/homework	844	0.1%	0.4%	3.4%	19.7%	33.3%	21.3%	12.3%	9.5%	5.46	1.32
Socializing	837	1.0%	1.6%	8.4%	20.5%	32.1%	16.7%	9.3%	10.4%	5.21	1.51
Exercise/sports	847	5.4%	13.2%	23.5%	30.7%	17.6%	5.1%	2.5%	2.0%	3.77	1.46
Entertainment (concerts, theater, music, reading for fun, TV)	849	2.8%	8.7%	23.7%	30.6%	19.2%	8.6%	3.5%	2.8%	4.09	1.46
Participating in UK clubs/groups	845	29.6%	18.0%	19.5%	19.2%	8.4%	3.7%	1.2%	0.5%	2.77	1.57
Volunteering/Community service	844	40.0%	23.3%	20.7%	9.4%	4.5%	1.7%	0.1%	0.2%	2.22	1.31
Using online social networking sites	846	6.0%	9.1%	21.2%	26.0%	18.2%	7.7%	5.9%	5.9%	4.17	1.75
Working for pay on campus	846	85.7%	0.8%	0.8%	1.2%	3.7%	4.5%	2.1%	1.2%	1.64	1.67
Working for pay off campus	848	80.0%	1.9%	1.7%	3.9%	3.2%	3.7%	3.7%	2.1%	1.85	1.87
Co-curricular activities (student organizations, publications, etc.)	845	51.7%	14.9%	12.4%	11.7%	4.9%	2.5%	0.6%	1.3%	2.19	1.59
Commuting to and from classes or job	850	26.2%	19.4%	32.5%	15.3%	4.0%	1.8%	0.4%	0.5%	2.60	1.32

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Q6: Compared with when you started your first year, how much progress have you made in the following skills and knowledge?	N	No progress	Slight progress	Moderate progress	A lot of progress	Mean	SD
Making effective oral presentations	808	19.3%	32.9%	35.0%	12.7%	2.41	0.94
Writing effectively	807	12.1%	29.2%	43.1%	15.5%	2.62	0.89
Understanding the world from a variety of viewpoints	809	7.8%	29.0%	42.5%	20.6%	2.76	0.87
Using statistical or mathematical reasoning to solve problems	810	15.6%	29.8%	36.2%	18.5%	2.58	0.96
Appreciating the arts	811	28.0%	34.0%	24.9%	13.1%	2.23	1.00
Valuing cultural diversity in our society	807	13.8%	33.6%	35.7%	17.0%	2.56	0.93
Understanding methods and applying principles of reasoning in the natural sciences	810	14.2%	35.9%	36.4%	13.5%	2.49	0.90
Understanding yourself	806	6.6%	23.1%	41.4%	28.9%	2.93	0.88
Using computers and information technology	810	12.8%	35.9%	36.7%	14.6%	2.53	0.89
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	810	14.0%	31.9%	38.3%	15.9%	2.56	0.92
Thinking critically and analytically	811	5.7%	25.0%	46.4%	22.9%	2.87	0.83
Working cooperatively in a group	809	8.4%	30.9%	41.8%	18.9%	2.71	0.87

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Q7:Since entering UK, how successful have you been in:	N	Very unsuccessful	Unsuccessful	Not sure	Successful	Very successful	Mean	SD
Meeting and making friends	811	4.1%	9.4%	10.5%	44.8%	31.3%	3.90	1.07
Adjusting to social environment of the campus	811	2.8%	7.4%	12.2%	46.9%	30.7%	3.95	0.99
Managing your time effectively	811	2.7%	11.3%	18.7%	50.7%	16.5%	3.67	0.97
Developing effective study skills	808	3.5%	11.4%	21.0%	49.8%	14.4%	3.60	0.98
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	811	2.1%	8.8%	15.5%	53.1%	20.5%	3.81	0.93

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Where do you live?				
q8	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
UK residence hall	645	79.83	645	79.83
UK apartment	12	1.49	657	81.31
Private house/condo/apartment	13	1.61	670	82.92
Greek housing	48	5.94	718	88.86
Parents' house	90	11.14	808	100.00

Frequency Missing = 127

If you commute, how many hours out of class per week do you spend on campus?				
q9	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
I do not commute	604	76.75	604	76.75
None	18	2.29	622	79.03
1 to 5	63	8.01	685	87.04
6 to 10	26	3.30	711	90.34
11 to 15	18	2.29	729	92.63
16 to 20	19	2.41	748	95.04
More than 20	39	4.96	787	100.00

Frequency Missing = 148

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If you live on campus, how often do you go home in addition to regularly scheduled breaks, during fall semester?				
q10	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
I do not live on campus	119	14.95	119	14.95
Never	59	7.41	178	22.36
Once or twice	155	19.47	333	41.83
3 to 5 times	260	32.66	593	74.50
6 or more times	203	25.50	796	100.00

Frequency Missing = 139

If you live on campus, how often do you go home in addition to regularly scheduled breaks, during spring semester?				
q11	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
I do not live on campus	121	15.07	121	15.07
Never	84	10.46	205	25.53
Once or twice	217	27.02	422	52.55
3 to 5 times	214	26.65	636	79.20
6 or more times	167	20.80	803	100.00

Frequency Missing = 132

How concerned are you about your ability to pay for your remaining college education?				
q12	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Not concerned, I am confident I will have enough funds	276	34.16	276	34.16
Somewhat concerned, I'll probably have enough funds	350	43.32	626	77.48
Very concerned, not sure I'll have enough funds	182	22.52	808	100.00

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Q13: How would you rate your first year experience in each of the following aspects at UK?	N	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Mean	SD
Overall quality of instruction	803	2.5%	22.9%	58.0%	16.6%	2.89	0.69
Individual attention from instructors	802	11.3%	38.8%	40.5%	9.4%	2.48	0.82
Willingness of faculty to meet with students	803	1.7%	19.1%	51.7%	27.5%	3.05	0.73
Academic challenges in your courses	799	2.3%	13.0%	58.8%	25.9%	3.08	0.69
Intellectual atmosphere on campus	803	5.5%	23.2%	55.0%	16.3%	2.82	0.76
First year programs (honors program/first-year seminars/undergraduate research/learning communities/etc.)	797	7.2%	33.2%	48.3%	11.3%	2.64	0.78
Opportunities for community service/volunteering	798	6.1%	34.5%	45.5%	13.9%	2.67	0.79
Student leadership opportunities	800	6.0%	34.9%	45.1%	14.0%	2.67	0.79
Opportunities for co-curricular and extracurricular activities	800	3.8%	23.9%	47.5%	24.9%	2.94	0.80
Opportunities for getting to know other students and having active social life	799	7.1%	19.8%	46.1%	27.0%	2.93	0.87

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Q14: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your academic advisor?	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't know	Agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SD
Spent sufficient time with me	802	4.0%	10.6%	5.7%	49.5%	30.2%	3.91	1.07
Was accessible when I needed help	802	2.7%	6.0%	6.6%	47.6%	37.0%	4.10	0.96
Is someone I would recommend to other students	799	5.5%	7.8%	11.1%	35.8%	39.8%	3.97	1.15

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Q15:How satisfied are you with the following facilities and services:	N	No experience/Can't rate	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Classroom facilities	797	0.8%	1.1%	6.0%	21.2%	60.5%	10.4%
Computer labs	797	12.8%	0.4%	1.6%	15.3%	48.2%	21.7%
Library facilities and services	795	0.9%	0.4%	1.0%	7.5%	42.5%	47.7%
Library online services	794	7.2%	0.4%	2.6%	14.1%	46.1%	29.6%
Lab facilities and equipment	789	21.3%	1.8%	4.6%	16.2%	40.7%	15.5%
Financial aid services	797	23.3%	3.6%	9.0%	26.5%	29.0%	8.5%
Academic advising services	795	1.9%	2.3%	7.2%	16.6%	47.5%	24.5%
Career Services	796	40.6%	1.0%	2.3%	21.0%	27.4%	7.8%
Student health services	796	27.6%	1.5%	3.8%	15.8%	35.3%	16.0%
Psychological/Personal Counseling Services	797	56.1%	0.8%	1.0%	20.6%	15.2%	6.4%
Peer tutoring services	797	36.0%	0.8%	2.4%	18.6%	29.5%	12.8%
Writing Center	793	50.7%	0.8%	1.5%	19.0%	19.3%	8.7%
Academic Enhancement Services (The Study)	795	34.8%	1.5%	3.8%	16.6%	26.9%	16.4%
Campus housing	797	11.2%	10.5%	16.6%	20.7%	32.6%	8.4%
Recreational facilities	794	8.3%	0.3%	1.4%	10.6%	46.5%	33.0%

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Q15:How satisfied are you with the following facilities and services ('No Experience' converted to missing):	N	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Mean	SD
Classroom facilities	791	1.1%	6.1%	21.4%	60.9%	10.5%	4.74	0.77
Computer labs	695	0.4%	1.9%	17.6%	55.3%	24.9%	5.02	0.73
Library facilities and services	788	0.4%	1.0%	7.6%	42.9%	48.1%	5.37	0.70
Library online services	737	0.4%	2.8%	15.2%	49.7%	31.9%	5.10	0.78
Lab facilities and equipment	621	2.3%	5.8%	20.6%	51.7%	19.6%	4.81	0.90
Financial aid services	611	4.7%	11.8%	34.5%	37.8%	11.1%	4.39	0.99
Academic advising services	780	2.3%	7.3%	16.9%	48.5%	25.0%	4.87	0.95
Career Services	473	1.7%	3.8%	35.3%	46.1%	13.1%	4.65	0.82
Student health services	576	2.1%	5.2%	21.9%	48.8%	22.0%	4.84	0.90
Psychological/Personal Counseling Services	350	1.7%	2.3%	46.9%	34.6%	14.6%	4.58	0.83
Peer tutoring services	510	1.2%	3.7%	29.0%	46.1%	20.0%	4.80	0.84
Writing Center	391	1.5%	3.1%	38.6%	39.1%	17.6%	4.68	0.85
Academic Enhancement Services (The Study)	518	2.3%	5.8%	25.5%	41.3%	25.1%	4.81	0.95
Campus housing	708	11.9%	18.6%	23.3%	36.7%	9.5%	4.13	1.18
Recreational facilities	728	0.3%	1.5%	11.5%	50.7%	36.0%	5.21	0.72

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Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with your first year of college?				
q16	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Very dissatisfied	31	3.88	31	3.88
Dissatisfied	51	6.38	82	10.25
Neutral	115	14.38	197	24.63
Satisfied	387	48.38	584	73.00
Very satisfied	216	27.00	800	100.00

Frequency Missing = 135

What are your plans for next fall?				
q17	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Return to UK	740	92.50	740	92.50
Take a break from college and return later	2	0.25	742	92.75
Attend another institution	57	7.13	799	99.88
Not enroll in college	1	0.13	800	100.00

Frequency Missing = 135

If you could start college again, would you enroll at UK? run				
q18	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Definitely not	35	4.38	35	4.38
Probably not	86	10.76	121	15.14
Probably yes	295	36.92	416	52.07
Definitely yes	383	47.93	799	100.00

Frequency Missing = 136