Your First College Year Survey
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Executive Summary

Higher Education Research Institute, University of California at Los Angeles
Presentation Summary

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### How Students Spend Time

**Hours spent in a typical week during the past year**

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<td>Student clubs/groups</td>
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<td>Socializing with friends</td>
<td>28.0%</td>
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<td>Online social networks</td>
<td>9.3%</td>
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<td>Partying</td>
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Interaction with Faculty

How has it been to get to know faculty?

- Very Easy: 8.8%
- Somewhat Easy: 41.0%
- Somewhat Difficult: 40.2%
- Very Difficult: 10.0%
Interaction with Faculty

How has it been to understand what your professors expect of you academically?

- Very Easy: 22.8%
- Somewhat Easy: 55.5%
- Somewhat Difficult: 19.5%
- Very Difficult: 2.2%
Interaction with Faculty

How often have you interacted with...

- Faculty During Office Hours:
  - Never: 20.7%
  - <Once a Week: 18.8%
  - Once week or more: 60.5%

- Faculty Outside Class or Office Hours:
  - Never: 47.8%
  - <Once a Week: 37.7%
  - Once week or more: 14.5%
Interaction with Faculty
Since entering this college, how often have you worked on a professor’s research project?

- Frequently: 4.2%
- Occasionally: 10.0%
- Not at all: 85.8%
Interaction with Faculty

How often have you received from your professors...

- Negative feedback about your academic work:
  - Occasionally: 36.1%
  - Frequently: 2.0%

- Emotional support or encouragement:
  - Occasionally: 33.9%
  - Frequently: 4.8%

- Advice/guidance about your educational program:
  - Occasionally: 58.1%
  - Frequently: 7.7%
Interaction with Faculty
The faculty here are interested in students’ academic/personal problems
Major Selection

Since entering this college, have you...

- Decided to pursue a different major: 35.5%
- Remained undecided about a major: 20.9%
Academic-Related Gains
Compared with when you entered this college, how would you describe your...

- General knowledge: 72.5% Stronger, 16.8% Much Stronger
- Knowledge of a particular field or discipline: 56.7% Stronger, 36.3% Much Stronger
- Ability to conduct research: 52.1% Stronger, 14.0% Much Stronger
- Ability to work as part of a team: 49.5% Stronger, 18.3% Much Stronger
- Critical thinking skills: 59.6% Stronger, 20.9% Much Stronger
- Analytical/problem-solving skills: 58.3% Stronger, 22.0% Much Stronger
## Academic Climate

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<td>Spoken up in class</td>
<td>71.6%</td>
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<td>Thought that your courses inspired you to think in new ways</td>
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<td>Discussed course content with students outside of class</td>
<td>50.3%</td>
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<td>Witnessed academic dishonesty or cheating</td>
<td>48.9%</td>
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Academic Climate

In class, I have heard faculty express stereotypes about…

Men
- 15.3% Agree
- 3.0% Strongly Agree

Women
- 18.2% Agree
- 4.7% Strongly Agree

Racial/Ethnic Groups
- 16.2% Agree
- 4.2% Strongly Agree
Academic Climate

To what extent do you agree or disagree that at this institution there is strong competition among students for high grades?

- Strongly Agree: 21.5%
- Agree: 50.3%
- Disagree: 25.5%
- Strongly Disagree: 2.7%
Academic Success Habits

How has it been to...

- Adjust to academic demands of college: 40.7% Somewhat Easy, 13.3% Very Easy
- Manage your time effectively: 37.8% Somewhat Easy, 10.2% Very Easy
- Develop effective study skills: 41.7% Somewhat Easy, 12.3% Very Easy
- Use campus services available to students: 54.2% Somewhat Easy, 32.5% Very Easy
Academic Balance

I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities

- Strongly Agree: 10.7%
- Agree: 66.3%
- Disagree: 19.2%
- Strongly Disagree: 3.8%
Academic Program Participation

Have you enrolled or participated in a...

- FIG, learning cluster, linked courses, etc: 22.7%
- First-year seminar: 39.4%
- Honors/advanced course: 31.2%
- Academic support program: 9.0%
- Remedial course: 5.8%
Academic Disengagement

How often have you…

- Skipped class: 4.7% Occasionally, 75.8% Frequently
- Come late to class: 3.0% Occasionally, 32.1% Frequently
- Fell asleep in class: 4.5% Occasionally, 49.5% Frequently
- Been bored in class: 5.2% Occasionally, 44.6% Frequently
- Turned in assignments late: 6.8% Occasionally, 52.8% Frequently
- Turned in work that was not your best: 5.2% Occasionally, 70.5% Frequently
Satisfaction with Academics

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Library facilities and services: 29.3% Very Satisfied, 70.7% Somewhat Satisfied
- Lab facilities and equipment: 20.9% Very Satisfied, 79.1% Somewhat Satisfied
- Classroom facilities: 14.2% Very Satisfied, 85.8% Somewhat Satisfied
- Class size: 8.3% Very Satisfied, 91.7% Somewhat Satisfied
- Overall academic experience: 21.0% Very Satisfied, 79.0% Somewhat Satisfied

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Satisfaction with Academics

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- Overall quality of instruction: 13.9% Very Satisfied, 61.3% Somewhat Satisfied
- Relevance of coursework to everyday life: 5.7% Very Satisfied, 37.8% Somewhat Satisfied
- Relevance of coursework to career: 12.9% Very Satisfied, 47.2% Somewhat Satisfied
- Amount of contact with faculty: 7.6% Very Satisfied, 44.9% Somewhat Satisfied
Satisfaction with Computing

How satisfied are you with your institution in terms of...

- **Availability of internet access**:
  - Very Satisfied: 42.7%
  - Somewhat Satisfied: 41.3%

- **Computer facilities/labs**:
  - Very Satisfied: 27.9%
  - Somewhat Satisfied: 56.0%

- **Quality of computer training/assistance**:
  - Very Satisfied: 15.4%
  - Somewhat Satisfied: 52.0%
Habits of Mind
In the past year, how frequently did you...

- Support your opinions with a logical argument: 49.4%
- Ask questions in class: 22.4%
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others: 47.9%
- Revise your papers to improve your writing: 44.1%
- Seek feedback on your academic work: 35.7%
Habits of Mind

In the past year, how frequently did you...

- Seek alternative solutions to a problem: 35.1%
- Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain: 29.0%
- Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received: 38.4%
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class: 27.7%
- Look up scientific research articles and resources: 32.1%
## Civic Engagement

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<td>Volunteered</td>
<td>48.3%</td>
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<td>Performed community service as part of class</td>
<td>24.2%</td>
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<td>Participated in political demonstrations</td>
<td>12.8%</td>
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<td>Worked on a local, state, or national campaign</td>
<td>6.2%</td>
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<td>Read internet news sites</td>
<td>37.5%</td>
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<td>Discussed politics</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>17.3%</td>
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Civic Engagement

How important to you personally is each of the following…

- Keeping up-to-date with political affairs: 29.0%
- Influencing the political structure: 25.7%
- Becoming a community leader: 27.7%
- Participating in community action: 27.9%
- Helping others in difficulty: 48.9%
- Becoming involved with cleaning up the environment: 25.7%

Very Important
Essential
Civic Engagement

Compared with when you entered this college, how would you describe your...

- Understanding of problems facing your community: 11.0%
- Understanding of national issues: 10.3%
- Understanding of global issues: 10.8%

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Political Views

How would you characterize your political views?

- Far left: 2.9%
- Liberal: 25.0%
- Middle-of-the-Road: 42.4%
- Conservative: 27.9%
- Far Right: 1.8%
Campus Climate

To what extent do you agree that you...

Feel a sense of belonging with this college

Agree: 59.3%
Strongly Agree: 20.5%

See yourself as part of the campus community

Agree: 58.8%
Strongly Agree: 19.9%

Feel like just another number on campus

Agree: 40.8%
Strongly Agree: 11.0%
## Campus Climate

### How often have you...

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<td>Felt lonely or homesick</td>
<td>53.8%</td>
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<td>Felt isolated from campus life</td>
<td>45.7%</td>
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<td>Felt unsafe on campus</td>
<td>29.2%</td>
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<td>Gone home for the weekend</td>
<td>58.1%</td>
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### How satisfied are you with...

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<td>Sense of community among students</td>
<td>51.3%</td>
<td>15.5%</td>
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Peer Relationships
Since entering this college, how often have you interacted with close friends...

- From high school:
  - Never: 4.3%
  - Monthly or less: 27.0%
  - Weekly: 26.7%
  - Daily: 27.0%

- Not at this institution:
  - Never: 2.8%
  - Monthly or less: 27.5%
  - Weekly: 41.7%
  - Daily: 28.0%

- At this institution:
  - Never: 2.2%
  - Monthly or less: 3.2%
  - Weekly: 17.3%
  - Daily: 77.3%
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with male students?

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<td>Males</td>
<td>43.7%</td>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>39.9%</td>
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Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with female students?
Peer Relationships

How has it been to develop close friendships with students from a different racial/ethnic group?

- Very Easy: 26.2%
- Somewhat Easy: 47.0%
- Somewhat Difficult: 20.7%
- Very Difficult: 6.2%
Peer Relationships

How often have you...

- Received advice/counseling from another student
  - Occasionally: 14.0%
  - Frequently: 64.8%

- Tutored another student
  - Occasionally: 8.2%
  - Frequently: 43.3%

- Studied with other students
  - Occasionally: 33.2%
  - Frequently: 56.8%

- Had difficulty with roommate(s)
  - Occasionally: 13.9%
  - Frequently: 40.6%
Peer Relationships

How satisfied are you with your interaction with other students at this college?

- Very Satisfied: 13.0%
- Satisfied: 57.0%
- Neutral: 20.2%
- Dissatisfied: 7.9%
- Very Dissatisfied: 1.8%
- No Experience: 0.0%
Diversity

How often have you socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group?

- Frequently: 43.5%
- Occasionally: 50.5%
- Not at all: 6.0%
Diversity

Compared to the average person your age, how do you rate yourself in terms of your...

- **Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues**: 48.2%
- **Openness to having my own views challenged**: 41.7%
- **Tolerance of others with different beliefs**: 49.5%
- **Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective**: 52.0%
- **Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people**: 48.8%
Diversity

I have felt discriminated against based on my...

- **Race/ethnicity**: Agree 9.0%, Strongly Agree 2.7%
- **Socio-economic status**: Agree 9.8%, Strongly Agree 1.5%
- **Gender**: Agree 14.7%, Strongly Agree 2.7%
- **Religion**: Agree 10.5%, Strongly Agree 2.3%
- **Sexual orientation**: Agree 2.3%, Strongly Agree 0.5%
Diversity
To what extent do you agree that...

There is a lot of racial tension on this campus
- 2.2%
- 9.7%

College experiences have exposed me to diverse opinions, cultures, and values
- 22.0%
- 65.3%

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Diversity

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

- Dined or shared a meal: Often 19.0%, Very Often 21.0%
- Socialized or partied: Often 10.5%, Very Often 21.2%
- Attended events sponsored by other racial/ethnic groups: Often 5.5%, Very Often 3.3%
- Studied or prepared for class: Often 17.2%, Very Often 14.9%
- Had intellectual discussions outside of class: Often 19.1%, Very Often 12.5%
- Had meaningful and honest discussions about race/ethnic relations outside of class: Often 11.0%, Very Often 8.8%
- Shared personal feelings and problems: Often 15.2%, Very Often 10.0%
Diversity

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

- Had guarded, cautious interactions: 1.8% Often, 5.2% Very Often
- Had tense, somewhat hostile interactions: 0.8% Often, 2.2% Very Often
- Felt insulted or threatened because of race/ethnicity: 1.7% Often, 1.3% Very Often
Diversity

Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following…

- Engaging with members of my own racial/ethnic group: 36.9%
- Helping to promote racial understanding: 25.4%
- Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures: 38.7%
Diversity
Satisfaction with racial/ethnic diversity of student and faculty

- Very Satisfied: Students 13.1%, Faculty 9.3%
- Satisfied: Students 46.0%, Faculty 47.0%
- Neutral: Students 32.7%, Faculty 38.0%
- Dissatisfied: Students 6.4%, Faculty 4.6%
- Very Dissatisfied: Students 1.9%, Faculty 1.0%
Diversity

Satisfaction with respect for the expression of diverse beliefs

Very Satisfied: 15.7%
Satisfied: 59.1%
Neutral: 22.7%
Dissatisfied: 2.0%
Very Dissatisfied: 0.5%
Personal Health Issues

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<td>Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do</td>
<td>52.7%</td>
<td>44.8%</td>
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<td>Felt depressed</td>
<td>57.2%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Missed class due to illness</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Slept more than 8 hours a day</td>
<td>67.7%</td>
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<td>Worried about your health</td>
<td>41.5%</td>
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<td>Maintained a healthy diet</td>
<td>59.3%</td>
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<td>Drank beer</td>
<td>30.5%</td>
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<td>Drank wine or liquor</td>
<td>35.8%</td>
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<td>Smoked cigarettes</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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Personal Health Issues

Times in the past two weeks, if any, students have had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row

- **None**: 73.2%
- **Once**: 7.8%
- **Twice**: 7.8%
- **3-5 times**: 8.5%
- **6-9 times**: 1.7%
- **10+**: 1.0%

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Personal Health Issues

Since entering this college, have you sought personal counseling?

- Yes, 11%
- No, 89%
## Plans to Return

**What do you think you will be doing in Fall 2008?**

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<td>Attending another institution</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Don’t know or have not decided yet</td>
<td>3.2%</td>
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<td>Not attending any institution</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
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Satisfaction with College Choice

If you could make your college choice over, would you still choose to enroll at this college?

- 52% Definitely yes
- 34% Probably yes
- 7% Probably no
- 4% Definitely no
- 4% Not sure yet

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