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2022 Survey of First Year Students

This survey is being completed by first-year students at approximately 30 Canadian universities. We want to learn more about our new students to help them make a successful transition to university.

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No shading	Question only in the First Year Survey
	Question in all 3 surveys
	Question in the First Year Survey and the Middle Years Survey

Motivation

How important were each of the following possible reasons in your decision to go to university?

		Not	Somewhat		Very
		important	important	Important	important
motiv1	To prepare for a specific job or career				
motiv2	To satisfy my intellectual curiosity				
motiv3	To earn more money than if I didn't go				
motiv4	To get a broad education				
motiv5	I am more likely to get a job with a degree				
motiv6	The satisfaction of doing challenging				
	academic work				
motiv7	To apply what I will learn to make a positive	_		_	_
	difference in society or my community				
motiv8	I didn't have anything better to do				
motiv9	To get a more fulfilling job than I probably				
	would if I didn't go				
motiv10	To meet my family's expectations				
motiv11	Learning new things is exciting				
motiv12	Most of my friends are going				
motiv13	To meet new people				
motiv14	The chance to participate in varsity				
	athletics				
motiv15	To explore whether university is right for				
	me				
motiv16	Other reason (please specify)				
motivtxt					
motivtop	Which one was the most important to you? _				

Applications

How many universities besides [UCODE.TEXT] did you apply to?app1in Canada: ______app2in other countries: ______

app3 Did you apply to a college or CEGEP? Yes \Box No \Box

app4 Is [UCODE.TEXT] your first choice? Yes 🗌 No 🗌

[If app4 = "No" branch to apptxt, otherwise branch to the Selection section.]

apptxt What was your first choice university?

Selection

How imp	portant were each of the following in your decision			?	
		Not	Somewhat		Very
		important	important	Important	important
sel1	I wanted to live close to home				
sel2	I wanted to live away from home				
sel3	It offered a place in residence				
sel4	Cost of university residence				
sel5	Cost of tuition and fees				
sel6	It has the program I want to take				
sel7	The program I want has a co-op, practicum or				
	other work experience				
sel8	The program I want offers study/work				
	experience abroad				
sel9	The academic reputation of the university				
sel10	It has a good reputation for campus life				
sel11	It offered a scholarship				
sel12	It offered other financial assistance				
sel13	The size of the university suits me				
sel14	The city/town it's in				
sel15	Availability of public transportation				
sel16	It's where my friends are going				
sel17	It's where my family wanted me to go				
sel18	The chance to participate in varsity athletics				
sel19	Other reason (please specify)				
seltxt					
seltop	Which one was the most important to you?				

[Students identified in the university's sample file as international/visa students will be branched to vsel1; other students will be branched to the Sources of information section.]

How important were each of the following in your decision to study at [UCODE.TEXT]?

		Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
vsel1	Academic reputation of Canadian universities				
	in general				
vsel2	Cost of tuition and fees for international				
	students				
vsel3	Friends or family recommended it				
vsel4	I thought it would be a welcoming				
	environment				
vsel5	Obtaining a visa for Canada was easier than				
	for other countries				
vsel6	Other reason (please specify)				
vseltxt					

	portant were each of the following sources of inf	ormation in ye	our decision to	o study at [UC	ODE.TEXT]?
		Not	Somewhat	-	Very
		important	important	Important	important
nf1	Visit by a university representative to your				
	high school or CEGEP				
nf2	The university's web site				
nf3	The university's Facebook site				
nf4	The university's other social media (e.g.,				
	Twitter, Tumblr, etc.)				
nf5	Printed university brochure, pamphlet or				
	viewbook				
nf6	Visit to campus for an open house				
nf7	Other visit to campus				
nf8	Contact with admissions staff on campus				
nf9	Contact with professors				
nf10	Contact with university athletic coaches				
nf11	High school/CEGEP counsellors or teachers				
nf12	Students attending the university				
nf13	Friends				
nf14	Parents				
nf15	Maclean's University Rankings				
nf16	Globe and Mail Canadian University Report				
nf17	The Times Higher Education World University				
	Rankings				
nf18	QS World University Rankings				
nf19	Academic Ranking of World Universities				
	("Shanghai rankings")				
nf20	Other (please specify)				
nftxt					

Orientation

orient1 Did you participate in an orientation program before or after arriving on campus last fall? □ Yes □ No

[If "No" skip to regist1]

How satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of the orientation?

		Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Don't know
orient2	Feeling welcome at the university					
orient3	Helping you understand the university's academic expectations					
orient4	Helping your personal and social transition to university					
orient5	Providing information about campus life					
orient6	Providing information about student services					
orient7	Building your confidence					

Registr	ation				
		Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
regist1	How satisfied are you with the process of registering for courses at [UCODE.TEXT]? Thinking about all the courses in which you				
regist2	wanted to register this year, how satisfied were you with getting into these courses?				

Expectations and experience

Now that you have been at [UCODE.TEXT] for a while, how does your experience compare to what you expected in these areas?

·		Much less than I expected	Less than I expected	About what I expected	More than I expected	Much more than I expected
exp1	Cost of going to university					
exp2	Debt you might have to take on to					
	complete your program					
exp3	How academically demanding your					
	courses are					
exp4	The time you have to put into your					
	coursework (e.g. studying,					
	assignments)					
exp5	Contact with your professors in the					
	classroom					
exp6	Contact with your professors outside of					
	the classroom					
exp7	Amount you participate in class					
	discussions					
exp8	Amount of writing in your academic					
	work					
exp9	Using math in your academic work					
exp10	Doing course work in groups					
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Intellectual stimulation Ease of making friends					
social activities					
the university					
Your course grades	Much lower than I <u>expected</u>	Lower than I expected	About what I <u>expected</u>	Higher than I <u>expected</u>	Much higher than I expected
	en short of	Exceed	ed	Met	Fallen short
	Ease of making friends Ease of getting involved in campus social activities Availability of help and advising from the university Your course grades	Ease of making friends Ease of getting involved in campus social activities Availability of help and advising from the university Much lower than I <u>expected</u> Your course grades Has [UCODE.TEXT] exceeded, met or fallen short of	Ease of making friends	Ease of making friends	Ease of making friends

Transition to university

How much success have you had adjusting to [UCODE.TEXT] in the following areas?

						No basis
			Very		Very	for
		None	little	Some	much	opinion
tran1	Meeting academic demands					
tran2	Choosing a program of study					
tran3	Getting academic advice					
tran4	Performing well in written assignments					
tran5	Performing well in courses that require math					
tran6	Understanding the course material					
tran7	Managing your finances					
tran8	Managing your time					
tran9	Making friends					
tran10	Becoming involved in campus activities					
tran11	Finding suitable housing					
tran12	Dealing with new living arrangements					
tran13	Finding your way around campus					
tran14	Using the library					
tran15	Finding career information					
tran16	Commuting to campus					
tran17	Feeling like I belong at this university					
tran18	Finding information about academic integrity					
	(plagiarism, proper citation, etc.)					

Professors

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your professors.

	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
prof1	Are reasonably accessible outside of		0		
	class				
prof2	Take a personal interest in my academic				
	progress				
prof4	Encourage students to participate in				
	class discussions				
prof5	Are well organized in their teaching				
prof6	Seem knowledgeable in their fields				
prof7	Communicate well in their teaching				
prof8	Are intellectually stimulating in their				
	teaching				
prof9	Provide useful feedback on my academic				
	work				
prof10	Provide prompt feedback on my				
	academic work				
prof12	Are consistent in their grading				

	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No basis for opinion
		uisagiee	Disagree	Agree	ugice	
prof13	Treat students the same regardless of					
	gender					
prof14	Treat students the same regardless of					
	race					
prof15	Look out for students' interests					

Regardless of how well you think your professors did, which three statements do you think are the most important? prof18 _____ prof19 _____ prof20 _____

			Yes,		
	Yes, all	Yes, most	some	No	Not
	courses	courses	courses	courses	applicable
prof16 Were you given the chance to evaluate the quality of teaching in your courses this past fall?					

Considering all of your professors and courses, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement.

		Strongly			Strongly
		disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree
prof17	Generally, I am satisfied with the quality				
	of teaching I have received				

Staff

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.
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		Strongly			Strongly	No basis
		disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree	for opinion
staff1	Most teaching assistants in my academic					
	program are helpful					
staff2	Most university support staff (e.g., clerks,					
	secretaries, etc.) are helpful					

Commitment to completion

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

		•				
		Strongly	Disagras	Agroc	Strongly	Don't
		disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree	know
cmt1	I have the financial resources to complete					
	my program					
cmt2	I had adequate information about my					
	program from the university before I					
	enrolled					
cmt3	I am in the right program for me					
cmt4	Most of my courses are interesting					
cmt5	My course load is manageable					
cmt6	I normally go to all of my classes					
cmt7	I am willing to put a lot of effort into being					
	successful at university					
cmt8	I can deal with stress					
cmt9	I have good study habits					
cmt10	I plan to come back to this university next					
	year					
cmt11	I plan to transfer to another university next					
	year					
cmt12	I plan to go to college/CEGEP next year					
cmt13	I plan to complete my degree at this					
	university					
cmt14	A university degree is worth the cost					

Overal	Overall evaluation								
Please indicate your level of satisfaction with [UCODE.TEXT] in the following areas.									
		Very			Very				
		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	satisfied				
eval3	Concern shown by the university for you as								
	an individual								
eval9	Your decision to attend this university								

	eval14	How likely is it that you would recommend <university name=""></university>	to a friend	or family	member?
		$\Box 1$			
		\square 2			
		□ 10 Extremely likely			
		[If eval14 =< 6 branch to eval14txt, otherwise branch to the G	ioal develop	ment sec	tion.1
		Please explain why you gave a rating of <eval14> out of 10 fo</eval14>			-
	eval14txt				,
l					
	Goal de	velopment			
	goal1	Have you chosen a major or discipline? 🛛 Yes 🗌 No			
		have completed your undergraduate studies do you intend to:			
	goal3	Apply to a professional program (e.g., Medicine, Law, etc.)	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	🗆 Unsure
	goal4	Apply to graduate school	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	🗆 Unsure
	goalE	Which of the following best describes your sprear plane?			
	goal5	Which of the following best describes your career plans?			
		□ Thave a specific career in mind □ I have several possible careers in mind			
		□ I have some general ideas but I need to clarify them			
		□ I am unsure, but I want to develop a career plan			
		□ I am not thinking about a career at this stage of my studies			
	goal6	How well do you know the career options your program or int	ended prog	ram could	l open for you?
	0	□ Very well			
		Fairly well			
		□ Only a little			
		□ Not at all			
		licate what steps, if any, you have taken to prepare for employr	nent/your c	areer afte	er graduation.
		pose all that apply.			
	goal7	Talked with professors about employment/career			
	goal8	Talked with parents/family about employment/career			
	goal9	□ Talked with friends about employment/career			
	goal10	□ Created resume, CV, e-portfolio, or online profile (e.g., Link	kedIn)		
	goal12	Attended an employment fair			
	goal13	Met with a career counsellor			
	goal14	Worked in my chosen field of employment			
	goal15	Volunteered in my chosen field of employment			
	goal16	\Box have a career mentor			

Services

Please indicate which of the following services you have used since last September and how satisfied you are with the ones you have used.

the on	es you have used.			Satisfaction if service used				
				Very	Very			
		Used		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	
srv1	Services for Indigenous students		srv1sat					
srv2	Services for international students		srv2sat					
srv3	Services for students with		srv3sat					
srv4	disabilities University libraries: physical books,		srv4sat					
	magazines, stacks							
srv5	University libraries: electronic resources		srv5sat					
srv6	Employment services		srv6sat					
srv7	Career counselling		srv7sat					
srv8	Personal counselling		srv8sat					
srv9	Academic advising		srv9sat					
srv10	Tutoring		srv10sat					
srv11	Study skills and learning supports		srv11sat					
srv12	Writing skills		srv12sat					
srv13	University residences		srv13sat					
srv14	Advising for students who need financial aid		srv14sat					
srv15	Financial aid		srv15sat					
srv16	Athletic facilities		srv16sat					
srv17	Other recreational facilities		srv17sat					
srv18	University bookstores: physical stores		srv18sat					
srv19	University bookstores: online inventory check, ordering, etc.		srv19sat					
srv20	Campus medical services		srv20sat					
srv21	Co-op offices and supports		srv21sat					
srv22	Facilities for university-based social activities		srv22sat					
srv23	Facilities for student associations		srv23sat					
srv24	Computing services help desk		srv24sat					
srv25	Food services		srv25at					
srv26	Parking		srv26at					

Acader	nic history
hist1	In what year did you begin your post-secondary studies? Year:
hist2	In what year did you first enrol at [UCODE.TEXT]? Year:
hist3	Have you transferred to [UCODE.TEXT] from another post-secondary institution?
	□ Yes □ No
hist4	 Please choose the letter grade that best reflects your overall average grade: A (includes A+, A and A-) B (includes B+, B and B-) C (includes C+, C and C-) D F
Employ	yment
work1	 Excluding work related to a co-op program, are you employed during the current academic term? Yes, off campus Yes, on campus Yes, both off campus and on campus No, but I am looking for work No, and I am not looking for work
	[If work1= "Yes" branch to work2, otherwise branch to Finances section.]
work2	On average, how many hours per week are you employed in this work?
work3	 What impact has this employment had on your academic performance? Very negative Somewhat negative No impact Somewhat positive Very positive
Finance	es

fin1	The following questions about credit cards are used to better understand the ways in which students help pay for and finance their education. The information collected is confidential. How many credit cards do you have? options: 0 through 10, 11 or more
	[If fin1 = 0 branch to fin4, otherwise fin2.]
fin2	Do you usually pay off the whole balance every month? 🛛 Yes 🖓 No
fin3	What is the total unpaid balance on all of your cards? \$ 🛛 Don't know
fin4	Did you receive a scholarship, financial award or bursary from [UCODE.TEXT] for the 2021-2022 academic year? \Box Yes \Box No
fin5	Would you have been able to attend [UCODE.TEXT] without financial assistance from

Metho	d of instruction/delivery (optional i	module)					
cdaa	Since September 2021, which methods of instruction/delivery have you used to take academic courses from this institution? Select all that apply.						
	□ In-person [if checked, BRANCH to cdaa	1]					
	\square Hybrid (combination of in-person and on	line) [if check	ked, BRANCH to	cdaa2]			
	Online synchronous (e.g. real-time audio or video, such as Zoom, Teams, etc.) [if checked, BRANCH to cdaa3]						
	🗆 Online asynchronous (e.g. learning modu	ules, recorded l	ectures) [if ch	necked, BRAN	CH to cdaa4]		
	Other (specify) [if cheeperture]	ecked, BRANCH	to cdaa5]				
		Very			Very		
		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	satisfied		
cdaa1	How satisfied are you with in-person instruction/delivery?						
cdaa2	How satisfied are you with hybrid (combination of in-person and online) instruction/delivery?						
cdaa3	How satisfied are you with online synchronous (e.g. real-time audio or video) instruction/delivery?						
cdaa4	How satisfied are you with online asynchronous (e.g. learning modules, recorded lectures) instruction/ delivery?						
cdaa5a	How satisfied are you with [recall other] method of instruction/delivery?						

Internal experiential learning (optional module)

		Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
cdab2	How satisfied are you with in-person instruction/delivery for internal experiential learning?				
cdab3	How satisfied are you with hybrid (combination of in-person and online) instruction/delivery for internal experiential learning?				
cdab4	How satisfied are you with online synchronous (e.g. real-time audio or video) instruction/delivery for internal experiential learning?				
cdab5	How satisfied are you with online asynchronous (e.g. learning modules, recorded lectures) instruction/delivery for internal experiential learning?				
cdab6a	How satisfied are you with [recall other] method of instruction/delivery for internal experiential learning?				

Assessment (optional module)

cdac Since September 2021, which methods were used to administer assessments (e.g. exam, final paper/essay, presentation, test) in your courses? Select all that apply. □ In-person [if checked, BRANCH to cdac1] □ Hybrid (combination of in-person and online) [if checked, BRANCH to cdac2] □ Online synchronous (e.g. real-time audio or video, such as Zoom, Teams, etc.) [if checked, BRANCH to cdac3] □ Online asynchronous (e.g. learning modules, recorded lectures) [if checked, BRANCH to cdac4] □ Other (specify) _____ [if checked, BRANCH to cdac5] Very Very dissatisfied Satisfied satisfied Dissatisfied cdac1 How satisfied are you with in-person \square П

	assessments?			
cdac2	How satisfied are you with hybrid			
	(combination of in-person and online)			
	assessments?			
cdac3	How satisfied are you with online			
	synchronous (e.g. real-time audio or			
	video) assessments?			
cdac4	How satisfied are you with online			
	asynchronous (e.g. learning modules,			
	recorded lectures) assessments?			
cdac5a	How satisfied are you with [recall other]			
	method of assessment?			

Safety (optional module)						
		Very			Very	
		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	satisfied	
Covid8	Since September 2021, how satisfied are you with the safety measures taken by your institution to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus?					
[If Covid8 = Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, branch to Covid8a]						
Covides Please comment on the safety measures taken by your institution to limit the spread of COVID 10						

Covid8a Please comment on the safety measures taken by your institution to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Living a	rrangements
live1	Where are you currently living?
	In on-campus housing (university residence, dorm, etc.)
	With parents, guardians or relatives
	In rented off-campus housing shared with others
	In rented off-campus housing on your own
	🗆 In a home you own
livetxt	Other (please specify)
	[If live1 <> "In on-campus housing" branch to live2, otherwise branch to live3]
live2	Would you prefer to live in on-campus housing if you had the choice? 🛛 Yes 🖓 No
live3	What is your marital status?
	Single
	Married or common law
	In a relationship other than married or common law
live4	Do you have children? 🛛 Yes 🖓 No
	[If live4 = "Yes" branch to live5, otherwise branch to Disabilities/ Impairments section.]
live5	How many up to age 5?
live6	How many age 5 to 11?
live7	How many 12 or older?

Disabilities / Impairments

Do you have any of the following disabilities/impairments? Select all that apply.

dis11 🔲 I do not have a disability/impairment

			How often are your daily activities limited by this disability/impairment?		
			Sometimes	Often	Always
dis1	Mobility/ Dexterity	disf1			
dis2	Hearing	disf2			
dis3	Speech	disf3			
dis4	Vision (e.g. blindness, low vision)	disf4			
dis5	Learning/Memory (e.g., learning disability)	disf5			
dis7	Other physical disability	disf7			
dis8	Neurodivergence (e.g., autism spectrum, attention deficit disorder)	disf8			
dis9	Mental health	disf9			
dis12	Chronic conditions (e.g. Multiple Sclerosis, Crohn's, Autoimmune)	disf12			
dis10 distxt	Other (please specify)				

Parental educational attainment

What is the highest level of education your parent(s)/guardian(s) have completed?					
	meduc	peduc			
	Parent/Guardian1	Parent/Guardian2			
Less than high school					
High school graduate					
Some college, CEGEP or technical school (no certificate or diploma)					
College, CEGEP or technical school graduate					
Some university (no degree or diploma)					
Undergraduate university degree (e.g., BA, BSc, etc.)					
Professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, etc.)					
Graduate degree (e.g., Master's, PhD)					
Other Parent/Guardian 1 (please specify) meductxt					
Other Parent/Guardian 2 (please specify) peductxt					
Don't know/Not applicable					

Ethnicity

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Are you	(check all that apply)
eth1	🛛 Indigenous (e.g., status, non-status, Métis, Inuit)
eth2	Arab (e.g., Saudi, Egyptian, etc.)
eth3	Black
eth4	□ Chinese
eth5	Filipino
eth6	□ Japanese
eth7	□ Korean
eth8	Latin American
eth9	🛛 South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
eth10	Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian, Laotian, Vietnamese, etc.)
eth11	West Asian (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, etc.)
eth12	U White/ Caucasian
eth13	Other (please specify)
ethtxt	

[If eth1 is checked branch to ab1, otherwise branch to the Comments section.]

Which of the following describes your Indigenous background? (check all that apply)

- ab1 🛛 First Nations status
- ab2 🛛 First Nations non-status
- ab3 🛛 Métis
- ab4 🛛 Inuit/Inuk
- ab5 🗌 Other

Comments

Please take this opportunity to comment fully about your overall university experience. Your remarks will provide valuable information to the institution.

negativ	Looking back on your experiences as a student, what aspects of your experience at [UCODE.TEXT] have been most negative? How could we have helped or done a better job?		
	Comments (specify)	Don't know	
positiv	Looking back on your experiences as a student, wha	t aspects of your experience at [UCODE.TEXT]	
	have been most positive?		
	Comments (specify)	🛛 Don't know	