

Canadian University Survey Consortium Consortium canadien de recherche sur les étudiants universitaires

2019 Survey of First Year Students

This survey is being completed by first-year students at approximately 50 Canadian universities. We want to learn more about our new students to help them make a successful transition to university.

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shading	description
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

How important were each of the following possible reasons it your cecision to go to university?

Not Somewhat Very imp rtant important **Important** important To prepare for a specific job or career motiv1 To satisfy my intellectual curiosity motiv2 П П motiv3 To earn more money than if I didn't go To get a broad education motiv4 motiv5 I am more likely to get a job with a degree The satisfaction of doing than unging motiv6 academic work To apply what I wi'lleam to make a positive motiv7 difference in societ, or n y community П П П П motiv8 I didn't have anything better to do motiv9 To get a moi ? fu.filling job than I probably would if I dia. 't go To net r y family's expectations motiv10 П П П П motiv11 ear, in new things is exciting motiv12 Name of my friends are going П П П П motiv13 b meet new people motiv14 The chance to participate in varsity П П П

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To explore whether university is right for

Which one was the most important to you?

Other reason (please specify)

Motivation

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Applic	ations				
	nany universities besides <university name=""> did yo in Canada: app2 in other countrie</university>				
арр3	Did you apply to a college or CEGEP? Yes □ No	D			
[If a _l	Is <university name=""> your first choice? Yes ☐ Isop4 = "No" branch to apptxt, otherwise branch to the What was your first choice university?</university>		section.]		
Select	ion				
How in	nportant were each of the following in your decision	Not	Somewhat		Very
		important	important	npurtarι	important
sel1	I wanted to live close to home				
sel2	I wanted to live away from home				
sel3	It offered a place in residence		(7)		
sel4	Cost of university residence				
sel5	Cost of tuition and fees		, t		
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 sup me				
sel14	The city/town it's in				
sel15	Availability of public transportation				
sel16	It's where my friend are roing				
sel17	It's where my family wanted me to go				
sel18	The chance to participate in varsity athletics				

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Other reaso. (Llease specify)

Which o. o. 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 <university name>?

		Not	Somewhat		Very
		important	important	Important	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					

Sources of information

How important were each of the following sources of information in your decision to study at <university name>?

manner .		Not	Somewhat		Very
		im Jortant	important	Important	important
inf1	Visit by a university representative to your	- III JOI COIL	portaire	portant	portane
	high school or CEGEP				
inf2	The university's web site				
inf3	The university's Facebook site				
inf4	The university's other social media (e.g.,				
	Twitter, Tumblr, etc.)				
inf5	Printed university brochure, pamp. let o				
	viewbook				
inf6	Visit to campus for an oper-house				
inf7	Other visit to campus				
inf8	Contact with admiss ons tarf on campus				
inf9	Contact with profe so.				
Inf10	Contact with (in, 'ersity athletic coaches				
inf11	High school/CE GEP counsellors or teachers				
inf12	Studen is actending the university				
inf13	Friends				
inf14	Pa rents				
inf15	Maclean's University Rankings				
inf16	Ciobe and Mail Canadian University Report				
inf17	The Times Higher Education World University				
	Rankings				
inf18	QS World University Rankings				
inf19	Academic Ranking of World Universities				
_	("Shanghai rankings")				
inf20	Other (please specify)				
inftxt					

Orientat	ion					
orient1	Did you participate in an orientation pr	rogram befo	re or after arriv	ving on car	npus last fall?	
	☐ Yes ☐ No [If "No" skip to regist1]					
How satis	fied were you with each of the following	aspects of	the orientation	7		
non sacis	ned were you man each or the ronowing	Very	Somewhat	Somewh	at Very	Don't
		dissatisfied		satisfied	•	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					
oriont6	life Providing information about student			Ш		
orient6	Providing information about student services	П				П
orient7	Building your confidence					П
	Tamama your commence					
					•	
Registra	tion			1		
J			Very So	newhat	Somewhat	Very
		d		satisfied	satisfied	satisfied
regist1	How satisfied are you with the process	of				
	registering for courses at <university< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></university<>					
	NAME>?					
regist2	Thinking about all the courses in which					
	wanted to register this year, how satis					
	were you with getting into these lours	es.				
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	• 0					

Expectations and experience

Now that you have been at <university name> for a while, how does your experience compare to what you expected in these areas?

		Much less	Less	About	More	Much
		than I	than I	what I	than I	more than
		expected	expected	expected	expected	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	_	_	CX	_	_
	the classroom					
exp7	Amount you participate in class					
0	discussions		Ц(
exp8	Amount of writing in your academic					
0,420	work					
exp9	Using math in your academic work					
exp10	Doing course work in groups					
exp12	Intellectual stimulation					
exp13	Ease of making friends					
exp14	Ease of getting involved in campus social activities		П			
exp15	Availability of help and advising from		_	_	_	_
- 1	the university					
	X					
		Much				Much
	• ()	lower	Lower	About	Higher	higher
		than I	than I	what I	than I	than I
		expected	expected	expected	expected	expected
exp17	Your course grades					
			Exceede	ed	Met	Fallen short
exp18	Has "iniversity name> exceeded, met or	tallen	_		_	
	short of your expectations?					

Transition to university

How much success have you had adjusting to <university name> in the following areas?

						No pasis
			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			F1		
tran11	Finding suitable housing					
tran12	Dealing with new living arrangements			Ç		
tran13	Finding your way around campus			ú		
tran14	Using the library		Q			
tran15	Finding career information					
tran16	Commuting to campus					
tran17	Feeling like I belong at this university					
tran18	Finding information about academic integrit					
	(nlagiarism proper citation, etc.)	. 11				

Profess	sors					
Please i	ndicate your level of agreement with the foll	owing stater	ments about	your profe	essors.	
		Strongly			Strongly	
	Most of my professors	disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree	
prof1	Are reasonably accessible outside of class					
prof2	Take a personal interest in my academic progress					
prof3	Treat students as individuals, not just numbers					
prof4	Encourage students to participate in class discussions				П	
prof5	Are well organized in their teaching	П				
prof6	Seem knowledgeable in their fields					
prof7	Communicate well in their teaching					
prof8	Are intellectually stimulating in their					
prof9	teaching Provide useful feedback on my academic					
	work		[]			
prof10	Provide prompt feedback on my academic work					
prof11	Are fair in their grading					
prof12	Are consistent in their grading					
prorize	, the consistent in their grading			Ш	ш	
	•	Strongl.			Strongly	No basis
	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No basis for opinion
prof13	Treat students the same regardless or	dis agree			agree	for opinion
	Treat students the same regardless or gender		Disagree	Agree		
prof13 prof14	Treat students the same regardless or	dis agree			agree	for opinion
	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of	dis agree			agree	for opinion
prof14	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of race	dis agree			agree	for opinion
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prof14	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of race Look out for students' in the leads Regardless of how well you think your professions.	dis agree	□ □ vhich three s	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	agree	for opinion
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prof14	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of race Look out for students' in the lest's Regardless of how well you think your profemost important? Chood irom prof1 to profemost important?	dis agree	□ □ vhich three s	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	agree	for opinion
prof14 prof15 profxx	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of race Look out for students' in the lest's Regardless of how well you think your professor important? Chapter in prof1 to professor we given the chance to evaluate	dis agree dis agree dis agree displayed a service of the servic	hich three s Yes, most courses	Tatements Yes, some courses	agree	for opinion
prof14 prof15 profxx prof16	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of race Look out for students' in the lest's Regardless of how well you think your professors important? Consolers in prof1 to professors and courses this past fall?	dis agree	☐ /hich three s Yes, most courses	Tatements Yes, some courses	agree do you thi No courses	for opinion
prof14 prof15 profxx	Treat students the same regardless or gender Treat students the same regardless of race Look out for students' in the lest's Regardless of how well you think your professors important? Consolers in prof1 to professors and courses this past fall?	dis agree	☐ /hich three s Yes, most courses	Tatements Yes, some courses	agree do you thi No courses	for opinion

ur level of agreement with the fol	lowing stater	ments.			
	Strongly			Strongly	No basis
	disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree	for opinion
ching assistants in my academic					
are helpful					
es, etc.) are helpful					
(ur level of agreement with the foll ching assistants in my academic are helpful versity support staff (e.g., clerks, es, etc.) are helpful	Strongly disagree ching assistants in my academic are helpful versity support staff (e.g., clerks,	disagree Disagree ching assistants in my academic are helpful versity support staff (e.g., clerks,	Strongly disagree Disagree Agree ching assistants in my academic are helpful	Strongly disagree Disagree Agree agree ching assistants in my academic are helpful

Commitment to completion Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements. crongly Strongly Don't ar.ee know disagree Disagree Arrec 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 П cmt5 My course load is manageable cmt6 I normally go to all of my classes I am willing to put a lot of effort into being cmt7 successful at university cmt8 I can deal with stress cmt9 I have good study habits П П П I plan to come back to this university nex cmt10 year I plan to transfer to another university next cmt11 I plan to go to college (CLGE) next year cmt12 П П П cmt13 I plan to complete my desice at this university cmt14 A university de rec is worth the cost П П П П П

Overall e	evaluation				
Please ind	licate your level of satisfaction with <univer< td=""><td>sity name> in t</td><td>the following a</td><td>reas.</td><td></td></univer<>	sity name> in t	the following a	reas.	
		Very			Very
		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	satisfied
eval3	Concern shown by the university for				
	you as an individual				
eval9	Your decision to attend this university				
eval12	How likely is it that you would recommen	id <university r<="" td=""><td>name> to a frie</td><td>nd or family</td><td>member?</td></university>	name> to a frie	nd or family	member?
	□ 0 Not at all likely through to □ 10 E	extremely likely	<i>'</i>		
	[If eval12 =< 6 branch to eval12txt, other				
a a. [1.24 4	Why wouldn't you recommend <universit< td=""><td>ty name>? Ple</td><td>ase explain wh</td><td>y you ave .</td><td>nis rating.</td></universit<>	ty name>? Ple	ase explain wh	y you ave .	nis rating.
eval12txt					
Cool do	volonment				
	velopment				
goal1	Have you chosen a major or discipline?	☐ Yes ☐ No			
۸ 44 م	have as a manifest of view and a view of viets of viets				
•	have completed your undergraduate studie Apply to a professional program (e.g., Me	•		□ Na	
goal3		uicine, Law, et		□No	□ Unsure
goal4	Apply to graduate school		☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Unsure
goal5	Which of the following best describes you	r c roor pla			
guais	☐ I have a specific career in mind	il Circei dians:			
	☐ I have several possible careers in mind				
	☐ I have some general ideas but Ieo				
	☐ I am unsure, but I want to de 'elop a ca				
	☐ I am not thinking about a caree at this	•	tudios		
	I all flot tilliking about a caree 41 ,ills	s stage of fifty s	tuules		
goal6	How well do you know the vare options	vour program	or intended pr	ogram coul	d open for vo
0	□ Very well	7 - 7 - 3 -			
	☐ Fairly well				
	☐ Only a little				
	□ Not at all				
Please inc	dicate what teps if any, you have taken to	prepare for en	nployment/you	r career afte	er graduatio
Please cho	oose all that apply.				
goal7	[1 Tal led with professors about employm	nent/career			
goal8	☐ Talked with parents/family about emp	loyment/caree	r		
goal9	Talked with friends about employment	t/career			
goal10	☐ Created resume or curriculum vitae (C	V)			
goal11	☐ Created an e-portfolio (an inventory of	f skills, abilities	and experienc	e maintaine	ed on the we
goal12	☐ Attended an employment fair				
goal13	☐ Met with a career counsellor				
goal14	☐ Worked in my chosen field of employn	nent			
goal15	☐ Volunteered in my chosen field of emp				
goal16	☐ I have a career mentor	•			
goal17	☐ None of the above				

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.

				Satisfaction if service used			
				Very			Very
		Used	1	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied
srv1	Services for First Nations students		srv1sat				
srv2	Services for international students		srv2sat				
srv3	Services for students with disabilities		srv3sat				
srv4	University libraries: physical books, magazines, stacks		srv4sat				
srv5	University libraries: electronic resources		srv5sat		9		
srv6	Employment services		srv6sat				
srv7	Career counselling		srv7sat				
srv8	Personal counselling		srv8sat		5		
srv9	Academic advising		srv9sat				
srv10	Tutoring		srv10sat				
srv11	Study skills and learning supports		srv11sat				
srv12	Writing skills		srv12sat				
srv13	University residences		srv1 \sat				
srv14	Advising for students who need financial aid		srv. '4sa+				
srv15	Financial aid		sı 15sat				
srv16	Athletic facilities		rv16sat				
srv17	Other recreational facilities		srv17sat				
srv18	University bookstores: physical stores		srv18sat				
srv19	University bookstores: on ine inventory check, ordering, .+c.		srv19sat				
srv20	Campus medical serv. res		srv20sat				
srv21	Co-op offices ar. 'supports		srv21sat				
srv22	Facilities for universite -based social activities		srv22sat				
srv23	Facilities for student associations		srv23sat				
srv24	Co. nput ng services help desk		srv24sat				
srv25	Food services		srv25at				
srv26	Parking		srv26at				
srvxx	Did not use any of these services						

Acade	mic history
hist1	In what year did you begin your postsecondary studies? Year:
11.0	
hist2	In what year did you first enrol at <university name="">? Year:</university>
hist3	Have you transferred to <university name=""> from another postsecondary institution? \Box Yes \Box No</university>
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
Fmnlo	yment
work1	Excluding work related to a co-op program, are you employed during the jurrent
WOIKI	academic term? Yes, off campus Yes, on campus No, but I am looking for work No, and I am not looking for work
	[If work1= "Yes" branch to work2, o herwis branch to Finances section.]
work2	On average, how many hours per y cck at a volumployed in this work?
work3	What impact has this employment 'had on your academic performance? Very negative Somewhat negative No impact Somewhat positive Very positive
Financ	es
fin1	How may credit cards do you have? cauchs. a through 10, 11 or more [If fin 1 =] branch to fin3, otherwise fin2.]
fin2	To yi u usually pay off the whole balance every month?
fin3	What is the total unpaid balance on all of your cards? \$ \bigcup Don't know
fin4	Did you receive a scholarship, financial award or bursary from <university name=""> for the 2018-2019 academic year? \Box Yes \Box No</university>
fin5	Would you have been able to attend <university name=""> without financial assistance from <university name="">? ☐ Yes ☐ No</university></university>

Living	arrangements						
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 hou	using if yo	u had the choice	e? □ Yes I	□ No		
live3	What is your marital status?						
	□ Single						
	☐ Married or common law						
	☐ In a relationship other than married or	common	iaw				
live4	Do you have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No						
11764	•	branch to	Disabilities/Im	nauments se	ction 1		
live5	[If live4 = "Yes" branch to live5, otherwise branch to Disabilitic s/ Imparments section.] How many up to age 5?						
live6	How many age 5 to 11?						
live7	How many 12 or older?						
Disabilities/ impairments							
•	u have any of the following disabilities/ im, a		Select all that a	oply.			
dis11	☐ I do not have a disability/ impne	n.					
	<u>, </u>		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	\Box Vision (ϵ g. \lindness, low vision)	disf4					
dis5	☐ Learn. 7/ Memory (e.g. dyslexia)	disf5					
dis7	☐ Of ner physical disability	disf7					
dis8		disf8					
dis9	☐ Mentar health	disf9					
dis12	Chronic conditions (e.g. Multiple	disf12					
11. 4.0	Sclerosis, Crohn's, Autoimmune)		_	_	_		
dis10	☐ Other (please specify)						
distxt							

Parental educational attainment					
What is the highest level of education your parent(s)/guardian(s) has	ve completed	?			
Less than high school	meduc Parent/ Guardian1	peduc Parent/ Guardian2			
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	П				
Don't know/Not applicable					
Ethnicity					
Are you (check all that apply)					
eth1					
eth2					
eth3 □ Black					
eth4 ☐ Chinese					
eth5					
eth6 ☐ Japanese					
eth7					
eth8					
eth9	· ·				
eth10	, Vietnamese,	etc.)			
eth11					
eth12 White/ Cauc isia.					
eth13					
etilixt					
[If ct. 1] shecked branch to ab1, otherwise branch to the	Comments se	ection.]			
Which of the following describes your Indigenous background					
ab1 First Nations status					
ab2					
ab3					

☐ Inuit

☐ Other

ab4

ab5

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 <uni< th=""></uni<>			
	ave helped or done a better job?			
	Comments (specify)	_ Don't know		
positiv	Looking back on your experiences as a student, wh	nat aspects of your experience at <university< th=""></university<>		
	name> have been most positive?			
	Comments (specify)	_ Don't know		

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