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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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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

Motivation How important were each of the following possible reasons in your decision to go to university? Not Somewhat Verv important Important important important motiv1 To prepare for a specific job or career \Box П П П 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 \Box \Box motiv6 The satisfaction of doing challenging academic work motiv7 To apply what I will learn to make a positive \Box \Box \Box \Box difference in society or my community motiv8 I didn't have anything better to do \Box П П П motiv9 To get a more fulfilling job than I probably П would if I didn't go motiv10 To meet my family's expectations П \Box \Box Learning new things is exciting motiv11 Most of my friends are going motiv12 П П motiv13 To meet new people motiv14 The chance to participate in varsity П \Box \Box \Box athletics motiv15 To explore whether university is right for П П П \Box motiv16 Other reason (please specify) \Box П \Box \Box motivtxt Which one was the most important to you? motivtop

Applica	ations				
How ma	any universities besides [UCODE.TEXT] did you a	pply to?			
app1	in Canada:				
app2	in other countries:				
app3	Did you apply to a college or CEGEP? Yes □	No □			
app4	Is [UCODE.TEXT] your first choice? Yes \(\text{\tinte\text{\tinte\text{\tinit}}\\text{\texite\texi{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi{\texi}\text{\text{\texit{\texi{\text{\texi{\text{\text{\				
• •	[If app4 = "No" branch to apptxt, otherwise b		tion sel11		
apptxt	What was your first choice university?				
Selecti	on				
How im	portant were each of the following in your decis	ion to choose	[UCODE.TEXT]?	
	,	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				

Other reason (please specify)

sel19

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 Sources of information inf1]

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

		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 vseltxt	Other reason (please specify)				

Sources of information

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

	•	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
inf1	Visit by a university representative to your 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, pamphlet or viewbook				
inf6	Visit to campus for an open house				
inf7	Other visit to campus				
inf8	Contact with admissions staff on campus				
inf9	Contact with professors				
Inf10	Contact with university athletic coaches				
inf11	High school/CEGEP counsellors or teachers				
inf12	Students attending the university				
inf13	Friends				
inf14	Parents				
inf15	Maclean's University Rankings				
inf16	Globe 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 inftxt	Other (please specify)				

Orientat	ion					
orient1	Did you participate in an orientation pro ☐ Yes ☐ No [If "No" branch to Registration regist1]	ogram befor	e or after	arriving on c	ampus last fa	ll?
How satis	fied were you with each of the following	aspects of t	he orienta	tion?		
		Very dissatisfied	Somewh dissatisfi			Don't d 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					
Registra	tion					
ivegisti a	uon		,	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
regist1	How satisfied are you with the process registering for courses at [UCODE.TEXT]					
regist2	Thinking about all the courses in which wanted to register this year, how satisfi were you with getting into these course	you ied				

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	Less than	About	More	Much
		than I	1	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 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					
exp12	Intellectual stimulation					
exp13	Ease of making friends					
exp14	Ease of getting involved in campus social activities					
exp15	Availability of help and advising from the university					
		Much lower	Lower	About	Higher	Much 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 [UCODE.TEXT] exceeded, met or f of your expectations?	allen short				

Transition to university

How much success have you had adjusting to [UCODE.TEXT] 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					
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.)					

Profess	sors					
Please i	ndicate your level of agreement with the fol	lowing state	ments about	your prof	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					
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	Disagrao	Agroo	Strongly	No basis for
prof12	Most of my professors	disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree	opinion
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 prof most important? prof18 prof1		which three s	tatements 	do you thi	nk are the
		Yes, all courses	Yes, most courses	Yes, some courses	No courses	Not applicable
prof16	Were you given the chance to evaluate the quality of teaching in your courses this past fall?					
Conside stateme	ring all of your professors and courses, pleadent.	·	our level of a	greement		llowing
		Strongly			Strongly	
		disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree	
prof17	Generally, I am satisfied with the quality of teaching I have received					

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

	itment to completion					
Please	indicate your level of agreement with the follo	wing staten	nents.			
		Strongly			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					

Overall e	evaluation				
Please ind	icate your level of satisfaction with [UCODE.TE	XT] in the follo	wing areas.		
		Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very 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	e> to a friend	or family m	ember?
	□ 0 Not at all likely			- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		□ 8 □ 9			
	☐ 10 Extremely likely				
la acci	[If eval14 =< 6 branch to eval14txt, otherwise		•		
eval14txt	Please explain why you gave a rating of <eva< td=""><td>L14> out of 10</td><td>for recommer</td><td>nding this u</td><td>niversity.</td></eva<>	L14> out of 10	for recommer	nding this u	niversity.
Goal dev	elopment				
goal1	Have you chosen a major or discipline? ☐ Y	es 🗆 No			
•	have completed your undergraduate studies d	•			
goal3	Apply to a professional program (e.g., Medici	ne, Law, etc.)	☐ Yes		☐ Unsure
goal4	Apply to graduate school		☐ Yes	□ No 〔	□ Unsure
goal5	Which of the following best describes your ca	reer plans?			
	☐ I have a specific career in mind				
	☐ I have several possible careers in mind				
	☐ I have some general ideas but I need to cla	arify them			
	$\ \square$ I am unsure, but I want to develop a caree	r plan			
	$\ \square$ I am not thinking about a career at this sta	ige of my studie	es		
goale	How wall do you know the coreer entires was	ır program er :	ntandad are a	am sould a	non for you?
goal6	How well do you know the career options you			am could o Not at all	pen for you?
	☐ Very well ☐ Fairly well	☐ Only a litt	ie L	NUL at all	
Please ind	icate what steps, if any, you have taken to pre	pare for emplo	yment/your ca	areer after	graduation.
Please cho	pose all that apply.	·			
goal7	☐ Talked with professors about employment	t/career			
goal8	☐ Talked with parents/family about employs	ment/career			
goal9	☐ Talked with friends about employment/ca				
goal10	☐ Created resume, CV, e-portfolio, or online	profile (e.g., Li	nkedIn)		
goal12	☐ Attended an employment fair				
goal13	☐ Met with a career counsellor				
goal14	☐ Worked in my chosen field of employmen				
goal15	☐ Volunteered in my chosen field of employ	ment			
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		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied
srv1	Services for Indigenous 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				
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		srv14sat				
	financial aid						
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				

Academic history						
hist1 hist2 hist3 hist4	In what year did you begin your post-secondary studies? Year: In what year did you first enrol at [UCODE.TEXT]? Year: Have you transferred to [UCODE.TEXT] from another post-secondary institution?					
Emplo	yment					
work1 work2 work3	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 fin1] On average, how many hours per week are you employed in this work? What impact has this employment had on your academic performance? Very negative Somewhat negative No impact Somewhat positive Very positive					
Financ	ces					
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? \$ \square Don't know					
fin4	Did you receive a scholarship, financial award or bursary from [UCODE.TEXT] for the 2021-2022 academic year? ☐ Yes ☐ No Would you have been able to attend [UCODE.TEXT] without financial assistance from [UCODE.TEXT]?					
11113	Yes □ No					

Living	arran	gements						
live1								
	☐ 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	In a home you own						
livetxt	□ Ot	Other (please specify)						
	[If live	[If live1 <> "In on-campus housing" branch to live2, otherwise branch to live3]						
live2	Woul	uld 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	•	ou have children? 🗆 Yes 🗀 No						
tr =		f live4 = "Yes" branch to live5, otherwise branch to Disabilities/ Impairments dis11]						
live5		ow many up to age 5?						
live6 live7		ow many age 5 to 11? ow many 12 or older?						
11007	11000	many 12 or order:						
Disabi	lities/	'Impairments						
		my of the following disabilities/ impairm	ents? Sel	lect all that appl	V.			
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	disf8					
		spectrum, attention deficit disorder)						
dis9		Mental health	disf9					
dis12		Chronic conditions (e.g. Multiple	disf12					
dis10		Sclerosis, Crohn's, Autoimmune)						
disto		Other (please specify)						

distxt

Parental educational attainment							
What is the highest level of education your parent(s)/guardian(s) have completed?							
		meduc	peduc				
		Parent/Guardian1 Parer	nt/Guardian2				
Less than	n high school						
High scho	pol graduate						
Some col	lege, CEGEP or technical school (no certificate or diploma)						
College,	College, CEGEP or technical school graduate						
Some un	Some university (no degree or diploma)						
Undergraduate university degree (e.g., BA, BSc, etc.)							
Professio	nal degree (e.g., law, medicine, etc.)						
Graduate	e degree (e.g., Master's, PhD)						
Other Pa	rent/Guardian 1 (please specify) meductxt						
Other Pa	rent/Guardian 2 (please specify) peductxt						
Don't kn	ow/Not applicable						
Ethnicit	У						
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., Cambodian, Indonesian, Labelan, Vietnamese, etc.)						
eth12	☐ West Asian (e.g., Aighan, Iranian, etc.)						
eth13	☐ Other (please specify)						
ethtxt	Other (pieuse speeny)						
36110/10	[If eth1 is checked branch to ab1, otherwise branch to Con	nments negativ]					
	Which of the following describes your Indigenous background						
ab1	☐ First Nations status						
ab2	☐ First Nations non-status						
ab3	☐ Métis						
ab4	☐ Inuit/Inuk						
ab5	□ Other						
Comme	nts						
Please ta	ke this opportunity to comment fully about your overall uni	versity experience. Your ren	narks will				
	valuable information to the institution.						
negativ	Looking back on your experiences as a student, what aspe	ects of your experience at [L	CODE.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, what aspe	ects of your experience at [L	CODE.TEXT]				
	have been most positive?						
	Comments (specify)	Don't know					