INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
with the class of 2021 results

FINANCE
TOP 3 METHODS OF FINANCING EDUCATION

- 92% parent or family
- 59% scholarships
- 39% work during school
- 16% self/savings
- 6% loans/grants

IN HIGH SCHOOL
HOW STUDENTS SPEND THEIR TIME

STUDYING OR DOING HOMEWORK

- 11% 3-5 hours per week
- 18% 6-10 hours per week
- 18% 11-15 hours per week

IN INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE

- 82% participated in volunteer work
- 97% spent 1-20 hours per week on social media
- 85% participated to some degree in student groups/clubs
- 23% spent less than an hour per week talking with teachers outside class
- 29% spent 3-10 hours per week watching TV
- 14% worked in high school
- 44% did not spend any time partying

IN COLLEGE
HOW STUDENTS PLAN TO SPEND THEIR TIME

STUDYING OR DOING HOMEWORK

- 30% 1-10 hours per week
- 42% 11-20 hours per week
- 22% 21-31 hours per week
- 5% 31-40 hours per week

IN INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE

- 97% plan to participate to some degree in volunteer or community service work
- 70% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week participating in student groups/organizations
- 70% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week exercising or playing sports
- 71% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week networking electronically with friends
- 65% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week socializing with friends

LIVING

- 64% plan to live on campus in campus residence halls
- 36% live off campus or plan to commute

OF THOSE LIVING OFF CAMPUS OR COMMUTING...
(n=24)

- 38% plan to live 3-10 miles from campus
- 8% will commute 11-20 miles
- 65% plan to live 3-10 miles from campus
- 8% will commute 11-20 miles

Overall, there is still a disconnect on how students plan to spend their time in college compared to what will be expected of them. Students must change their study habits to allocate more time for studying.
COLLEGE GOALS

Students continue to choose the U for its top ranked programs, campus life opportunities, size, and wide variety of majors.

DECIDING TO GO TO COLLEGE

51% indicated that getting a better job was important
(VERY IMPORTANT ON A 5 POINT SCALE)

77% want to learn more about things that interest them

54% want training for a specific career
(VERY LIKELY AND LIKELY ON A 5 POINT SCALE)

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO GRADUATE FROM THE U OF M?

88% 4 years

9% 3 years

1% 5 years

1% ≥2 years

MAJOR

26% know exactly what they want to major in and do not plan to change their mind
(VERY LIKELY AND LIKELY ON A 5 POINT SCALE)

74% are at various levels of major exploration with 5% having no idea and needing help assessing interests

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

TOPICS OF CONCERN

Concerns are similar to the Class of 2020, but to a lesser degree.

73% are concerned with academic coursework (doing well in class, workload)

59% are concerned with deciding on a major/career path

51% have financial concerns (paying tuition, financial aid, managing money)

51% mental health (stress management, emotional health, anxiety, and depression)

50% are concerned with staying healthy (nutritious, eating, physical fitness, healthy lifestyle)

67% registration for courses

5% being safe on campus (personal safety)

• 56% being safe on campus (personal safety)
• 58% making friends and meeting people
• 59% living situation (residence hall life, roommate problems)
• 52% developing skills (related to studying, note-taking and time management)
• 45% finding a job while in school
• 48% obtaining academic assistance [tutoring, study groups, writing support, etc.]
• 43% expressed varying degrees of likelihood that they will seek personal counseling
• 5% are somewhat likely/very likely to take a temporary leave of absence

OTHER TOPICS

(COMBINES VERY LIKELY AND LIKELY ON A 5 POINT SCALE)

60% are likely/very likely to get tutoring or other academic support for specific courses

26% are likely/very likely to change career choice

5% are likely/very likely to take a temporary leave of absence

These results are from the 2017 Tell Us About Yourself Pre-Orientation survey. Data was pulled on May 15, 2017. International data was analyzed representing 284 responses.