2009 Fall Check-In Survey Report

All surveys

All surveys:
Number of surveys = 411
Number of completed surveys = 134
Percent of surveys completed = 32.60%
Number of people who have asked to be removed from survey pool = 0
Number of bad email addresses = 0
Number of inactive UofM email addresses = 0
Number of inactive UofM email addresses where survey was completed = 0

Full Report:

17. What words of advice can you give to incoming first-year students?

You have to work hard but don't be afraid to go out and have fun.
They must not be shy and they should try to be active.
Explore the campus if that's what you're nervous about; it's quite simple. Just wander around aimlessly so you can be familiar with where most buildings are. Even if you don't have class in them, it gives to landmarks as to where other places you seek might be.

BE BRAVE AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY HEY TO SOMEONE! they are in the same boat as you!
Make friends and study hard

Seek out writing resource center, learn about the quiet places on campus to study, start packing a lunch from day1 and you will save heaps!
Get involved!

Don't sweat the little stuff, and expect to feel a little nervous at first. It's natural!
in life no one treads the same path

Participate!

Take part in as many welcome week and orientation activities as you can. Its a great way to meet and interact with new people. Don't be afraid to chat with people you see in class, you can start study groups to work on homework and prepare for tests.

Be prepared to read and study.

Even though there are so many different paths to take at the U of M with their vast majors and opportunities remember to stay focused on what you want for yourself and your future not what others want for you...

Get involved and learn to manage your time right away!

Get to know people and socialize.

Don't take night classes!

Try networking before you come, it will make the campus seem smaller, and you'll feel less homesick in the beginning.

Explore more on your own before classes begin.

Be Greek, It's the best choice I've ever made here, and if that isn't for you, then just get involved!!

STUDY AND have a planner

Bring good shoes for walking in the rain!

Enjoy welcome week. That's as easy as it gets.

College will be what you make of it. Have a positive attitude because first impressions can mean a lot. Think before putting yourself in situations that make you feel vulnerable. Remember why you're here.

Study Hard. Get to know people who share your major and people who have fun; not drama. Sleep is not overrated.

live at or near the University

make an effort to find a couple people you can just hang out with and bullshit for an hour or two. They will be a foundation and make the transition easier.

Focus on your schoolwork and what you came to the University for. It's not going to be easy but preparing yourself will make the experience better.

Not to be so worried about college.
Be yourself! Don’t hold back!!

1. Meet people as soon as possible. 2. Go to all of your classes and make sure that you homework is always completed. 3. Know the campus connector pick up stations. 4. Participate in activities with your roommate

Develop good habits early. And don’t feel bad if all you ever do is homework. You’ll have time to party later, get used to school right away and work hard.

Be social and outgoing. Don’t be afraid to introduce yourself to everyone and anyone - the more you put yourself out there the more friendships you will make!

At first entering college may seem like a scary experience, but if you are able to hang in there, it truly is a great time in your life!

Spend some time exploring all of the great opportunities on campus. Studying is important, but take an hour here and there to try something new or get involved in something that interests you.

Graduating in four years is only recommended. If you need to work during college to pay your way through, don’t take a ton of credits

Stay open to new things and new people.

BE GREEK!!!

Do not wait until Sunday night to do all your homework because you will be up very late.

HAVE FUN! Don’t blink because the first half of the semester has flown by super fast.

Relax. Take a deep breath and enjoy the experience :)

Make the most of your life, you are only given it once.

Meet a bunch of people you can eat with. The rest will happen whether you try or not.

Do not take calc, be outgoing, Q'Doba is better than Chipotle.

Prepare to be studying a lot more then in high school. The tests are more challenging then in high school. I was a straight A student in high school and was able to just breeze by tests without studying. In college you can’t do that!

Really plan your budget, if you don’t, you’ll regret it.

It’s going to be a big change, but stick with it and you’ll love it soon enough!

Develop good habits the first few weeks of school. Eat right, sleep well, study early, don’t party, have fun.

Just hold on because it will all come to you

Just be yourself and listen to current students.

Do not take more than 15-16 credits!

Be friendly and have fun.

Try not to get behind on your homework early. It sets you back for the rest of the semester.

Be friendly.

Study!

Have patience, one cannot adjust to college overnight. However, it is worth the wait.

Find a job during the summer, or you are screwed.

be ready...

Be prepared! Be ready to put more time in studying that you do in class. It’s not about what the teachers tell you to do or teach you anymore. It’s about what you put into each class and what you personally want to get out of it!

College life is totally different from high school life. Therefore get started right away or else you will be behind. Good luck.

Make sure you’re on top of everything, especially online stuff.

work hard

Get involved and enjoy yourself.

Take heed to advice!

I would tell first year students to make sure that they can handle their coursework and make sure they don’t get behind. Then find something that they like to do as a release. If they have too much time on their hands, then get more involved but don’t over commit. Also, make sure that they’re monitoring their mental health and stress level.

Meet as many new people as you can, it is always nice to recognize a face around campus. Get to know your professors, go to their office hours and get help when you need it, and even when you don’t.

manage your time well!!!

Do not study in your room. Find a place on campus that can be designated as a study area for you as your room is generally thought of as your rest area and houses endless distractions.
College is one big independent study program. Choose your classes carefully.

It's overwhelming at times. But possible. Very possible.

Don't be afraid of college. There are lots of horror stories, but for the most part, college isn't that bad and can be fun.

Pay attention to all the information given to you at orientation and welcome week.

Be serious about study/work, manage your time wisely, find some older students who can give you tips and tricks.

Be ready! Have fun! Meet People!

Talk to other students in your same class! Find people to study with for your different classes.

Don't live on campus.

Be outgoing. Meet as many people as you can.

Meet as many new people as you can.

Don't fall behind and try to understand the class expectations and your week to week schedules as fast as possible!!

That they should come prepared to change, be ready to break up with their high school loves and to just accept life as it comes.

Make friends during welcome week, it will be more helpful than you know.

Learn all you can about college so the transition from high school to college won't be too hard or too frustrating.

manage your time and start off well.

Walk the halls of the residence hall, it's the best way to meet people even after the first week of class.

It is a lot easier to continue good habits all through the year then to start them after doing poorly on the first set of exams.

Get to know the university website before you come to school. Also explore your class websites, including webvista, and moodle; and read all syllabi before classes start, so you won't be behind to begin with.

Use your planner, start studying for midterms, tests, early.

Get involved in stuff and check everything out.

Keep an open mind.