

# Office of Institutional Research

## 2007 Fall Check-In Survey Report

### All surveys

#### All surveys:

Number of surveys = 500

Number of completed surveys = 247

Percent of surveys completed = 49.40 %

Number of people who have asked to be removed from survey pool = 0

Number of bad email addresses = 1

Number of inactive UofM email addresses = 1

Number of inactive UofM email addresses where survey was completed = 0

#### Full Report:

#### 1. Do you live in a?

Residence hall	201	82.72 %	Number of responses = 243 ( 48.60 %)
House/apartment near campus	19	7.82 %	
House/apartment far from campus (driving required)	23	9.47 %	

#### 2. If you travel to campus, how far do you commute?

0 - 5 miles	17	39.53 %	Number of responses = 43 ( 8.60 %)
6 - 10 miles	7	16.28 %	
11 - 15 miles	4	9.30 %	
16 - 25 miles	9	20.93 %	
over 25 miles	6	13.95 %	

#### 3. Do you consider yourself a commuter student?

Yes	29	65.91 %	Number of responses = 44 ( 8.80 %)
No	12	27.27 %	
Not sure	3	6.82 %	

#### 4. Why did you choose not to live on-campus in a University Residence Hall or Apartment?

Display report [here](#).

#### 5. In what college are you currently enrolled?

Carlson School of Management	25	10.16 %	Number of responses = 246 ( 49.20 %)
College of Biological Sciences	22	8.94 %	
College of Design	5	2.03 %	
College of Education and Human Development	27	10.98 %	
College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	11	4.47 %	
College of Liberal Arts	121	49.19 %	
Institute of Technology	35	14.23 %	

#### 6. Please rate your satisfaction on each of the aspects of campus life listed below:

##### a. Overall college experience

Very satisfied	(4)	95	38.46 %	Number of responses = 247 ( 49.40 %)
Satisfied	(3)	138	55.87 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	13	5.26 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.40 %	
				Mean = 3.32
				Median = 3.29
				StdDev = 0.59

##### b. Amount of contact with faculty

Very satisfied	(4)	32	13.01 %	Number of responses = 246 ( 49.20 %)
Satisfied	(3)	162	65.85 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	50	20.33 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	2	0.81 %	
				Mean = 2.91
				Median = 2.94
				StdDev = 0.60

**c. Opportunities for community service**

Very satisfied	(4)	54	21.95 %	Number of responses = 246 ( 49.20 %) Mean = 3.06 Median = 3.05 StdDev = 0.62
Satisfied	(3)	153	62.20 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	38	15.45 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.41 %	

**d. Overall quality of instruction**

Very satisfied	(4)	47	19.11 %	Number of responses = 246 ( 49.20 %) Mean = 3.09 Median = 3.07 StdDev = 0.54
Satisfied	(3)	177	71.95 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	20	8.13 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	2	0.81 %	

**e. Overall sense of community among students**

Very satisfied	(4)	69	28.28 %	Number of responses = 244 ( 48.80 %) Mean = 3.12 Median = 3.12 StdDev = 0.68
Satisfied	(3)	140	57.38 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	31	12.70 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	4	1.64 %	

**7. Did you attend New Student Convocation?**

Yes, I attended the entire program	90	36.44 %	Number of responses = 247 ( 49.40 %)
Yes, but I attended the Northrop program only	21	8.50 %	
Yes, but I attended the Coffman Memorial Union program only	17	6.88 %	
No	119	48.18 %	

**8. How would you describe your overall experience at Convocation?**

Excellent	23	18.11 %	Number of responses = 127 ( 25.40 %)
Very good	45	35.43 %	
Good	43	33.86 %	
Fair	15	11.81 %	
Poor	1	0.79 %	
Very poor	0	0.00 %	

**9. Why did you attend Convocation?**

I thought it would be worthwhile	89	69.53 %	Number of responses = 128 ( 25.60 %)
To be part of the campus community	63	49.22 %	
I wanted to hear the president speak	21	16.41 %	
It was expected of me	23	17.97 %	
My Community Adviser told me to	18	14.06 %	
I came for the free dinner	52	40.63 %	
Other (please specify)	19	14.84 %	

**Other (please specify)**

Display report [here](#).

**10. Please indicate which three of the following aspects of Convocation was most memorable to you?**

Academic procession	24	19.20 %	Number of responses = 125 ( 25.00 %)
Address from current student	34	27.20 %	
Address from President	27	21.60 %	
Faculty presentation	14	11.20 %	
Band	79	63.20 %	
Dinner	44	35.20 %	
Student group demonstrations/dances	28	22.40 %	
Being with friends/meeting new people	61	48.80 %	
Class of 2011 tassels given by the President	61	48.80 %	

**11. After having attended Convocation, I:**

Felt welcomed into the campus community as a member of the Class of 2011	77	61.11 %	Number of responses = 126 ( 25.20 %)
Learned about what I can do to become more successful at college	36	28.57 %	
Better understood the University's traditions and values	54	42.86 %	
Felt less overwhelmed by the size of the University	39	30.95 %	
None of the above	20	15.87 %	

**12. Was Convocation a worthwhile part of your transition to the University?**

Display report [here](#).

### 13. Why did you not attend New Student Convocation?

Didn't know about it	25	21.37 %	Number of responses = 117 ( 23.40 %)
Class conflict	46	39.32 %	
Didn't want to go	30	25.64 %	
Other (please explain)	16	13.68 %	

#### Other (please explain)

Display report [here](#).

### 14. Did you participate in the Kick It! activities at the beginning of the fall semester?

Yes	33	13.58 %	Number of responses = 243 ( 48.60 %)
No	210	86.42 %	

### 15. How did the program help you become more familiar with campus?

Display report [here](#).

### 16. What motivated you to participate?

Prizes	25	75.76 %	Number of responses = 33 ( 6.60 %)
Friends	6	18.18 %	
Learning new resources	11	33.33 %	
Other	0	0.00 %	

#### Other (please explain)

Display report [here](#).

### 17. Why did you not participate in the Kick It! activities?

Display report [here](#).

### 18. Did you attend New Student Weekend?

Yes	55	22.63 %	Number of responses = 243 ( 48.60 %)
No	188	77.37 %	

### 19. How did attending New Student Weekend help prepare you to begin college?

Met new people	51	94.44 %	Number of responses = 54 ( 10.80 %)
Had an opportunity to talk about concerns about starting college	31	57.41 %	
Learned about the University	33	61.11 %	
Felt more confident about starting college	31	57.41 %	
Created a sense of belonging at the University	25	46.30 %	
Helped me focus goals for first year	20	37.04 %	
New Student Weekend did not prepare me to begin college	2	3.70 %	

### 20. Why did you not attend New Student Weekend?

The program was located off-campus	25	13.89 %	Number of responses = 180 ( 36.00 %)
The program cost too much money	63	35.00 %	
I was registered for another program for first-year students (Nature of Life, Multicultural KickOff, Jumpstart...)	18	10.00 %	
I was not interested in the program	89	49.44 %	
I didn't know anyone	18	10.00 %	
Other	37	20.56 %	

#### Other (please specify)

Display report [here](#).

### 21. Do you have any concerns or anxieties at this time?

Yes	148	60.91 %	Number of responses = 243 ( 48.60 %)
No	95	39.09 %	

### 22. What is your main concern/anxiety at this point in the semester?

Making friends and meeting people	16	10.60 %	Number of responses = 151 ( 30.20 %)
Relationship with others (friends or family members)	3	1.99 %	
Academic coursework (doing well in class, workload)	64	42.38 %	
Living situation (i.e., residence hall life, roommate problems)	5	3.31 %	
Deciding on a major/career	14	9.27 %	
Health (nutritious eating, physical fitness, healthy lifestyle, adequate sleep)	6	3.97 %	
Financial concerns (paying tuition, budgeting)	9	5.96 %	
Developing skills related to note-taking, studying, time-management, or stress-management	10	6.62 %	
Registration for spring semester courses	9	5.96 %	
Homesickness	1	0.66 %	
Finding places to study	0	0.00 %	
Finding a job (while in school)	9	5.96 %	
Obtaining tutoring assistance	1	0.66 %	
Other	4	2.65 %	

**Other (please explain)**Display report [here](#).**23. What resources/information would you have liked to see available in the first days/weeks of classes?**

More opportunities to socialize (campus events)	106	45.89 %	Number of responses = 231 ( 46.20 %)
More interaction with faculty	78	33.77 %	
More interaction with academic advisers	93	40.26 %	
Information on academic expectations and degree requirements	75	32.47 %	
Information on majors	103	44.59 %	
More information on what life on campus is like and what to expect	52	22.51 %	
Academic and personal skills training (time management, stress management, studying, note-taking, writing papers)	53	22.94 %	
More information on campus libraries	76	32.90 %	
Finding and accessing computers on campus (emailing)	22	9.52 %	
Getting help for personal concerns	20	8.66 %	
Information on medical coverage	21	9.09 %	
Finding a job on campus	76	32.90 %	
Addressing safety concerns	23	9.96 %	
Getting involved on campus	64	27.71 %	
More information on services and resources on campus	24	10.39 %	

**More information on services and resources on campus (please describe in the box below)**Display report [here](#).**24. Which programs helped you transition to the U?**

Orientation	195	84.42 %	Number of responses = 231 ( 46.20 %)
2011 Web Portal	56	24.24 %	
New Student Weekend	45	19.48 %	
Kick It!	11	4.76 %	
Jump Start	0	0.00 %	
Multicultural KickOff	19	8.23 %	
Convocation	60	25.97 %	
Other	28	12.12 %	

**Other (please specify)**Display report [here](#).**25. Since entering this university, how successful have you felt at:****a. Understanding what your professors expect of you academically**

Very satisfied	(4)	54	22.31 %	Number of responses = 242 ( 48.40 %) Mean = 3.15 Median = 3.11 StdDev = 0.53
Satisfied	(3)	171	70.66 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	16	6.61 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.41 %	

**b. Developing effective study skills**

Very satisfied	(4)	38	15.77 %	Number of responses = 241 ( 48.20 %) Mean = 2.90 Median = 2.94 StdDev = 0.67
Satisfied	(3)	147	61.00 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	51	21.16 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	5	2.07 %	

**c. Adjusting to the academic demands of the college**

Very satisfied	(4)	43	17.77 %	Number of responses = 242 ( 48.40 %) Mean = 2.98 Median = 2.99 StdDev = 0.62
Satisfied	(3)	153	63.22 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	45	18.60 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.41 %	

**d. Managing your time effectively**

Very satisfied	(4)	33	13.64 %	Number of responses = 242 ( 48.40 %) Mean = 2.86 Median = 2.90 StdDev = 0.64
Satisfied	(3)	146	60.33 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	60	24.79 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	3	1.24 %	

**e. Getting to know faculty**

Very satisfied	(4)	18	7.44 %	Number of responses = 242 ( 48.40 %) Mean = 2.63 Median = 2.68 StdDev = 0.68
Satisfied	(3)	126	52.07 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	88	36.36 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	10	4.13 %	

**f. Developing close friendships with other students**

Very satisfied	(4)	75	30.99 %	Number of responses = 242 ( 48.40 %) Mean = 3.05 Median = 3.08 StdDev = 0.78
Satisfied	(3)	109	45.04 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	53	21.90 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	5	2.07 %	

**g. Feeling a part of the University community**

Very satisfied	(4)	50	20.75 %	Number of responses = 241 ( 48.20 %) Mean = 2.99 Median = 3.01 StdDev = 0.68
Satisfied	(3)	144	59.75 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	42	17.43 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	5	2.07 %	

**26. Since entering the University of Minnesota, how much time have you spent during a typical week doing the following activities?****a. Attending classes/discussion**

None	0	0.00 %	Number of responses = 241 ( 48.20 %)
Less than 1 hour	1	0.41 %	
1-10	28	11.62 %	
11-20	156	64.73 %	
21-30	49	20.33 %	
31-40	7	2.90 %	

**b. Preparing for class (studying, homework, rehearsing)**

None	0	0.00 %	Number of responses = 241 ( 48.20 %)
Less than 1 hour	2	0.83 %	
1-10	76	31.54 %	
11-20	104	43.15 %	
21-30	46	19.09 %	
31-40	13	5.39 %	

**c. Socializing with friends**

None	2	0.83 %	Number of responses = 241 ( 48.20 %)
Less than 1 hour	11	4.56 %	
1-10	104	43.15 %	
11-20	85	35.27 %	
21-30	27	11.20 %	
31-40	12	4.98 %	

**d. Exercising or playing sports**

None	16	6.72 %
Less than 1 hour	54	22.69 %
1-10	139	58.40 %
11-20	25	10.50 %
21-30	4	1.68 %
31-40	0	0.00 %

Number of responses = 238 ( 47.60 %)

**e. Working for pay on campus**

None	199	82.57 %
Less than 1 hour	1	0.41 %
1-10	22	9.13 %
11-20	18	7.47 %
21-30	0	0.00 %
31-40	1	0.41 %

Number of responses = 241 ( 48.20 %)

**f. Working for pay off campus**

None	197	83.12 %
Less than 1 hour	3	1.27 %
1-10	20	8.44 %
11-20	15	6.33 %
21-30	1	0.42 %
31-40	1	0.42 %

Number of responses = 237 ( 47.40 %)

**g. Participating in student groups and organizations**

None	86	35.83 %
Less than 1 hour	35	14.58 %
1-10	104	43.33 %
11-20	14	5.83 %
21-30	1	0.42 %
31-40	0	0.00 %

Number of responses = 240 ( 48.00 %)

**27. What can the University do now to help you adjust to college life?**Display report [here](#).**28. Additional comments:**Display report [here](#).**29. What words of advice can you give to incoming first-year students?**Display report [here](#).Send technical questions/comments to J. Scott Murdoch at: [j-murd@umn.edu](mailto:j-murd@umn.edu).

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