

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:

27. What can the University do now to help you adjust to college life?

Help with test anxiety and keep me motivated about school

Nothing much, the issues cited are primarily personal ones that require a personal mindset adjustment.

Give me more of a sense of direction....ie tell me what classes i need to take and when i should start registering more specifically

Meetings with staff/faculty.

I think the University can help me adjust more by creating fun activities that a lot of people will attend so I can meet more people. My dorm room is in a secluded part of the building so it has been kind of hard to meet people. I also think the University could help by giving me information on majors and class courses so I can start deciding on what I want to do with my academics and for my future.

Nothing really.

Facilitating study groups

Not much more i'm pretty good.

Have how-to study seminars.

Nothing I can think of.

Keep providing activities and fairs to let people know how to get involved/

Have more scholarships and financial help.

nothing i think there are enough resources

Help me to meet professors and faculty.

Have more activites trough out the fall semester that allows people to interact. Some people may take longer to break out of their shell. and once they do the activites at the beginning of the year have already pass.

I feel the system is set up very nice and I has a smooth/ easy transition.

I would like to get invovled in more activties but I missed the activities fair so I don't really know where to start and the job situation is really hard because I recieved work study but I cannot find a position.

I live in Centennial Hall, and it has been extremely difficult to get to know people in my dorm because the door's are always closed. More dorm and floor activities here would help me fit into university life better.

Keep organizing events so I can continue to meet new people.

I'm not sure, maybe supply more information about the underground tunnel system for the upcoming winter months.

I don't know. everything is pretty good.

I think some of the the instructors and TAs are kind of closed. When I tried to make connection they didn't interact they where like closed. If the U can make that better I think that would be the best thing for international students. Except that the instructors and TAs are great.

nothing really. I'm ok at this moment. If I need help, I'll ask.

N/A

I really need help learning how to manage my time and coursework.

I just need to go out and learn about different activities and new groups

Keep events throughout the year open as well as allow for more opportunities to meet people living in rooms around, other than our own

Give more information about what I need to do to prepare for next semester: registering for classes, thinking about housing arrangements for next year, etc.

I can't really think of anything

Have more activites around campus. It would be nice if there were e-mails sent out about the activities going on on the campus every week.

The University is fine as it is.

Have more class of 2011 activities.

Just have a central location for everything. It took me 10 minutes to find the website for laundry view. Have a single resource or website that is organized, and not a seperate pamphlet for everything

The university offers so many things to do. It is just up to me, or up to the students to adjust, to get involved, to do things, to have fun, and to study.

I'm adjusted already.

getting an on compus job that doesn't link with work study aid. Information on major that are outside of your college.

provide me with more student groups and organizations

Nothing else.

The University is already doing a good job, the problem is me.

By telling us directly what is expected of us and choose the first semester of college classes for us .

Fix stuff. Number one: the elevators in Sanford hall break EVERY SINGLE DAY. It's not just inconvenient, it's scary. Number two: fix resnet. I have to login in at least three times in a row to get it to work, and I've had to reinstall quickstart six times since moving in. I'm not the only one to have these problems, and it's just ridiculous. Number three: my roommate blew a fuse for the outlets in half our room. It took more than a day for the hall staff to flip the breaker. It should have taken about five minutes. Number four: last time I checked, ALL the printers in my hall labs were broken, or out of paper... and apparently no one on staff here knows how to reload the paper tray. Number five: the gopher gold machine in the basement by the vending machines (again, in Sanford) is broken. Number six: the ice cream machine in my dining hall broke in the first week of classes. It's not being fixed. Number seven: one of the four showers on my floor of the Sanford tower supplies hot water only when someone flushes one of the adjacent toilets. As far as I know, It's been this way since I moved in September 1st. That list could go on and on... but two other subjects bother me more: Buses. Living in Sanford Hall sucks, because the bus service here sucks. The 122 connector is a nice thought, but in practice, it's really useless. I've sat and waited for it for 32 minutes - yes, I counted - when it was supposed to be coming every 7 minutes. And it stops running completely at what, 4:45pm? People don't stop living up here at 4:45. I have class in saint paul until 4:55, and the 121 takes about 20 minutes to get to west bank... is the 122 helping me? No. There need to be more buses on that route, and they need to not stop running in the early afternoon. UDS. Dinner stops at 7:00pm according to the schedule. This seems to early to me. Even barring that... in my observations, the UDS staff stop serving new food at 6:30, and start actively removing food from the serving line at 6:45. We pay a lot of money for UDS food... it should be more reliable than this.

They can hire professors who speak English very clearly.

everything has been great.

You're doing great. Keep it up. I'm just shy so its hard for me to adapt.

Nothing.

nothing really

not much, i think i got the hang of it

~\(^o_o)/~ I dunno

Nothing. I can do it myself. That is what college is for. It's the first time I'm on my own and it's my job to adjust and make the necessary changes in my life.

more academic infor. as i am an international student.

Explain how to get involved in different groups.

Have UDS open later than 7pm on the St. Paul campus...

Right now I have no concerns.

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Continue to inform students about safety and other academic resources available on campus.

host more events in the living halls.

I really wish that there were more ways to socialize in the freshmen doorms. Like hall get togethers or something.

Just keep having activites, like the Gopher tailgating and free bowling nights.

i dont know

teach study skills,

Help with teaching study skills and to further explain what the teachers are looking for in each of their courses.

Explain more about what is expected of us for general classes. I had no idea that most of our assignments would be found on-line--I better explanation of Webvista and myU would have helped.

Be nice to me

Help me find an organization/club to be involved with the school

More contact between students and their advisors.

Give us more information on spring semester. Continue to provide social events. I love it here, I'm doing well in classes and meeting the best of friends.

Nothing.

I think that u has already done all that they can do to adjust. Mostly, it is just personal reasons if I have not fully completely adjusted.

I think that Coffman should be open later for studying, people are going to be up late anyway studying. It would be nice if they were some where to go, other than your res hall. It would also be nice if there were more security guards walking around at night. It is frustrating not feeling safe walking around. I've tried the escort service, but it would be nice if I felt safe walking by myself.

I'm not quite sure.

dunno

Nohting

I feel well adjusted.

I would like better contact and advising with people in faculty or advisory positions. I am very dissatisfied with the amount of time it takes for some people to reply to a simple email.

Perhaps developing easier ways to become involved in campus.

The University has done all that it can.

Keep tabs on all freshman, including this survey and additional contact from the Community Advisors.

Not much, I already really like college life.

Nothing, its good.

Move me to a location on the Minneapolis campus so I don't have to take a 30 min bus ride to Physics at 7:00 am

Be more clear as to what the new student activities are

I really just dont know what to do in any situation. Its almost like I have no recourses to turn to for questions. It feels really big.

Organize more dorm events to meet everyone in your dorm.

not sure...

Nothing really, I just need to get involved on my own.

Offer Health Tips, Study and Time Management Tips as well.

I really do believe that the U is already doing a good job in helping its students adjust to college life. I believe it would be beneficial if the U made sure that its students knew how to access all of the resources that it offers.

Give students more information about tutoring.

host more fun events that are fun, meet people, and FREE FOOD!

give out less homework and hire better instructors that go easy for first-year students.

meet with me and discuss my progress in my classes

I would say it isn't what the University can do, but what could my high school have done to make it an easier transition. I find that many classes use vocabulary that I am unfamiliar with. If new vocabulary was used regularly in my high school, then I would have been better prepared for college level classes.

Nothing. It's more of a personal thing.

Continue to support students whenever they have questions about anything.

Have more events on weekends

Help me declare a major! And do all they can do to get me moved out of Bailey Hall and onto the St. Paul campus.

meet with an advisor to figure out what i need to do for classes in the future and help decide my major

Have more sponsored events bringing topic to the different aspects of the college life and expectations. I also wish we would have had a one-on-one meeting with our advisors a few weeks in instead of the community meeting.

I am well adjusted, thank you.

Keep having outdoor events (when possible) and keep doing what they're already doing. I'm not saying that the U is not doing enough to get everyone included, I'm just saying that with different situations, living in an apartment, makes interaction more difficult. I think that the U has plenty of opportunities, and groups and that they do a great job on trying to get info out there, but the reality is that this is one of the largest colleges in the nation.

Provide more opportunities to see all of the things the U offers such as bus routes and fastest walking routes to classes.

Be able to support students having a hard time adjusting to being away from home. Having more events for just freshman.

Have more opportunities to meet more people.

For the most part, I have become adjusted to college life. The only problems I am still having are with adjusting to my physics class. Going into that class, they assume you already know things like calculus that you may not have learned yet, it would be nice if they went over things completely (even if it is review for some students.) Office hours are extremely limited and usually at an inconvenient time for a student, so it is hard to talk to people in person. It would also be nice to have more tutors available. One thing that I've had a lot of trouble with is that my physics TA doesn't seem to speak a lot of English and I sometimes have trouble figuring out what they are trying to say. This really doesn't help me, especially as a new student, to know what is expected of me in that class when it comes to homework and in-class work or for me to get the help I need to learn.

Nothing

Let us know about opportunities and events that are coming up.

Nothing, everything has been satisfactory.

Send information on additional Financial aid opportunities.

Have better class set up. Have classes closer together instead of 3 or more hours between classes for commuters. Its really boring and annoying to waste half your day doing nothing because all your study stuff is to heavy to bring to school everyday.

have more events that include those that commute. Especially, Carlson, which does not have that many events that welcome in those freshman that commute. Most are held at each of the residence halls.

I can't think of anything specific at the moment.

I need to get more time to set with my advisor in order to find more information about my major and where to start next.

find me a job

nothing

I believe that I just have to be proactive in order to adjust in the areas I'm lacking in.

I am an international student, my English is not as good as the nature student. So I think I have more question than them, I want to have a study group to improve my course.

Hand out packets on all of the clubs

Step out of the way

help me figure out exactly what classes i need to take to complete my lib ed requirements and my carlson requirements.

Nothing I'm good unless you wanna do my homework for me.

Maybe have different ways for people in each "house" to get to know each other.

Nothing

I need help with my financial aid.

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