

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:

28. Additional comments:

I have been very satisfied with my university experience. I really felt like the transition was easy, I was well prepared, and the information I needed was always available. I have no complaints

The U of M is a great school.

none

none

Graduate professors should only be allowed to teach graduate or upper level courses. This semester I have two highly intelligent professors, who I have no doubt are experts in their fields, but their knowledge does not transfer well to freshmen. It is nice to be given the opportunity to interact with such dedicated faculty, but I have never been more confused in my life. I don't what those professors expect, and cannot follow what they say in lectures. This is the source for the majority of my stress. These courses/professors make me question the academic demands of the university. I did not think I would be faced with such large challenges in the first semester.

I hope future students can attend the Multicultural kickoff, it was such a fun and enlightening program.

N/A

N/A

I would have liked to go to more events that really allowed me to interact with people other than just lumping us all together. It's really awkward to just start up a conversation with someone you don't know. New Student Weekend was good for that, but I didn't really feel like I met anyone at Convocation.

none

None

Go Gophers!

Nothing.

I should be doing my homework instead of this. :)

feel stressed..but i still choose to work hard than ever before..

no

more bike lanes on washington ave needed

Also, New Student Weekend was not good. I normally am all about the whole retreat thing, but I thought this was really planned out horribly. I think they had good intentions, but like the evening activities could have been more planned out...Maybe popcorn with the movie, or s'mores at the fire, or even water in the dining hall. They could have had more group activities like the 'trust walk.' I've planned lots of student activities in the past, and was just unimpressed by a University of 40,000 students that they couldn't have welcomed us a little better. The only thing I got out of it was meeting a few people. That was only because we had to suffer together. Sorry I just thought someone needed to tell you all. I appreciate your work though, I know a lot of time was put into it.

TCF bank drives me nuts. I don't want an account with them, and yet their presence permeates many areas of college life. I feel mildly exploited just because I am a young person "just starting out" financially. Or so they think.

Get rid of New Student weekend, and switch to a Welcome week.

It is amazing here.

Socially, I feel it was fairly easy to adjust to college life. At least as easy as it could be. Obviously, everyone has trouble, but most of my trouble lies with coursework. I am having trouble adjusting to the workload and of the class time required to be a music major.

Overall, I am happy to be a student at the U of M.

The heaters in residence halls should get turned on sooner! People wear sweatshirts at night in their room and still get chilly!

College seems a lot easier and better then I thought it would be.

none

I wish before I started school that I could have found out more about groups and organizations around campus because once I found one I was interested in it was already several weeks into school. Also when the groups were at Coffman I had class conflicts and missed out on hearing about some then.

U is a great college but, most instructors are just expecting too much. Writing class expects first-year students to write 4-5 page essay? It's too hard on us students especially when it's your first year. I think writing class is a waste of time.

I am not the kind of person that learns well from the professor just lecturing. Homework (such as worksheets) help me remember things, and one of my professors does not offer such things. Homework helps me understand concepts, and if homework is not offered (at least voluntary homework) then I tend to struggle through the class.

The University's numbers make it seem huge, but all the activities and such do a good job of making students feel more at home.

I hate Bailey Hall! Not the hall itself, but just its location.

write-ups are a pain

I LOVE THE U!

None

It would also be nice to extend the amount of time that student groups and organizations advertise for people to join because the first few weeks of college are so hectic with trying to make the transition to college life. There are also so many groups to choose from that it can be kind of overwhelming to pick one out, it would help if it didn't feel like you had to pick one right away.

I enjoy go to collge here

Sometimes there are an excess of steps involved in what could be small processes. For example, applying for reciprocity, or financial aid... Both involved multiple steps that kept popping up on TO DO lists after I thought they were done. So many back and forth files simply to prove I am from Wisconsin... etc. It would be simpler for Everyone if whoever is in charge of that type of thing worked on a way to improve that.

For how many students come here, the University has done a fantastic job of attending to my individual needs.

yay!

i love it here

Thank you for this survey-made me aware of somethings I looked over in my experince thus far.

Now I have the chemistry study group, I want to have one Physics study group, at Wednesday afternoon I have time.

No complaints about the University. Bussing is great too.

i think i would have had a better time if i would have been in a dorm-instead of in university village...you dont meet a lot of people here at all.

na

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