

# 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:

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

Motivation is hard in college

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Be open to new things

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study like your life depended on it, because your future does.

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bring a friend

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Don't be overwhelmed before experiencing the college experience, make judgements after facing a week of the "new life."  
Have fun!!!

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Know what is important to you in college and follow that. You set your own priorities and have the chance to take control of your fate. Take advantage of that.

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Remember to always take care of yourself first- the other stuff will still be there afterwards, except you'll be healthier.  
And... SLEEP and stay on top of your homework.

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Try to make friends as early as you can.

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Do not slack off. College is difficult, but remember to stay involved and have fun as well!

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Study, don't fall behind, start homework/papers/projects when they are assigned not the night before.

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Use your time wisely.

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be prepared for the work load of college!!!

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There is a great deal of homework. Keep your focus.

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Don't be afraid to leave your dormroom. And stay the night your first weekend.

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Talk to people, most first year students are in the same awkward feelin position you are; it can't hurt and you might make a new friend.

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Enjoy the first year and make the best of your classes. If you have trouble get help becuase if you wait to long you will get lost along the way.

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The first two weeks of our life are going to be extremely hard, but life gets better and more fun every day you're at college. Eventually, this is home!

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Do everything offered...

Join band! You'll have the time of your life and make friends for life in the process!

Be Open.

Don't put drinking pictures up on the internet if you're under 21. It makes you look kind of childish and could get you in big trouble if an authority figure finds it.

Get ready to read all day and all night! Keep up with your reading, and work hard during the week so you can relax on the weekends!

Get involved as soon as possible.

The first few weeks of college are challenging. You should be ready for a challenge though. That's what you signed up for. Just be prepared to face obstacles head on and learn from your stumbles.

Successful start leads to Success

Get involved with as many activities as you can! It will help you be more involved in the U and academically successful.

Learn to budget time to get to class, and for other things after the school day.

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Don't slack off in the first two weeks of college just because the work is easier. You'll be thankful that you didn't when everything comes down on you and you are prepared for it.

Just go out and make new friends, have fun.

18 credits... is as many credit load hours as it sounds.

Have good study and note-taking skills Be focused Get Involved Meet new people Manage your time well Stay on top of your academic work

Go to as many events as you can, because you'll meet more people and learn more, and you'll become more comfortable at the University.

I don't have enough experience yet to give advice to anyone

Time management!

Start Studying from the get go and don't fall behind.

Come out of your box and meet new people

orientation is very helpful.

Be friendly and try to get to know as many new people as possible!

Just know that it is going to be so much different than you ever expected. Time management is HUGE. And don't overload your first semester. Even if you think that you can handle it. It is good to have time to figure stuff out this first semester.

be open to try new things

Make sure you know what is required of you. Don't stress out about it, but get what you need to have done done first and do other things later.

take advantage of free food

Get involved, go to classes, and study during the day not the night.

Be prepared for anything. The campus is not the big!

get involved and be open minded to anything

Work hard and have fun!

If you have to ask yourself whether or not you should be studying for that exam or socializing, go with studying.

It is harder to adjust than you would expect so don't worry about it so much if you feel homesick or friend sick for the first couple of weeks.

Have fun.

Have an open mind.

it is fun so enjoy it

its a lot more work than you expect but you'll get into a routine

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Study, make friends, and if you have time, be happy.

Be social. Making friends helps everything out so much. Don't study too much either or else it will be all you ever do. Learn to study quickly and only the things you need to.

work hard, have fun and be yourself..

Go to office hours!

Be social, and make new friends from all of the Halls.

Do work between classes

Do not think that college is like high-school. Expect a big change and get ready to cope to the change in your life. Also, learn to be independent on almost everything since you are the one who is making decisions in college, not your parents.

DO NOT PUT HOMEWORK OFF, DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE TESTS. OVER STUDYING IS BETTER NOT UNDER STUDYING.

Get involved!

dont live in a party dorm

Get all of the paperwork in early and register for events.

Be prepare to do more work than in high school.

It's just like highschool except less help.

Get ready for a great ride!

Getting involved as soon as possible is a positive thing that can get you started with networking and making new friendships.

Join a group or Living Learning Community with people you believe will be much like yourself. The CLA honors community put me in a studios atmosphere with students with many of the same values and priorities.

Don't get too stressed out about what it will be like. You'll be fine. It's a ton of fun so live it up but still focus primarily on school because that is why you are here.

Be open and flexible

Make Use of It. Get as involved and you can and get to know as many people as possible.

If you live with a roommate, always repeat this one word to yourself: "Cooperate." Seriously, you will mutually be doing little things to annoy each other whether you realize it or not. You'll both have to bend a little to maintain equilibrium, and don't sweat tallying up who did what and who borrowed what however many times or how much noise, etc...

Try to talk to your profs. about your classes before you make a final decision on taking them. Otherwise, you might have a hectic time switching classes and returning and buying textbooks.

Work hard. Create good study habits, don't wait for anyone to teach them to you.

Meet new people, networking is more important than you may think.

Manage time wisely

Get involved with student groups and organizations.

Have fun.

The U of M is a very large school. It is supposed to be the goal to get to know 1 professor well for every semester. But, that task proves to be extremely difficult. One must learn to be independent an assertive of one's needs.

Try to get to know a lot of people as soon as possible. It will not only make college more enjoyable, but enhance the college experience as a whole.

Have fun, and always do your homework before Sunday!

Go to Orientation. Go to New Student Weekend. Go to Convocation.

Embrace every opportunity to meet people and have fun. You might regret it later if you don't.

Go to class

Study hard and don't procrastinate.

Don't stress out too much it isn't as big of a deal as everyone tries to make it

They have a new thing called welcome week and that will be good to attend because they will go over more stuff as to what to do in certain situation you will run into during the year.

Get involved in a bunch of stuff

Get out and about, put yourself out of your comfort zone and meet people that you normally wouldn't meet.

Meet as many people as you can and stay in touch!

It's not as scary as it looks.

They just have to get here and get the hang. Relax, have fun, and study when you need to.

Don't expect to have everything perfect immediatly, it takes time to balance all aspects of your daily routine (i.e. study skills, managing your time, eating right etc.) But you'll get there, especially with patience, it all falls into place eventually.

Seek out opportunities to get involved and take full advantage of all of the resources that surround you.

Don't take precalc 2 if you took precalc in high school and did well with it.

Get out there and meet new people right away and just enjoy college!

Keep up to date with the readings for classes and if you can, as much as you won't want to, read ahead if you have the time.

Don't hesitate to ask questions.

Don't expect that college life is easy. It's all about time management, especially when you go to school and work. Even four classes is hard to catch up on.

Balance study time and fun time. One should not be had more than the other.

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Meet a lot of new people don't just sit in your dorm room.

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just relax

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Start good studying habits right away. It is good to make time to hang out with friends and party, but it is important to be responsible and balance your school work with the amount of partying you do.

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Always pay attention in lectures.

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Take things at a pace you feel comfortable with

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Go to class and do your homework! Even if attendance isn't taken or homework isn't due, the professors know what they're talking about and what will help you do well in the class. Talk to your professors- they enjoy it. Make sure that you leave time for having fun and socializing- this is one of the most important parts of your college experience.

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do not live on campus if u can't afford it!!!!

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Don't plan on sleeping a lot

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the library is your friend

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Don't hesitate about involving yourself in new experiences. Everyone is so welcoming and willing to hang out. The teachers are really helpful and even though the college is huge it really feels like a smaller community.

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Don't be intimidated by college!

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Get involved early, leave some weekends open to meet new people, and do all of the recommended homework and then some.

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Buckle down, go to class because you pay thousands of dollars to attend, and get to know your professors.

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Ask as many questions as possible in the first couple of weeks to learn about campus, and also to meet as many people as possible in the first couple of weeks.

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Don't worry if you feel overwhelmed at first, it is a huge adjustment that takes time, but the U is a great place and you will find your place at the U.

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Don't work too hard, enjoy college life.

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College life is very different and it takes some getting used to. You have to make a lot of choices for yourself that you probably didn't have to before, and it can be stressful. Try to find a way to balance work and fun, going to either extreme is just not a good idea.

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Find someone who has attended here in the past to help you show where things are and the short cuts around campus

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Make the best of it, but be conscious of your decisions.

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Go to Orientation and New Student Weekend, because meeting some of your peers is vital.

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Set aside time to study and do homework.

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Get involved with something that interests you, but make sure to keep a balance with your academic expectations. Keep up on your homework, especially readings. Use a planner/calendar.

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Get on a study schedule and don't get distracted the first few weeks from doing your homework. It'll pay off to get your stuff done before you "play". Your parents have probably said it before, but you will learn that if you finish your stuff right away, you'll be a lot happier and you will have a lot more time to do stuff. Put your nose to the grindstone and get your work done, don't procrastinate.

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Know how to effectively manage time and also how to take organized notes.

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please enjoy coming to the UFM and have fun with your new year, get to know the campus and attend the Kick of students program.

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do well!

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Don't be afraid to meet new people, step out of your comfort zone and keep up with you classes.

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Go to new student weekend, because I really wished I had. Study and stay on top of the homework. Don't get discouraged when you feel alone or overwhelmed.

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making friends is the easy part so dont worry.

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To take part in anything you are interested in. Get out there and don't be afraid to meet new people. Staying in your old group of friends is nice, but try to branch out.

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Be prepared to face many adversities that may come from outside forces but, stay true to who you are and be proactive. Be an active learner in college. Stay on top of your game!

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Starting off with a good GPA is most important!!

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Be confident, not cocky, and all your problems will come out in the wash, if you know how to do your own laundry.

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live in a dorm-find a tutor-have fun.

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Have fun, go to parties and meet people but don't go too crazy.

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The first week is stressful, but it just takes time to get used to it and then it's not so bad anymore. Also, you learn your way around campus fast, so don't stress about not knowing where you are going.

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Meet all the people around you. Leave your doors open. Be welcoming to people. Don't be afraid to talk to new people. They are usually very nice people, and they will be just as happy to talk to you as you are talking to them.

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Get involved

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Don't worry as much and have fun with senior year.

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