

2008 Spring Check-In Survey Report

All surveys

All surveys:

Number of surveys = 500

Number of completed surveys = 173

Percent of surveys completed = 34.60 %

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:

1. Do you live in a?

Residence hall	149	87.13 %	Number of responses = 171 (34.20 %)
House/apartment near campus	10	5.85 %	
House/apartment far from campus (driving required)	12	7.02 %	

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

0 - 5 miles	6	26.09 %	Number of responses = 23 (4.60 %)
6 - 10 miles	7	30.43 %	
11 - 15 miles	4	17.39 %	
16 - 25 miles	5	21.74 %	
over 25 miles	1	4.35 %	

3. Do you consider yourself a commuter student?

Yes	15	62.50 %	Number of responses = 24 (4.80 %)
No	8	33.33 %	
Not sure	1	4.17 %	

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

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5. In what college are you currently enrolled?

Carlson School of Management	14	8.19 %	Number of responses = 171 (34.20 %)
College of Biological Sciences	15	8.77 %	
College of Design	3	1.75 %	
College of Education and Human Development	17	9.94 %	
College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	12	7.02 %	
College of Liberal Arts	73	42.69 %	
Institute of Technology	37	21.64 %	

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

a. Overall college experience

Very satisfied	(5)	66	38.15 %	Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)
Satisfied	(4)	90	52.02 %	
Neutral	(3)	15	8.67 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	1	0.58 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.58 %	

Mean = 4.27
Median = 4.27
StdDev = 0.69

b. Amount of contact with faculty

Very satisfied	(5)	14	8.14 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)
Satisfied	(4)	67	38.95 %	
Neutral	(3)	73	42.44 %	
Dissatisfied	(2)	17	9.88 %	
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.58 %	

Mean = 3.44
Median = 3.43
StdDev = 0.80

c. Opportunities for community service

Very satisfied	(5)	15	8.77 %
Satisfied	(4)	77	45.03 %
Neutral	(3)	68	39.77 %
Dissatisfied	(2)	11	6.43 %
Very dissatisfied	(1)	0	0.00 %

Number of responses = 171 (34.20 %)

Mean = 3.56
 Median = 3.58
 StdDev = 0.74

d. Overall quality of instruction

Very satisfied	(5)	29	16.76 %
Satisfied	(4)	105	60.69 %
Neutral	(3)	29	16.76 %
Dissatisfied	(2)	10	5.78 %
Very dissatisfied	(1)	0	0.00 %

Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)

Mean = 3.88
 Median = 3.95
 StdDev = 0.74

e. Overall sense of community among students

Very satisfied	(5)	37	21.39 %
Satisfied	(4)	83	47.98 %
Neutral	(3)	39	22.54 %
Dissatisfied	(2)	13	7.51 %
Very dissatisfied	(1)	1	0.58 %

Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)

Mean = 3.82
 Median = 3.90
 StdDev = 0.87

7. Please select all of the activities with which you have been involved during the course of your first year here at the University of Minnesota:

Convocation	100	60.24 %
New Student Weekend	53	31.93 %
KICK IT! activities	36	21.69 %
Living/Learning community	41	24.70 %
Freshman seminar	74	44.58 %
Commuter Connections	6	3.61 %
Participated in student organizations	78	46.99 %
Held a job on campus	59	35.54 %
Participated in the recreational/intramural/club sports or exercise programs on campus	57	34.34 %
Attended an artistic performance or concert on campus	72	43.37 %
Honors programs	26	15.66 %
Undergraduate research	12	7.23 %
Mentoring programs	9	5.42 %
Student Excellence in Academics & Multiculturalism (SEAM)	8	4.82 %
Leadership programs (e.g. LeaderQuest)	12	7.23 %
Attended intercollegiate sports events	80	48.19 %
Participated in intramural sports	36	21.69 %
Participated in college-sponsored activities (e.g. CLA, IT, CSOM)	49	29.52 %
Lived in a residence hall (and participated in its activities)	135	81.33 %
Attended concerts/activities sponsored by the Student Union	72	43.37 %
Belonged to a fraternity/sorority	15	9.04 %

Number of responses = 166 (33.20 %)

8. Since entering this university, how successful have you felt at:**a. Understanding what your professors expect of you academically**

Very successful	(5)	28	16.28 %
Successful	(4)	115	66.86 %
Neutral	(3)	25	14.53 %
Unsuccessful	(2)	4	2.33 %
Very unsuccessful	(1)	0	0.00 %

Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)

Mean = 3.97
 Median = 4.00
 StdDev = 0.63

b. Developing effective study skills

Very successful	(5)	18	10.47 %
Successful	(4)	95	55.23 %
Neutral	(3)	41	23.84 %
Unsuccessful	(2)	15	8.72 %
Very unsuccessful	(1)	3	1.74 %

Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)

Mean = 3.64
 Median = 3.78
 StdDev = 0.85

c. Adjusting to the academic demands of the college

Very successful	(5)	25	14.53 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %) Mean = 3.81 Median = 3.89 StdDev = 0.77
Successful	(4)	100	58.14 %	
Neutral	(3)	37	21.51 %	
Unsuccessful	(2)	9	5.23 %	
Very unsuccessful	(1)	1	0.58 %	

d. Managing your time effectively

Very successful	(5)	17	9.83 %	Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %) Mean = 3.54 Median = 3.65 StdDev = 0.84
Successful	(4)	82	47.40 %	
Neutral	(3)	53	30.64 %	
Unsuccessful	(2)	20	11.56 %	
Very unsuccessful	(1)	1	0.58 %	

e. Getting to know faculty

Very successful	(5)	8	4.62 %	Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %) Mean = 3.06 Median = 3.03 StdDev = 0.87
Successful	(4)	44	25.43 %	
Neutral	(3)	74	42.77 %	
Unsuccessful	(2)	44	25.43 %	
Very unsuccessful	(1)	3	1.73 %	

f. Developing close friendships with other students

Very successful	(5)	50	29.07 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %) Mean = 3.88 Median = 4.00 StdDev = 0.98
Successful	(4)	72	41.86 %	
Neutral	(3)	34	19.77 %	
Unsuccessful	(2)	12	6.98 %	
Very unsuccessful	(1)	4	2.33 %	

g. Feeling a part of the University community

Very successful	(5)	43	25.00 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %) Mean = 3.88 Median = 3.98 StdDev = 0.92
Successful	(4)	82	47.67 %	
Neutral	(3)	33	19.19 %	
Unsuccessful	(2)	11	6.40 %	
Very unsuccessful	(1)	3	1.74 %	

9. What can the University do to help you feel more successful?

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10. 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 = 172 (34.40 %)
Less than 1 hour	0	0.00 %	
1-10	25	14.53 %	
11-20	93	54.07 %	
21-30	48	27.91 %	
31-40	6	3.49 %	

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

None	0	0.00 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)
Less than 1 hour	0	0.00 %	
1-10	72	41.86 %	
11-20	68	39.53 %	
21-30	27	15.70 %	
31-40	5	2.91 %	

c. Socializing with friends

None	0	0.00 %	Number of responses = 171 (34.20 %)
Less than 1 hour	7	4.09 %	
1-10	84	49.12 %	
11-20	49	28.65 %	
21-30	23	13.45 %	
31-40	8	4.68 %	

d. Exercising or playing sports

None	15	8.72 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)
Less than 1 hour	32	18.60 %	
1-10	102	59.30 %	
11-20	17	9.88 %	
21-30	4	2.33 %	
31-40	2	1.16 %	

e. Working for pay on campus

None	111	64.91 %
Less than 1 hour	4	2.34 %
1-10	31	18.13 %
11-20	22	12.87 %
21-30	1	0.58 %
31-40	2	1.17 %

Number of responses = 171 (34.20 %)

f. Working for pay off campus

None	134	78.36 %
Less than 1 hour	2	1.17 %
1-10	22	12.87 %
11-20	11	6.43 %
21-30	1	0.58 %
31-40	1	0.58 %

Number of responses = 171 (34.20 %)

g. Participating in student groups and organizations

None	50	29.07 %
Less than 1 hour	39	22.67 %
1-10	71	41.28 %
11-20	11	6.40 %
21-30	1	0.58 %
31-40	0	0.00 %

Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)

11. Since entering college, how often have you interacted with the following people?**a. Faculty during office hours**

Daily	2	1.18 %
2-3 times per week	7	4.12 %
Once a week	8	4.71 %
1-2 times per month	42	24.71 %
1-2 times per semester	65	38.24 %
Never	46	27.06 %

Number of responses = 170 (34.00 %)

b. Faculty outside of class

Daily	2	1.18 %
2-3 times per week	3	1.76 %
Once a week	5	2.94 %
1-2 times per month	22	12.94 %
1-2 times per semester	55	32.35 %
Never	83	48.82 %

Number of responses = 170 (34.00 %)

c. Academic advisors

Daily	1	0.59 %
2-3 times per week	0	0.00 %
Once a week	1	0.59 %
1-2 times per month	15	8.82 %
1-2 times per semester	138	81.18 %
Never	15	8.82 %

Number of responses = 170 (34.00 %)

d. Other college personnel

Daily	8	4.71 %
2-3 times per week	3	1.76 %
Once a week	8	4.71 %
1-2 times per month	15	8.82 %
1-2 times per semester	73	42.94 %
Never	63	37.06 %

Number of responses = 170 (34.00 %)

12. Looking back at your first year, what is your main concern/anxiety?

Making friends and meeting other people	44	25.43 %
Relationship with others (friends or family members)	2	1.16 %
Academic coursework (doing well in class, workload)	58	33.53 %
Living situation (i.e., Residence hall life, roommate problems)	4	2.31 %
Deciding on a major/career path	10	5.78 %

Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)

Health (Nutritious eating, physical fitness, healthy lifestyle, adequate sleep)	8	4.62 %
Financial concerns (paying tuitions, budgeting)	16	9.25 %
Developing skills related to note-taking, studying, time-management, or stress management	11	6.36 %
Registration for spring semester courses	0	0.00 %
Homesickness	6	3.47 %
Finding places to study	1	0.58 %
Finding a job (while in school)	7	4.05 %
Obtaining tutoring assistance	0	0.00 %
Other	6	3.47 %

13. My fall semester academic workload was:

More demanding than I expected	62	36.05 %	Number of responses = 172 (34.40 %)
About what I expected	96	55.81 %	
Less demanding than I expected	14	8.14 %	

14. My first semester Grade Point Average was:

Higher than I expected	28	16.18 %	Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)
About what I expected	69	39.88 %	
Lower than I expected	76	43.93 %	

15. Did you seek academic assistance during the fall semester?

Yes, more than once per week	20	11.56 %	Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)
Yes, less than once per week	21	12.14 %	
A couple times a month	25	14.45 %	
A couple times a semester	60	34.68 %	
Not at all	47	27.17 %	

16. I met with a University employee for advice or counseling during the fall semester:

Academic adviser	142	89.31 %	Number of responses = 159 (31.80 %)
Professional counselor	10	6.29 %	
Career counselor	12	7.55 %	
Employment counselor	2	1.26 %	
A faculty member	46	28.93 %	
A professional staff member	13	8.18 %	
Tutor	27	16.98 %	
My supervisor	11	6.92 %	
A peer	78	49.06 %	
Other	6	3.77 %	

Other (please specify)

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17. Do you plan to return to the University of Minnesota next year?

Yes	156	90.17 %	Number of responses = 173 (34.60 %)
No	4	2.31 %	
Not sure	13	7.51 %	

If no, why not?

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

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19. Additional comments:

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