



Office of Institutional Research

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:

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

relax

Work hard.

relax and don't worry to much.

dont party too much (especially on weekdays)

Stay on track from the beginning.

bring everything, because you never know when yo uwill be back home, and be prepared for anything, eat well and workout

Consider joining a fraternity/sorority. I met so many people and it makes it so much easier to get involved on campus.

Have fun, be yourself and don't be afraid to go out and meet some new people. Most people are pretty cool and are in the same situation as you.

join organizations and don't be afraid to talk to new people, go out but keep focused on your studies.

Work hard

Make friends right away, if you live in a residence hall, don't shut yourself away in your room. Go to office hours regularly, let the professors get to know you and ask questions, get help with homework, work with others.

force yourself to make time for homework, its harder than you'd expect.

Personally put forth the effort to interact with faculty. With such a large number of students, they don't have time to find you.

Get as involved as you can, even if you're pushing your comfort level. It will pay off and you will most likely make some great friends.

Just put yourself out there. Especially the first couple of weeks of class. People won't think you're weird if you introduce yourself. They'll be happy you did.

Get a good study schedule started early...and stick to it!

Have your finances and loans completel ready when school starts.

Talk to everyone around you as you are in college. It is so different than high school and you should take any and every opportunity thrown your way as it is a great way to become 'one' with the school and meet new people!

Don't be afraid to go out there and try something new. The classes I have loved the most were all those that involved things I never thought I would enjoy. I started out just fulfilling credits, but now I've found subjects I really enjoy!

Being organized is key!! Plan out your week and make 'homework schedules'. It helps immensely to see what you all have to get done when, and when you have time to do it.

make sure you make time to meet new people!

Know what you want to major in ahead of time. They tell you that you don't need to but it's not true. If you don't know you may have to fill out forms to switch colleges and it will cause you greater stress in the long run.

Do not compare college to high school, especially your senior year. It involves much more effort than I ever put in during high school.

Be prepared to work hard.

Don't party twice every weekend. Otherwise, come Sunday, you will have to sleep and won't have any time to do your homework.

Fall semester of your freshmen year is the ONLY YEAR where you can actually slack off and still be able to make up for it. => It doesn't mean you shouldn't try, but it means it's the time you adjust to the college life!

Don't put all of your homework off until Sunday! It's a bad habit to get yourself into. Don't worry about roommates and friends. It's college. As a freshman, everyone is new too and even more willing to make new friends.

Do not just sit in your dorm room expecting people to come meet you. Be out-going and introduce yourself. They want to meet you as much as you want to meet them.

do things you wouldn't do normally....get out of comfort zone

Use your time wisely.

Learn to do homework in many small time increments (between classes)

just get out there. and manage your time

College can seem overwhelming with large amounts of work and complete independence, but there is still time to relax and have fun. Make sure to get involved; it's the best way to meet people and you'll have a higher chance of being successful.

Work hard Uof M is not easy.

Live in the dorms and be as outgoing as you can be.

Have an open mind when meeting new people.

Keep things in perspective and enjoy the start of it all! Go to the Purple Onion!

Do your homework. Go to every class. Eat healthy. Especially don't drink.

learn time management

Develop good study skills as soon as you get to school because it is so much more demanding than high school.

Get connected with your professors and don't be afraid to go to office hours for the extra help. You will have to put in a lot of time outside of class to achieve the grades you want.

Get involved--it's the best way to meet people.

don't slack off on the first exam it is hard to bring up your grade after that. meet a lot of new people and join a club or a sport

"Go with the flow."

When going in to the first semester, be sure you are able to manage your time appropriately.

Go to student meetings!!!

study hard, worry more about school than friends

Be prepared to study much, much more than in high school.

It's a scary experience at first. But once you get the hang of it, it's a bit of a cake walk. Don't let the size of the campus scare you it gets easier as you go.

College is fun, it's just like high school, except that it requires a little more sweat, hard-working, motivation, and perspiration.

Budget your time.

Spend time each night doing homework-studying, assignments, reading, etc. whether you feel you need to or not.

Slack off on the weekends. I drank at least 3 nights a week first semester and it didn't affect my grades.

Be prepared and ready. College life hits you like a rock! but it is the best.

Don't worry about trying to fit in, and adjusting; it will just come naturally and in a few weeks the U will feel like a second home.

just be yourself, don't be afraid to try new things and interact with different types of people

Take class seriously and go to it. Make friends

Meet as many people as you can and take advantage of all the opportunities that going to a university like this has to offer.

hang on. its hard as hell, but its worth the ride.

get involved in things you enjoy

Meet as many people as you can the first day.

study hard, don't skip the class ^_^

keep trucking

DON'T SLACK and DON'T DEVIATE!!!

Don't be shy! If you make a fool of yourself, it's alright because people will more or less forget you. (And in any case, whatever doesn't kill you will only make you stronger.)

college is a lot more work than i thought it would be- pick classes carefully and don't take too many science classes in one semester

Have some fun with the first semester or two... choose classes that look interesting or fun, don't stick completely to the prescribed courses... after all, you only live once, so go learn how to play racquetball!

don't get caught up on the "college scene", i have seen a lot of people get involved in college parties (all the time, once in awhile is okay) and i have seen their gpa go way down.

study hard, develop a specific schedule, balance your social life and academic life, don't be scared, socialize with new people and have fun, as well as be responsible.

Keep up in your classes....skip class rarely....if ever. And make friends.....you have no idea how much they can help you through new experiences.

Make friends in all places.

Don't overload!

Manage time wisely

Get involved right away, and don't be afraid to meet new people.

um... good luck

Cool

No hanging out or playing pool in game room. You'll fail if you do so!

Be prepared to study, a lot. And have fun.

Get involved

Remember to fill out your financial aid every year and to make a study habit as soon as possible!

don't fall behind

Don't be shy about meeting people right away at the beginning otherwise you'll regret it later. If you're shy and scared to talk to people you don't know, many of those people probably feel the same way.

Work on time management and be prepared for anything, also do not over-do your work load.

Forget about making friends and developing a social life. College is about serious study. If you want to have a good time, go somewhere else. The University isn't high school and it isn't an entertainment venue. If you're willing to put in hours of work daily, you might make it. If you're not willing to make that sacrifice, prepare to fail.

Stay on top of coursework

Try new things.

It is hard to adjust, but start finding your study skills right away! Have a balance between working hard and having fun. It will soon all fall into place.

Start learning how to manage your time efficiently in high school

Don't get hung up on your major, you can easily change if it wasn't what you expected

RELAX! Everything will work out if you find ways keep your stress levels low.

Stick to time management plans. Get into the habit early or it won't stick, period.

Don't expect to learn a whole lot from lectures, bring the book and study that in class while you "listen"

Do not procrastinate. It does you no good.

Make sure you go to all of your classes, you have plenty of time to socialize on the weekends and after class.

Get Involved!

have fun, enjoy college, try new things, meet new people, but also balance academics because that's why you're here.

Don't take a freshman seminar.

Have as much fun as possible and meet as many people as possible

Put in the study time because it is a lot less stressful in the long run

Stay on top of your course loads and make sure you plan ahead for midterms and other tests.

STUDY!

Get involved right away. I went to an STLF meeting because one of my friends wanted to check it out. I ended up on the planning core for Mr. Superblock which was a great experience. Also, study more than you think you need to for your first round of midterms.

Start the semester off right in the classroom

be very willing to meet anyone and everyone, and that finding a solid group of friends is hard but well worth the trouble. TAKE NOTES, no matter how boring the class is or if you think you'll never use it again, cause it will probably be on the final.

Get involved in something the first week here. I waited and am not involved in anything, as it seems harder to join a group later on.

Going into college a whole world of options and choices (academically and career wise) are presented to you. Even though it can be overwhelming, you shouldn't let it scare you into giving up on yourself.

I would suggest to not stress about the workload and stressing out over tough classes. Eventually you will figure out good study habits and be able to manage your time well.

Put yourself out there to meet new people and really explore the options that are given to you for community involvement around campus. It's worth it to check out those options!

Learn to love reading...you'll do a TON of it whether you like it or not and it's what you need to do to stay on top of things. Be prepared to study a lot more here than you did in high school, it's nuts.

Try not to have a job during your first semester in college because you want to earn a high gpa. Get to know other students but be aware of time management and use the university's resources.

Pretend to have more confidence than you actually do, that way it will be easier to meet people. Also, I would DEFINATELY live in the residence halls. It was the best experience ever, I love everyone I live with. Oh, and BE GREEK!

Study hard and meet as much people as possible.

Find something to get involved in right away because it doesn't take long to become so caught up with classes and homework, and it's not healthy to just limit yourself to academia all the time. That, and take frequent breaks from studying.

Take some random classes to get a feel for what you want to do. Even if you think you know what you'd like to major in, take at least one class that is out of your field of study. It will either help to open your eyes to new options or solidify your prior decision.

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