

# TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

## Survey Results



### COLLEGE GOALS

Students continue to choose the U for its top ranked programs, campus life opportunities, size, and wide variety of majors.

#### DECIDING TO GO TO COLLEGE

**76%**

indicated that getting a better job was very important

**75%**

want to learn more about things that interest them

**64%**

want training for a specific career

*(COMBINES VERY IMPORTANT AND IMPORTANT ON A 5 POINT SCALE)*

#### WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO GRADUATE FROM THE U OF M?

**89.5%**

4 years

**7%**

3 years

**2%**

5 years

**1.5%**

≥2 years

### MAJOR

**25%**

know exactly what they want to major in and do not plan to change their mind

**75%**

are at various levels of major exploration with 5% having no idea and needing help assessing interests

### TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

#### TOPICS OF CONCERN

Concerns are similar to the Class of 2021, but to a lesser degree.

**49%**

are concerned with academic coursework (doing well in class, workload)

**46%**

have financial concerns (paying tuition, financial aid, managing money)

**42%**

are concerned with staying healthy (nutritious, eating, physical fitness, healthy lifestyle)

**34%**

are concerned with deciding on a major/career path

**33%**

mental health (stress management, emotional health, anxiety, and depression)

**33%**

registration for courses

#### OTHER TOPICS

*(COMBINES VERY LIKELY AND LIKELY ON A 5 POINT SCALE)*

**92%**

are likely/very likely to participate in a study abroad program

**55%**

are likely/very likely to get tutoring or other academic support for specific courses

**42%**

expressed varying degrees of likelihood that they will seek personal counseling

**25%**

are likely/very likely to change career choice

**1%**

are somewhat likely/very likely to take a temporary leave of absence

- 28% making friends and meeting people
- 27% living situation (residence hall life, roommate problems)
- 26% developing skills (related to studying, note-taking and time management)
- 22% finding a job while in school
- 17% obtaining academic assistance (tutoring, study groups, writing support, etc.)
- 16% being safe on campus (personal safety)
- 9% homesickness

*(COMBINES VERY CONCERNED AND CONCERNED ON A 5 POINT SCALE)*

### ABOUT

These results are from the 2017 Tell Us About Yourself Pre-Orientation survey. Data was pulled on May 15, 2017. There were 5,645 responses which represents almost 90% of the Class of 2021 (those who confirmed their enrollment).

## FINANCE



TOP 3 METHODS OF FINANCING EDUCATION

82%

parent or family

73%

scholarships

66%

work during school

62%

self/savings

58%

loans/grants

## LIVING



88%

plan to live on campus in residence halls

12%

live off campus or plan to commute

OF THOSE LIVING OFF CAMPUS OR COMMUTING... (n=542)

38%

plan to live 3-10 miles from campus

43%

will commute 11-20 miles

19%

will commute 21 miles or more

## IN HIGH SCHOOL

HOW STUDENTS SPEND THEIR TIME



STUDYING OR DOING HOMEWORK

25%

3-5 hours per week

31%

6-10 hours per week

19%

11-15 hours per week

INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE

78%

participated in volunteer work



52%

volunteered 1-15 hours per week

93%

spent 1-20 hours per week on social media



18%

spent 6-20 hours per week on social media

80%

participated to some degree in student groups/clubs

67%

worked in high school

60%

did not spend any time partying

48%

spent less than an hour per week talking with teachers outside class

38%

spent 3-10 hours per week watching TV

## IN COLLEGE



HOW STUDENTS PLAN TO SPEND THEIR TIME

STUDYING OR DOING HOMEWORK

27%

1-10 hours per week

49%

11-20 hours per week

20%

21-31 hours per week

4%

31-40 hours per week

INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE

87%

plan to participate to some degree in volunteer or community service work

78%

plan to spend 1-10 hours per week participating in student groups/organizations

74%

plan to spend 1-10 hours per week exercising or playing sports

66%

plan to spend 1-10 hours per week networking electronically with friends

62%

plan to spend 1-10 hours per week socializing with friends



Overall, there is still a disconnect on how students plan to spend their time in college compared to what will be expected of them. Students must change their study habits to allocate more time for studying.