Your First College Year (YFCY)  
Freshman Survey  
Spring 2007: Involvement

Background
The Your First College Year (YFCY) freshman survey, coordinated through the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, surveys first year students at the end of their freshman year.

In 2007, all freshmen at Texas A&M were asked to complete the survey on-line. Of the 5,810 students in the population, 988 freshmen completed at least a portion of the instrument for a response rate of 17%.

Results

Since entering Texas A&M, students reporting “frequently” or “occasionally” doing the following:
- 74% Attended a religious service
- 72% Performed volunteer work
- 53% Tutored another student
- 29% Played a musical instrument
- Performed community service as part of class
- 16% Participated in political demonstrations
- 9% Worked on a local, state, or national political campaign
- 7% Been a guest in a professor’s home

Since entering Texas A&M, students indicating they “agree” or “strongly agree” with the following:
- 90% I see myself as part of the campus community
- 90% I feel a sense of belonging with this college
- 76% I have been able to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities
- 42% I feel like I am just another number on this campus

Since entering Texas A&M, students have:
- 72% Participated in student clubs/groups
- 65% Participated in volunteer or community service work
- 26% Participated in leadership training
- 25% Taken a course seminar designed to help first-year students adjust to college
- 13% Joined a social fraternity or sorority
- 12% Played varsity/intercollegiate athletics
- 7% Participated in student government

Since entering Texas A&M, students reporting time spent during a typical week doing the following:
- 56% spent 3-10 hours exercising or with sports
- 52% spent 3-10 hours socializing with friends
- 47% spent 3-10 hours with on-line social networks (MySpace, Facebook, etc.)
- 32% spent 3-10 hours with student clubs and groups
- 31% spent 3-10 hours partying

Since entering Texas A&M, students indicating they “agree” or “strongly agree” with the following:
- 88% It is important to be involved in student organizations and activities outside of the classroom sometime during my college career
- 87% (Of those who participated) My participation in student organizations and activities developed skills in addition to what I learned in the classroom
- 42% It is likely that I will participate in an international education or work experience (such as study abroad)

In the last year, on average, students reporting time spent in artistic activities (visiting a museum, attending a concert/play/ballet, etc.)?
- 1% Once a week
- 5% Twice a month
- 13% Once a month
- 48% Every couple of month
- 32% Never

For more information visit http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/heri/yfcy.html or http://studentlifestudies.tamu.edu

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