

New Student Survey Fall 2010
University of New Orleans
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Background:

The University of New Orleans' New Student Survey was designed to gather information about students' perceptions and expectations about the university as they began their college careers. A total of 1,069 students were emailed an invitation to participate. Overall, 248 students responded. Of those, 202 (18.9%) fully completed the survey and 46 partially completed it. Response rates for individual questions vary between 14.6% and 20.8%. The survey was open from October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 and reminders were sent throughout the month.

The information collected from this survey will enable the Office of Institutional Research and Data Management to compare student expectations to student experiences. The New Student Survey will be administered annually each fall, allowing for comparisons of student expectations and perceptions.

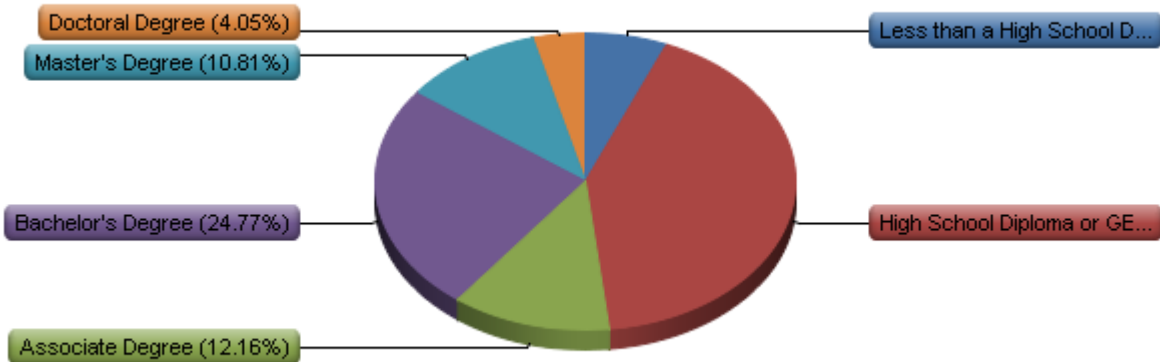
Preliminary Results:

Having recently concluded the New Student Survey, preliminary results are displayed in this report. Statistical analysis has yet to be performed on this data; however, some points of interest have already emerged. The following results should be of interest to administrators and faculty members at UNO:

- Question 9: The majority of respondents (75%) plan to complete a bachelor's degree from UNO in 4 years.
- Question 11: 61% of new UNO students plan to work during the fall semester.
- Question 12: Of those students who plan to work, 78% plan to work *off-campus* with 8% of these students working full-time.
- Question 17: 65.69% of respondents indicated that UNO was their first choice college.
- Question 19: The following reasons were cited at the highest frequencies as "very important" in students' decisions to attend UNO:
 1. The cost of attendance
 2. Offers of scholarships and financial aid by UNO
 3. Wanting to be or stay in New Orleans
 4. The good academic reputation of UNO

The data from the survey is presented in the following pages in tables and graphs. Free-text responses to questions presented here represent a sampling of the total responses. For questions 29, 30, and 31 the first 100 responses are displayed. A full list of the comments is available through the Office of Institutional Research and Data Management.

1. What is the highest level of education attained by either of your parents/guardians?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than a High School Diploma	14	6%
2	High School Diploma or GED	93	42%
3	Associate Degree	27	12%
4	Bachelor's Degree	55	25%
5	Master's Degree	24	11%
6	Doctoral Degree	9	4%
	Total	222	100%

2. A first-generation college student is someone who is the first person in their immediate family (parents, brothers, sisters) to pursue higher education. Would you consider yourself a first-generation college student?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	83	37%
2	No	139	63%
	Total	222	100%

3. How certain are you about your current major/field of study?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not certain at all, I will probably change my major	30	14%
2	Fairly certain I am at least in the right college (business, education, engineering, liberal arts, sciences)	97	44%
3	Certain I will stay in this major	94	43%
	Total	221	100%

4. Where are you living during the current semester?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	With family or relatives	106	48%
2	Non-family private home, apartment, or room	19	9%
3	On-campus: residence hall or apartment	91	41%
4	Other (please specify)	5	2%
	Total	221	100%

Other (please specify)

I live off campus, alone
with friends

Own my own home

with friends

the house i rent

5. How long does it typically take you to get to campus from your current residence?

#	Answer	Response	%
2	5 minutes or less	2	2%
3	6 - 15 minutes	22	17%
4	16 - 30 minutes	56	43%
5	31 - 45 minutes	39	30%
7	45 - 60 minutes	10	8%
6	More than 60 minutes	1	1%
	Total	130	100%

6. What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UNO?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	None	11	9%
2	Bachelor's	55	43%
3	Master's	27	21%
4	Doctorate	0	0%
5	Unsure	36	28%
	Total	129	100%

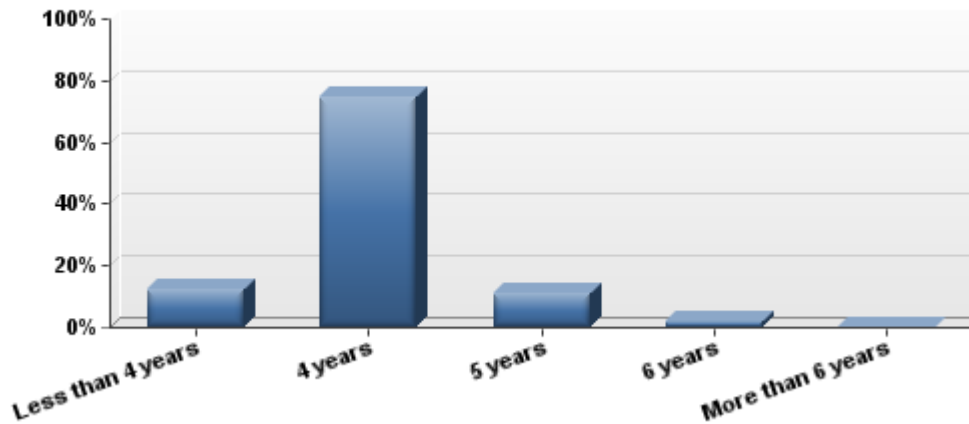
7. What is the highest degree you intend to obtain for your career?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	None	1	0%
3	Bachelor's	44	20%
4	Master's	70	32%
5	Doctorate	52	24%
6	Unsure	54	24%
	Total	221	100%

8. Which of the following best describes your goal in attending UNO?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No definite goal in mind	13	6%
2	Take a few courses in order to learn job skills	3	1%
3	Take a few courses for personal interest	2	1%
4	Take a few courses and then transfer to another college or university	32	14%
5	Get a bachelor's degree from UNO	67	30%
6	Get a bachelor's degree from UNO and continue my graduate studies here	57	26%
7	Get a bachelor's degree from UNO and continue my graduate studies at another university	47	21%
	Total	221	100%

9. In how many years do you expect to complete your bachelor's degree?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than 4 years	21	12%
2	4 years	126	75%
3	5 years	19	11%
4	6 years	3	2%
5	More than 6 years	0	0%
	Total	169	100%

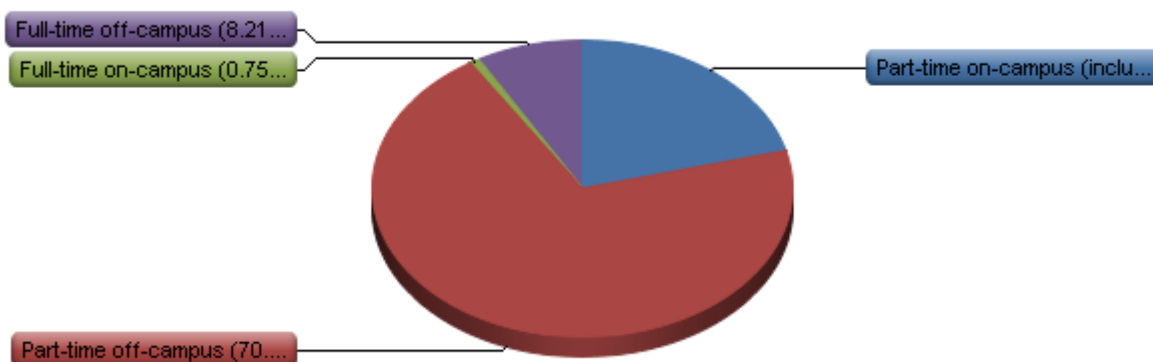
10. Do you have concerns about your ability to finance your education?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	141	64%
2	No	79	36%
	Total	220	100%

11. Do you plan to work this semester?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	134	61%
2	No	86	39%
	Total	220	100%

12. Which best describes your type of employment?



There was skip-logic associated with the previous question. Only students who indicated they planned to work were directed to answer this question about their type of employment.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Part-time on-campus (including work study)		28	21%
2	Part-time off-campus		94	70%
3	Full-time on-campus		1	1%
4	Full-time off-campus		11	8%
	Total		134	100%

13. How many hours per week are you planning to work this semester?

Only students who indicated they planned to work were directed to answer this question.

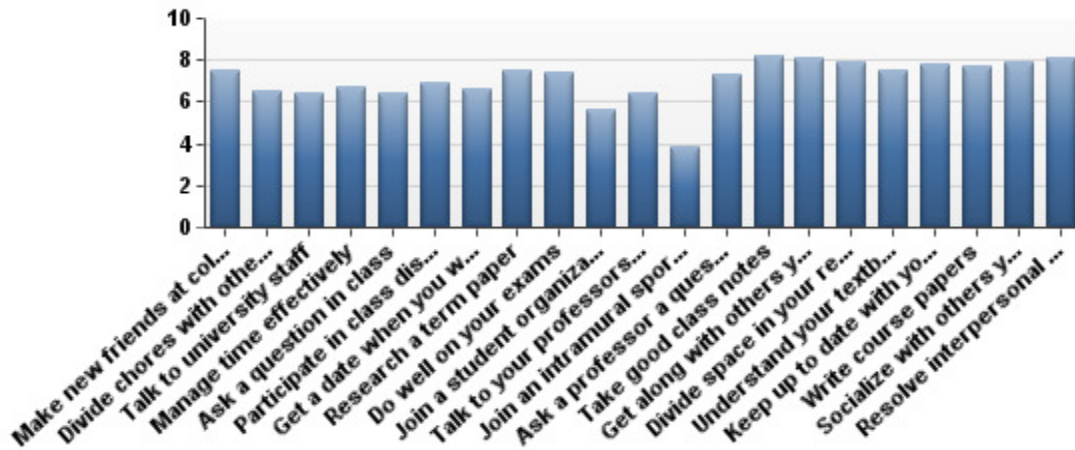
#	Answer		Response	%
1	Less than 6 hours		6	4%
2	6 - 10 hours		23	17%
3	11 - 20 hours		62	46%
4	21 - 30 hours		31	23%
5	31 - 40 hours		10	7%
6	More than 40 hours		2	1%
	Total		134	100%

14. This section is about the experiences you expect to have as a first-year student. Indicate your level of agreement with each of the statements below as they relate to your expectations about your first year at UNO.

#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Mean
1	My classes will be more exciting than my high school classes	65	104	33	8	210	1.92
2	I will be challenged academically	101	99	4	6	210	1.60
3	Although I may feel challenged, I am confident in my ability to succeed academically	81	115	10	4	210	1.70
4	I will regularly come to classes prepared with homework and reading assignments completed	108	99	3	0	210	1.50
5	I will skip a class for a non-emergency reason	10	55	80	65	210	2.95
6	Some of the subjects I study this year will be so interesting that I might do more than the required work	36	105	55	12	208	2.21
7	My instructors will be engaging	47	131	23	6	207	1.94
8	Faculty will be encouraging and helpful	55	132	18	5	210	1.87
9	I will talk with faculty members outside of class	33	117	52	8	210	2.17
10	I will discuss ideas for a paper, project, or assignment with a faculty member	39	119	44	7	209	2.09
11	I will collaborate with and learn from other students	61	120	25	4	210	1.87
12	My first year will give me good preparation for my sophomore year	96	100	10	2	208	1.61
13	I will be able to maintain a balance between my academic work and other aspects of my life	64	127	16	3	210	1.80
14	I will become involved with a campus group or student club	42	92	58	18	210	2.25
19	I will participate in community service or service-learning	30	93	75	11	209	2.32
15	I will join a fraternity/sorority	19	24	81	85	209	3.11
16	I will make friends with students whose race or ethnicity is different from mine	121	81	4	3	209	1.47
17	I will make friends with students whose family background (economic/social class) is different from mine	115	89	3	3	210	1.50
18	I will enjoy being a college student	124	77	6	3	210	1.47

15. The following items concern your confidence in various aspects of college. Using the scale below, please indicate how confident you are as a student that you could successfully complete the following tasks. Levels of confidence vary from person to person, and there are no right or wrong answers; just answer honestly. To select your confidence level drag the bar on the left to the appropriate number. Your selected answer will appear to the right.

The instrument used for this question is an academic self-efficacy instrument. The data seem to indicate that students have interpreted the question as how likely they were to do the various activities listed rather than assessing their confidence in their ability to do each of the activities. Future use of this instrument or one that is similar may need to include more specific instructions to students.

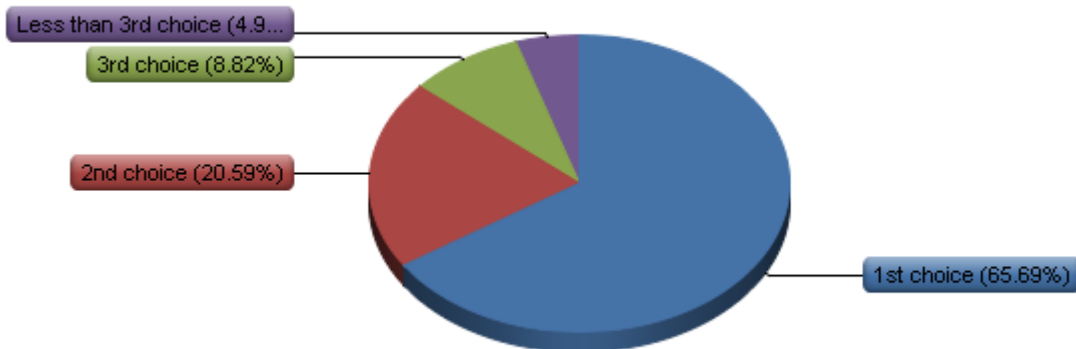


#	Answer	Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Standard Deviation	Responses
1	Make new friends at college	1	10	7.50	2.45	202
2	Divide chores with others you live with	1	10	6.49	2.71	195
3	Talk to university staff	1	10	6.47	2.57	200
4	Manage time effectively	1	10	6.76	2.12	203
5	Ask a question in class	1	10	6.48	2.77	202
6	Participate in class discussions	1	10	6.96	2.50	201
7	Get a date when you want one	1	10	6.67	3.01	193
8	Research a term paper	1	10	7.52	2.13	201
9	Do well on your exams	1	10	7.39	1.91	202
10	Join a student organization	1	10	5.67	2.92	196
11	Talk to your professors outside of class	1	10	6.45	2.63	201
12	Join an intramural sports team	1	10	3.83	3.02	171
13	Ask a professor a question	1	10	7.29	2.63	201
14	Take good class notes	2	10	8.21	1.86	203
15	Get along with others you live with	1	10	8.16	2.34	198
16	Divide space in your residence	1	10	7.92	2.49	192
17	Understand your textbooks	1	10	7.56	2.16	200
18	Keep up to date with your schoolwork	2	10	7.85	1.88	201
19	Write course papers	1	10	7.75	2.10	202
20	Socialize with others you live with	1	10	7.87	2.63	195
21	Resolve interpersonal conflicts in a positive way	1	10	8.13	2.10	204

16. How many colleges (including UNO) did you apply to this year?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1 (only UNO)	69	34%
2	2	40	20%
3	3	42	20%
4	4	28	14%
5	5	14	7%
6	6	10	5%
7	7 - 10	1	0%
8	11 or more	1	0%
	Total	205	100%

17. Thinking about colleges to which you applied, was UNO your:



#	Answer	Response	%
1	1st choice	134	66%
2	2nd choice	42	21%
3	3rd choice	18	9%
4	Less than 3rd choice	10	5%
	Total	204	100%

18. Were you admitted to your first choice college?

Only students who responded that UNO was NOT their 1st choice college were asked to respond to this question.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	53	76%
2	No	17	24%
	Total	70	100%

19. When did you decide to attend the University of New Orleans?

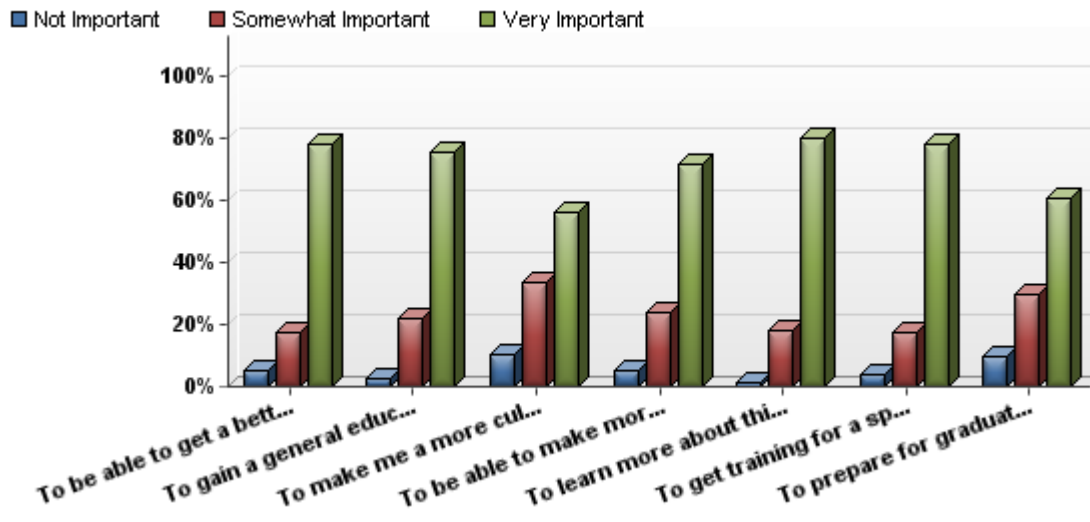
#	Answer	Response	%
6	Before high school	5	2%
1	Freshman year of high school	3	1%
2	Sophomore year of high school	5	2%
3	Junior year of high school	30	15%
4	Senior year of high school	105	52%
5	After completing high school	55	27%
	Total	203	100%

20. How many miles is UNO from your permanent home?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	5 or less	15	7%
2	6 -10	35	17%
3	11- 50	100	50%
4	51-100	24	12%
5	101-500	13	6%
6	More than 500	15	7%
	Total	202	100%

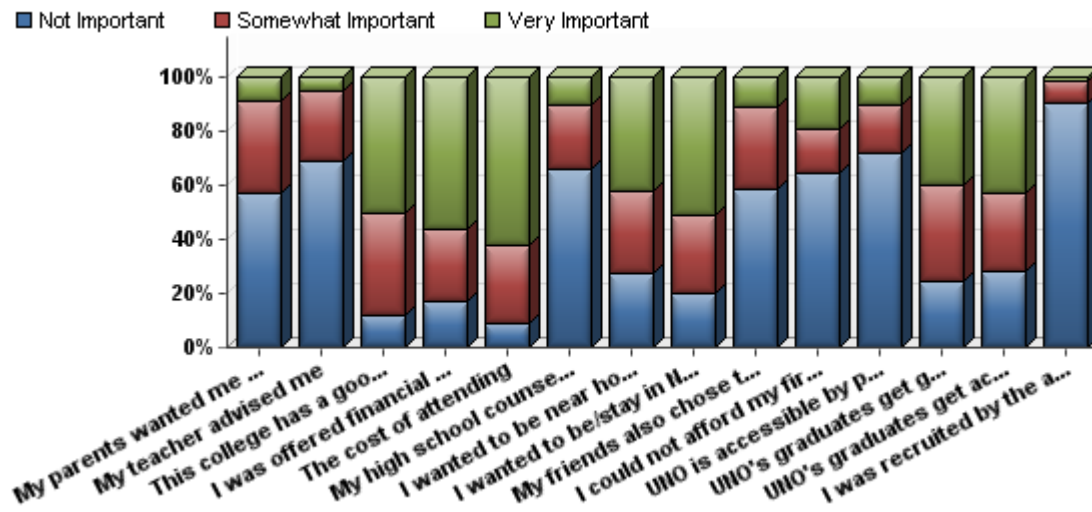
21. In deciding to go to college, how important was each of the following reasons:

Students were able to indicate multiple reasons for attending college that they considered to be “very important”, resulting in most students choosing all of the reasons as “very important.” In future surveys students will be asked to rank order the reasons so specific reasons which are the most important in students' decisions to enroll can be determined. Given the way the question was phrased on this survey, most students tended to indicate that all of the reasons were “very important.”



#	Question	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Responses	Mean
1	To be able to get a better job	10	35	158	203	2.73
2	To gain a general education and appreciation of new ideas	5	45	153	203	2.73
3	To make me a more cultured person	21	68	114	203	2.46
4	To be able to make more money	10	48	145	203	2.67
5	To learn more about things that interest me	3	37	163	203	2.79
6	To get training for a specific career	8	36	159	203	2.74
7	To prepare for graduate or professional school	20	60	122	202	2.50

22. Below is a list of reasons why you may have chosen to attend UNO. Indicate the importance of each of the following to you in choosing UNO.



#	Question	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Responses	Mean
1	My parents wanted me to come here	116	69	18	203	1.52
2	My teacher advised me	139	52	11	202	1.37
3	This college has a good academic reputation	24	76	103	203	2.39
4	I was offered financial assistance or a scholarship	35	54	114	203	2.39
5	The cost of attending	18	58	127	203	2.54
6	My high school counselor advised me	134	48	21	203	1.44
7	I wanted to be near home	56	60	86	202	2.15
8	I wanted to be/stay in New Orleans	41	58	104	203	2.31
9	My friends also chose to attend UNO	119	61	23	203	1.53
10	I could not afford my first-choice school	131	33	39	203	1.55
11	UNO is accessible by public transportation	146	36	21	203	1.38
12	UNO's graduates get good jobs	50	71	81	202	2.15
13	UNO's graduates get accepted to graduate/professional schools	57	58	87	202	2.15
14	I was recruited by the athletic department	181	16	3	200	1.11

23. The current economic situation influenced my college choice.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree	63	31%
2	Agree	55	27%
3	Disagree	50	25%
4	Strongly Disagree	35	17%
	Total	203	100%

24. From what kind of high school did you graduate?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Public school (not charter or magnet)	117	58%
2	Public charter school	13	6%
3	Public magnet school	16	8%
4	Private religious/parochial school	45	22%
5	Private independent school	11	5%
6	Home school	1	0%
	Total	203	100%

25. Was your charter school one of the following UNO affiliated charters?

Only students who indicated they had graduated from a charter high school were asked to answer this question.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, Thurgood Marshall Early College-High School	0	0%
2	Yes, Benjamin Franklin High School	4	31%
3	No, my school is not listed here	9	69%
	Total	13	100%

26. Did you take any courses for college credit while in high school? (Includes Advanced Placement, Community College, Dual Enrollment, etc.)

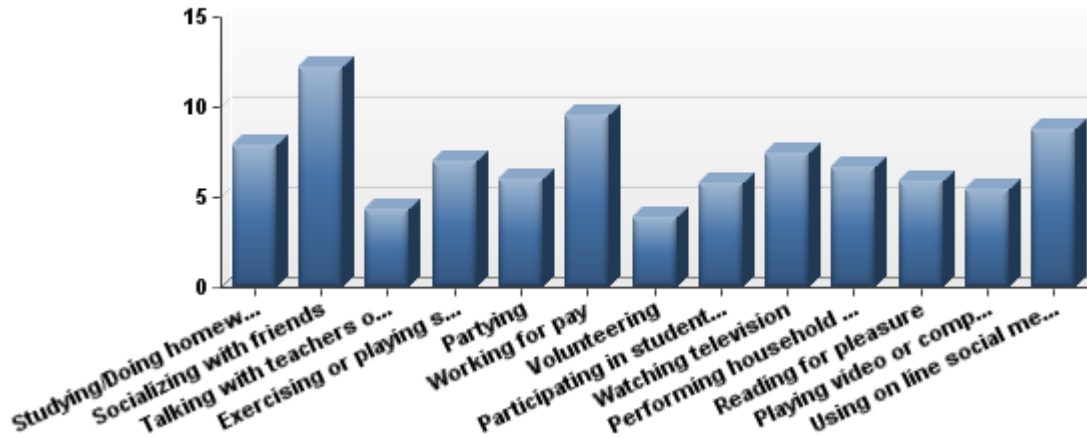
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	80	39%
2	No	123	61%
	Total	203	100%

27. Were your courses for college credit offered through UNO?

Only students who indicated they had taken college credit courses prior to high school were asked to answer this question.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	25	34%
2	No	48	66%
	Total	73	100%

28. During your last year of high school, how many hours per typical week did you spend doing the following activities? If you have been out of high school for 5 years or more, you may skip this section. Drag the bar on the left to the number of hours. Your selected answer will appear to the right.



#	Answer	Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Standard Deviation	Responses
1	Studying/Doing homework	0	20	7.90	5.36	195
2	Socializing with friends	0	20	12.20	5.61	194
3	Talking with teachers outside of class	0	20	4.29	4.48	183
4	Exercising or playing sports	0	20	6.96	6.32	171
5	Partying	0	20	6.03	6.06	171
6	Working for pay	0	20	9.56	8.20	162
7	Volunteering	0	20	3.93	4.57	163
8	Participating in student clubs or organized groups	0	20	5.83	6.25	156
9	Watching television	0	20	7.46	5.43	182
10	Performing household chores/childcare duties	0	20	6.71	5.25	185
11	Reading for pleasure	0	20	5.91	5.73	170
12	Playing video or computer games	0	20	5.44	5.85	162
13	Using on line social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, MySpace)	0	20	8.74	6.47	185

29. What was the most important reason you chose to attend the University of New Orleans?

Text Response
Close to home
The nationally ranked film department
UNO had the most reasonably priced and well-respected film school closest to my home.
The city of New Orleans is the reason I chose to come to UNO.
I wanted to stay in New Orleans because I love the city.
The engineering is great and the counselors were very helpful. Also, I love the diversity of the university.
The Film program
The most important reason is because it is close to my home and easy access for my family and me to attend a college close and affordable for my family.
I liked the environment at UNO. I have wanted to go there since I started high school. Plus I wanted to stay close to home.
The amazing film program and study abroad program.
Sports
It had a great business program.
It is a good school.
The most important reason I chose UNO is price. I wanted to stay in the city and not pay a lot of money.
I wanted the experience of attending a large university, but I didn't want to be too far from home. UNO was a perfect fit for me!
location
I chose UNO because it's the only school in Louisiana with a serious film program. I had to attend a school in state. Since I am a filmmaker, it was a clear that UNO was the place to go.
I went to the University of New Orleans because it provides an excellent music program.
Because it was the best college for my dollar that has an ABET accredited Civil Engineering program.
Major offered (NAME program)
I love the city and diversity of the school. Also it is top in the state for film!
single bedroom dorms and a good choice of majors
The most important reason why I chose to attend the University of New Orleans is because it was a school that helped the community and it offered the major I wanted.
UNO serves as the best balance between distance and affordability for me. I live on the Northshore, so it's closer than Southeastern in Hammond, and I can't afford the high tuition and costs of a private University.
I came to UNO because of the location and cost. I live just outside of New Orleans, and my father is an alumni. From past graduate students, who have made their careers in Engineering, I know how UNO is known to challenge students to be the best, not to just try their best.
Full 4 year scholarship and close to home
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
I chose UNO because of its location, programs, and people.
The most important reason is that it was close to my family, which is something I need at the moment.
I love New Orleans, and the film program here is really great.
I received scholarships and it was not too far away. It also had my major, though I don't know if it'll still be here.
My high school English teacher told me UNO had a fantastic education program for future teachers.
I joined because I felt that UNO was a better environment to help me to decide on my career choice. Also, most of my family has gone to UNO and I feel that I am fairly familiar with this place.
The dorms are super nice and I get my own room.
I got the most scholarships from UNO and it had a good accounting program.
UNO is close to home, and provides a great education for a low price.
My number one reason was that I wanted to stay in New Orleans. I love the city. And it happens to have the best film program in the state.

It was a mix of wanting to relocate specifically to New Orleans, UNO offering me the best financial aid package, and UNO having plenty of opportunities for internships/study abroad.

I chose UNO for several reasons: it's close to home, but also because it was quite easy to get into. That's what's good about UNO: it's a good school, and easy to get into.

Location

I loved the campus.

It was close to home, the tuition isn't too expensive, and it wasn't LSU or SLU

Price

Closest to home

Attain more accounting hours so I could continue my career in accounting with the state.

For a good education and to meet new and great people.

Location and difficulty of education. I like a challenge.

HRT major

Closeness to home

UNO has a diverse campus with mostly small classes that I can have a relationship with my instructors.

Close to home + strong engineering program

Knowing that it had the courses I needed for my future career, and because it was somewhat close to my family, I chose it.

It was a good University that would help me achieve a higher level of education. It was affordable and friendly. It provided an effective environment over all for me to get the education I desired.

It was close to home.

A lot of people recommended it for my major, and I had friends who go here too.

I wanted to further my education and I wanted to get a degree in my hometown.

The theatre program

I chose UNO because I want to become a teacher and it has a good education program

For its well known film program, and the surrounding cities culture.

I chose to attend UNO because the campus is close enough for me to commute daily. Also, I fell in love with the atmosphere of the campus. Everyone I met so far has been really nice and extremely helpful. I couldn't dream of going anywhere else.

It is close to my family and I have a full scholarship to attend the University of New Orleans

California is an expensive state and I wanted to travel.

The film program

I really enjoyed being on the campus. I really wanted to live in New Orleans. There are so many diverse people.

I WANTED TO GO TO UNO BECAUSE I LIKE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE SCHOOL AND THE PEOPLE THAT IS INVOLVED. ALSO BECAUSE ITS NOT SO FAR FROM HOME AND IT NOT SO CLOSE TO HOME BUT I LOVE IT AND I MADE A GREAT DECISION COMING OVER HERE.

Probability of work after I get my degree in Civil Engineering because of New Orleans' constant reconstruction.

The cost

TO get a good education to further my career as a nurse.

to get credits

I chose to attend because it is a good school and because the college I was going to attend gave away my dorm room.

location

The people and the culture of this University is outstanding. I came here on a campus tour and was thrilled at the manners of the individuals I met and the culture and diversity of the campus.

It is close to home and convenient.

It was because I didn't want to go to UL or LSU. I'm from Lafayette, so I needed a change of place, and I dislike LSU.

It is close to home and very affordable.

It was close to home.

I like the diversity of the school.

My brother attends UNO and I saw what a great university it is. Also, I love the city of New Orleans and have always wanted to live here.
Higher Education.
It was close to my house
Friends, campus
I chose to come to UNO because the major I want to pursue is one of the best programs in the country.
I wanted to attend a proper university
When I was still in high school, my teacher took my class on a tour of UNO and I had gone there to perform for the International Night, so I just felt comfortable there and decided that I was meant to experience college there.
Scholarship
The amount of financial aid i was given
Location and cost.
because of great programs
The distance from home was short so I could avoid renting
There are three really big reasons. 1. It's completely affordable. 2. It's where I've always wanted to go. 3. It has the prerequisites I need for LSU Nursing.
close to home
This was close to family and I would have family support with school.
The diversity: large mix of international and local students. The study abroad programs.
The most important reason I chose to attend UNO is because I believed UNO will give the education and knowledge to succeed in my major.
Close to home, great academics, small and peaceful.
close and convenient
Honestly i would have rather gone to LSU, but my high school GPA was to low. But compared to other Universities in Louisiana, UNO seemed to be the most respected out of all the other ones.
cost
To get a good education.
As a stepping stone to eventually transfer to a college in New York City.
Staying close to home so that I could maximize my learning with fewer distractions

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	154

30. Thinking about your first year at UNO, what are you most looking forward to?

Text Response

I look forward to getting into more of my major classes and taking classes that interest me, as opposed to required general ed classes.

Getting to meet many different types of people.

Knowledge.

Being a Delta Zeta, changing my major to accounting next semester.

For my first year at UNO I am looking forward to meeting new people and keeping up my grades.

Learning about something that I am interested in.

Just making my way through and hoping for the best!

making friends, developing my education in nursing and succeeding through college.

I am looking forward to moving on to classes that get me closer and closer to my degree.

Getting it over with.

Meeting new people and learning new things. Basically just experiencing. Whole new way of life.

All the activities and opportunities I will have. I'm also eager to learn more.

I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and getting the most out of my intended major.

Becoming an adult.

Meeting new people and learning new and exciting things.

All the people I'm going to meet and all the interesting classes I will take.

I'm looking forward to learning as much as possible

It will definitely be interesting to meet new people and not have teachers babysitting me like in high school. My thoughts and opinions are valued. I can't wait to discover everything this university has to offer me!

Getting on to courses more specific to my major.

Meeting more people. Maybe a little college romance. So many things have been going on so far, I have no idea where I'll end up by the end of the semester.

Meeting new people and taking classes with what I am interested in.

getting the hell out of here. this school sucks.

Getting adjusted to the college life and becoming a better student.

Graduating.

A chance to start over

I am looking forward to continuing making new friends and enjoying myself while focusing on my studies.

getting it over with and starting sophomore year

Im looking forward to just making the best out of my first year. Make good grades in my classes and be more involved in the school.

Learning, meeting new people and experiencing the real world

I am most looking forward to doing well in my classes and finding a harmonious balance between my work, school, my child, and my personal life. I am also looking forward to building relationships with faculty and staff members, as well as my colleagues in my classes.

I'm looking forward to, in general, just the college life. The lack of rules in terms of what to wear and no need to show your ID every single time you walk into a class. I'm looking forward to being able to meet new people and see how other countries or communities think.

Moving on to medical school

I look forward to meeting new people.

I am looking for a different environment that will let me grow.

Getting to my second year.

Meeting New People, and taking interesting classes.

The last day of school, but school's ok i guess

I am looking forward to experiencing college for the first time.
I'm looking forward to making new friends and hopefully getting a better understanding of what I want to do with my life.
Selecting my own classes
Graduating
Living in the dorms! They're bigger and cleaner than my old house and I'll have neighbors.
Meeting new people, making good grades, and having unique experiences.
I really enjoy the freedom of being an adult and (mostly) on my own.
Meeting new people, learning new things and becoming an independent individual.
getting As and a worthwhile degree, experience, and opportunities; making good friends
going on to another year
half days
Nothing, just going day by day.
Getting to know more people and adapting to living away from home, growing up
Great GPA
Passing
The people, the education, the fun, and the experience as a whole.
The college experience.
Meeting new people.
not much
I am looking forward to being in more interesting classes and subjects.
I'm most looking forward to achieving independence.
Seeing myself succeed at just the beginning of what I want to do for the rest of my life thanks to UNO.
The opportunity to meet a great diversity of people both in the student body and faculty that can enrich my education and over all life experience.
new friends
Graduating
Independence and meeting new people.
I am looking forward to learning new things. Getting to know my peers a little better. Most importantly stay focus and get my degree.
Freeeeeeeeedom!!
I am most looking forward to the college experience; being independent, having to make decisions for myself, and a new social life.
Getting my feet wet in my desired major.
well i am on the football team and i enjoy it. so i am most looking forward to keepin my grades up and staying on the football team.
Freedom
Thinking about my first year at UNO, I am looking forward to meeting new people, making new friends, learning as much as I can and opening my mind to the new and exciting aspects of college.
Meeting new people
Making it to my next year.
Having fun, and developing a strong foundation for my remaining years here
Meeting friends and learning.
I REALLY WANT TO GET EVERY THING PACKED DOWN AND I WANT TO DO EXCELLENT IN MY CLASSES. IN ALSO WANT TO B INVOLVED IN MANY ACTIVITIES AND ENJOY MYSELF IN COLLEGE WHILE IM HERE BUT GRADES AND EVERYTHING COMES FIRST.
taking classes that actually have something to do with my major.
A successful year with good grades and new friends, and not having to take any more greek classes.
A less hectic schedule than when I was in high school
being able to apply to lsu nursing school

freedom
graduating
Joining a sorority and meeting different people.
making lots of new friends
For my first year, I am looking forward to the college life. You always hear stories about UNO and life as a college student and I want to experience that.
Meeting new people and learning.
Being independent. Also, just learning all that I can about my major.
I look most forward to the feeling of being control of my life, whether yielding good or bad consequences.
Learning about the school more and how to succeeded in college life.
On-campus activities.
Getting closer to starting a career.
Proving myself
Meeting more people
It has been almost 4 years since I graduated high school. I hadn't made it to college till now due to issues conserning Katrina. I love being in the classroom setting so I can meet new students my age and make new friends. I also like staying in the dorms because one of my roommates I am already pretty good friends with her. I look forward to taking more classes in my major and getting to know the professors and learn even more about psychology. And eventually graduate school.
I am most looking forward to meeting more new friends
Campus life and new friends
I am looking forward to the many memories I will make my first year of college.
Everything
I'm looking forward to meeting new people and proving to myself that I can succeed in any course, no matter how challenging it may be.
Learning about the oppourtunities that studying science in the US can bring.
meeting new people
Learning new things, enjoying new experiences, meeting new people and reaching the academic goals I set for myself.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	179

31. What worries you the most about your first year?

Text Response

Balancing all of my classes and keeping a high enough GPA for my scholarships.

Discovering that UNO may not be right for me.

I don't care about important matters.

How hard my classes are right now :/

I was worried that the classes would be hard for me to pass, but now that I have spent sometime I know I will be able to pass.

The amount of time I need to spend in order to stay caught up in my classes.

Getting all A's in my classes and remaining to keep it that way.

Struggling with my test and papers.

I am worried that I might fall behind with my work. I took on 16 hours the semester and that is kind of a lot for my first semester of college. I just don't want to fall behind in any of my classes.

I could be doing something more useful with my time.

Keeping up my grades.

Finacial matters and my grades

Honestly I would say not being able to adjust to college that well or having difficulties with some classes.

Adjusting.

Financial stability.

That I will think that College is as easy as High School, so I won't put as much effort as I should.

What worries me most about my first year is whether or not I picked the right classes

At first, I was terribly worried that I wouldn't be prepared well enough, but I'm doing well, with all A's! The instructors I have a absolutely wonderful: C____, W____, M____ and B____ !

Excessive absences due to my medical problems.

Falling behind on my schoolwork.

Trying to manage time effectively.

The adjustment to the college life.

Money.

Being able to continue going to school due to financial issues.

my online spanish class!

not making it through it

Not keeping up with my studying because I get side tracked a lot.

Learning the way teachers teach and how the tests are going to be situated

I worry about finding that balance between the various aspects of my life and still doing well in school. Thus far, I have gotten As on all of my assignments, and I hope that I can continue to keep up the momentum. As the semester goes on, I am finding it more difficult to maintain a good balance, because oftentimes I work late on the two days I work, and I have a significant workload required of me in my classes in order to achieve A grades. If I get to bed too late on more than one night of the week, I am exhausted by the end of the week and don't have much time to catch up on sleep because I have a two year old son. So now, at midterm, I feel as though I've been in school for a lot longer than I have.

From what I have heard, UNO has a reputation not only for challenging you but more making sure Freshman are serious about what they're doing in college. In order to challenge them, they try and fail you. My major worry was trying to figure how hard my classes would be compared to my Honors classes back in High school.

my scholarship was revoked so i'll have to drop out of UNO and start over at another school or take online classes because of a mistake THE SCHOOL made

I worry about not having enough money next semester.

I am worry that I may not adjust so well in college. I think I will be okay as long as I have my friends.

Maintaining a GPA that will allow me to keep TOPS.

Not being use to the structure of college.

dr. l_____
Without a doubt, exams.
Not getting paid enough for college, guy relationships, online math course, late hours on campus and being driven back home at late hours.
My high school did not prepare me for college. I always got good grades without studying. I am afraid I will not be able to control the amount of studying I will need to do to continue making top grades.
That I got out of too many classes and might not know enough of the material.
Not making friends. I've mostly stuck with the people I came here with from high school. I feel like I'm social, but it's hard to talk to people here and I hate cheesy freshman "get to know you" events.
Midterms/final exams.
I'm a little worried about the responsibility. Not that I can't do it, but that it'll be a bit stressful.
My ability to keep my GPA higher than 2.5
getting bad grades, failing, not making friends
finances
finances & keeping up GPA
Failing.
I worry that it'll be difficult to juggle school, work, and a social life successfully
GPA, on campus job
failing english
Finances
Just learning new study habits and getting used to getting around New Orleans
Missing out on my son's life.
my financial situation and slightly worried about grades.
Maintaining good grades.
money issues, losing the scholarship
I am most worried about my ability to managing my time more productively.
Getting bogged down by assignments given late by professors, whilst trying to complete work for other classes in which assignments were given according to course syllabus
I may not be able to achieve the independence I seek, and I may not make the best grades possible or to be able to keep up with my assignments.
Probation, failure, or expulsion. And finding ways to maintain school, work, and a social life.
While the material covered in class is manageable its hard to set your own scheduals and have the required discipline to meet him.
losing TOPS
My worries are failing test.
Staying motivated for required classes outside my major.
I worry about keeping up in my classes because it's a lot of pressure to stay on top of everything.
2-4 tests per class for a whole semester. What happened to 6 or more? D:
I worry most about my balance between social and educational life.
Failing out or not being able to afford next semester.
i really don't have any worries
Failing
Failing worries me the most.
Balancing school and work
Failing.
Maintaining a good job while keeping my grades high. If there were more openings for on-campus jobs, this wouldn't be a problem, for me and many other students that need it.
Passing and keeping my scholarships and grants.

THE CHALLENGE TO MAINTAIN MY GRADES TO STAY UP AND ALSO FINDING A GOOD STUDY HABIT IN ORDER TO SUCCEED.
taking classes that suck. and having bad professors. no seriously, there should be a certain level of skill in teaching for professors to be hired by an institution of higher learning. so much rage.
Taking an English class though I tested out of all English composition.
Keeping my personal finances in order
not getting the grades i want after trying really hard
freedom
time management, two kids, full time job, full time school, never enough minutes in the hour
If I would be able to pay for everything.
not making good grades
The freshman English class. The professors are pretty challenging, yet helpful.
Exams!!! The classes that only have two exams, that REALLY worries me.
Finals.
My grades
I worry most that I am working toward the wrong degree. I don't want to end up changing my major and have taken certain classes unnecessarily.
Passing my classes and the money issues the school is having.
My grades, and tuition.
Being about to keep grades up because it is so differnt than High School.
Finances
nothing
Not really much worries me besides the budget cuts. I hope that they don't continue to the point where we do not have any higher education at UNO period. I like this school and I would hate to see it go. And that we do not currently have a chancellor. We need to find one quick!
Whats going to happen in the future
Academics and adapting to the new amount of freedom I will have.
I am worried I will lose my financial aid because of my grades, if I happen to fall behind.
Nothing at the moment
Since I have been a straight-A student much of my life, I am worried that I will not achieve straight-A's in my first year and the years after that.

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