### College Goals

**Students choose the U for its top ranked programs, campus life opportunities, wide variety of majors and outstanding professors.**

#### Deciding to Go to College

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<th>89.6%</th>
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<td>97.0%</td>
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- 89.6% indicated that getting a better job was important
- 98.8% want to learn more about things that interest them
- 95.6% want general education

#### When Do You Plan to Graduate From the U of M?

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<th>88.1%</th>
<th>9.2%</th>
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<td>87.6%</td>
<td>7.7%</td>
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- 88.1% 4 years
- 9.2% 3 years
- 0.8% 5 years

### Transition to College

#### Topics of Concern

- **71.3%** are concerned with academic coursework (doing well in class, workload)
- **55.8%** are concerned with being safe on campus
- **63.8%** are concerned with registration for courses
- **54.6%** are concerned with their living situation
- **56.2%** are concerned with developing study/time management skills
- **53.8%** are concerned with making friends/meeting people

- **51.0%** relationships with others (friends/family)
- **49.8%** obtaining academic assistance
- **49.0%** mental health
- **49.0%** deciding on a major
- **47.8%** getting adequate sleep
- **47.4%** financial concerns
- **42.6%** navigating campus resources

**Note:**

- (COMBINES VERY IMPORTANT AND IMPORTANT ON A 5 POINT SCALE)
- (COMBINES VERY CONCERNED AND CONCERNED ON A 5 POINT SCALE)
- (COMBINES VERY LIKELY AND LIKELY ON A 5 POINT SCALE)

### Other Topics

- **82.1%** are likely/very likely to participate in a study abroad program
- **59.8%** are likely/very likely to get tutoring or other academic support for specific courses
- **23.9%** are likely/very likely to change career choice
- **4.0%** are likely/very likely to take a temporary leave of absence

**Note:**

- **36%** know exactly what they want to major in and do not plan to change their mind
- **65%** are at various levels of major exploration with 3% having no idea and needing help assessing interests

### About

These results are from the 2020 Tell Us About Yourself Pre-Orientation survey. Data was pulled on May 21, 2020. International data was analyzed representing 251 responses. Numbers in the gray boxes represent the responses from the full class of 2024 (n: 4781).
### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#### FINANCE

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<th>Method of Financing Education</th>
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<td>Scholarships</td>
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<td>Loans/Grants</td>
<td>33.9%</td>
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<td>Self/savings</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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<td>Work during school</td>
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#### LIVING

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<th>Distance from Campus</th>
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#### DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS

- **Plan to live on campus in residence halls:** 68.1%
- **Plan to live off campus or plan to commute:** 31.9%

#### IN HIGH SCHOOL

##### HOW STUDENTS SPEND THEIR TIME

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**IN INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE**

- **Participated in volunteer work:** 78.1%
- **Volunteered 1-15 hours per week:** 55.8%
- **Spent 1-20 hours per week on social media:** 84.1%
- **Spent 6-20 hours per week on social media:** 30.3%
- **Participated to some degree in student groups/clubs:** 81.4%
- **Worked in high school:** 15.2%
- **Spent less than an hour per week talking with teachers outside class:** 22.3%
- **Spent 3-10 hours per week binge watching streaming services:** 31.9%

**IN COLLEGE**

##### ATTENDING CLASS/DISCUSSIONS

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**IN INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE**

- **Plan to participate to some degree in volunteer or community service work:** 90.9%
- **Plan to spend 1-10 hours per week participating in student groups/organizations:** 66.9%
- **Plan to spend 1-10 hours per week exercising or playing sports:** 61.8%
- **Plan to spend 1-10 hours per week networking electronically with friends:** 66.1%
- **Plan to spend 1-10 hours per week socializing with friends:** 56.6%

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**Note:** 22.3% of international students believe it is essential to personally experience a sense of community at the U and 68.1% say it is very important or important.