# 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

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<th>Want to learn more about things that interest them</th>
<th>Want to get a better job</th>
<th>Want a general education</th>
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<td>96.6%</td>
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<td>93.8%</td>
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*(COMBINES VERY IMPORTANT AND IMPORTANT ON A 5 POINT SCALE)*

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

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<th>4 years</th>
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<td>87.8%</td>
<td>7.0%</td>
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### Transition to College

#### Topics of Concern

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<td>Academic coursework</td>
<td>44.8%</td>
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<td>Financial concerns</td>
<td>41.8%</td>
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<td>Getting adequate sleep</td>
<td>30.3%</td>
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<td>Deciding on a major</td>
<td>29.1%</td>
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<td>Mental health</td>
<td>34.9%</td>
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<td>Registration for courses</td>
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- 28.4% making friends and meeting people
- 26.0% being safe in campus
- 24.7% developing skills (related to studying & time management)
- 24.6% eating nutritiously
- 23.7% living situation
- 20.4% finding a job while in school
- 20.2% navigating campus resources

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

### Major

- 30% know exactly what they want to major in and do not plan to change their mind
- 70% are at various levels of major exploration with 4% having no idea and needing help assessing interests

### Other Topics

- 53.6% are likely/very likely to participate in research
- 47.5% are likely/very likely to participate in a study abroad program
- 79.1% are likely/very likely to communicate regularly with professors
- 72.0% are likely/very likely to have an internship
- 91.6% are likely/very likely to earn at least a 'B' average

*These results are from the 2021 Tell Us About Yourself Pre-Orientation survey. Data was pulled on May 25, 2021. There were 6,126 responses which represents approximately 79% of the Class of 2025 (those who confirmed their enrollment).*
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**FINANCE**

**TOP 5 METHODS OF FINANCING EDUCATION**

- 76.7% parent or family
- 70.5% scholarships
- 62.6% work during school
- 59.4% self/savings
- 50.8% loans/grants

**LIVING**

- 82.2% plan to live on campus in residence halls
- 16.1% live off campus or plan to commute

**OF THOSE LIVING OFF CAMPUS OR COMMUTING... (n=611)**

- 30.0% plan to live 3-10 miles from campus
- 34.7% will commute 11-20 miles
- 12.8% will commute 21 miles or more

**IN HIGH SCHOOL**

**HOW STUDENTS SPEND THEIR TIME**

**STUDYING OR DOING HOMEWORK**

- 27.4% 3-5 hours per week
- 30.4% 6-10 hours per week
- 16.7% 11-15 hours per week

**INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE**

- 67.6% participated in volunteer work
- 93.3% spent 1-20 hours per week on social media
- 70.7% participated to some degree in student groups/clubs
- 52.3% spent less than an hour per week talking with teachers outside class

**IN COLLEGE**

**HOW STUDENTS PLAN TO SPEND THEIR TIME**

**ATTENDING CLASSES/DISCUSSIONS**

- 16.1% 1-10 hours per week
- 46.5% 11-20 hours per week
- 28.2% 21-30 hours per week
- 8.7% 31-40 hours per week

**INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES, LIFESTYLE**

- 86.9% plan to participate to some degree in volunteer or community service work
- 74.8% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week participating in student groups/organizations
- 71.6% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week exercising or playing sports
- 65.0% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week networking electronically with friends
- 54.7% 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.**