

University Experience Student Survey – USI Assessment Day Freshman 2008

oooSection A: General

1. What is the highest degree you plan to complete at USI? (N = 1844)
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|-------|--|
| 7.2% | 1 – None |
| 0.4% | 2 – Vocational Certificate |
| 5.1% | 3 – Associate (A.A. or equivalent) |
| 71.4% | 4 – Bachelor’s degree (B.A., B.S., etc.) |
| 15.9% | 5 – Master’s degree (M.A., M.S., etc.) |

Section B: Core Curriculum

Questions #2 – 14. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 indicating that you **do not feel confident at all**, and 7 indicating that you feel **very confident** in your ability, rate your **ability to**:

Not at all		Very
Confident		Confident
1	2	3
4	5	6
7		

2. . . write well (N = 1810)
Mean = 5.13
3. . . speak in front of a group of people (N = 1828)
Mean = 4.53
4. . . make ethical judgments (N = 1827)
Mean = 5.58
5. . . use college-level algebra to solve problems (N = 1827)
Mean = 5.10
6. . . interpret works of art (N = 1829)
Mean = 4.11
7. . . interpret literature (N = 1831)
Mean = 4.67
8. . . adopt a healthy lifestyle (N = 1823)
Mean = 5.60
9. . . analyze a contemporary problem from the differing perspectives of all three major fields of study: social science, physical science, and the humanities (literature, philosophy, and art) (N = 1826)
Mean = 4.63

10. . . critically evaluate information (N = 1827)
Mean = 5.22
11. . . use electronic data bases to locate information (N = 1822)
Mean = 5.69
12. . . conduct scientific experiments (N = 1834)
Mean = 4.48
13. . . analyze survey data (N = 1829)
Mean = 4.95
14. . . conduct field research (N = 1826)
Mean = 4.55

Section C: ADVISING

Questions #15 – 22. On a scale from 1 to 7 with 1 indicating that you **strongly disagree** and 7 indicating that you **strongly agree**, rate the extent to which you agree/disagree with the following statements:

Strongly		Strongly
Disagree		Agree
1	2	3
4	5	6
7		

Questions 15 through 22 include responses only for those who have met with their advisor.

My advisor . . .

15. Helps monitor my academic progress (N = 1818)
Mean = 4.74
16. Provides me with accurate information about requirements, pre-requisites, etc. (N = 1821)
Mean = 5.33
17. Keeps me informed of changes in academic requirements (N = 1817)
Mean = 4.96
18. Refers me to resources on campus from which I can obtain assistance (N = 1820)
Mean = 5.06

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19. Helps me identify challenges that I need to overcome to reach my educational and vocational goals (N = 1816)

Mean = 4.93

20. Encourages me to assume responsibility in planning my academic program (N = 1814)

Mean = 5.26

21. Allows enough time to talk about issues or problems (N = 1822)

Mean = 5.21

22. Provides recommendations on how I can improve my study skills and habits (N = 1812)

Mean = 4.84

23. During the current semester, how often have you met with your advisor? (N = 1836)

41.8%	1 - Once
24.2%	2 - Twice
9.7%	3 - Three times
5.0%	4 - Four or five times
2.5%	5 - More than five times
16.7%	6 - Never

24. How much time do you usually spend in each meeting with your advisor? (N = 1837)

16.9%	1 - I have not met my advisor
4.4%	2 - Less than 5 minutes
39.3%	3 - 5 to 15 minutes
32.9%	4 - 16 to 30 minutes
6.5%	5 - More than 30 minutes

Section D: PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT USI

25. How many weekends, on, average per month do you spend on campus or in the Evansville area? (N = 1835)

7.6%	1 - One
17.1%	2 - Two
23.4%	3 - Three
41.3%	4 - Four or more
10.6%	5 - Zero / None

26. What is the best night during the week for programs and activities to be offered at USI? (N = 1835)

6.6%	1 - Sunday
8.2%	2 - Monday
11.8%	3 - Tuesday
24.1%	4 - Wednesday
20.9%	5 - Thursday
20.4%	6 - Friday
8.0%	7 - Saturday

27. What is the best time for programs and activities to occur during the week (Sunday - Thursday)? (N = 1842)

3.4%	1 - Noon - 2 p.m.
4.7%	2 - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
14.1%	3 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
41.6%	4 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
28.6%	5 - 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
6.2%	6 - 10 p.m. - Midnight
1.4%	7 - After midnight

28. What is the best time for programs and activities to occur on the weekend (Friday and Saturday)? (N = 1838)

12.2%	1 - Noon - 2 p.m.
17.0%	2 - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
14.4%	3 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
18.1%	4 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
19.8%	5 - 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
15.0%	6 - 10 p.m. - Midnight
3.4%	7 - After midnight

29. Of the following, which program or activity would you most like to see offered at USI? (N = 1829)

2.1%	1 - Academic/Educational Programs (Lectures)
2.8%	2 - Featured Speakers
36.2%	3 - Concerts
18.3%	4 - Athletic tournaments for students
9.9%	5 - Movie previews
12.4%	6 - Dances
10.5%	7 - Carnivals/Festivals
5.4%	8 - Plays/Theater productions
2.5%	9 - Multicultural or international events

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30. Would you be supportive of paying any additional fees or money to obtain more programs/activities on campus? (N = 1822)

- 12.8% 1 – Yes
- 20.8% 2 – No
- 21.1% 3 – Not Sure
- 45.3% 4 – Depends on how much extra money

31. How much additional money would you be willing to pay per semester for programs and activities on campus? (N = 1834)

- 16.6% 1 - \$1 - \$5
- 19.2% 2 - \$6 - \$10
- 14.2% 3 - \$11 - \$15
- 13.7% 4 - \$16 - \$20
- 13.8% 5 - \$21 - \$25
- 6.5% 6 – More than \$25
- 15.9% 7 – Not willing to pay any additional money

32. How often, on average, do you participate in USI activities and programs? (N = 1841)

- 26.6% 1 – I don't participate in programs and activities at USI
- 37.8% 2 – 1 – 2 times per month
- 18.7% 3 – 3 – 4 times per month
- 8.3% 4 – 5 – 6 times per month
- 3.4% 5 – 7 – 8 times per month
- 1.6% 6 – 9 – 10 times per month
- 3.7% 7 – More than 10 times per month

33. What is the biggest reason you do not attend a scheduled program or activity on USI's campus? (N = 1834)

- 26.8% 1 – The time of the activity conflicts with my work schedule
- 14.0% 2 – The time of the activity conflicts with my class schedule
- 12.9% 3 – The time of the activity conflicts with my designated study time
- 27.6% 4 – The type of program doesn't interest me
- 3.3% 5 – The program is in an inconvenient location
- 12.1% 6 – I do not have any friends or fellow students that want to go with me to the program
- 2.5% 7 – The time of the activity is too late in the evening for me
- 0.8% 8 – The time of the activity is too early in the day for me

Section E: SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

For questions #34 and 35, **one (1) drink = 12 ounces of beer OR 4 – 5 ounces of wine OR 1 ounce of liquor.**

34. How many alcoholic drinks do you typically consume on one occasion when you are hanging out with friends? (N = 1834)

- 4.7% 1 – One drink
- 6.3% 2 – Two drinks
- 7.5% 3 – Three drinks
- 6.2% 4 – Four drinks
- 2.7% 5 – Five drinks
- 5.2% 6 – Six drinks or more
- 67.6% 7 – Typically don't drink

35. How many alcoholic drinks do you typically consume on one occasion when you are going out to party? (N = 1836)

- 5.5% 1 – One drink
- 6.6% 2 – Two drinks
- 7.6% 3 – Three drinks
- 6.0% 4 – Four drinks
- 5.1% 5 – Five drinks
- 12.9% 6 – Six drinks or more.
- 56.4% 7 – Typically don't drink

36. When going out with or hanging out with friends, I prefer to be around people who (N = 1822)

- 39.1% 1 – Don't drink
- 57.2% 2 – Drink moderately and stay in control
- 3.7% 3 – Drink heavily and get out of control

37. When going out on a date, I prefer to be with someone who (N = 1830)

- 62.7% 1 – Doesn't drink
- 35.6% 2 – Drinks moderately and stays in control
- 1.7% 3 – Drinks heavily and gets out of control

38. How do you feel about the following statement: "Alcohol is very important to the social life of this campus." (N = 1843)

- 33.0% 1 – Strongly Disagree
- 22.2% 2 – Disagree
- 32.4% 3 – Neutral
- 8.7% 4 – Agree
- 3.7% 5 – Strongly Agree

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39. "Most USI students think alcohol is very important to the social life of this campus." (N = 1834)

- 12.8% 1 – Strongly Disagree
- 17.9% 2 – Disagree
- 35.4% 3 – Neutral
- 25.5% 4 – Agree
- 8.3% 5 – Strongly Agree

40. When hanging out with friends, the majority of USI students have...

(N = 1822)

- 8.6% 1 – One drink
- 14.4% 2 – Two drinks
- 18.7% 3 – Three drinks
- 12.6% 4 – Four drinks
- 7.8% 5 – Five drinks
- 10.9% 6 – Six drinks or more
- 27.1% 7 – Typically don't drink

41. When going out to party, the majority of USI students have... (N = 1823)

- 4.2% 1 – One drink
- 8.5% 2 – Two drinks
- 15.1% 3 – Three drinks
- 17.1% 4 – Four drinks
- 12.6% 5 – Five drinks
- 27.0% 6 – Six drinks or more
- 15.4% 7 – Typically don't drink

42. During the past 30 days, how many times have you driven within one hour after you have consumed two or more alcoholic beverages? (N = 1809)

- 4.2% 1 – Once
- 3.3% 2 – Two or three times
- 1.6% 3 – Four or more times
- 53.8% 4 – Never
- 37.0% 5 – I do not drink alcohol

43. The last time you found yourself in the position of considering whether to ride in a car with a driver who had been drinking alcohol, what did you do?

(N = 1830)

- 7.8% 1 – Walked
- 5.6% 2 – Went ahead and rode with the drinking driver
- 1.7% 3 – Took a taxi or other public transportation
- 24.8% 4 – Asked a non-drinking designated driver to give you a ride
- 19.1% 5 – Called someone to pick you up
- 7.9% 6 – Asked around for a non-drinking driver
- 4.2% 7 – Selected a person who you thought had the least amount to drink and rode with them
- 29.1% 8 – Never been in this situation

44. How do you feel about the following statement, "USI should be a smoke-free campus"? (N = 1826)

- 17.3% 1 – Strongly Disagree
- 10.2% 2 – Disagree
- 25.5% 3 – Neutral
- 12.5% 4 – Agree
- 34.6% 5 – Strongly Agree

45. When deciding whether or not to go to college, what was the most important reason you decided to go to college? (Mark only one) (N = 1827)

- 3.9% 1 – My parents wanted me to go
- 0.6% 2 – I could not find a job
- 5.1% 3 – I wanted to get away from home
- 28.8% 4 – To be able to get a better job
- 8.7% 5 – To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
- 1.3% 6 – There was nothing better to do
- 2.1% 7 – To make me a more cultured person
- 14.8% 8 – To be able to make more money
- 9.6% 9 – To prepare myself for graduate or professional school
- 25.0% 10 – To get training for a specific career

46. What was the most important reason you decided to attend USI? (Mark only one) (N = 1804)

- 6.2% 1 – My parent/relatives wanted me to attend USI
- 13.9% 2 – USI has a very good academic reputation
- 2.5% 3 – USI has a good reputation for its social activities
- 6.1% 4 – I was offered financial assistance to attend USI
- 30.9% 5 – The cost of attending USI
- 20.1% 6 – I wanted to live near home
- 4.5% 7 – I could not afford my first choice
- 1.0% 8 – USI's graduates get good jobs
- 11.4% 9 – The size of USI
- 3.3% 10 – My high school friends decided to attend USI

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For questions # 47 – 57, indicate about how much time you spent during a typical week this semester doing each of the following activities.

None	Less than 1 hr	1 to 5 hrs	6 to 10 hrs	11 to 15 hrs	More than 15 hrs a week
1	2	3	4	5	6

- 47. Studying or doing homework (N = 1830)
1 = 0.9%; 2 = 3.7%; 3 = 44.4%; 4 = 31.9%; 5 = 13.3%; 6 = 5.8%
- 48. Attending classes/labs (N = 1828)
1 = 0.9%; 2 = 1.4%; 3 = 6.8%; 4 = 14.3%; 5 = 51.6%; 6 = 25.0%
- 49. Socializing with friends (N = 1831)
1 = 1.1%; 2 = 4.3%; 3 = 23.2%; 4 = 27.5%; 5 = 16.0%; 6 = 28.0%
- 50. Talking with faculty during office hours (N = 1838)
1 = 41.7%; 2 = 40.4%; 3 = 12.4%; 4 = 3.4%; 5 = 1.5%; 6 = 0.5%
- 51. Talking with faculty outside of class or office hours (N = 1843)
1 = 55.0%; 2 = 33.1%; 3 = 8.0%; 4 = 2.7%; 5 = 0.8%; 6 = 0.4%
- 52. Exercising and/or playing sports (N = 1833)
1 = 12.4%; 2 = 19.5%; 3 = 44.1%; 4 = 15.8%; 5 = 4.3%; 6 = 3.9%
- 53. Partying (N = 1837)
1 = 34.8%; 2 = 15.0%; 3 = 29.1%; 4 = 13.7%; 5 = 4.5%; 6 = 2.8%
- 54. Working for pay on campus (N = 1836)
1 = 87.6%; 2 = 1.7%; 3 = 3.5%; 4 = 3.6%; 5 = 1.5%; 6 = 2.1%
- 55. Working for pay off campus (N = 1831)
1 = 51.4%; 2 = 3.7%; 3 = 6.3%; 4 = 8.2%; 5 = 9.6%; 6 = 20.8%
- 56. Participating in student clubs/groups (N = 1833)
1 = 55.1%; 2 = 17.0%; 3 = 18.1%; 4 = 5.9%; 5 = 2.1%; 6 = 1.8%
- 57. Commuting (N = 1829)
1 = 48.9%; 2 = 13.0%; 3 = 21.9%; 4 = 9.9%; 5 = 3.4%; 6 = 3.0%

Questions 58 to 63 include responses only for those students who indicated attending USI Orientation.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Thinking back about **your experience** during USI Orientation...

USI Orientation helped me understand and be knowledgeable about:

- 58. The resources available to me at USI (i.e. academic assistance, extracurricular involvement, career planning, etc.) (N = 1784)
1 = 3.6%; 2 = 5.2%; 3 = 25.3%; 4 = 41.1%; 5 = 24.8%
- 59. The academic advising process at USI (N = 1802)
1 = 3.7%; 2 = 7.0%; 3 = 27.7%; 4 = 40.2%; 5 = 21.3%
- 60. The Core Curriculum at USI (N = 1791)
1 = 3.9%; 2 = 6.4%; 3 = 26.9%; 4 = 42.4%; 5 = 20.4%
- 61. How getting involved in extracurricular activities can improve my college experience (N = 1779)
1 = 3.1%; 2 = 5.2%; 3 = 26.6%; 4 = 39.1%; 5 = 26.0%
- 62. The process of receiving and paying my bill for tuition and fees (N = 1785)
1 = 4.8%; 2 = 9.0%; 3 = 31.3%; 4 = 36.9%; 5 = 18.1%
- 63. USI Orientation prepared me for the transition from high school to USI (N = 1786)
1 = 6.8%; 2 = 10.0%; 3 = 30.1%; 4 = 34.9%; 5 = 18.3%

- 64. Do you plan on staying in Indiana after graduation? (N = 1812)
36.3% 1 – Yes
20.2% 2 – No
43.5% 3 – Not sure

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65. If you had to start your college education over, would you still choose to go to USI? (N = 1819)

- 33.5% 1 – Definitely yes
- 35.0% 2 – Probably yes
- 11.3% 3 – Probably no
- 4.9% 4 – Definitely no
- 15.3% 5 – Don't know/ Not sure

Section E: Service Learning

A service learning course is one that includes a community project that helps students learn and also helps the community, such as an applied research, design of publicity, or data base construction for a local group, either nonprofit or for profit.

66. How many service learning courses have you taken at USI? (N = 1535)

- | | | | |
|------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 7.9% | 1 – 1 course | 1.2% | 6 – 6 courses |
| 4.0% | 2 – 2 courses | 0.1% | 7 – 7 courses |
| 4.7% | 3 – 3 courses | 0.0% | 8 – 8 courses |
| 2.0% | 4 – 4 courses | 0.1% | 9 – 9 or more courses |
| 4.0% | 5 – 5 courses | 75.9% | 10 – NONE |

Questions 67 through 76 include responses only for those who indicated taking at least one service learning course.

Questions 67-76: Answer

- 1 – Yes
- 2 – No

Did the community project experience(s) in the service learning course(s) help you...

67. Understand how to effectively discuss and address important community issues? (N = 257)

- 1 = 78.6%; 2 = 21.4%

68. Know how to communicate in a “real world” setting? (N = 261)

- 1 = 85.1%; 2 = 14.9%

69. Develop your problem-solving skills? (N = 260)

- 1 = 82.7%; 2 = 17.3%

70. Learn the content of the course more fully? (N = 260)

- 1 = 80.8%; 2 = 19.2%

71. Know better how to work with diverse groups and environments? (N = 260)

- 1 = 82.3%; 2 = 17.7%

72. Broaden your awareness of the community? (N = 258)

- 1 = 81.0%; 2 = 19.0%

73. Broaden your awareness to different approaches to community issues? (N = 256)

- 1 = 81.3%; 2 = 18.8%

74. Prepare for your future career? (N = 261)

- 1 = 80.1%; 2 = 19.9%

75. Decide what you wanted to major in? (N = 263)

- 1 = 74.5%; 2 = 25.5%

76. Feel more connected to the university as a community? (N = 259)

- 1 = 76.8%; 2 = 23.2%

Section F: Co-Curricular Service Learning

Co-Curricular activities, often done by campus organizations and student clubs, are designed to help students learn community skills that also help the community.

77. How many co-curricular service learning activities have you participated in at USI? (N = 1661)

- | | | | |
|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 11.3% | 1 – 1 activity | 0.2% | 6 – 6 activities |
| 8.5% | 2 – 2 activities | 0.2% | 7 – 7 activities |
| 13.6% | 3 – 3 activities | 0.0% | 8 – 8 activities |
| 1.7% | 4 – 4 activities | 0.7% | 9 – 9 or more activities |
| 0.8% | 5 – 5 activities | 62.9% | 10 – NONE |

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Questions 78 through 87 include responses only for those who indicated participating in at least one co-curricular service learning activity.

Questions 78-89: Answer

1 – Yes

2 – No

Did the co-curricular activity experience(s) help you...

78. Understand how to effectively discuss and address important community issues? (N = 399)

1 = 79.4%; 2 = 20.6%

79. Know how to communicate in a “real world” setting? (N = 406)

1 = 83.3%; 2 = 16.7%

80. Develop your problem-solving skills? (N = 411)

1 = 78.6%; 2 = 21.4%

81. Learn more about civic involvement? (N = 402)

1 = 75.9%; 2 = 24.1%

82. Know better how to work with diverse groups and environments?

(N = 401)

1 = 84.8%; 2 = 18.2%

83. Broaden your awareness of the community? (N = 406)

1 = 83.0%; 2 = 17.0%

84. Broaden your awareness to different approaches to community issues?

(N = 398)

1 = 80.9%; 2 = 19.1%

85. Prepare for your future career? (N = 401)

1 = 74.6%; 2 = 25.4%

86. Decide what you wanted to major in? (N = 406)

1 = 67.0%; 2 = 33.0%

87. Feel more connected to the university as a community? (N = 407)

1 = 83.8%; 2 = 16.2%

Questions 88 – 89: Answer 1 – Yes 2 – No

88. I think USI should offer more service learning courses. (N = 1543)

1 = 65.3%; 2 = 34.7%

89. I think USI should organize more co-curricular service learning activities.

(N = 1520)

1 = 70.2%; 2 = 29.8%