

## Entering Student Survey 2008 Background

During Summer New Student Orientation 2008, Student Affairs piloted an Entering Student Survey to gather information about incoming freshmen. The survey asked students about their behaviors, attitudes and expectations. About 20 minutes was allocated during the Orientation program for students to complete the survey. The survey administration was approved through UIC IRB protocol #2008-0384.

The Entering Student Survey was designed by campus administrators as a paper and pencil instrument – 2 pages on a single sheet of paper. Many of the questions cover areas that are similar to those addressed by national entering student surveys. Past experience with low completion rates using the national surveys suggested a need keep the survey brief and avoid questions that did not have a practical use or application for the campus. By requesting that students provide their University Identification Number (UIN), we also eliminated the need to collect demographic information which could be extracted from the student record.

A total of 2025 surveys were returned (approximately 68% of entering freshman class of 2964). 377 students did not provide or provided incomplete UIN information, thus 1648 students shared useable UIN numbers. The distribution of survey participants compared to the New Freshman Class is shown in the tables below:

ESS Participants by R/E		
	New Freshmen	ESS Participants
Afr Amer	313	167 (53%)
Asian	702	399 (57%)
Hispanic	587	301 (51%)
Caucasian	1188	709 (60%)
Other w/ UIN	174	72 (41%)
No UIN	--	377
Total	2964	2025 (68%)

ESS Participants by College		
	New Freshmen	ESS Participants
CBA	251	174 (69%)
Engineering	306	152 (50%)
A & A	216	123 (57%)
LAS	2106	1163 (55%)
AHS	85	57 (67%)
No UIN	--	377
Total	2964	2025 (68%)

This reporting of the survey results provides detailed tables by college of enrollment. For further information about the 2008 ESS, contact Patricia Inman ([pinman@uic.edu](mailto:pinman@uic.edu)).

## College of Architecture & the Arts

<b>Racial/Ethnic Distribution:</b>	Respondents <u>N=123</u>	New Freshmen <u>N=216</u>
African American	4.1%	6.9%
Asian American	10.6%	10.6%
Hispanic	15.4%	16.7%
Caucasian	65.0%	64.6%
Other/Unknown	4.9%	4.2%

**English is native language?** 83.5%

### **Citizenship**

U.S. Citizen	90.8%
Perm Resident/Green Card	6.7%
Neither	2.5%

### **Have had or do think will need any special tutoring or help:**

	<u>Had Help</u>	<u>Will need help</u>
English	9.8%	3.3%
Reading	9.8%	2.4%
Math	16.3%	13.8%
Social Studies	6.5%	3.3%
Science	8.9%	8.1%
Foreign Languages	6.5%	5.7%
Writing	8.9%	6.5%

### **Live for Fall Semester**

UIC Residence Hall	56.3%
Off campus - walking dist	2.5%
Off campus - commuting	5.9%
With Parents or relatives	35.3%
Other	0.0%

	<u>AP courses</u>	<u>AP exams</u>
None	33.1%	42.0%
1 to 4	57.0%	55.4%
5 to 9	9.9%	2.7%
10 or more	0.0%	0.0%

**Highest level of education obtained by:**

	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>
8th grade or less	6.8%	4.2%
some high school	7.7%	5.8%
HS diploma	21.4%	15.8%
Vocational or Trade school	2.6%	3.3%
Some college	13.7%	23.3%
College Degree	29.9%	30.0%
Some Grad School	2.6%	4.2%
Grad Degree	15.4%	13.3%

**How important is each reason influence decision to attend college**

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Parents wanted me to go	43.4%	42.6%	13.9%
I couldn't find a job	3.3%	17.7%	79.5%
Opportunity to get away from home	19.5%	46.3%	34.1%
To get a better job	84.4%	13.1%	2.5%
Gain gen educ and apprec of ideas	69.9%	28.5%	1.6%
Improve reading and study skills	32.8%	48.4%	18.9%
Make me more cultured	41.0%	46.7%	12.3%
To be able to make more money	69.7%	27.9%	2.5%
Learn about things that interest me	87.7%	12.3%	0.0%
Prepare for grad or prof school	40.2%	46.7%	13.1%
Mentor encouraged me	10.0%	46.7%	43.3%
Get training for specific career	81.8%	15.7%	2.5%

**Rate self on following traits compared with average person your age**

	Highest 10%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Lowest 10%
Academic Ability	11.7%	61.7%	26.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Artistic Ability	30.3%	48.4%	18.0%	3.3%	0.0%
Computer skills	11.5%	37.7%	47.5%	3.3%	0.0%
Competitiveness	18.9%	35.2%	36.9%	8.2%	0.8%
Cooperativeness	26.2%	48.4%	25.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Creativity	39.3%	44.4%	16.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Drive to achieve	24.6%	56.6%	15.6%	2.5%	0.8%
Emotional health	19.7%	42.6%	36.9%	0.8%	0.0%
Initiative	11.6%	39.7%	44.6%	3.3%	0.8%
Leadership ability	17.2%	36.9%	41.0%	3.3%	1.6%
Mathematical ability	9.0%	32.0%	43.4%	14.8%	0.8%
Physical health	16.7%	36.7%	42.5%	4.2%	0.0%
Self Confidence (intellectual)	18.0%	50.0%	31.1%	0.8%	0.0%
Self Confidence (social)	21.7%	34.2%	36.7%	7.5%	0.0%
Self-understanding	19.8%	40.5%	38.8%	0.8%	0.0%
Spirituality	11.6%	25.6%	40.5%	15.7%	6.6%
Understanding of others	18.3%	41.7%	36.7%	3.3%	0.0%
Writing ability	13.2%	37.2%	40.5%	7.4%	1.7%

**During last year in high school, how many hours during typical week, did you spend:**

	None	Less than 2 hrs	3 to 5 hrs	6 to 10 hrs	more than 10 hrs
Studying/homework	1.7%	35.6%	41.5%	18.6%	2.5%
Socializing with friends	1.7%	6.8%	29.1%	33.3%	29.1%
Talking with teachers (not in class)	21.2%	60.2%	13.6%	2.5%	2.5%
Exercise or sports	5.1%	29.9%	24.8%	17.1%	23.1%
Partying	36.8%	24.8%	23.1%	12.8%	2.6%
Working (for pay)	37.3%	3.4%	11.0%	16.9%	31.4%
Volunteer work	45.7%	32.8%	12.1%	5.2%	4.3%
Student clubs/groups	35.6%	30.5%	16.9%	8.5%	8.5%
Watching TV	13.6%	35.6%	34.7%	11.9%	4.2%
Reading for pleasure	26.5%	43.6%	18.8%	8.5%	2.6%
Video/computer games	39.8%	27.1%	18.6%	11.9%	2.5%
Prayer/meditation	57.6%	33.1%	5.9%	2.5%	0.8%

**Do you have any concerns about your ability to finance your college education**

None (confident sufficient funds)	26.3%
Some (probably enough funds)	56.8%
Major (not sure enough funds)	16.9%

**Reasons that influenced decision to attend UIC**

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Relatives wanted me to come here	8.5%	25.4%	66.1%
Teacher advised me	9.3%	23.7%	66.9%
Good academic reputation	57.6%	38.1%	4.2%
Good social reputation	22.9%	55.1%	22.0%
Racial and ethnic diversity	28.8%	44.9%	26.3%
Offered financial assistance	21.2%	18.6%	60.2%
Special educational programs	11.0%	25.4%	63.6%
Low tuition	35.6%	45.8%	18.6%
High school counselor advised me	6.8%	25.4%	67.8%
Wanted to live near home	27.1%	35.6%	37.3%
Not offered aid by 1st choice	4.2%	19.5%	76.3%
Grads are admitted to top prof sch	28.8%	42.4%	28.8%
Grads get good jobs	54.2%	34.7%	11.0%
Not accepted elsewhere	1.7%	7.6%	90.7%
Rankings in natl magazines	9.3%	27.1%	63.6%
Info from website	15.3%	51.7%	33.1%
Friends attending UIC	6.0%	27.4%	66.7%
Offered a scholarship	5.9%	6.8%	87.3%
Admitted to GPPA	0.9%	2.6%	96.6%

**Importance to you personally:**

	Essential	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Accomplished in perf arts	14.5%	10.3%	23.1%	52.1%
Authority in my field	21.6%	40.5%	28.4%	9.5%
Recognition for contrib in my field	18.8%	46.2%	29.1%	6.0%
Influencing political structure	5.9%	11.0%	46.6%	36.4%
Influencing social values	10.2%	38.1%	41.5%	10.2%
Raising a family	17.8%	32.2%	31.4%	18.6%
Adm responsib for work of others	4.3%	24.1%	48.3%	23.3%
Being well off financially	32.2%	41.5%	22.9%	3.4%
Helping others in difficulty	16.2%	42.7%	35.9%	5.1%
Writing original works	14.4%	11.0%	28.0%	46.6%
Successful in own business	22.9%	37.3%	32.2%	7.6%
Involved in cleaning up environment	6.0%	23.9%	52.1%	17.9%
Meaningful philosophy of life	18.6%	33.9%	37.3%	10.2%
Particip in community action prog	6.8%	14.4%	55.1%	23.7%
Promote racial understanding	10.2%	21.2%	54.2%	14.4%
Keeping up with political affairs	4.3%	25.0%	43.1%	27.6%
Becoming community leaders	5.1%	20.3%	44.1%	30.5%
Integrating spirituality into life	6.0%	17.1%	39.3%	37.6%

**Best guess of chances that you will:**

	Very Good chance	Some chance	Very little chance	No chance
Change major	8.5%	28.0%	48.3%	15.3%
Change career choices	8.5%	34.7%	41.5%	15.3%
Grad with honors	22.9%	62.7%	10.2%	4.2%
Partic in stdt govt	5.1%	20.5%	40.2%	34.2%
Get job to help pay for college	50.0%	37.3%	11.9%	0.8%
Work fulltime	5.1%	32.5%	44.4%	17.9%
Play varsity athletics	8.5%	12.7%	29.7%	49.2%
Play intramural athletics	12.8%	25.6%	37.6%	23.9%
Make at least a "B" average	61.5%	35.0%	3.4%	0.0%
Need extra time to complete deg	2.5%	24.6%	59.3%	13.6%
Get bachelor's degree	82.1%	13.7%	2.6%	1.7%
Drop out of UIC temporarily	0.8%	2.5%	32.2%	64.4%
Drop out of UIC permanently	0.0%	2.6%	17.9%	79.5%
Transfer to another college	3.4%	13.8%	54.3%	28.4%
Be satisfied with college	56.8%	39.8%	2.5%	0.8%
Partic volunteer or comm srvc	17.1%	43.6%	35.9%	3.4%
Seek personal counseling	5.1%	28.0%	46.6%	20.3%
Dev close friendships w/oth stdts	66.1%	30.5%	3.4%	0.0%
Comm reg with professors	33.3%	52.1%	13.7%	0.9%
Socialize w/ other rac/ethn groups	70.1%	25.6%	4.3%	0.0%
Partic in stdt clubs/groups	39.3%	41.0%	18.8%	0.9%

## College of Business Administration

<b>Racial/Ethnic Distribution:</b>	Respondents <u>N=174</u>	New Freshmen <u>N=251</u>
African American	18.4%	16.7%
Asian American	16.7%	16.7%
Hispanic	22.4%	22.3%
Caucasian	39.1%	39.8%
Other	3.4%	4.4%

**English is native language?** 68.4%

### Citizenship

U.S. Citizen	88.4%
Perm Resident/Green Card	8.7%
Neither	2.9%

### Have had or do think will need any special tutoring or help:

	<u>Had</u>	<u>Will need</u>
English	10.3%	7.5%
Reading	6.3%	6.9%
Math	12.1%	21.8%
Social Studies	6.3%	2.3%
Science	4.0%	10.9%
Foreign Languages	6.3%	5.7%
Writing	5.2%	14.4%

### Live for Fall Semester

UIC Residence Hall	53.8%
Off campus - walking dist	1.7%
Off campus - commuting	5.2%
With Parents or relatives	37.6%
Other	1.7%

	<u>AP courses</u>	<u>AP exams</u>
None	29.7%	39.5%
1 to 4	61.0%	51.5%
5 to 9	8.7%	9.0%
10 or more	0.6%	0.0%

**Highest level of education obtained by:**

	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>
8th grade or less	8.4%	4.7%
some high school	6.6%	4.1%
HS diploma	20.5%	27.8%
Vocational or Trade school	2.4%	4.1%
Some college	18.1%	20.7%
College Degree	25.9%	26.6%
Some Grad School	1.8%	0.6%
Grad Degree	16.3%	11.2%

**How important is each reason influence decision to attend college**

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Parents wanted me to go	57.2%	31.2%	11.6%
I couldn't find a job	3.5%	11.0%	85.5%
Opportunity to get away from home	18.0%	36.0%	45.9%
To get a better job	87.9%	9.8%	2.3%
Gain gen educ and apprec of ideas	76.7%	20.9%	2.3%
Improve reading and study skills	53.5%	37.8%	8.7%
Make me more cultured	49.1%	37.0%	13.9%
To be able to make more money	82.5%	16.4%	1.2%
Learn about things that interest me	79.7%	18.6%	1.7%
Prepare for grad or prof school	62.2%	30.2%	7.6%
Mentor encouraged me	23.4%	34.5%	42.1%
Get training for specific career	75.6%	22.7%	1.7%

**Rate self on following traits compared with average person your age**

	Highest 10%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Lowest 10%
Academic Ability	20.2%	56.6%	23.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Artistic Ability	9.3%	18.0%	30.2%	29.7%	12.8%
Computer skills	11.6%	45.9%	40.7%	1.7%	0.0%
Competitiveness	31.4%	36.6%	26.7%	5.2%	0.0%
Cooperativeness	36.0%	41.9%	22.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Creativity	22.5%	34.1%	28.9%	12.7%	1.7%
Drive to achieve	45.0%	41.5%	11.1%	2.3%	0.0%
Emotional health	31.8%	42.8%	23.7%	1.2%	0.6%
Initiative	25.0%	41.3%	31.4%	2.3%	0.0%
Leadership ability	28.1%	41.5%	26.3%	2.3%	1.8%
Mathematical ability	21.5%	38.4%	33.1%	7.0%	0.0%
Physical health	22.1%	40.1%	33.1%	4.7%	0.0%
Self Confidence (intellectual)	35.3%	41.0%	22.5%	1.2%	0.0%
Self Confidence (social)	30.1%	37.6%	31.8%	0.6%	0.0%
Self-understanding	30.6%	45.7%	23.1%	0.6%	0.0%
Spirituality	15.8%	24.0%	43.3%	11.1%	5.8%
Understanding of others	27.3%	42.4%	28.5%	1.7%	0.0%
Writing ability	14.5%	31.8%	43.4%	9.8%	0.6%

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Talking with teachers (not in class)	17.8%	61.5%	17.8%	2.4%	0.6%
Exercise or sports	5.8%	25.6%	32.6%	18.0%	18.0%
Partying	23.8%	36.6%	22.7%	10.5%	6.4%
Working (for pay)	33.3%	3.5%	10.5%	12.9%	39.8%
Volunteer work	38.4%	35.5%	17.4%	2.9%	5.8%
Student clubs/groups	33.1%	32.6%	23.3%	8.7%	2.3%
Watching TV	7.6%	41.5%	32.2%	12.3%	6.4%
Reading for pleasure	26.9%	47.4%	17.0%	4.7%	4.1%
Video/computer games	37.8%	31.4%	16.3%	8.1%	6.4%
Prayer/meditation	47.1%	41.9%	7.0%	2.3%	1.7%

**Do you have any concerns about your ability to finance your college education**

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**Reasons that influenced decision to attend UIC**

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Teacher advised me	8.2%	26.9%	64.9%
Good academic reputation	51.5%	42.7%	5.8%
Good social reputation	27.2%	52.7%	20.1%
Racial and ethnic diversity	40.0%	38.8%	21.2%
Offered financial assistance	27.2%	23.7%	49.1%
Special educational programs	15.3%	31.2%	53.5%
Low tuition	37.6%	38.8%	23.5%
High school counselor advised me	10.5%	28.7%	60.8%
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Grads get good jobs	64.3%	27.4%	8.3%
Not accepted elsewhere	4.7%	4.7%	90.6%
Rankings in natl magazines	16.0%	44.4%	39.6%
Info from website	19.5%	45.6%	34.9%
Friends attending UIC	12.9%	36.5%	50.6%
Offered a scholarship	17.2%	13.0%	69.8%
Admitted to GPPA	2.5%	5.5%	92.0%

**Importance to you personally:**

	Essential	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Accomplished in perf arts	5.4%	4.8%	25.3%	64.5%
Authority in my field	33.7%	42.9%	19.0%	4.3%
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Influencing political structure	10.4%	18.4%	47.2%	23.9%
Influencing social values	13.5%	32.5%	42.3%	11.7%
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Helping others in difficulty	27.3%	41.6%	26.1%	5.0%
Writing original works	6.9%	4.4%	30.0%	58.8%
Successful in own business	55.9%	26.7%	14.3%	3.1%
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Get bachelor's degree	87.3%	9.6%	1.9%	1.3%
Drop out of UIC temporarily	0.0%	0.6%	20.5%	78.8%
Drop out of UIC permanently	0.0%	0.6%	15.5%	83.9%
Transfer to another college	2.6%	22.1%	43.5%	31.8%
Be satisfied with college	54.5%	43.5%	1.9%	0.0%
Partic volunteer or comm srvc	18.4%	43.7%	34.2%	3.8%
Seek personal counseling	7.1%	28.2%	51.9%	12.8%
Dev close friendships w/oth stdts	68.6%	28.8%	2.6%	0.0%
Comm reg with professors	44.4%	44.4%	11.1%	0.0%
Socialize w/ other rac/ethn groups	65.8%	29.6%	3.9%	0.7%
Partic in stdt clubs/groups	41.7%	35.3%	20.5%	2.6%

## College of Engineering

### Racial/Ethnic Distribution:

	Respondents <u>N=152</u>	New Freshmen <u>N=306</u>
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### Highest level of education obtained by:

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Some Grad School	1.4%	1.4%
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	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Parents wanted me to go	42.4%	33.1%	24.5%
I couldn't find a job	6.0%	12.1%	81.9%
Opportunity to get away from home	12.8%	39.6%	47.7%
To get a better job	85.4%	12.6%	2.0%
Gain gen educ and apprec of ideas	68.7%	29.3%	2.0%
Improve reading and study skills	33.1%	51.0%	15.9%
Make me more cultured	31.8%	46.4%	21.9%
To be able to make more money	76.8%	20.5%	2.6%
Learn about things that interest me	74.7%	22.7%	2.7%
Prepare for grad or prof school	51.3%	38.2%	10.5%
Mentor encouraged me	12.7%	32.7%	54.7%
Get training for specific career	71.7%	21.1%	7.2%

**Rate self on following traits compared with average person your age**

	Highest 10%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Lowest 10%
Academic Ability	20.5%	63.6%	15.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Artistic Ability	10.7%	24.7%	36.7%	22.0%	6.0%
Computer skills	24.0%	53.3%	20.7%	2.0%	0.0%
Competitiveness	23.2%	41.1%	31.1%	4.0%	0.7%
Cooperativeness	25.2%	45.7%	26.5%	2.6%	0.0%
Creativity	21.2%	39.1%	33.8%	5.3%	0.7%
Drive to achieve	31.8%	44.4%	22.5%	1.3%	0.0%
Emotional health	27.8%	37.7%	32.5%	2.0%	0.0%
Initiative	18.5%	37.7%	37.7%	6.0%	0.0%
Leadership ability	21.9%	43.0%	27.2%	6.6%	1.3%
Mathematical ability	21.9%	59.6%	13.9%	3.3%	1.3%
Physical health	21.2%	43.0%	31.8%	3.3%	0.7%
Self Confidence (intellectual)	25.8%	41.1%	32.5%	0.7%	0.0%
Self Confidence (social)	21.9%	33.8%	39.1%	4.0%	1.3%
Self-understanding	23.3%	45.3%	29.3%	2.0%	0.0%
Spirituality	11.3%	31.8%	39.1%	11.3%	6.6%
Understanding of others	20.7%	41.3%	35.3%	2.0%	0.7%
Writing ability	10.6%	33.1%	45.0%	10.6%	0.7%

**During last year in high school, how many hours during typical week, did you spend:**

	None	Less than 2 hrs	3 to 5 hrs	6 to 10 hrs	more than 10 hrs
Studying/homework	1.3%	33.6%	38.3%	20.1%	6.7%
Socializing with friends	0.0%	16.0%	24.7%	30.0%	29.3%
Talking with teachers (not in class)	30.2%	55.0%	11.4%	3.4%	0.0%
Exercise or sports	5.4%	35.1%	24.3%	12.8%	22.3%
Partying	33.3%	45.3%	10.7%	6.0%	4.7%
Working (for pay)	42.3%	5.4%	4.0%	10.1%	38.3%
Volunteer work	54.7%	30.0%	12.7%	1.3%	1.3%
Student clubs/groups	40.0%	32.0%	18.7%	5.3%	4.0%
Watching TV	14.0%	38.7%	32.0%	7.3%	8.0%
Reading for pleasure	35.8%	40.5%	19.6%	4.1%	0.0%
Video/computer games	24.7%	30.7%	16.7%	16.0%	12.0%
Prayer/meditation	50.7%	38.0%	9.3%	2.0%	0.0%

**Do you have any concerns about your ability to finance your college education**

None (confident sufficient funds)	24.3%
Some (probably enough funds)	62.2%
Major (not sure enough funds)	13.5%

**Reasons that influenced decision to attend UIC**

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Relatives wanted me to come here	12.8%	37.2%	50.0%
Teacher advised me	3.4%	25.0%	71.6%
Good academic reputation	50.7%	44.6%	4.7%
Good social reputation	20.9%	50.0%	29.1%
Racial and ethnic diversity	19.6%	41.2%	39.2%
Offered financial assistance	23.8%	17.7%	58.5%
Special educational programs	4.8%	30.8%	64.4%
Low tuition	43.5%	40.1%	16.3%
High school counselor advised me	7.5%	27.2%	65.3%
Wanted to live near home	37.7%	37.7%	24.7%
Not offered aid by 1st choice	3.4%	15.8%	80.8%
Grads are admitted to top prof sch	33.6%	41.8%	24.7%
Grads get good jobs	53.7%	37.4%	8.8%
Not accepted elsewhere	5.4%	7.5%	87.1%
Rankings in natl magazines	12.5%	36.8%	50.7%
Info from website	11.0%	41.4%	47.6%
Friends attending UIC	11.0%	44.5%	44.5%
Offered a scholarship	15.3%	16.7%	68.1%
Admitted to GPPA	2.1%	3.4%	94.5%

**Importance to you personally:**

	Essential	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Accomplished in perf arts	4.2%	9.1%	18.9%	67.8%
Authority in my field	21.8%	38.0%	32.4%	7.7%
Recognition for contrib in my field	19.0%	37.3%	35.9%	7.7%
Influencing political structure	7.0%	9.9%	41.5%	41.5%
Influencing social values	7.0%	26.6%	46.9%	19.6%
Raising a family	37.8%	35.7%	19.6%	7.0%
Adm responsib for work of others	17.7%	28.1%	37.6%	15.6%
Being well off financially	50.4%	37.6%	9.9%	2.1%
Helping others in difficulty	22.4%	31.5%	40.6%	5.6%
Writing original works	4.2%	3.5%	25.9%	66.4%
Successful in own business	21.7%	33.6%	30.8%	14.0%
Involved in cleaning up environment	2.8%	21.5%	54.2%	21.5%
Meaningful philosophy of life	14.8%	27.5%	39.4%	18.3%
Particip in community action prog	5.0%	7.1%	53.2%	34.8%
Promote racial understanding	4.2%	22.5%	40.8%	32.4%
Keeping up with political affairs	5.6%	23.9%	42.3%	28.2%
Becoming community leaders	8.4%	16.1%	39.2%	36.4%
Integrating spirituality into life	11.3%	20.4%	33.1%	35.2%

**Best guess of chances that you will:**

	Very Good chance	Some chance	Very little chance	No chance
Change major	8.5%	31.0%	45.8%	14.8%
Change career choices	5.7%	42.6%	39.0%	12.8%
Grad with honors	26.1%	64.8%	8.5%	0.7%
Partic in stdt govt	3.5%	21.1%	43.7%	31.7%
Get job to help pay for college	50.3%	32.9%	10.5%	6.3%
Work fulltime	8.4%	19.6%	48.3%	23.8%
Play varsity athletics	4.9%	18.9%	36.4%	39.9%
Play intramural athletics	17.7%	26.2%	30.5%	25.5%
Make at least a "B" average	65.0%	31.5%	2.1%	1.4%
Need extra time to complete deg	5.6%	33.6%	46.2%	14.7%
Get bachelor's degree	76.1%	20.4%	2.1%	1.4%
Drop out of UIC temporarily	0.0%	2.8%	30.8%	66.4%
Drop out of UIC permanently	0.0%	1.4%	17.0%	81.6%
Transfer to another college	3.5%	25.5%	45.4%	25.5%
Be satisfied with college	54.3%	40.7%	4.3%	0.7%
Partic volunteer or comm srvc	12.0%	40.1%	35.9%	12.0%
Seek personal counseling	4.3%	22.0%	52.5%	21.3%
Dev close friendships w/oth stdts	68.5%	25.2%	4.2%	2.1%
Comm reg with professors	32.2%	51.0%	16.1%	0.7%
Socialize w/ other rac/ethn groups	69.2%	25.9%	4.9%	0.0%
Partic in stdt clubs/groups	30.3%	43.0%	22.5%	4.2%

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

<b>Racial/Ethnic Distribution:</b>	Respondents <u>N=1163</u>	New Freshmen <u>N=2106</u>
African American	10.1%	11.0%
Asian American	27.0%	26.0%
Hispanic	18.8%	21.0%
Caucasian	38.3%	36.1%
Other/Unknown	5.7%	5.9%

**English is native language?** 67.1%

### Citizenship

U.S. Citizen	89.9%
Perm Resident/Green Card	8.3%
Neither	1.9%

### Have had or do think will need any special tutoring or help:

	<u>Had Help</u>	<u>Will need</u>
English	10.8%	8.5%
Reading	8.3%	5.3%
Math	12.2%	21.5%
Social Studies	7.7%	3.5%
Science	7.3%	12.9%
Foreign Languages	7.3%	11.8%
Writing	8.1%	13.1%

### Live for Fall Semester

UIC Residence Hall	48.2%
Off campus - walking dist	2.3%
Off campus - commuting	5.3%
With Parents or relatives	41.7%
Other	0.6%

	<u>AP courses</u>	<u>AP exams</u>
None	25.6%	33.7%
1 to 4	59.1%	53.8%
5 to 9	14.0%	11.9%
10 or more	1.2%	0.6%

### Highest level of education obtained by:

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
8th grade or less	8.5%	6.5%
some high school	7.7%	6.6%
HS diploma	20.1%	21.4%
Vocational or Trade school	4.2%	3.4%
Some college	15.0%	16.8%
College Degree	24.9%	30.2%
Some Grad School	2.0%	2.4%
Grad Degree	17.6%	12.7%

### How important is each reason influence decision to attend college

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Parents wanted me to go	51.9%	33.4%	14.7%
I couldn't find a job	5.5%	14.1%	80.4%
Opportunity to get away from home	13.8%	40.8%	45.4%
To get a better job	81.2%	13.9%	4.9%
Gain gen educ and apprec of ideas	77.6%	21.7%	0.7%
Improve reading and study skills	48.7%	42.2%	9.1%
Make me more cultured	47.2%	41.9%	10.9%
To be able to make more money	71.8%	24.4%	3.8%
Learn about things that interest me	83.0%	15.9%	1.1%
Prepare for grad or prof school	76.8%	18.9%	4.3%
Mentor encouraged me	20.9%	41.1%	38.0%
Get training for specific career	78.5%	18.6%	2.9%

### Rate self on following traits compared with average person your age

	Highest 10%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Lowest 10%
Academic Ability	20.8%	50.7%	27.9%	0.4%	0.2%
Artistic Ability	6.6%	20.3%	45.5%	20.9%	6.6%
Computer skills	8.7%	31.2%	54.4%	5.1%	0.6%
Competitiveness	19.4%	36.2%	36.0%	7.2%	1.1%
Cooperativeness	30.6%	49.0%	19.1%	1.0%	0.2%
Creativity	18.2%	37.0%	38.2%	5.9%	0.8%
Drive to achieve	41.5%	40.1%	16.3%	1.7%	0.3%
Emotional health	25.6%	37.3%	33.6%	3.1%	0.4%
Initiative	19.3%	43.0%	35.2%	2.4%	0.2%
Leadership ability	20.5%	38.5%	34.9%	5.2%	0.9%
Mathematical ability	15.4%	33.3%	40.1%	10.1%	1.1%
Physical health	20.0%	32.3%	41.8%	5.2%	0.6%
Self Confidence (intellectual)	24.1%	43.2%	30.6%	1.8%	0.3%
Self Confidence (social)	20.8%	38.7%	35.2%	4.7%	0.6%
Self-understanding	24.3%	41.2%	33.0%	1.5%	0.1%
Spirituality	16.6%	27.8%	41.0%	10.4%	4.2%
Understanding of others	24.5%	48.0%	26.4%	1.0%	0.2%
Writing ability	12.4%	34.6%	45.3%	6.6%	1.1%

**During last year in high school, how many hours during typical week, did you spend:**

	None	Less than 2 hrs	3 to 5 hrs	6 to 10 hrs	more than 10 hrs
Studying/homework	2.1%	27.3%	39.1%	21.3%	10.2%
Socializing with friends	0.5%	11.9%	35.6%	29.6%	22.4%
Talking with teachers (not in class)	15.3%	64.3%	16.4%	2.9%	1.2%
Exercise or sports	9.5%	29.2%	28.5%	15.5%	17.4%
Partying	30.5%	37.1%	21.6%	8.5%	2.2%
Working (for pay)	36.6%	5.0%	8.4%	17.5%	32.4%
Volunteer work	35.6%	35.2%	20.6%	5.5%	3.1%
Student clubs/groups	24.8%	35.2%	23.7%	11.1%	5.3%
Watching TV	9.9%	41.7%	30.3%	12.6%	5.4%
Reading for pleasure	22.5%	45.7%	21.9%	7.2%	2.7%
Video/computer games	46.9%	29.4%	15.1%	5.1%	3.4%
Prayer/meditation	42.8%	42.5%	10.7%	2.9%	1.1%

**Do you have any concerns about your ability to finance your college education**

None (confident sufficient funds)	19.4%
Some (probably enough funds)	62.7%
Major (not sure enough funds)	17.9%

**Reasons that influenced decision to attend UIC**

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Relatives wanted me to come here	12.9%	35.0%	52.0%
Teacher advised me	6.8%	31.5%	61.6%
Good academic reputation	63.2%	31.7%	5.1%
Good social reputation	29.5%	47.7%	22.8%
Racial and ethnic diversity	36.2%	44.0%	19.9%
Offered financial assistance	25.6%	29.0%	45.4%
Special educational programs	22.5%	31.0%	46.5%
Low tuition	41.3%	43.0%	15.6%
High school counselor advised me	10.3%	31.0%	58.7%
Wanted to live near home	35.4%	37.6%	27.0%
Not offered aid by 1st choice	6.0%	18.5%	75.5%
Grads are admitted to top prof sch	50.0%	35.6%	14.4%
Grads get good jobs	56.2%	33.1%	10.7%
Not accepted elsewhere	2.6%	9.1%	88.3%
Rankings in natl magazines	13.1%	39.3%	47.5%
Info from website	17.0%	45.4%	37.6%
Friends attending UIC	12.3%	36.1%	51.7%
Offered a scholarship	10.6%	17.4%	72.0%
Admitted to GPPA	5.2%	7.7%	87.1%

**Importance to you personally:**

	Essential	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Accomplished in perf arts	5.4%	8.8%	25.5%	60.3%
Authority in my field	22.9%	39.1%	31.1%	6.9%
Recognition for contrib in my field	21.6%	40.1%	32.2%	6.1%
Influencing political structure	7.6%	14.7%	43.6%	34.2%
Influencing social values	12.6%	36.2%	41.8%	9.4%
Raising a family	36.1%	30.8%	23.2%	9.9%
Adm responsib for work of others	11.0%	33.0%	43.8%	12.2%
Being well off financially	45.0%	37.1%	16.6%	1.4%
Helping others in difficulty	31.1%	47.1%	20.4%	1.5%
Writing original works	7.0%	11.5%	30.9%	50.6%
Successful in own business	25.9%	27.5%	29.9%	16.7%
Involved in cleaning up environment	8.9%	21.1%	51.6%	18.4%
Meaningful philosophy of life	19.4%	33.5%	35.8%	11.3%
Particip in community action prog	9.8%	24.4%	50.2%	15.5%
Promote racial understanding	13.6%	27.8%	44.1%	14.5%
Keeping up with political affairs	8.6%	21.8%	46.1%	23.4%
Becoming community leaders	10.2%	25.9%	45.4%	18.6%
Integrating spirituality into life	16.3%	23.1%	37.1%	23.5%

**Best guess of chances that you will:**

	Very Good chance	Some chance	Very little chance	No chance
Change major	19.4%	35.6%	34.2%	10.8%
Change career choices	13.8%	37.9%	34.5%	13.8%
Grad with honors	34.2%	53.9%	10.6%	1.3%
Partic in stdt govt	7.1%	27.5%	45.0%	20.4%
Get job to help pay for college	59.1%	28.4%	9.9%	2.6%
Work fulltime	9.0%	30.7%	41.0%	19.2%
Play varsity athletics	6.6%	17.5%	37.7%	38.2%
Play intramural athletics	13.2%	28.2%	31.8%	26.7%
Make at least a "B" average	67.9%	30.3%	1.3%	0.5%
Need extra time to complete deg	6.2%	30.3%	48.0%	15.5%
Get bachelor's degree	78.2%	17.6%	3.0%	1.1%
Drop out of UIC temporarily	0.3%	3.0%	19.3%	77.4%
Drop out of UIC permanently	0.6%	3.1%	10.6%	85.8%
Transfer to another college	3.4%	17.6%	40.1%	38.9%
Be satisfied with college	56.0%	40.8%	2.4%	0.8%
Partic volunteer or comm srvc	26.4%	48.0%	21.0%	4.6%
Seek personal counseling	9.6%	29.6%	43.9%	16.9%
Dev close friendships w/oth stdts	68.5%	28.7%	2.3%	0.6%
Comm reg with professors	39.9%	51.7%	7.9%	0.5%
Socialize w/ other rac/ethn groups	72.2%	24.7%	2.7%	0.4%
Partic in stdt clubs/groups	42.6%	42.5%	12.4%	2.5%

## College of Applied Health Sciences

<b>Racial/Ethnic Distribution:</b>	Respondents <u>N=57</u>	Freshmen <u>N=85</u>
African American	10.5%	7.0%
Asian American	15.8%	23.5%
Hispanic	10.5%	11.8%
Caucasian	63.2%	55.3%
Other/Unknown	0.0%	2.4%

**English is native language?** 85.7%

### Citizenship

U.S. Citizen	93.0%
Perm Resident/Green Card	7.0%
Neither	0.0%

### Have had or do think will need any special tutoring or help:

	<u>Had Help</u>	<u>Will need</u>
English	1.8%	5.3%
Reading	1.8%	7.0%
Math	7.0%	15.8%
Social Studies	0.0%	5.3%
Science	0.0%	10.5%
Foreign Languages	1.8%	8.8%
Writing	1.8%	10.5%

### Live for Fall Semester

UIC Residence Hall	63.2%
Off campus - walking dist	7.0%
Off campus - commuting	0.0%
With Parents or relatives	29.8%
Other	0.0%

	<u>AP courses</u>	<u>AP exams</u>
None	42.9%	60.7%
1 to 4	48.2%	32.1%
5 to 9	8.9%	7.1%
10 or more	0.0%	0.0%

### Highest level of education obtained by:

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
8th grade or less	1.8%	1.8%
some high school	1.8%	1.8%
HS diploma	23.2%	17.9%
Vocational or Trade school	7.1%	5.4%
Some college	17.9%	17.9%
College Degree	32.1%	37.5%
Some Grad School	1.8%	0.0%
Grad Degree	14.3%	17.9%

### How important is each reason influence decision to attend college

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Parents wanted me to go	40.4%	33.3%	26.3%
I couldn't find a job	7.0%	5.3%	87.7%
Opportunity to get away from home	12.3%	50.9%	36.8%
To get a better job	82.5%	10.5%	7.0%
Gain gen educ and apprec of ideas	68.4%	31.6%	0.0%
Improve reading and study skills	50.0%	37.5%	12.5%
Make me more cultured	29.8%	64.9%	5.3%
To be able to make more money	75.0%	23.2%	1.8%
Learn about things that interest me	87.7%	12.3%	0.0%
Prepare for grad or prof school	70.2%	22.8%	7.0%
Mentor encouraged me	10.7%	44.6%	44.6%
Get training for specific career	94.7%	5.3%	0.0%

### Rate self on following traits compared with average person your age

	Highest 10%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Lowest 10%
Academic Ability	8.9%	55.4%	35.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Artistic Ability	7.1%	14.3%	37.5%	25.0%	16.1%
Computer skills	3.5%	38.6%	52.6%	5.3%	0.0%
Competitiveness	22.8%	38.6%	31.6%	7.0%	0.8%
Cooperativeness	38.6%	45.6%	14.0%	1.8%	0.0%
Creativity	14.0%	33.3%	45.6%	7.0%	0.0%
Drive to achieve	40.4%	42.1%	17.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Emotional health	25.0%	39.3%	33.9%	1.8%	0.0%
Initiative	12.3%	45.6%	38.6%	1.8%	1.8%
Leadership ability	14.0%	56.1%	28.1%	1.8%	0.0%
Mathematical ability	5.4%	32.1%	55.4%	7.1%	0.0%
Physical health	29.8%	42.1%	28.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Self Confidence (intellectual)	12.3%	50.9%	36.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Self Confidence (social)	14.0%	49.1%	36.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Self-understanding	17.9%	42.9%	37.5%	1.8%	0.0%
Spirituality	7.0%	21.1%	50.9%	17.5%	3.5%
Understanding of others	22.8%	54.4%	21.1%	1.8%	0.0%
Writing ability	5.4%	33.9%	50.0%	8.9%	1.8%

**During last year in high school, how many hours during typical week, did you spend:**

	None	Less than 2 hrs	3 to 5 hrs	6 to 10 hrs	more than 10 hrs
Studying/homework	0.0%	34.5%	43.6%	18.2%	3.6%
Socializing with friends	0.0%	11.1%	27.8%	35.2%	25.9%
Talking with teachers (not in class)	14.3%	71.4%	8.9%	3.6%	1.8%
Exercise or sports	1.8%	16.1%	26.8%	30.4%	25.0%
Partying	23.6%	36.4%	27.3%	7.3%	5.5%
Working (for pay)	20.0%	12.7%	1.8%	25.5%	40.0%
Volunteer work	37.5%	39.3%	12.5%	3.6%	7.1%
Student clubs/groups	32.1%	37.5%	19.6%	5.4%	5.4%
Watching TV	5.4%	41.1%	44.6%	8.9%	0.0%
Reading for pleasure	30.4%	48.2%	17.9%	3.6%	0.0%
Video/computer games	46.3%	27.8%	22.2%	3.7%	0.0%
Prayer/meditation	48.2%	39.3%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%

**Do you have any concerns about your ability to finance your college education**

None (confident sufficient funds)	23.2%
Some (probably enough funds)	66.1%
Major (not sure enough funds)	10.7%

**Reasons that influenced decision to attend UIC**

	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Relatives wanted me to come here	17.9%	17.9%	64.3%
Teacher advised me	12.5%	16.1%	71.4%
Good academic reputation	64.3%	28.6%	7.1%
Good social reputation	32.1%	46.4%	21.4%
Racial and ethnic diversity	33.9%	37.5%	28.6%
Offered financial assistance	14.3%	33.9%	51.8%
Special educational programs	19.6%	32.1%	48.2%
Low tuition	32.1%	48.2%	19.6%
High school counselor advised me	16.1%	19.6%	64.3%
Wanted to live near home	30.4%	39.3%	30.4%
Not offered aid by 1st choice	0.0%	8.9%	91.1%
Grads are admitted to top prof sch	44.6%	37.5%	17.9%
Grads get good jobs	53.6%	42.9%	3.6%
Not accepted elsewhere	0.0%	10.7%	89.3%
Rankings in natl magazines	8.9%	42.9%	48.2%
Info from website	17.9%	55.4%	26.8%
Friends attending UIC	16.4%	41.8%	41.8%
Offered a scholarship	12.7%	14.5%	72.7%
Admitted to GPPA	3.6%	7.3%	89.1%

**Importance to you personally:**

	Essential	Very Impt	Somewhat Impt	Not Impt
Accomplished in perf arts	7.1%	3.6%	23.2%	66.1%
Authority in my field	16.4%	47.3%	29.1%	7.3%
Recognition for contrib in my field	16.1%	42.9%	35.7%	5.4%
Influencing political structure	5.4%	8.9%	46.4%	39.3%
Influencing social values	8.9%	33.9%	39.3%	17.9%
Raising a family	41.1%	41.1%	16.1%	1.8%
Adm responsib for work of others	10.9%	30.9%	47.3%	10.9%
Being well off financially	44.6%	37.5%	16.1%	1.8%
Helping others in difficulty	37.5%	51.8%	10.7%	0.0%
Writing original works	5.4%	5.4%	32.1%	57.1%
Successful in own business	23.2%	37.5%	25.0%	14.3%
Involved in cleaning up environment	8.9%	17.9%	48.2%	25.0%
Meaningful philosophy of life	16.1%	28.6%	46.4%	8.9%
Particip in community action prog	10.7%	14.3%	55.4%	19.6%
Promote racial understanding	16.1%	17.9%	48.2%	17.9%
Keeping up with political affairs	8.9%	12.5%	42.9%	35.7%
Becoming community leaders	9.1%	20.0%	50.9%	20.0%
Integrating spirituality into life	12.5%	19.6%	42.9%	25.0%

**Best guess of chances that you will:**

	Very Good chance	Some chance	Very little chance	No chance
Change major	8.9%	33.9%	44.6%	12.5%
Change career choices	10.7%	32.1%	42.9%	14.3%
Grad with honors	26.8%	55.4%	17.9%	0.0%
Partic in stdt govt	5.4%	21.4%	50.0%	23.2%
Get job to help pay for college	58.9%	26.8%	8.9%	5.4%
Work fulltime	7.1%	35.7%	39.3%	17.9%
Play varsity athletics	13.2%	18.9%	34.0%	34.0%
Play intramural athletics	21.8%	32.7%	29.1%	16.4%
Make at least a "B" average	57.1%	41.1%	1.8%	0.0%
Need extra time to complete deg	8.9%	17.9%	60.7%	12.5%
Get bachelor's degree	89.3%	10.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Drop out of UIC temporarily	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%
Drop out of UIC permanently	0.0%	0.0%	10.9%	89.1%
Transfer to another college	3.6%	12.7%	43.6%	40.0%
Be satisfied with college	58.2%	40.0%	1.8%	0.0%
Partic volunteer or comm srvc	21.8%	52.7%	21.8%	3.6%
Seek personal counseling	7.3%	16.4%	60.0%	16.4%
Dev close friendships w/oth stdts	76.4%	23.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Comm reg with professors	27.3%	61.8%	10.9%	0.0%
Socialize w/ other rac/ethn groups	70.9%	29.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Partic in stdt clubs/groups	37.0%	51.9%	11.1%	0.0%