

Key Highlights/Findings

- Students were most excited about “meeting new people/making new friends” (32%).
- The students were also excited to be “learning in their classes” (e.g. learning new things, learning about major, learn new skills, hands on experience) (9%).
- The number one concern the students reported was “getting good grades in their class” (18%).
- Students were also concerned about their “time management skills” (12%).

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**Mentor Intake Form
Qualitative Report**

Introduction

The Mentor Intake Form is administered to all new beginning students enrolled in First-Year Seminar courses before they meet with a student mentor. The student mentors send the Qualtrics survey link to each student before they have an individual meeting. Survey completion is not required but it is highly encouraged as it helps the mentors understand students’ needs. During the Fall 2016 semester, 2,062 students responded to the Mentor Intake Form. Some students provided more than one comment for each question. The total number of comments for each question is indicated at the top of each table and does not directly correspond to the number of students responding.

Included on the form were two open ended questions: “What are you most excited about at IUPUI this semester?” and “What are you most concerned about this semester?” The answers to these questions were then entered into ATLAS.ti comment coding software. The comments were coded to discern what major themes emerged. These themes and corresponding actual student comments are displayed in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1
What are you most excited about at IUPUI this semester?
Total Comments for Question 1=2,687

Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<u>Meeting new people/Making new friends</u>	871 (32%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm most excited about making friends and hearing their stories. • Meeting new people and establishing relationships that can last a life-time. • Meeting new people and making new friends. • Finding more like minded people like myself. • Meeting lots of new people! • I'm very excited to keep meeting new people! • Meeting people that aren't from my home town. • I am most excited to make new friends. • Building great relationships with the people around me. • I hope to make new friends that are similar to me in the way of how I think and like to have fun. Because there are several different types of people and cultures on campus I have already made several different friends from different cultures and I know that I will continue to make more. • I am most excited about making new friends.

Table 1 (cont.)

What are you most excited about at IUPUI this semester?

Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<p><u>Learning in classes</u></p> <p><u>Learning new things (147)</u></p> <p><u>Learning about major (91)</u></p> <p><u>Learn new skills (7)</u></p> <p><u>Hands on experience (6)</u></p>	<p>251 (9%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning new things. • Learning new material! • Learning new things in my field! • Learning about my major and my opportunities. • I am the most excited for exploring my major. • I am most excited about learning about my major. • Learning about major specific topics. • Perfecting my skills in classes! • I am most excited for learning and developing new skills in science. • The classes are hands on. • I am most excited about going to site visits.
<p><u>Getting involved in clubs/organizations</u></p>	<p>185 (7%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the different clubs and organizations that I can be a part of. • I want to get involved in clubs/organizations to develop friendships and to volunteer for some hours to help out my community. • I am excited to join clubs and get involved. • All of the clubs I am able to participate in. • I am also excited to be a part of student organization and with my friend. • Getting involved with college organizations and activities. • Starting all the clubs I have been waiting to join.
<p><u>More freedom/independence</u></p>	<p>173 (6%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being on my own and figuring everything out. • The freedom of being on my own and making decisions about my future. • I am most excited about the freedom that college has to offer. • The ability to grow as an independent adult. • Experiencing life on my own.
<p><u>New Experiences</u></p>	<p>141 (5%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am most excited about the opportunity for a new experience. • I am just excited that it is something new. • Experiencing new things. • New experiences. • Being exposed to new things. • Expand my horizons. • New opportunities.
<p><u>Working toward career/degree goals</u></p> <p><u>Working toward career goals (89)</u></p> <p><u>Working toward degree (44)</u></p>	<p>133 (5%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting closer to my career goals. • I am most excited about starting my journey on becoming a Nurse. • I am ready to just start this 4 year journey to eventually lead into my future in accounting. • Working towards a degree that will give me the job I want. • Taking another step to getting my degree. • Mostly chasing a degree in something that I really love.

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<u>Enjoying classes</u>	121 (5%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking classes that actually interest me. • Being able to take classes that I am most interested in. • I am excited to learn about subjects I am interested in. • I'm also excited about being placed in classes that relate to my major and are on topics that I actually find interesting. • I am most excited to be taking anatomy because I find the contents very interesting. • Course material I feel I will enjoy.
<u>Starting college/classes (98)</u> <u>Starting school again (8)</u>	106 (4%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just having the chance to attend college. • I am excited about starting college and starting my education towards my new career. • Starting new classes. • I am most excited about starting all of my classes. • Starting my classes which will lead me into my major. • Attending my classes. • I am most excited just to be back in school. Glad to be here. • Being in School after taking a year off. • I'm most excited to be in an academic setting again and have harder courses.
<u>Starting new life</u>	95 (4%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting a new page in my life! • I'm excited about a new life. • I am excited to start a new life. • Starting the next chapter in my life and moving forward to life decisions. • Starting the new chapter of my life. • having a new beginning at a new school.
<u>Enjoying college life</u>	90 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing college life. • I'm really excited to experience the college life. • It's my first semester, so experiencing college life. • I am most excited about learning about the college life. • Enjoying my college experience. • Being part of a college atmosphere.
<u>Succeeding in classes</u>	89 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting good grades. • I am most excited about succeeding in class. • I am pretty excited to succeed this semester. • Fighting through the school year and coming out with good grades. • Being successful. • Passing my classes. • Earning good grades. • Succeeding.
<u>Adjusting to college</u>	76 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjusting to the college level. • The transition into college life from home. • I am most excited about getting adjusted to college life. • Transitioning to the college life. • I'm excited to be transitioning out from high school where there were a lot of random classes that did not mean much to your future goals. College is focused on preparing for the future.

Table 1 (cont.)
What are you most excited about at IUPUI this semester?

Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<u>Learn about myself</u>	58 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning more about myself. • Finding out better who I am. • Figuring things out about myself and who I am. • Learning more about myself and what I want to do in my future. • Learning and building myself as a person. • I also am really excited to find out who I am as a person.
<u>University activities</u>	37 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am excited to attend the fun events that are coordinated at IUPUI. • The university events that will be happening throughout the semester. • I am most excited about attending activities around campus. • I mean just any or every activity that I am gonna do here is exciting now. • All the activities the campus brings to the students.
<u>Living in Indianapolis</u>	36 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being in downtown Indy. • Exploring Indy and seeing what all IUPUI has to offer. • Getting to know the city. • Being in Indianapolis. • I am mainly excited to experience the city life because where I come from there is literally nothing around me besides corn fields and a Wal-Mart.
<u>Learning the campus</u>	30 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am excited to learn the campus. • Learning the campus. • Getting use to the campus. • The campus community and all that it has to offer. • Becoming familiar with the campus as a whole. I am not from here, so exploring what the school has to offer excites me.
<u>Art class</u>	25 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having time to give art the attention I've always wanted to give it. • I'm excited about my art classes, as they allow me to truly decide if Herron is where I want to be. • I am most excited about improving my artistic ability and seeing what I am capable of. • The Herron School of art especially excites me. I want to see what benefits I can reap.
<u>Applying to/Getting into a specific program</u>	22 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying into the radiography program. • Working to get into Nursing School. • Applying for my program. • Getting into Kelly. • Being admitted into the Kelley School of Business.
<u>Playing a sport</u>	20 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing a sport. • Play soccer for IUPUI Jaguars. • Running cross country.
<u>Having fun</u>	16 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just having fun. • To have a blast while going down the path to success. • I am really looking forward to a fun-filled first semester.
<u>Living on campus</u>	14 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am excited about the on campus housing. I love north hall! • I am most excited about living on campus. • The change of living on campus.
<u>Finishing the semester/year</u>	14 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am most excited for just completing the first semester as a college student. • Getting this year over with.

*Other themes with a N of 10 or fewer not included

Table 2
What are you most concerned about at IUPUI this semester?

Total Comments for Question 2=2,207

Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<u>Good grades</u> <u>Keeping up good grades (337)</u> <u>Passing classes (30)</u> <u>Getting straight A's (23)</u>	390 (18%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping up successful grades that will look good on transcripts and allow me to keep my scholarships. • Maintaining good grades. • Succeeding in every course I am enrolled in. • Maintaining the grades I need, and getting good grades on my exams and quizzes. • I'm concerned with maintaining a 3.5 GPA. • I am most concerned about grades and my ability to maintain a high GPA. • Getting good grades. • Passing classes. • Passing all my classes. • Not passing my classes. • Getting A's in all my classes. • Keeping a 4.0. • Getting straight A's.
<u>Time management</u>	262 (12%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time management. • Procrastination. • Managing my time. • Managing my time effectively. • Learning how to balance my time to maintain good grades. • I am concerned with managing my time around schoolwork and studying, along with my relationships. • I am concerned about not managing my time wisely which could lead to poor academic performance. • Managing all of my time and everything that I have to do. • I am most concerned about prioritizing/keeping up with my classes and trying to stay organized.
<u>Homework load</u>	201 (9%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling course load. • Not being able to manage the work load transitioning into college. • Keeping up with homework. • I am also concerned with the work load that will come with all the courses. • A work load I may or may not be ready to handle. • I am concerned about getting flooded with tons of tons of homework. • Getting all my work done and having everything done before class.
<u>Finances</u>	181 (8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My financial stability. • How to pay for college. • Being able to afford college. • Getting my Financial Aid down since it has been on hold. Hopefully I won't be grounded due to not being able to get my financial aid. • I am worried about money towards the end of the year because I still want to have enough cash to have fun with myself and my friends. • Not being to manage financial payments.

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<u>Balancing priorities</u>	174 (8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am concerned about balancing everything out. For example work and all the things I want to do in college. I'm concerned about maintaining a balance between focusing on school and keeping healthy personal relationships. Balancing friends and school work. Keeping up with all my classes and still having some time to do things with my friends. Balancing school and my personal life. Staying on top of my running while maintaining good grades, and overall being a positive role model. I'm most concerned about balancing my workload with exploring as many opportunities in my industry. Work/life/school balance. Finding time to sleep. Balancing all of the responsibilities in my life. Balancing workload, work, social life, and sleep. I am most concerned about stretching myself too thin because I want to do so much.
<u>Meeting new people</u>	88 (4%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making new friends, although I think I can accomplish this. Meeting new people with common interests. Making connections with students and faculty. Making friends because I am very cautious of who I want around me. Making good friends. Not making new friends. I am most concerned about meeting new people and making new friends because I am commuting to campus.
<u>Specific classes</u> <u>Math class (56)</u> <u>English class (11)</u> <u>Biology/Anatomy (5)</u>	73 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finite will be rough. I am most concerned about Math. I'm most concerned about passing my Finite Math 118. Managing calculus. Keep up with my math class. English and writing papers is very scary to me. Keeping up in my English class, which I despise. ENG 131 is the most that I'm worried about. Passing my biology class with a good grade. Taking anatomy.
<u>Not getting into school/program</u> <u>Getting into nursing school (51)</u> <u>Getting/Not getting into school/program (16)</u>	67 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting into nursing school. Getting accepted into the nursing program. I am concerned about not getting admitted into the Nursing Program at IUPUI. I am also concerned about getting accepted into my program. Not getting in to my program and having to come up with a backup plan. Doing good enough in my courses to make it into my program.

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What are you most concerned about at IUPUI this semester?

Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<u>Adjusting to college</u>	56 (3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am concern about getting adjusted to college life. • I am most concerned about the classes and how I will be able to adjust to the college classroom atmosphere. • Adjusting from high school to college. • College being different than high school I might have to change some habits. • I'm a little concerned about the different environment/transition from high school to college.
<u>Exams</u>	54 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm most concerned about how well I'll do on exams. • College exams. • Making sure that I do very well on tests. • I am mostly concerned about what college level exams will be like. I just don't know what to expect, and I want to be able to study effectively so that I can get the grades I need to get into nursing school. • Big tests.
<u>Studying</u>	53 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to study because I never had to in high school. • Studying is my concern. • I am most concerned about studying. • Studying enough for each course. • Studying proficiently for exams. • Studying.
<u>Not doing well in classes</u>	51 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not doing as well as I would like to in my classes. • I am most concerned about not doing well in school. • Not getting the grades I need. • Not performing to the level I expect. • Not being able to get good grades
<u>Difficulty of classes</u>	50 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How hard courses are going to be. • Hard classes. • Tough courses. • Not knowing how difficult the classes are going to be. • I am most concerned about the difficulty of the classes. I have no idea what the courses are going to be like, and I don't know just how hard an honors contract is, either.
<u>Falling behind in classes</u>	46 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am concerned about falling behind in my classes. • I'm concerned with getting behind due to having to drop a class and having to complete classes in the summer and missing out on family time. • I am most concerned with falling behind in course work. • Getting behind on class-related work. • Not being able to keep up in class. • Falling behind and not meeting deadlines.
<u>Remembering due dates</u>	44 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being able to keep track of assignments from 7 different classes. • I am most concerned about forgetting to do an assignment, and that really affecting my grade. • Getting a 0 on an assignment because I forgot about it. • I most concerned about forgetting to turn something in. I'm not very used to not being told when something is due. • Staying on top of things, remembering to check syllabus for due dates.

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Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<u>Failing grades</u>	39 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm concerned about not doing well in my classes and having to retake them. • Failing classes. • That I might fail one of my classes. • I'm nervous about failing classes or not getting assignments done. • Failing tests.
<u>Staying focused</u>	39 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not being able to focus as well. • Being able to focus. • Staying focused in class. • Staying focused during the school year. • Being able to fully focus.
<u>Getting a job</u>	38 (2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting a job I will like. • Getting a job. • Getting a job to help me afford college expenses since I did not receive any financial aid. • Not being able to find a job. • Getting a job to help me afford college expenses since I did not receive any financial aid.
<u>Being away from home/people care about</u>	33 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being away from home. • Being away from home and my family and friends. • I am mostly concerned about my family and how they will be without me home. • Missing my family all the time.
<u>Lack of study skills</u>	30 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm concerned about not having good study habits. • I also need to learn how to study for a test. • I am concerned about studying because I never had to study in high school; I was one of those students that honestly never needed to study. • That I may not study effectively.
<u>Not understanding things</u>	28 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most concerned about not understanding some information. • Not knowing how/ what to do for all of my courses. • Not being able to understand some of my lectures and retaining information. • Not understanding course material for some cases.
<u>No time for clubs/group activities</u>	25 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not having time for clubs with the amount of credit hours and course work. • Not being able to get as involved as I want to be since I am commuting. • Not getting as involved as I hoped to be since I'm not a full time student. • Not being able to be involved in school.
<u>Nothing/Don't know</u>	24 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing Really. • Not many concerns. • No concerns.
<u>Commuting/Parking</u>	19 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am most concerned about my commute to and from school every day. • I am most concerned about commuting. • Finding convenient parking spaces. • I am nervous about parking in the mornings!

Table 2 (cont.)
What are you most concerned about at IUPUI this semester?

Theme	N (%)	Example Comments
<u>Having a social life</u>	16 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My only concern is about being able to maintain my social life with academics. • Still having a satisfying social life. • Not being able to have a social life, meaning being stuck in my dorm doing homework.
<u>Housing</u>	12 (1%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding housing options for the semester. • The change of living on campus. • My living situation for next year.

*Other themes with a N of 10 or fewer not included