Welcome to the Fall 2022 New Beginner IUPUI Student Check-In Survey

The New Beginner Student Check-In Survey was designed to help peer mentors, faculty members, advisors, staff members, and campus leaders understand the needs of beginning students. Individual-level responses were made available via a Tableau dashboard for peer mentors. The dashboard was updated daily and this allowed the peer mentors to work with students to address their needs and barriers to success more immediately. The survey launched on September 29 in an effort to gain an understanding of what struggles or advantages students were experiencing during the first part of the Fall 2022 semester. The study was IRB approved.

Summary of Findings Overall

- Students are concerned about feeling connected to others and forming friendships.
- Students are concerned about their grades and getting good grades in their courses. They are also concerned about managing both their time and their course load.
- Most students have growth mindsets and feel that instructors care about their learning.
- Students desire help with preparing for exams, math, and time management.
- Students desire help with managing stress, making friends, and emotional health.
- Students reported needing help with effectively managing work/life/school balance, financial aid options, and affording college-related experiences.
- Students desire more social events/events at diverse times for those students not taking classes during traditional times, and better communication about how to get more involved (clubs and organizations).

Key Highlights

- A total of 1,108 IUPUI Indianapolis students responded to the survey (response rate = 36.6%).
- Survey respondents were representative of the IUPUI new beginner population with regard to Indiana residency, ethnicity, income level (the percentages that received Federal Pell Grant), and first-generation status. The only difference between survey respondents and the IUPUI beginner population was that respondents were more likely to be women and slightly more likely to have $0 of unmet financial aid.
- Respondents reported feeling higher levels of happiness at IUPUI than connectedness. On a five-point scale ranging from 0-Not at all to 5-Very Much, 74% of students rated their happiness at IUPUI either a 4 or 5 compared to 46% of students reporting the same rating for connectedness.
- Almost all of the students reported they plan to reenroll at IUPUI next semester (94%), or not transfer to another college or university (82%).
- Students were asked to rate their level of agreement with various items pertaining to their academic ability or their IUPUI experiences. The following items were rated the highest in levels of agreement: 1) I believe that I can improve my academic ability if I work hard enough (97%); 2) There are instructors/staff at IUPUI who care about my learning (90%); 3) there are instructors/staff at IUPUI who want to help me attain my personal goals (87%); 4) IUPUI has made me feel welcome (92%); and 5) IUPUI has met my expectations for providing the best academic/learning experience possible given the circumstances (89%).
- 79% of respondents agree they feel a sense of belonging to IUPUI.
• Students were asked how much help they need with different items in academics/study skills/time management. The top three areas students reported needing help were 1) preparing for exams properly, 2) math, and 3) time management.

• Additionally, students were asked how much help they need with different items regarding their personal/social life. The top three areas students reported needing help were 1) ability to manage stress, 2) emotional health, and 3) making new friends.

• The final area students were asked how much help they needed help in referenced work/finances/housing. The top three areas students reported needing help were 1) financial aid options, 2) effectively managing work/life/school balance, and 3) financial situation.

• Slightly less than half (49%) of respondents are interested in on-campus employment.

• Of the students that indicated they took steps to get an on-campus job, 15% of respondents have logged into Handshake, 12% have a resume, 9% have applied for a job on Handshake, and 9% have uploaded their resume on Handshake.

• When asked to report their expectations for an ideal college experience, students' top five responses were: 1) making new friends or connecting to peers, 2) achieving academic goals, 3) learn about major/future careers, 4) being involved on campus (e.g., clubs, organizations, sororities, fraternities), and 5) having good time management.

• Students reported that IUPUI could do the following to improve their experiences: 1) nothing/no idea, 2) more social events/social events at diverse times, 3) more access to resources, 4) everything is good, and 5) more networking opportunities.

• Students reported that they are most concerned with grades/passing classes, managing course workload, financial issues, a specific academic class (i.e., anatomy, calculus, chemistry), stress and mental health, and campus safety.

• As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic students reported experiencing either quite a bit or very much an increase in the following areas: 1) mental or emotional exhaustion (57%), 2) inability to concentrate (28%), and 3) depression or anxiety that interfered with daily functioning (28%).
## NEW BEGINNER STUDENT CHECK-IN SURVEY RESPONDENTS

### DEMOGRAPHICS

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HAPPINESS/CONNECTEDNESS AT IUPUI

How connected do you feel at IUPUI? 6% Not at all, 14% 1, 33% 2, 29% 3, 17% 4-Very Much

How happy are you at IUPUI? 4% Not at all, 20% 1, 38% 2, 36% 3-Very Much

How connected do you feel at IUPUI? N=1,101: Mean 3.36
How happy are you at IUPUI? N=1,106: Mean 4.03

PLANS FOR NEXT SEMESTER

Do you plan to re-enroll at IUPUI in the Spring?
- Yes 94%
- No 1%
- I don't know 5%

Do you plan to transfer to another college or university?
- No 82%
- Yes 4%
- I don't know 14%

What institution do you plan to transfer to? (141 comments)
- IU Bloomington (40 comments)
- Unsure/Don’t Know (36 comments)
- Purdue University (35 comments)
- IU Regional Campus (10 comments)
Why are you not planning to re-enroll at IUPUI in the Spring? (49 comments)
(asked only of those students indicating no or I don’t know to the question: Do you plan to re-enroll at IUPUI in the Spring?)

1. Don’t know or Not sure (18 comments)
   - I don’t plan on it, I just don’t know. I will just see how I feel
   - I haven’t made up my mind yet about whether or not I will stay at IUPUI. I enjoy it academically, but don’t necessarily feel as though it’s necessarily “my fit” yet. I think it is too early to tell
   - I have considered transferring, but again, haven’t completely made up my mind about it yet. I am not 100% sure if IUPUI is my place, and I still need time to figure it all out.
   - I am still very unsure at the moment about whether or not I want to stay at IUPUI or transfer to IU Bloomington. As of right now I am comfortable here and am more likely to not transfer until the next school year.

2. Better college experience/Better campus life (5 comments)
   - I would like to get the full college experience, and IUPUI can’t entirely offer that.
   - To get a different college experience that I couldn’t get at IUPUI, and to earn the specific degree that I want.
   - I would like to get an on-campus experience at a larger school. I would also like to focus more on the teaching part and not specifically in an urban area.
   - Better school environment
   - I want more of a full on campus experience.

3. Closer to home (4 comments)
   - Closer to home and friends.
   - Closer to home and to save money.
   - Closer to home and better sense of community with people I know.

Why are you planning to transfer? (142 comments)
(asked only of those students indicating no or I don’t know to the question: Do you plan to transfer to another college or university?)

1. Don’t know or Not sure (54 comments)
   - I haven’t made up my mind yet about whether or not I will stay at IUPUI. I enjoy it academically, but don’t necessarily feel as though it’s necessarily “my fit” yet. I think it is too early to tell
   - I have considered transferring, but again, haven’t completely made up my mind about it yet. I am not 100% sure if IUPUI is my place, and I still need time to figure it all out.
   - I am still very unsure at the moment about whether or not I want to stay at IUPUI or transfer to IU Bloomington. As of right now I am comfortable here and am more likely to not transfer until the next school year.

2. Better college experience/Better campus life (37 comments)
   - I would like to get the full college experience, and IUPUI can’t entirely offer that.
   - To get a different college experience that I couldn’t get at IUPUI, and to earn the specific degree that I want.
   - I would like to get an on-campus experience at a larger school. I would also like to focus more on the teaching part and not specifically in an urban area.
   - Better school environment
   - I want more of a full on campus experience.

3. Closer to home (12 comments)
   - Closer to home and friends.
   - Closer to home and to save money.
   - Closer to home and better sense of community with people I know.
   - I want to move closer to home.

4. Better program/Program offered at another school (10 comments)
   - Go to a school with a veterinary program.
   - IUPUI doesn’t offer an aerospace engineering degree
   - IUPUI does not offer my preferred major.
   - IUPUI does not have the major I wish to continue in (Wildlife Biology).

5. Dream school (3 comments)
   - Loyola was my top choice but due to financial reasons I wasn’t able to attend. It’s in Chicago and I really like Chicago but I’ve also heard good things about it academically.
   - Purdue. It is my dream school.
   - Purdue. I wanted to go there originally
### SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONNECTION TO IUPUI

Please rate how much you agree with each statement:

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## PARTICIPATING WHILE AT IUPUI

Please rate your level of interest in learning more about or participating in the following:

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### ACADEMICS/STUDY SKILLS/TIME MANAGEMENT HELP

Please tell us the extent to which you think you could use help with any of the following associated with academics/study skills/time management:

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**Something else (please specify): Academics/Study Skills/Time Management**

- Biology
- Anatomy
- Adding a minor
- Selecting a Minor
- How do I get a job on campus
- Clarification of degree map
- Feeling secure overall
- Communication
- Getting out of my comfort zone
- Financially
- drop/add classes
- how to register for next semester
- best ways to study for tests
**PERSONAL/SOCIAL LIFE HELP**

Please tell us the extent to which you think you could use help with any of the following associated with personal/social life:

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**Something else (please specify): Personal/Social Life**

- Communicating with professors
- I just kind of forget to eat sometimes
- Confidence boosting
- Anxiety
- Taking self care seriously
- Good stage in mental
- Mental health
- Classes
- Feeling connected
- Getting out of comfort zone
- Time
- Money
WORK/FINANCES/HOUSING HELP

Please tell us the extent to which you think you could use help with any of the following associated with work/finances/housing:

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Something else (please specify): Personal/Social Lifestyle

- Even though I am a commuter right now, I am still looking into other options for the upcoming year or even semester.
- I need opportunities (volunteer work, internships, job experiences) to hopefully steer me towards an art related career. Or at least something to put on my resume.
- How can I become an RA for next year
- I do not feel like I have enough time to have a part time job, but if there is something with the school that offers flexible hours I’d be interested
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

What is your current employment status? (select all that apply)

- I currently have a job off-campus: 37%
- I do not plan to work at this time: 26%
- I do not currently have a job, and want to find an on-campus job: 19%
- I currently have a job and do not seek to change positions at this time: 7%
- I have been an am still seeking an on-campus position: 6%
- I currently have a job and do seek to change positions at this time: 4%
- I currently have a job on-campus: 4%

N=1,108

Are you interested in on-campus employment?

- Yes: 49%
- No: 51%

N=997

Have you taken any steps to obtain on-campus employment?

- Yes: 21%
- No: 79%

N=999
Please indicate all the steps below that you have taken in your pursuit of on-campus employment? (of those that indicating taking steps in previous question)

- I have logged into Handshake: 15%
- I have a resume: 12%
- I have applied for a job on Handshake: 9%
- I have uploaded my resume to Handshake: 9%
- I have made a personal contact about a position with a campus staff/faculty person: 5%
- I have had an interview for an on-campus position: 4%
- I have had my resume reviewed by a career service office on campus: 3%
- I have made a personal contact about a position with a campus staff/faculty person: 1%
- None of the above: 1%

*** ASK about N=

How many hours per week do you plan on working at your job(s) during the upcoming semester?

- 1 to 5: 5%
- 6 to 10: 18%
- 11 to 15: 29%
- 16 to 20: 22%
- 21 to 25: 13%
- 26 to 30: 9%
- More than 30: 5%

N=441
With regard to online and in-person courses, which of the following statements is most true for you?

- Strongly prefer in-person: 54%
- Somewhat prefer in-person: 24%
- No preference: 15%
- Somewhat prefer online: 5%
- Strongly prefer online: 2%

N=1,000

How optimistic are you about having a successful first year of college or university?

- Not at all: 2%
- Somewhat: 23%
- Moderately: 42%
- Very: 33%

N=999
### To what extent, if any, has the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with the following?

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### As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to what extent, if any, have you experienced an increase in the following?

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OPEN ENDED ANALYSIS

Please describe what your expectations are for an ideal college experience at IUPUI (academically, socially):

1. **Making friends or connecting to peers (173 comments)**
   - Socially - meet new people, but I don't really like to have huge circles of friends
   - To find like minded people to bond with and are fun to hangout.
   - To excel both academically and socially the 4 years I am here.
   - Getting the degree that I am on track for and meeting lifelong friends/making meaningful relationships.
   - I want to make new and maybe life-long friends while I am here.

2. **Achieve academic goals (189 comments)**
   - That I’ll be able to achieve my academic goals in the time frame I’d like to, and to prepare me for higher education.
   - Academically I expect to get a good degree and make it into my school and continue to do good enough to make it in my field and maybe make a difference.
   - My expectation for an ideal college experience at IUPUI is being able to do well in my classes and balancing that time well so that i am able to do things that i like and not just trying to finish homework the whole time and not be able to do things i want.
   - My expectation for an ideal college experience is to have a good standing in academics while maintaining a great social life.
   - Academically, my expectations for myself are that I do the best that I can and actually try. Socially, making friends is not a top priority for me, but I am not opposed to the idea.

3. **Access to resources (32 comments)**
   - Continue offering resources to help my experience.
   - To get resources and materials I need to succeed.
   - My ideal college experience expectations include course content/layouts that are easy to understand and navigate, supportive instructors and staff, a variety of financial aid opportunities, and an overall positive and welcoming atmosphere.
   - Access to resources for questions
   - Resources

4. **Caring knowledgeable teachers and staff (31 comments)**
   - To have professors and the people around me to want to succeed.
   - My ideal college expectations are for the instructors to be clear with what they want and organized with their classes and canvas.
   - Having professors who can be fair and be willing to change lesson plans in case of an arising problem would be an expat ration for an ideal college experience.
   - Professors reaching out to their student’s time to time in order to for them to know how we’re doing in their class or in general.
   - Instructors that genuinely care if their students learn/understand the subject.

5. **Learn about major/future career (25 comments)**
   - My ideal college experience allows me to succeed in my career goals with steady easy going friendships.
   - My ideal college experience is to make connections from my major to my idea of the job I want to have later in life.
   - To find my desired career path.
   - Make sure I am prepared for my career.
   - Focused education that is relevant to my future career.

6. **Have fun (25 comments)**
   - to have fun and make friends
   - Having fun, but not to much to where i don’t succeed.
   - Just having fun and good grades.
   - just have fun while I get my degree
   - fun, fun, fun, fun

7. **Safe/Welcoming/Clean environment (71 comments)**
   - Friendly and safe environment.
   - A safe campus, and having people that care about your physical and mental well being.
   - Safety honestly, I live in Tower and I am disappointed by the events that have already happened in the first few weeks of school. I hope IUPUI will tighten security in Tower and other dorms.
   - IUPUI can offer a safe and engaging environment that will be supportive of my academic ventures.
• Make sure the classrooms and lecture halls feel like safe and accommodating spaces for all students.

8. **Study effectively (7 comments)**
   • I expect to be able to learn and understand the content that I am being taught and also be able to talk with teachers, classmates, and other students and still have fun.
   • An ideal experience would be to have a good study pattern to get good grades, a healthy social life, and a good work environment.
   • My expectations will be to get good education, good study techniques.

   **What can IUPUI do to help improve your experience?**

1. **Nothing/No idea (124 comments)**
   • I think they’re doing a really good job at everything and right now it’s up to me.
   • Nothing
   • Nothing? I think I just need to continue to work some of the minor things out and then I will be perfect
   • At the moment I’m enjoying it and I don’t think there is anything to improve
   • Nothing at the moment everything has been going good

2. **More social events/Social events at diverse times (52 comments)**
   • Teaching me and having events.
   • Have more social events like light up the night or movie night or other fun activities at least once a week.
   • More events as a school.
   • Have more events on campus for students.
   • Hold more social activities.

3. **Access on resources (38 comments)**
   • Give me the information and resources I need to succeed.
   • Provide resources on how to get into top law schools.
   • Connect me to more resources, hunting for them constantly is an a skill I have to acquire, but there’s so much to look for, want and need, and they keep changing, so I’d like some help with that.
   • Provide me the resources and help required.
   • Help with trans resources.

4. **Everything is good (28 comments)**
   • I think that IUPUI is everything that I expected and more! I didn’t have any specific expectations, so I am up for everything!
   • I feel like so far IUPUI has provided a lot of opportunities to be able to meet new people and there are a lot of resources available for help. I think that there is not really anything I would change in that regard
   • I think IUPUI is doing a good job of helping me academically and socially.
   • IUPUI has done an amazing job so far, so I don't have anything I can say that is bad or needs improving.
   • I feel like IUPUI is already doing a great job at introducing the new college experience for

5. **More networking opportunities (12 comments)**
   • Opportunities to grow in the areas of my major and opportunities to meet people with similar interests.
   • Maybe having an easier way to connect with students in class to connect about studying and class work.
   • I want to make lots of connections and pursue as many opportunities as I can.
   • Provide opportunities to meet people and work academically.
   • Learn how to network properly, make some friends, and to get a degree in something.

6. **Caring knowledgeable teachers and staff (31 comments)**
   • Having good teachers that actually care about their students and want you to learn. A broad environment that includes everyone.
   • Also, I expect my professors to be understanding of all types of backgrounds, cultures.
   • Teachers are upsetting
   • Have professors make sure to do their best
   • If a professor knows their class is hard then they make sure they try their best to help their students succeed.
7. **Needs Advisor (7 comments)**
   - Need someone who actually cares and can help me with finding a new major and dropping classes I don’t like.
   - IUPUI could help me find another counselor that understands my needs and explains things clearly.
   - Make contacting to advising easier when it comes to particular things because there are so many offices I don’t know where I’m supposed to go if I have a specific problems and who I need to talk to for the problem.

8. **Better Dining Hall or food options (5 comments)**
   - I wish Tower Dining had a more accessible menu.
   - Good campus food options, nice people, and good security.
   - More than one dining hall.
   - Offer more free food.

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**What are you most concerned about at IUPUI this semester?**

1. **Grades/Passing classes (289 comments)**
   - Something I am most concerned about is the study time and the grades in class since I’m on so many scholarships.
   - Passing Trigonometry.
   - I am most concerned about how to study for exams this semester and how to handle stress.
   - Getting good grades in Chemistry and Anatomy and balancing my workload and study time.
   - Grades, exams, studying.

2. **Managing workload (136 comments)**
   - I am just a little concerned about the workload, and once time for finals and all that comes.
   - I am most concerned about balancing the workload with my freedom.
   - Not being able to balance school and social life, since they are so tightly linked for me
   - I’m most concerned about staying on top of my studies and making sure I don’t fall behind.
   - I am most concerned with balancing everything. I don’t want to fall behind in anything. Also I want to change my major at the end of the semester so I am kind of stressing out about that.

3. **Financial concerns (39 comments)**
   - My financial aid is one of my top worries. I don’t want to burden my family any more than I already am. Money is tight back at home because of me and I’m feeling the pressure to succeed to make it worth it for them.
   - The most concern that I have is paying the bursar bill.
   - What I am concerned about this semester, is finding a way to pay off enough debt to come back next semester. I have also started to procrastinate, which I have never done before. So hopefully it's just a phase.
   - My financial situation
   - Financial stuff

4. **Nothing (34 comments)**
   - Nothing, I have no complaints.
   - Nothing that I can think of.
   - Think the majority of my problems are from me not reaching out and nothing wrong with IUPUI.
   - Nothing that I can think of right now.

5. **A specific academic class (32 comments)**
   - Not failing my math class.
   - My English class.
   - Calc 3
   - Anatomy
   - Chemistry
   - Bus101

6. **Friendship and socialization (30 comments)**
   - I am most concerned about not making friends.
   - I am concerned that I will not have friends to talk about classes and create fun experiences.
   - I am most concerned about making friends.
   - I am most concerned that I will mess something up or fail
   - I’m concerned about having a miserable experience.
7. **Stress/Mental health (18 comments)**
   - I think I'm most concerned about managing stress with my classes. I tend to overwhelm myself, I did make a decision to drop a math class I had, which helped a lot. I do have procrastination issues though still,
   - I am concerned about managing my stress
   - stress
   - I'm most concerned with being overwhelmed by coursework
   - I'm most concerned about not being able to handle the stress and becoming unmotivated.

8. **Campus safety (10 comments)**
   - Feel safe on campus.
   - My safety. Indianapolis isn’t a super safe city to be in. I feel secure in the area I’m in, but lately there have been lots of incidents in what are considered safe and public spaces
   - safety at tower.
   - The security here. There are many incidents in the dorm room that have left me worried about my safety here on campus.
   - My safety honestly, I live in Tower and I am disappointed by the events that have already happened in the first few weeks of school. I hope IUPUI will tighten security in Tower and other dorms.

9. **Exams/Studying (10 comments)**
   - I think studying for biology is my biggest concern.
   - The exams
   - Cut back on all of the exams, but that won't happen lol.
   - Studying for tests or exams
   - Preparing for exams

10. **Time management/Working (8 comments)**
    - I'm concerned about managing my time as well as keeping up with my online course.
    - Time management - forgetting to do an assignment or reading, then having no idea what the lesson is about that day.
    - Time management.
    - I just want to do well in my classes and get better at time management.
    - I'm most concerned about my time management issues and that causing me to have bad grades.