

SS101 - ENTRANCE INTERVIEW

Although you may not have experienced life as a new college student for long, we're interested in how you expect to spend your time, what challenges you think you'll face, and your general views of what you think college will be like. Please answer thoughtfully.

Student ID: _____		
Name _____		Date _____
Last	First	MI
Street Address or PO Box: _____		
County: _____	City: _____	State: ____ Zip: _____
Home # _____	Cell # _____	Alt# _____
Email: _____		

- Where are you living this term?**
 with my immediate family on my own with relative other than immediate family
 other (please explain) _____
- Did your parents graduate from college?**
 yes, both yes, father only yes, mother only neither not sure
- How many credit hours are you taking this term?**
 6 or fewer 7-11 12-14 15-16 17 or more
- Did you start college elsewhere before attending this school?**
 yes no
- In addition to going to college, do you expect to work for pay at a job (jobs) this term?**
 yes no
- If you plan to work, where will you work?**
 on campus off campus at more than one job
- If so, how many hours per week do you expect to work?**
 1-10 11-20 21-30 31-40 40 +
- Which of the following describes why you are working for pay this term? (Mark all that apply.)**
 to pay for college tuition to pay for child care
 to pay for basic expenses that I need (rent, housing, food, etc) to pay for text books
 to pay for extra expenses that I want (clothes, entertainment) to save for the future
 to buy a car other (please explain) _____
 to support family
- How will you pay for your college expenses? (check all that apply.)**
 my own earnings scholarships and grants my parents' contribution
 loans my spouse or partner's contribution my employer's contribution
 other (please explain) _____
- If you are entering college soon after completing high school, on average, how many total hours per week did you spend studying outside of class in high school?**
 0-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 21-25 26-30 31-35 36-40 40+
 I am a returning student and attended high school some time ago

INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

- How do you expect to learn best in college? (check all that apply.)**
 by looking at charts, maps, graphs by reading books
 by looking at color coded information by writing papers
 by looking at symbols and graphics by taking notes
 by listening to instructors' lectures by going on field trips
 by listening to other students during an in-class discussion by engaging in activities
 by talking about course content with friends or roommates by actually doing things
- For each of the following pairs of descriptors, which set sounds most like you? (Please choose between the two options on each line and place a checkmark by your choice.)**
 Extraverted and outgoing or Introverted and quiet
 Detail-oriented and practical or Big-picture and future-oriented
 Rational and truthful or People-oriented and tactful
 Organized and self-disciplined or Spontaneous and flexible
- Which one of your current classes do you expect to find the most challenging this term and why?**
Which class? (course title or department and course number) _____
Why? _____
Do you expect to succeed in this course? yes no
 Perhaps (please explain) _____

14. How many total hours per week do you expect to spend outside of class studying for your college courses this term?
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15. Which of the following on-campus resources do you plan to use once or more this term? (Please check all that apply.)
 Library Financial Aid Computer Lab Career Pathways
 Campus learning centers (IAE Center, Student Support Services, Math Lab) Student clubs or organizations
 Instructors' office hours for individual meetings/conferences/help None
16. I expect my first term of college to:
 Challenge me academically or Be easy
 Be very different from high school or Be a lot like high school
 Be exciting or Be dull
 Be interesting or Be uninteresting
 Motivate me to continue or Discourage me
 Be fun or Be boring
 Help me feel a part of this campus or Make me feel alienated
17. Please mark your top 3 areas of concern relating to your first term of college by placing a 1, 2, and 3 next to the items you choose.
 I might not fit in My studies might interfere with my job
 I might have difficulty making friends My instructors might not care about me as an individual
 I might not be academically successful
 My performance might disappoint my family I might not finish my degree
 My personal life might interfere with my studies I might not manage my time well
 My studies might interfere with my personal life I might be bored in my classes
 I might have financial difficulties I might feel intimidated by my instructors
 My job might interfere with my studies I might feel overwhelmed by all I have to do
 Other (please explain) _____
18. Broadly speaking, which area do you expect to major in?
 General Studies An Associate's degree in _____
 A certificate in _____ Other (please explain) _____
19. How sure are you of your chosen field? (1 = totally sure, 5 = totally unsure) ____
20. How certain are you now that you will complete your degree or certificate? (1 = totally sure, 5 = totally unsure) ____
21. What do you expect your grade point average to be at the end of your first term of college?
 A+ A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D or lower
22. How did you develop your expectations of what college might be like? (Mark your top three with 1, 2, and 3)
 TV and Movies talks with my family
 friends/siblings who have already gone to college the Internet
 discussions with teachers/counselors in high school talks with my friends who are also now freshman
 information I received from college in the mail Other (please explain) _____
23. How confident are you in yourself in each of the following areas? (1=very, 5=not at all)
 overall academic ability mathematical skills leadership ability
 reading skills public speaking skills study skills
 technology skills physical well being writing skills
 social skills emotional skills teamwork skills
24. What is the most important reason you decided to attend this school? (check one)
 Recommendation of friends who attend here Reasonable cost
 Reputation of the school Location of the school
 Availability of academic programs I'm interested in Financial aid I was offered
 Recommendation of high school teachers/counselors Campus website
 Other (please explain) _____
25. Was this your first choice among the colleges you considered? yes no
26. Why did you decide to go to college? (choose all that apply)
 I want to build a better life for myself I want to build a better life for my family
 I want to be very well off financially in the future I need a college education to achieve my dreams
 My friends were going to college My family encouraged me to go
 It was expected of me I wanted to continue learning
 The career I'm pursuing requires a degree I was unsure of what I might do instead
 other (please explain) _____
27. Looking ahead, how satisfied do you expect to be with your decision to attend this school?
 very satisfied satisfied not sure somewhat dissatisfied very dissatisfied
28. What are you most looking forward to in college? _____
29. How would you describe the best outcomes you hope for at the end of this term? Why are they important to you? _____
30. Do you expect to achieve these outcomes? Why or why not? _____