

REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE 2009 NEW STUDENT TRANSITION QUESTIONNAIRE

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BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

The BGSU New Student Transition Questionnaire was developed in Fall 1997 as a means of gathering information about how well first year first time students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first six weeks at BGSU. This report describes the results of the twelfth administration of the survey in Fall 2009.

The 2009 survey was administered to all new freshmen at BGSU main campus who enrolled in English 110, 111, and 112H classes on September and early October. Two thousand four hundred and eight surveys were returned. This represents 86% of the survey population (2,803) and 78% of first time first year new students at BGSU's main campus (3,079). Of the 2,408 respondents, 1,134 students provided valid PID numbers, which allowed us to identify respondents' gender, ethnicity, college, as well as the first year program in which most of them are participating (see Table 1 and Table 2 below). The survey respondents, in general, mirror the population in terms of gender, race, and college.

The survey results were analyzed by noting the percentages of participants who provided various responses to each questionnaire item. Percentages may not always sum to 100 due to rounding. In addition, group differences were investigated and significant differences are noted where they occurred.

Table 1. Students Characteristics - Overall and By Gender, Race, and College

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity			College							
		Female	Male	Minority	White	Other	A&S*	ACE*	BA*	EAP*	HHS*	MUS*	TEC*	OTHER
Population of New Full-Time Fall 2009 Main Campus First Year Students:														
Total Number	3079	1689	1390	528	2413	138	861	635	325	655	310	107	184	1
Percentage	100%	55%	45%	17%	78%	4%	28%	21%	11%	21%	10%	3%	6%	0%
Survey Respondents:														
Total Number	2408	652	482	218	877	39	309	238	115	236	136	34	49	16
Percentage	100%	57%	43%	19%	77%	3%	27%	21%	10%	21%	12%	3%	4%	1%

* Total survey respondents included those who reported PID numbers and those who didn't.

* A&S: College of Arts and Sciences

* ACE: Academic Enhancement

* BA: College of Business Administrations

* EDHD: College of Education and Human Development

* HHS: College of Health and Human Services

* MUS: College of Musical Arts

* TEC: College of Technology

Table 2. Students Characteristics - By First Year Program*

	ART_VILLAG	BA 1500	BATCH_MUS	BGEX	BGSU 1000	CMAI	GV	HLC	HONORS	LSL	NHSRC	PLA	PMA	ResLC	SMART	UNIV 1000	UPAS
Population of New Fall 2009 Main Campus First Year Students in Different First Year Program:																	
Total Number	123	171	90	3071	137	140	38	97	130	206	94	26	372	429	161	566	266
Survey Respondents in Different First Year Program:																	
Total Number	50	64	30	1075	43	49	12	34	45	62	37	10	120	159	66	205	116
Response Rate:																	
Percentage	41%	37%	33%	35%	31%	35%	32%	35%	35%	30%	39%	38%	32%	37%	41%	36%	44%

* First year programs with fewer than 10 respondents were excluded.

* CMAI: Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives

* GV: Global Village

* HONORS: University Honors Program

* HLC: Honors Learning Community

* LSL: Literacy Serve and Learn

* NHSRC: The Natural & Health Sciences Residential Community

* PLA: President's Leadership Academy

* PMA: Pre Major Advising

* SMART: Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining, and Teaching

* UPAS: University Program for Academic Success

SURVEY RESULTS 1: OVERALL AND DIFFERENCE BY GENDER, RACE, AND COLLEGE

Table 3. Overall and Differences by Gender, Race, and College

	Overall	Gender		Ethnicity		College						
		Female	Male	Minority	White	A&S	ACE	BA	EDHD	HHS	MUS	TEC
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	4	0	0
Neutral	12	13	12	18	11	14	16	9	9	15	3	6
Somewhat Agree	41	39	44	43	41	40	41	51	38	35	49	51
Strongly Agree	42	44	40	36	44	42	38	35	47	46	49	43
I have figured out how to study effectively												
Strongly Disagree	2	3	2	4	2	4	4	3	1	2	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	13	13	11	19	10	12	14	10	12	13	3	8
Neutral	38	35	40	34	38	37	38	33	38	39	42	35
Somewhat Agree	39	42	39	35	42	39	38	45	40	38	46	45
Strongly Agree	8	8	8	7	8	9	6	10	8	8	9	12
I am satisfied with my roommate												
Strongly Disagree	3	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	4	6	3	0
Somewhat Disagree	6	7	5	7	6	7	7	6	5	5	9	6
Neutral	20	18	20	21	19	20	20	21	15	17	19	19
Somewhat Agree	23	18	28	22	22	24	21	22	23	17	22	26
Strongly Agree	48	54	44	47	50	45	49	49	55	55	47	49
I am satisfied with my living accommodations												
Strongly Disagree	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	6	6	7	7	6	5	8	7	7	5	6	13
Neutral	20	19	18	18	19	18	22	15	15	15	15	23
Somewhat Agree	38	36	41	36	39	38	37	45	38	37	49	34
Strongly Agree	34	37	33	36	35	37	32	31	39	40	30	30

I am making friends easily												
Strongly Disagree	2	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	0	2
Somewhat Disagree	5	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	4	3	3	4
Neutral	16	15	14	18	14	17	15	14	12	13	21	8
Somewhat Agree	37	38	36	35	37	35	34	43	39	38	15	39
Strongly Agree	39	40	45	40	43	40	42	37	44	44	61	47
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students												
Strongly Disagree	6	6	6	7	6	5	4	9	5	9	6	2
Somewhat Disagree	8	9	7	8	8	10	7	8	6	6	12	6
Neutral	28	31	24	32	27	29	30	16	34	25	29	25
Somewhat Agree	28	28	30	27	30	26	26	36	31	26	35	43
Strongly Agree	31	27	34	27	30	30	34	31	24	34	18	25
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated												
Strongly Disagree	57	57	61	60	59	52	62	53	64	65	62	63
Somewhat Disagree	23	22	22	22	22	22	21	25	22	21	21	23
Neutral	12	13	12	11	13	18	11	16	9	10	15	8
Somewhat Agree	6	7	4	5	6	8	5	5	4	4	3	4
Strongly Agree	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2
I find my classes challenging												
Strongly Disagree	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	1	4	6	4
Somewhat Disagree	12	11	12	17	10	13	13	8	13	5	6	14
Neutral	38	36	39	39	37	36	38	44	37	40	29	31
Somewhat Agree	38	40	38	31	41	37	39	40	37	43	41	51
Strongly Agree	8	9	9	9	9	11	8	6	12	8	18	0
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU												
Strongly Disagree	6	5	9	7	6	9	6	9	5	5	0	9
Somewhat Disagree	11	8	14	8	12	13	9	13	9	13	6	15
Neutral	28	26	32	24	29	24	28	25	34	28	27	34
Somewhat Agree	33	35	33	38	33	31	35	36	36	31	56	30
Strongly Agree	22	26	13	24	20	24	23	17	17	23	12	13

It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	24	27	22	32	23	24	27	21	21	28	29	20
Somewhat Disagree	38	39	40	35	41	40	36	37	45	39	41	41
Neutral	28	25	27	22	27	26	27	27	25	27	24	27
Somewhat Agree	8	7	10	9	9	9	10	12	9	5	6	10
Strongly Agree	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	0	2	0	2
I am getting actively involved with my classes												
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	5	4	5	5	4	5	4	9	3	3	0	2
Neutral	38	37	35	36	36	33	46	34	34	41	12	35
Somewhat Agree	46	48	49	46	49	48	41	50	50	49	68	55
Strongly Agree	10	11	10	11	11	14	9	7	12	7	21	8
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students												
Strongly Disagree	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
Neutral	9	8	9	9	9	9	8	5	11	11	6	10
Somewhat Agree	48	49	49	46	50	45	49	57	48	58	47	51
Strongly Agree	40	41	40	43	40	45	41	37	39	30	47	39
I can't find things to do on weekends												
Strongly Disagree	45	45	44	40	46	40	46	41	45	55	35	43
Somewhat Disagree	26	26	29	27	28	29	22	28	29	26	38	35
Neutral	16	15	16	15	15	17	18	16	13	13	18	14
Somewhat Agree	9	11	8	11	9	11	11	10	10	5	9	6
Strongly Agree	4	4	3	7	2	4	4	5	3	2	0	2
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career												
Strongly Disagree	43	45	41	47	42	41	26	27	59	51	68	59
Somewhat Disagree	18	19	19	21	19	22	14	27	17	22	15	16
Neutral	17	14	19	14	16	20	20	23	11	9	6	8
Somewhat Agree	14	14	15	11	15	11	23	14	9	13	12	14
Strongly Agree	9	9	7	8	8	6	17	10	5	5	0	2

I get along well with others on campus												
Strongly Disagree	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
Neutral	10	8	8	8	8	9	10	7	6	6	6	8
Somewhat Agree	45	42	50	41	47	46	41	54	46	41	53	47
Strongly Agree	43	49	41	50	44	44	47	38	46	53	41	45
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups												
Strongly Disagree	16	14	16	10	16	15	16	11	13	14	18	16
Somewhat Disagree	23	23	23	18	24	24	22	16	27	24	29	20
Neutral	36	34	39	33	37	38	34	32	41	31	32	47
Somewhat Agree	17	20	17	26	17	13	22	32	15	21	18	14
Strongly Agree	7	10	4	12	7	10	6	10	5	10	3	2
I am not managing my time well												
Strongly Disagree	16	19	12	20	16	15	15	14	17	22	21	10
Somewhat Disagree	37	36	39	28	40	36	32	44	42	35	35	50
Neutral	27	25	31	26	27	27	33	29	22	30	21	25
Somewhat Agree	16	16	14	20	14	16	17	8	17	11	24	13
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	7	3	7	4	5	3	2	0	2
I am involved with campus activities outside of class												
Strongly Disagree	9	10	9	11	9	8	15	3	8	8	0	16
Somewhat Disagree	16	16	19	18	17	15	19	17	15	25	3	18
Neutral	26	23	25	21	25	23	25	26	25	19	18	27
Somewhat Agree	30	31	33	34	31	34	29	36	29	27	53	29
Strongly Agree	19	20	15	16	19	19	11	18	23	21	27	10
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies												
Strongly Disagree	14	16	13	18	14	14	14	15	15	14	18	16
Somewhat Disagree	38	41	39	38	40	39	35	39	44	42	44	45
Neutral	30	26	30	26	28	29	30	26	24	28	18	27
Somewhat Agree	16	15	16	13	16	15	18	16	15	15	18	12
Strongly Agree	3	3	3	6	2	3	4	5	2	1	3	0

I like the social life at BGSU													
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	
Somewhat Disagree	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	4	2	2	0	4	
Neutral	18	15	19	20	16	21	19	13	13	15	15	8	
Somewhat Agree	39	40	41	37	42	40	36	38	43	40	38	61	
Strongly Agree	38	42	37	37	41	37	42	43	42	40	47	27	
I would recommend BGSU to my friends													
Strongly Disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	3	0	
Somewhat Disagree	2	3	1	4	2	2	3	3	1	2	3	0	
Neutral	11	9	11	15	8	11	13	6	8	6	6	8	
Somewhat Agree	33	31	34	27	34	34	29	35	31	36	24	33	
Strongly Agree	52	57	53	53	56	51	55	53	60	55	64	59	
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room													
Strongly Disagree	8	7	6	7	7	7	8	5	6	10	6	4	
Somewhat Disagree	11	12	10	11	12	12	10	7	13	15	15	7	
Neutral	21	19	19	16	20	18	19	17	17	18	12	24	
Somewhat Agree	26	24	29	22	27	25	25	32	27	22	30	28	
Strongly Agree	36	38	36	45	35	39	38	39	37	35	36	37	

Female students were more likely than male students to take advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups to improve their academic performance. They were also more likely than their counterpart to say that "I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU". While European American students were more likely to report that "I find my classes challenging", "I have figured out how to study effectively", and "I would recommend BGSU to my friends", minority students were more likely to say that "I am not managing my time well" and "I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups". Among the students in the seven colleges, Academic Enhancement students were most likely to point out that they have difficulty deciding on a major or career. Business Administration students were most likely to claim that they have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. Musical Arts students were mostly likely to indicate that they were not only getting actively involved with their class but also with campus activities outside of class.

SURVEY RESULTS 2: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RESPONDENTS IN DIFFERENT FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS

Table 4. Differences Between Respondents in Different First Year Programs

	ART_VILLAG	BA 1500	BATCH_MUS	BGeX	BGSU 1000	CMAI	GV	HLC	HONORS	LSL	NHSRC	PLA	PMA	ResLC	SMART	UNIV 1000	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am finding it easy to adjust to the University																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	2	2	1
Somewhat Disagree	0	3	0	4	5	4	8	6	5	3	8	0	3	3	3	3	4
Neutral	16	14	3	12	5	18	0	6	9	5	8	10	15	9	22	11	17
Somewhat Agree	54	46	57	42	54	43	42	52	56	44	35	30	43	48	48	43	39
Strongly Agree	30	37	37	42	37	34	50	36	30	46	47	60	36	39	26	42	39
I have figured out how to study effectively																	
Strongly Disagree	4	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	6	3	6
Somewhat Disagree	10	6	17	12	19	21	17	15	13	7	14	0	16	14	27	11	12
Neutral	50	38	38	37	31	40	25	29	31	40	35	50	36	37	33	34	42
Somewhat Agree	34	38	35	40	45	29	33	44	47	45	46	40	41	40	27	41	35
Strongly Agree	2	13	3	8	5	10	25	11	9	7	5	10	5	7	8	11	5
I am satisfied with my roommate																	
Strongly Disagree	4	3	4	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	3	8	3	1
Somewhat Disagree	8	11	7	6	5	10	33	9	10	5	15	0	6	9	9	7	7
Neutral	12	18	15	18	21	17	0	9	12	13	9	20	23	13	17	15	18
Somewhat Agree	28	25	26	23	19	21	17	22	21	20	24	10	21	24	19	20	23
Strongly Agree	48	43	48	50	52	48	50	59	57	62	47	70	46	51	48	55	51
I am satisfied with my living accommodations																	
Strongly Disagree	0	7	0	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	3	3	3
Somewhat Disagree	2	7	4	6	5	9	0	3	7	3	5	20	9	3	8	4	6
Neutral	10	18	18	18	15	17	8	12	12	15	5	10	20	11	21	21	25
Somewhat Agree	48	44	46	39	40	38	50	42	40	35	27	30	41	42	33	32	34
Strongly Agree	40	26	32	35	40	36	33	42	42	47	60	40	29	43	35	40	33

I am making friends easily																	
Strongly Disagree	0	2	3	2	0	2	0	3	3	5	0	10	3	1	3	2	3
Somewhat Disagree	2	2	3	4	7	2	0	3	5	5	3	0	9	2	8	6	4
Neutral	22	13	21	14	19	18	25	9	12	10	14	10	15	18	22	8	15
Somewhat Agree	38	44	28	37	31	45	33	36	30	47	41	40	41	36	38	41	28
Strongly Agree	38	39	45	43	43	33	42	49	51	33	44	40	33	43	30	45	51
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students																	
Strongly Disagree	2	7	7	6	10	4	0	6	7	2	0	33	3	3	9	7	5
Somewhat Disagree	4	9	10	8	5	9	17	15	14	13	14	11	7	11	11	9	7
Neutral	33	22	33	28	17	35	25	21	19	27	49	22	25	34	34	22	34
Somewhat Agree	35	32	33	29	38	26	25	33	40	27	16	22	33	29	22	30	19
Strongly Agree	27	31	17	30	31	26	33	24	21	32	22	11	33	23	23	31	36
I feel lonely, left out, or isolated																	
Strongly Disagree	48	53	52	59	50	57	50	39	44	58	54	44	57	50	58	61	65
Somewhat Disagree	28	26	24	23	29	27	8	42	35	27	32	44	24	28	25	24	20
Neutral	18	11	21	13	17	10	25	12	16	12	11	0	10	17	8	6	11
Somewhat Agree	6	8	0	5	5	4	8	6	5	2	3	11	7	5	6	7	3
Strongly Agree	0	2	3	1	0	2	8	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	1	1
I find my classes challenging																	
Strongly Disagree	0	2	0	3	5	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	8	3	3
Somewhat Disagree	16	12	10	12	5	22	8	15	7	10	8	22	10	13	18	11	15
Neutral	31	41	28	37	49	30	33	21	18	40	46	33	34	32	37	35	41
Somewhat Agree	39	34	41	40	37	34	50	41	46	41	41	33	45	40	27	43	33
Strongly Agree	14	12	21	9	5	11	0	24	30	9	5	11	8	15	10	9	9
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU																	
Strongly Disagree	6	8	0	6	7	8	17	0	0	3	5	10	4	4	8	5	7
Somewhat Disagree	12	8	3	11	19	8	17	12	16	7	14	0	9	11	10	10	9
Neutral	26	27	30	27	19	35	25	15	14	30	24	50	25	24	21	28	29
Somewhat Agree	38	38	57	35	41	33	42	51	42	46	41	20	40	44	35	35	31
Strongly Agree	18	18	10	21	14	14	0	21	28	15	16	20	22	16	27	22	24

It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class																	
Strongly Disagree	16	20	30	24	26	17	17	30	18	20	27	22	22	24	33	26	31
Somewhat Disagree	37	39	47	40	33	45	42	41	41	40	24	67	40	37	41	36	32
Neutral	39	25	20	26	29	26	25	24	27	32	27	0	31	29	17	29	23
Somewhat Agree	8	15	3	9	10	9	8	3	11	9	19	11	7	9	6	8	13
Strongly Agree	0	2	0	1	2	4	8	3	2	0	3	0	1	2	3	2	1
I am getting actively involved with my classes																	
Strongly Disagree	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	5	3	4	10	2	0	3	5	9	0	0	6	1	5	6	3
Neutral	35	41	43	36	38	38	42	32	21	40	30	30	44	35	40	36	46
Somewhat Agree	49	48	43	48	45	43	50	50	64	39	65	30	44	51	40	47	39
Strongly Agree	14	7	10	11	7	17	8	15	11	13	5	40	5	11	14	10	12
Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	4
Neutral	2	8	3	9	7	6	0	3	7	10	8	0	7	4	13	9	9
Somewhat Agree	55	67	60	50	49	55	50	45	49	49	49	56	54	52	44	54	44
Strongly Agree	43	23	33	40	44	36	50	51	44	39	41	44	38	43	43	36	44
I can't find things to do on weekends																	
Strongly Disagree	33	36	40	44	49	29	42	32	27	39	43	30	42	37	30	49	49
Somewhat Disagree	37	27	33	28	27	45	42	24	32	36	35	40	25	33	29	28	18
Neutral	25	16	17	15	12	16	18	27	25	10	8	20	15	19	18	13	20
Somewhat Agree	6	13	10	10	10	2	0	12	11	15	16	0	14	10	10	8	9
Strongly Agree	0	8	0	3	2	8	0	6	5	0	0	10	4	1	14	3	4
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career																	
Strongly Disagree	42	29	43	43	29	37	75	53	52	57	46	50	10	47	45	37	42
Somewhat Disagree	20	27	23	19	27	37	0	24	20	20	32	30	8	23	20	20	20
Neutral	20	18	20	16	24	15	17	15	16	8	8	0	20	16	16	15	19
Somewhat Agree	10	14	10	14	15	4	8	6	9	10	8	10	30	9	11	16	16
Strongly Agree	8	13	3	8	5	7	0	3	2	5	5	10	31	5	8	12	4

I get along well with others on campus																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	2	2	3
Neutral	12	10	7	7	7	4	8	3	2	3	3	0	13	7	8	6	8
Somewhat Agree	51	46	63	46	56	47	33	55	60	39	65	50	44	55	42	43	38
Strongly Agree	37	44	30	46	37	49	58	42	38	56	30	50	42	38	48	50	52
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups																	
Strongly Disagree	18	13	13	15	7	13	8	24	21	15	8	0	23	15	3	12	9
Somewhat Disagree	27	21	40	23	5	15	33	27	26	32	14	10	24	27	18	21	20
Neutral	35	34	30	36	31	31	41	33	37	32	35	10	31	34	21	36	37
Somewhat Agree	16	24	10	19	45	25	16	12	14	13	24	70	17	16	32	21	28
Strongly Agree	4	8	7	7	12	16	0	3	2	8	19	10	4	8	26	10	7
I am not managing my time well																	
Strongly Disagree	2	15	13	16	10	11	17	18	14	21	19	0	14	13	16	17	15
Somewhat Disagree	43	47	47	38	56	38	58	29	31	39	49	20	33	43	27	37	30
Neutral	37	26	20	27	17	30	0	29	31	28	19	50	33	25	31	29	34
Somewhat Agree	10	8	20	15	12	19	25	21	21	8	14	30	14	17	22	14	20
Strongly Agree	8	5	0	4	5	2	0	3	2	3	0	0	6	3	5	4	2
I am involved with campus activities outside of class																	
Strongly Disagree	0	3	7	9	2	0	25	3	2	15	9	0	15	6	5	8	16
Somewhat Disagree	6	15	0	17	17	13	8	3	2	8	24	10	19	8	16	15	20
Neutral	18	28	30	24	29	26	8	6	7	30	16	10	26	17	22	26	25
Somewhat Agree	45	37	47	31	34	45	42	46	49	30	30	40	28	41	41	31	29
Strongly Agree	31	17	17	19	17	15	17	42	40	18	22	40	12	27	17	20	10
I am having trouble keeping up with my studies																	
Strongly Disagree	2	13	10	14	10	9	17	15	16	22	14	10	14	10	11	13	12
Somewhat Disagree	41	41	38	40	41	48	42	41	39	33	38	30	36	40	48	41	33
Neutral	37	25	28	27	33	30	33	32	30	25	32	50	25	33	29	28	35
Somewhat Agree	18	16	14	16	13	10	8	12	14	20	16	0	21	15	8	14	16
Strongly Agree	2	5	10	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	3	3	5	5	4

I like the social life at BGSU																	
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Somewhat Disagree	4	3	0	2	5	4	0	3	2	0	3	0	3	3	8	1	4
Neutral	15	15	17	16	10	27	17	12	7	18	8	40	24	13	29	17	13
Somewhat Agree	42	40	57	41	41	38	50	59	66	41	51	40	33	50	33	38	39
Strongly Agree	40	42	27	40	43	31	33	27	25	41	38	20	40	34	27	43	44
I would recommend BGSU to my friends																	
Strongly Disagree	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Somewhat Disagree	4	3	3	2	2	2	8	6	5	2	3	0	3	5	6	1	3
Neutral	8	8	7	9	2	13	0	9	5	10	6	11	12	7	21	7	14
Somewhat Agree	20	37	38	32	29	28	25	28	41	27	44	44	36	31	30	36	21
Strongly Agree	67	50	52	56	63	57	67	56	50	61	47	44	49	58	43	55	61
The noise level on my floor does not interfere with my ability to sleep or study within my personal room																	
Strongly Disagree	4	9	3	7	5	4	0	3	2	7	11	0	6	5	3	7	10
Somewhat Disagree	12	10	17	12	2	8	0	12	19	18	8	10	9	11	11	12	11
Neutral	4	15	17	17	14	18	33	3	7	12	14	0	20	10	14	12	17
Somewhat Agree	18	36	20	26	31	29	42	18	23	31	35	20	29	24	26	28	20
Strongly Agree	61	31	43	38	48	41	25	63	49	33	32	70	36	50	47	41	42

Statistically significant differences in responses among students in various first year programs could not be determined due to overlap in program participation. Group differences are instead simply reported where a substantially larger portion of students in one or more programs agreed or disagreed with a given item than did students in other groups (see Table 5 below).

Table 5. Group Difference in Responses among Students in Various First Year Programs

	ART_VILLAG	BA 1500	BATCH_MUS	BGeX	BGSU 1000	CMAI	GV	HLC	HONORS	LSL	NHSRC	PLA	PMA	ResLC	SMART	UNIV 1000	UPAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%		
I have figured out how to study effectively															-		
I am not concerned about alcohol use among students												-					
I find my classes challenging			+				+	+									
I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU							-										
I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career													+				
I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups					+							+			+		
I am involved with campus activities outside of class	+							+	+			+		+			

The plus sign (+) indicates that there is a substantially larger portion of students in one or more programs who were **more likely to agree** with a given item than were students in other programs.

The minus sign (-) indicates that there is a substantially larger portion of students in one or more programs who were **less likely to agree** with a given item than were students in other programs.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Most Fall 2009 new freshmen seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first a few weeks at BGSU. Although 55% of the survey respondents indicated that they missed their home and friends who are not at BGSU, the majority of them did report that it was easy for them to adjust to the University (83%), and that they got along well with others on campus (88%), made new friends easily (76%), and didn't feel lonely, left out, or isolated (80%). Two out of three of them pointed out that they were satisfied with their roommates as well as their living accommodations and were not bothered by the noise level on their residence hall floor. Most of them feel that the faculty and staff members they encountered at BGSU had a good attitude toward students and it's easy for them to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class. More than seventy percent of them agreed that they can find things to do on weekends and that they liked the social life at BGSU. Eighty-five percent of the survey respondents would recommend BGSU to their friends.

Forty-six percent of the new freshmen found their classes challenging and yet only 24% of them have taken the advantages of mentoring or tutoring groups. Nearly half or more of them reported that they have figured out how to study effectively and that they were actively involved with their classes. One out of five of them, however, still had trouble or difficulty keeping up with their studies (19%), managing their time (20%), and deciding a major or a career (23%).

The survey results also tend to reveal some substantial differences across student groups. Caution is to be advised in interpreting the results due to the fact that, even though the distribution across groups in the questionnaire sample parallels that of the whole population in terms of gender, race and college, only 1134 respondents (37% of the first time, first year freshmen) provided valid PID numbers that allowed for group comparisons to be made. Feedback concerning how this and other studies and how they can continue to be improved is always welcome.