

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
CARES (COLLEGE ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS)

End of semester follow-up questions

We hope you had a great first semester at FAU. Now we want to know what your experience was really like. Your feedback will make the educational experience better for other FAU freshmen in the future. Your thoughtful reflection and honest answers about your actual experiences are needed to make sure this is an accurate reflection of our student experiences at FAU.

1) How well do the following statements describe your thoughts about your first semester of college?

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
My courses were interesting	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
My courses were easy	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
My courses were scheduled at good times for me	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
I see the value in each of the courses I took this semester	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5

2) How often did you miss class for the following reasons?

	Never	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	More than 6 times
Work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Course content was not going to be on the exam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Course content was easy to find elsewhere (online, from friends, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attendance wasn't taken or didn't count in that class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Miscellaneous personal reasons (e.g. I didn't feel like going, I was unprepared for class, I overslept, I had prior travel plans, or other obligations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3) On average, how much time did you spend studying each week this semester?

- 0-3 hours
- 4-6 hours
- 7-9 hours
- 10 or more hours

4) To what extent did you ACTUALLY utilize the following strategies this semester:

	Almost Never			Almost Always	
Studied every day	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Attended all classes	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Completed assigned reading before classes	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Completed all homework, readings, or assignments on time, even if it wasn't going to be collected	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Sought help when needed (such as tutoring and writing labs, meeting with the instructor or my academic advisor, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Studied during the times that I learn best	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Was able to learn in a variety of class environments (large lectures, small discussions, labs, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5

5) How well did you balance your academic time (in-class, study time, etc.) and non-academic time (all the rest of your time) this semester?

Very Poorly Very Well

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6) How often did you face the following challenges during your first semester of college?

	Almost Never			Almost Always	
My ability to do the coursework	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Managing my time	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
My study skills	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Feeling a part of the FAU community	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Financial issues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Health issues (mental and/or physical)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Personal motivation	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Homesickness	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Staying focused in my classes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Meeting new people and making friends	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5

7) How often did you do the following during your first semester of college?

	Almost Never			Almost Always	
Sought tutoring (includes math labs, Writing Center, Heritage Park Support Center, Multicultural Affairs, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Met with a faculty member during office hours	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Formed a study group	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Saw an academic advisor	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Sought out other services as needed (health, counseling...)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5

8) How often did you do the following during your first semester of college?

	Almost Never			Almost Always		
Got involved in student clubs or organizations	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Attended campus programs and events (comedy clubs, karaoke nights, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Attended campus "Arts" programs (concerts, theatre productions, galleries, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Attended FAU athletic events	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Participated in campus recreations activities (sports clubs, intramurals, or "working out" on campus)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Attended on-campus workshops (improving skills, leadership, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Developed a mentoring relationship with a faculty or staff member	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Developed a mentoring relationship with an upperclass student	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Got to know my classmates outside of class	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Got to know the people in my residence hall (for on-campus students)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> N/A
Found a job on campus	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	
Volunteered in the community	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	

9) I am satisfied with my decision to come to FAU

Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree

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10) After completing the original CARES, you were contacted by an academic advisor from Freshman Advising. Did you feel that this contact was valuable?

Yes No I don't remember being contacted

We would like to hear any other impressions you have about your first semester:

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