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2013 Entering Freshman Survey

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Presentation Agenda

- ❖ **Methodology and Response Rate**
- ❖ **Background Profile**
- ❖ **High School Experience**
- ❖ **Expected First Year Experience**



Methodology and Response Rate

Entering Freshman Survey aimed to collect information about:

- High School Experience
- Expected First Year Experience

Coupled with other surveys and indirect and direct evidence, the Entering Freshman Survey aims to provide information to faculty and staff to continue to enhance services to support student success.

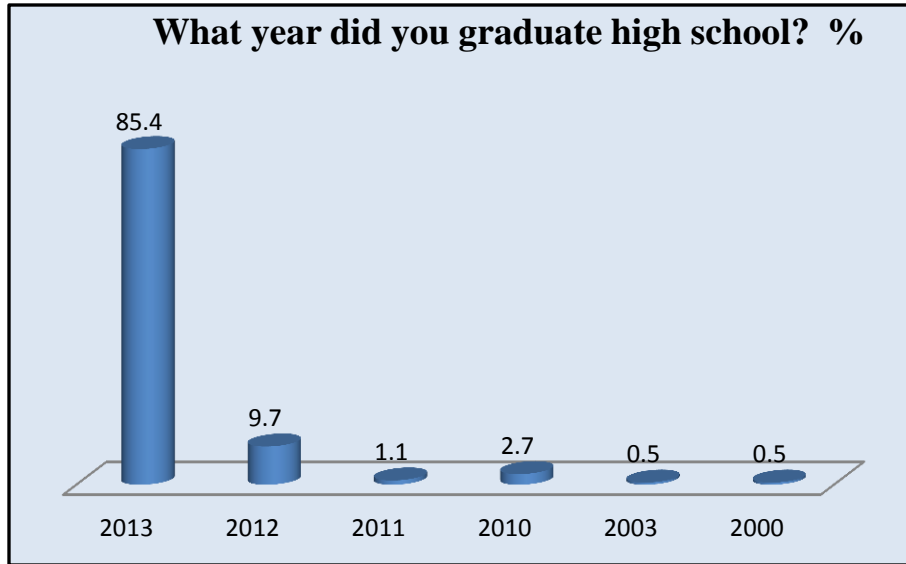
First-time fall 2013 admitted freshmen who registered for classes as of the last day of undergraduate registration.

196 students completed the survey for a **response rate of 69.3%**.

Numbers on tables and charts correspond to the numbers on the survey questionnaire .



Background Profile



2. Which of the following best describes your high school education?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Public, in Armenia	127	64.8	65.5	65.5
Private, in Armenia	39	19.9	20.1	85.6
Public, outside of Armenia	10	5.1	5.2	90.7
Private, outside of Armenia	11	5.6	5.7	96.4
Home school	0	0.0	0.0	96.4
Other (please specify)	7	3.6	3.6	100.0
Total	194	99.0	100.0	
Missing values	2	1.0		
Total	196	100.0		



Background Profile

36. What is your gender?			
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Female	108	55.1	55.7
Male	86	43.9	44.3
Total	194	99.0	100.0
Missing values	2	1.0	
Total	196	100.0	

37. What is your current age?				
Current Age	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
16	14	7.1	7.3	7.3
17	121	61.7	63.0	70.3
18	41	20.9	21.4	91.7
19	9	4.6	4.7	96.4
20	3	1.5	1.6	97.9
21	1	0.5	0.5	98.4
28	1	0.5	0.5	99.0
29	1	0.5	0.5	99.5
32	1	0.5	0.5	100.0
Total	192	98.0	100.0	
Missing values	4	2.0		
Total	196	100.0		



Background Profile

30. This university was your:

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
First choice	177	90.3	91.2	91.2
Second choice	9	4.6	4.6	95.9
Third choice or lower	8	4.1	4.1	100.0
Total	194	99.0	100.0	
Missing values	2	1.0		
Total	196	100.0		

29. How many of your close friends will attend this university during the coming academic year?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
4 or more	94	48.0	49.0	49.0
3	13	6.6	6.8	55.7
2	25	12.8	13.0	68.8
1	25	12.8	13.0	81.8
None	35	17.9	18.2	100.0
Total	192	98.0	100.0	
Missing values	4	2.0		
Total	196	100.0		

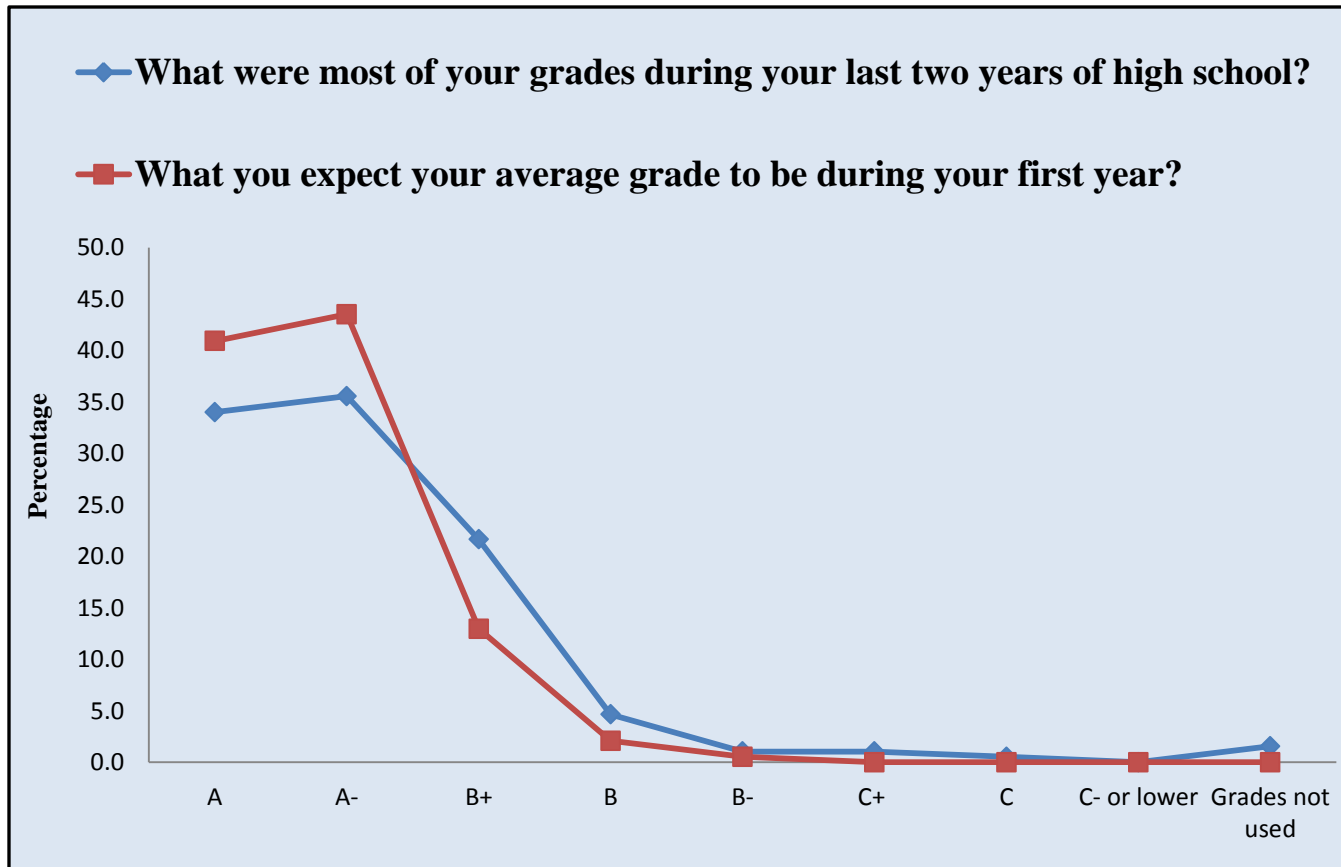


Background Profile: Highlights

- ❖ 85.4% of entering freshmen reported having **graduated from high school in 2013** with an additional 13.5% reporting having graduating between 2010 and 2012. 70.3% of entering freshmen reported being less than 18 years of age.
- ❖ 79.9% of entering freshmen reported that they were **born in the Republic of Armenia or the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic**, of which 76.7% were born in Yerevan.
- ❖ 85.6% of entering freshmen reported that they graduated from **high school in Armenia**.
- ❖ And, 70.7% of entering freshman reported having graduated from a public high school (in Armenia or abroad).
- ❖ 91.2% of entering freshmen reported that at least one of their parents or guardians had completed at least a Bachelor's degree, 59.8% at least a Master's Degree.

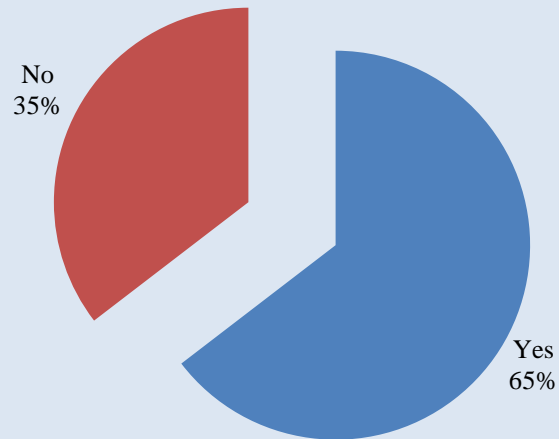


High School Experience



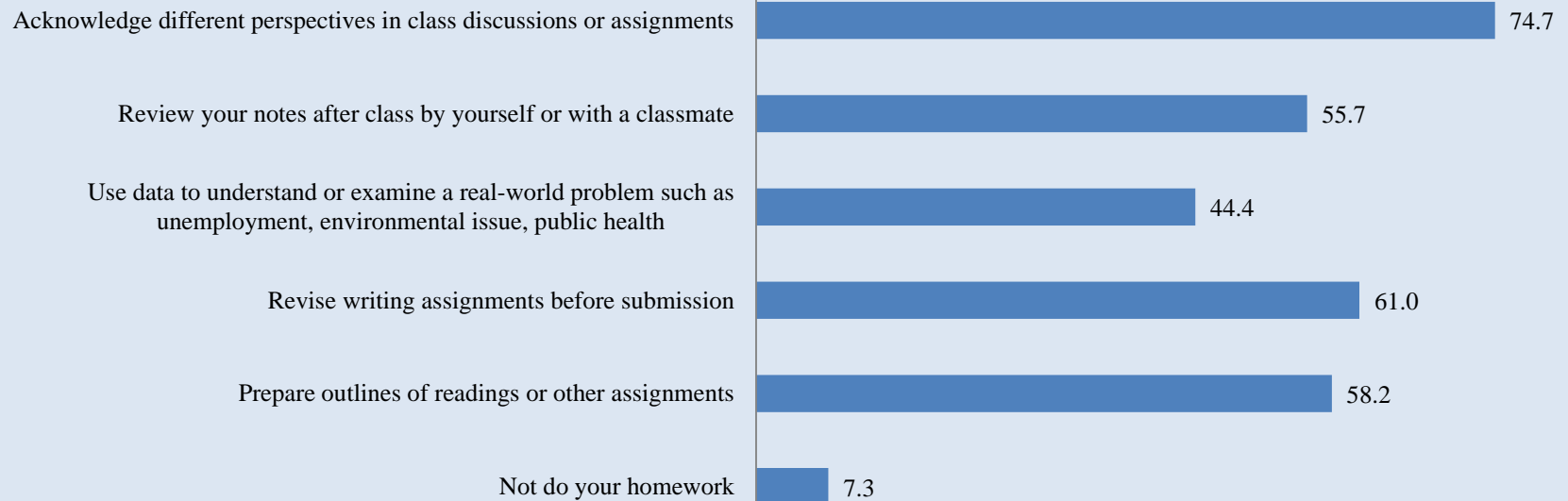
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**During your last two years of high school,
did you work with a tutor?**

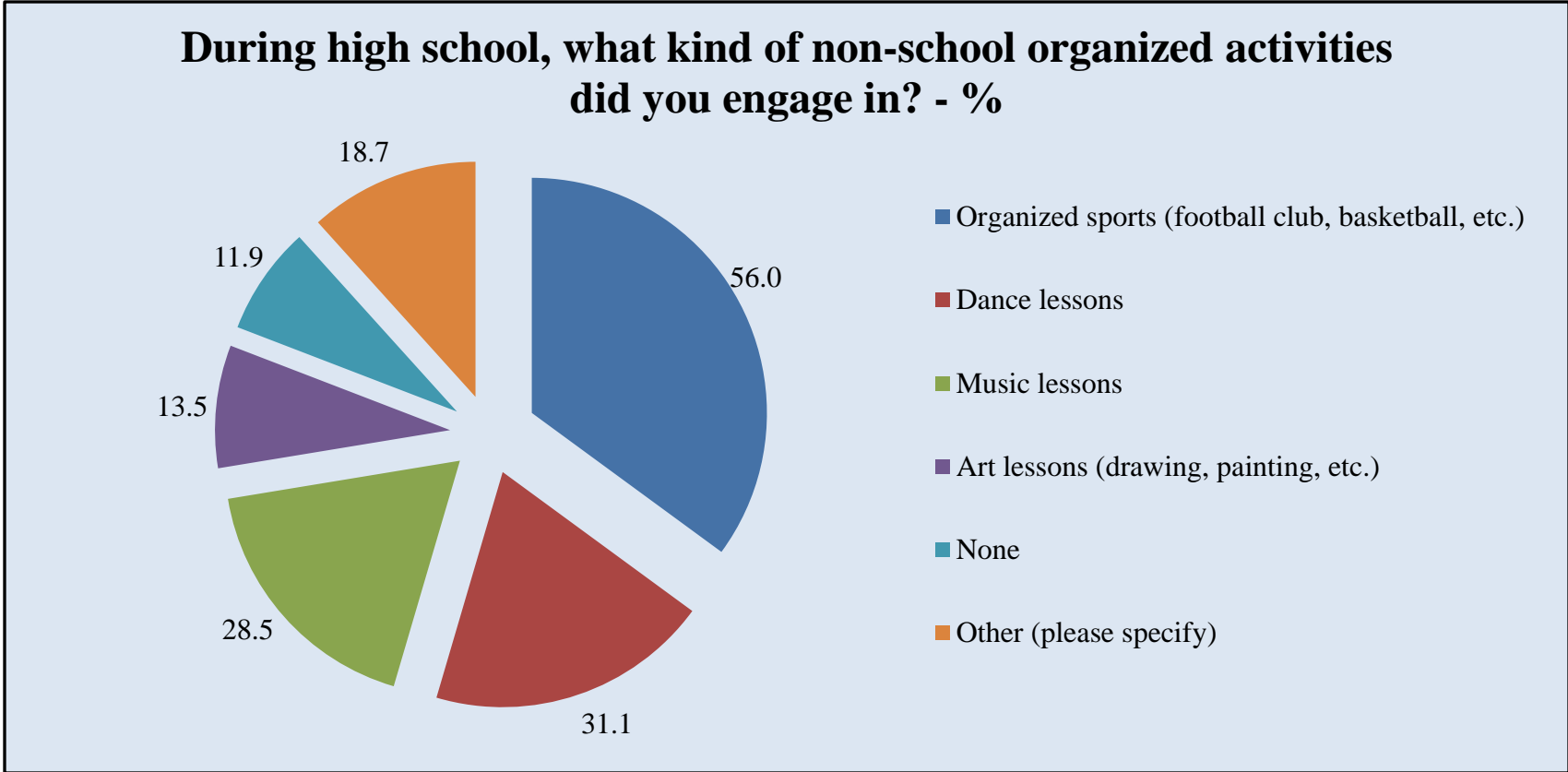


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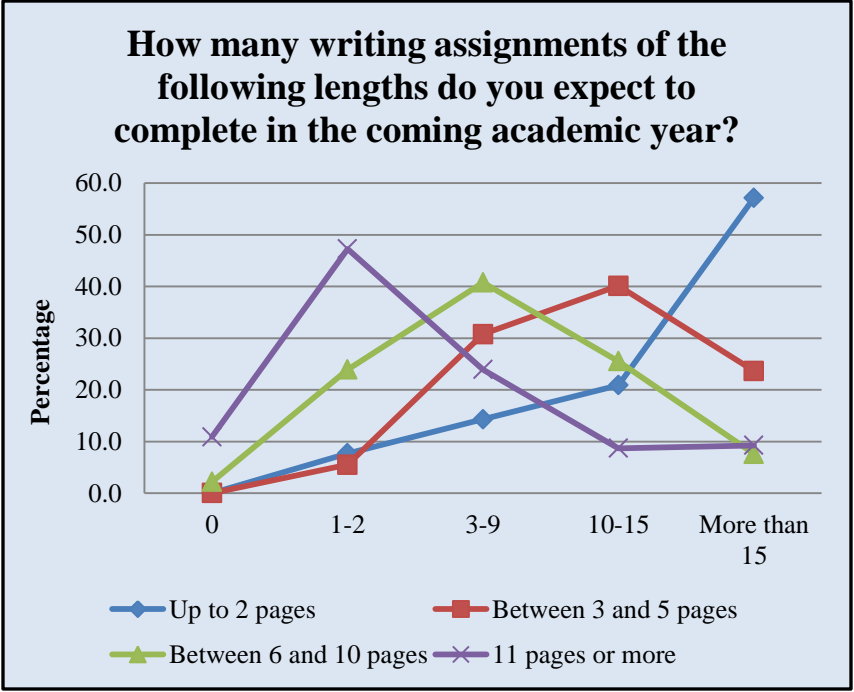
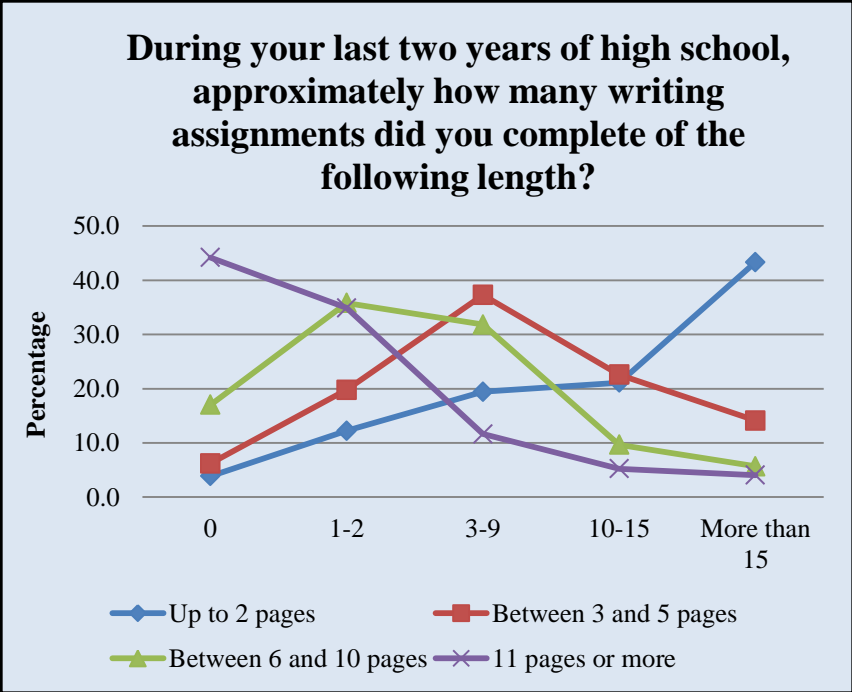
**During your last two years of high school, approximately how often did you? - %
Combined 'Very often and Often'**



High School Experience



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High School Experience: Highlights

- ❖ 64.6% of entering freshmen reported having worked with a tutor in their last two years of high school.
- ❖ 69.5% of entering freshmen reported having volunteered at least one hour per week during the last two years of high school.
- ❖ 84% of entering freshmen reported that they had not worked for pay during the last two years of high school. And, 9.1% reported that they had worked for pay for at least six hours per week.
- ❖ 44.2% of entering freshmen reported that during the last two years of high school they had not written a paper of at least 11 pages in length. 17% reported that they had not written a paper of between 6-10 pages in length. 6.2% said they had not written a paper of 3-5 pages in length, and, 3.9% reported that they had not written a paper of up to 2 pages in length.
- ❖ 85% of entering freshmen reported having traveled abroad for pleasure. 24.3% for study.

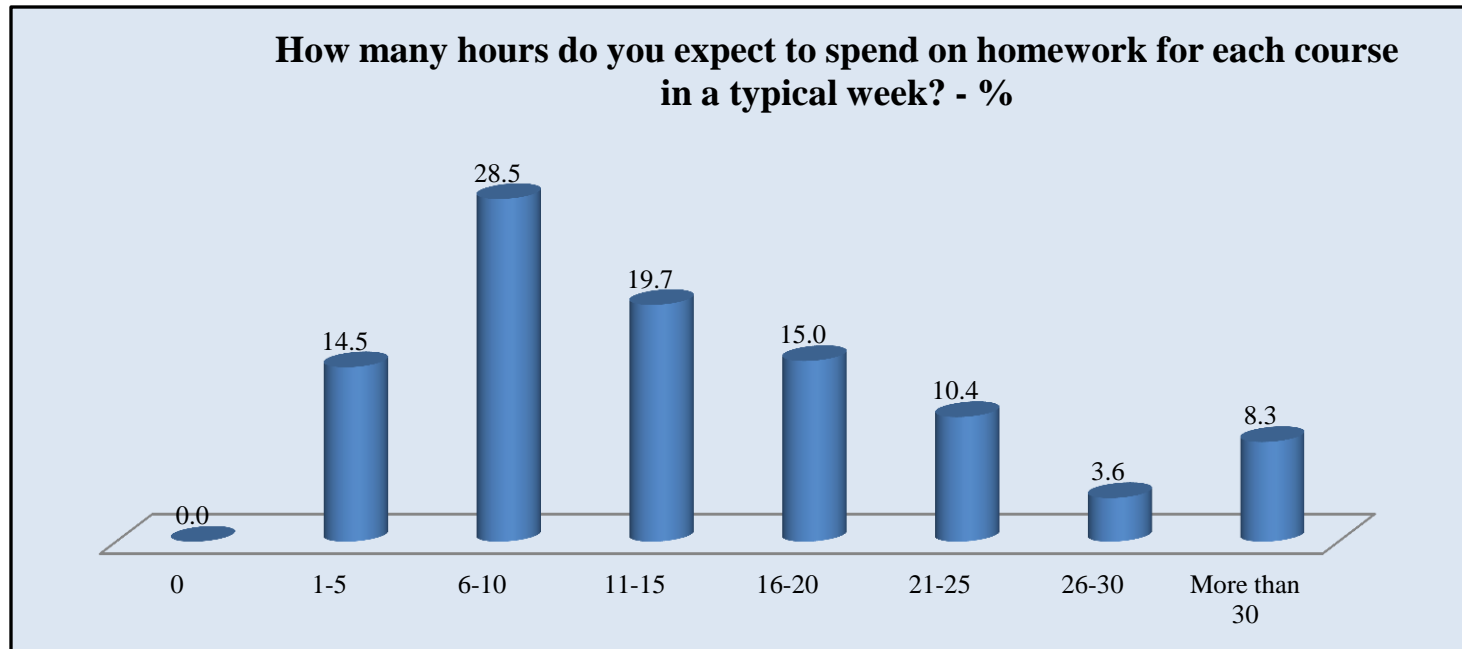


Expected First Year Experience

21a. How well prepared are you in the following skills? By gender. Mean (1=Not at all 2 3 4 5 6 7=Very well)			
	Gender	Means by Gender	Total Means
Writing skills	Female	5.43	5.47
	Male	5.52	
English Writing skills	Female	5.30	5.28
	Male	5.25	
Speaking skills	Female	5.94	5.91
	Male	5.86	
English Speaking skills	Female	5.51	5.47
	Male	5.43	
Applying scientific methods of inquiry	Female	4.64	4.77
	Male	4.92	
Computer skills	Female	4.93	5.19
	Male	5.52	
To critically analyze ideas and information	Female	5.90	5.90
	Male	5.90	
To lead and guide others	Female	5.44	5.50
	Male	5.58	
To function as part of a team	Female	6.21	6.04
	Male	5.82	



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19a. Do you expect difficulty with the following? (by gender)				
Learning new material				
		Female	Male	Total
No	N	65	47	112
	%	60.7	56.6	58.9
Yes	N	18	15	33
	%	16.8	18.1	17.4
Not sure	N	24	21	45
	%	22.4	25.3	23.7
Total	N	107	83	190
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Managing your time				
		Female	Male	Total
No	N	47	34	81
	%	43.9	40.5	42.4
Yes	N	32	26	58
	%	29.9	31.0	30.4
Not sure	N	28	24	52
	%	26.2	28.6	27.2
Total	N	107	84	191
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Getting help with classes				
		Female	Male	Total
No	N	77	57	134
	%	73.3	68.7	71.3
Yes	N	3	5	8
	%	2.9	6.0	4.3
Not sure	N	25	21	46
	%	23.8	25.3	24.5
Total	N	105	83	188
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0

19a. Do you expect difficulty with the following? (by gender)				
Making new friends				
		Female	Male	Total
No	N	88	73	161
	%	82.2	86.9	84.3
Yes	N	8	5	13
	%	7.5	6.0	6.8
Not sure	N	11	6	17
	%	10.3	7.1	8.9
Total	N	107	84	191
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Relating to faculty				
		Female	Male	Total
No	N	86	68	154
	%	80.4	81.9	81.1
Yes	N	4	3	7
	%	3.7	3.6	3.7
Not sure	N	17	12	29
	%	15.9	14.5	15.3
Total	N	107	83	190
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0



Expected First Year Experience: Highlights

- ❖ 84.5% of entering freshmen reported that they intended **to live at home with their immediate family** during the upcoming academic year.
- ❖ 68.6% of entering freshmen reported that they **intended to get to class via public transportation.**
- ❖ 50.5% of entering freshmen reported that they expected to have difficulty with at least one aspect of the educational experience; 30.4% reported that the difficulty would be with **time management.**
- ❖ 63.7% of entering freshmen reported that they would likely ask an instructor for help with difficult assignments. 83.7% reported that they would likely look for information to help them understand course material.
- ❖ 84.2% of entering freshmen reported that they are **paying for their university education with support from parents or relatives**, while 47.1% reported being **recipients of some form of university financial aid.**
- ❖ 91.2% of entering freshmen reported that **AUA was their first choice** for their education.



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