BCSSE

Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

University of the Virgin Islands Institutional Report Highlights 2019

Notes: not all percentages will add up to 100% when giving a full count of student responses as percentages were rounded down

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UVI New students took the BCSSE

79% are female

18% are male Prefer not to say: 4%

62% of students took no advanced placement courses

When asked which math classes they have earned a "c" or better:

- 99% Algebra II
- 46% Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
- 12% Calculus
- 12% Probability or Statistics

When asked how many papers they wrote their last year of high school:

- 8% wrote no papers between 1 and 5 pages in length
- ▶ 46% wrote no papers between 6 and 10 pages in length
- > 77% wrote no papers 11 pages or more

When asked how many hours they spent preparing for class their senior year:

- ► 43% spent between 1 and 5 hours
- 25% spent between 6 and 10 hours
- 16% spent between 11 and 15 hours
- 15% spent more than 16 hours

When asked about working their senior year in high school:

- ► 45% of students did not work for pay
- 24% worked between 1 and 15 hours per week
- 21% worked more than 16 hours per week

During their last year of high school...

- > 39% never came to class without completing readings or assignments
- 54% sometimes came to class without completing readings or assignments
- (The other 7% did this often)

During their last year of high school...

- 48% often or very often prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning in
- ► 52% of students did this never or sometimes

During their last year of high school...

- ▶ 54% sometimes came to class without completing readings or assignments
- 59% often or very often reviewed notes after class; 41% sometimes or never did this
- 49% included diverse perspectives in course discussions or assignments; 51% sometimes or never did this

During high school... (Quite a bit, Very Much)

- > 37% participated in performing or visual arts
- 30% in athletic teams
- > 27% in academic clubs
- 14% in religious youth groups (down from 23% last year)
- 66% in community service or volunteer work (down from 79% last year)

During the first year at UVI

Expected hours per week preparing for class

- 1 to 5 hours- 21%
- 6 to 10 hours- 23%
- 11 to 15 hours- 23%
- 16 to 20 hours- 20%
- 21 to 25- 9%
- 26 to 30- 3%
- More than 30 hours- 2%

- 25% will work 16 to 30 hours or more per week
- ▶ 452% will work 1 to 15 hours per week
- ▶ 15% will not work

- 69% indicated they plan to discuss career plans with a faculty member either very often or often
- 22% would sometimes, often or very often come to class without completing readings or assignments; 78% would never do this
- 56% would often or very often prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before submitting; 44% would only sometimes or never do this

- 11% are very certain they will study when there are other interesting things to do
- 38% are very certain they will find additional information for assignments when they don't understand
- 17% are very certain they will participate in class discussion when they don't feel like it
- ▶ 56% will ask instructors for help when struggling with a course or assignment

- ▶ 48% of students expect managing time will be difficult
- ► 59% of students expect paying for college expenses will be difficult

Preparedness...

On a scale of 1 to 6; 6 being very prepared and 1 being not at all prepared

- 80% of students rated a 4, 5, or 6 to feeling prepared to write clearly and effectively
- 82% of students rated a 4, 5, or 6 to feeling prepared to speak clearly and effectively
- 89% of students rated a 4, 5, or 6 to feeling prepared to think critically and analytically
- 75% rated a 4, 5, or 6 to feeling prepared to analyze numerical and statistical information

Importance of UVI providing ...

- 20% indicated it is very important for UVI to provide a challenging academic environment
- 57% indicated it is very important for UVI to help students succeed academically

When asked what sources they are using to help pay educational expenses...

- 63% will have support from parents or relatives
- > 22% will have loan support
- 63% will have grants or scholarships
- ► 50% will have a job
- 58% will use personal savings

Grade expectations

- 2% of students expect to get a "c" average
- ► 58% expect to get an "a" average
- 41% expect to get a "b" average

- ▶ 80% of students expect to graduate from UVI
- 89% know their major
- 78% had at least one close friend attending UVI with them as a first-year student

UVI choice

- ▶ 58% of students indicated UVI was their first choice
- > 30% indicated UVI was their second choice
- > 12% indicated UVI was their third choice (52% was fourth choice or lower)

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