

**SOPHOMORE EXPERIENCES SURVEY
2014
National Norms**

	HNU (N=15)	National Norms (N=4,438)	
Item (Items are on a 6-point scale with 6 indicating “strongly agree”)	Mean	Mean	SD
<i>Thriving Quotient</i>			
Engaged Learning			
1. I feel as though I am learning things in my classes that are worthwhile to me as a person.	4.38	4.73	1.06
2. I can usually find ways of applying what I'm learning in class to something else in my life.	4.38	4.65	1.05
3. I find myself thinking about what I'm learning in class even when I'm not in class.	4.13	4.52	1.14
4. I feel energized by the ideas I'm learning in most of my classes.	3.75	4.26	1.15
Academic Determination			
5. I am confident I will reach my educational goals.	4.63	5.07	.98
6. Even if assignments are not interesting to me, I find a way to keep working at them until they are done well.	4.63	4.61	1.09
7. I know how to apply my strengths to achieve academic success.	4.75	4.87	.96
8. I am good at juggling all the demands of college life.	4.38	4.57	1.10
9. Other people would say I'm a hard worker.	5.38	5.02	.99
10. When I'm faced with a problem in my life, I can usually think of several ways to solve it.	4.71	4.77	.87
Social Connectedness			
11. Other people seem to make friends more easily than I do.	4.25	3.57	.99
12. I don't have as many close friends as I wish I had.	4.63	3.35	1.59
13. I feel like my friends really care about me.	3.25	4.99	.99
14. I feel content with the kinds of friendships I currently have.	4.75	4.82	1.05
15. It's hard to make friends on this campus.	3.5	3.06	1.41
16. I often feel lonely because I have few close friends with whom to share my concerns.	4.14	3.04	1.53

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Diverse Citizenship			
17. I spend time making a difference in other people's lives.	4.75	4.53	1.05
18. I value interacting with people whose viewpoints are different from my own.	4.88	4.63	.96
19. I know I can make a difference in my community.	4.38	4.72	.98
20. It is important to become aware of the perspectives of individuals from different backgrounds.	5.14	5.13	.89
21. It's important for me to make a contribution to my community.	5.62	4.83	.97
22. My knowledge or opinions have been influenced or changed by becoming more aware of the perspectives of individuals from different backgrounds.	5.14	4.77	1.03
Positive Perspective			
23. When things are uncertain, I tend to expect the worst. My perspective on life is that I tend to see the glass as “half full” rather than "half empty."	4.43	3.87	1.37
24. My perspective on life is that I tend to see the glass as “half full” rather than "half empty."	4.5	4.53	1.14
25. I look for the best in situations, even when things seem hopeless.	4.86	4.63	1.03

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<i>Psychological Sense of Community</i>			
26. I feel like I belong here.	5.38	4.77	1.23
27. Being a student here fills an important need in my life.	3.75	4.76	1.14
28. I feel proud of the college or university I have chosen to attend.	3.88	4.86	1.13
29. There is a strong sense of community on this campus.	3.50	4.34	1.2
<i>Spirituality</i>			
30. My spiritual or religious beliefs provide me with a sense of strength when life is difficult.	5.00	4.25	1.60
31. My spiritual or religious beliefs are the foundation of my approach to life.	5.14	3.77	1.67
32. My spiritual or religious beliefs give meaning and purpose to my life.	5.33	4.18	1.62
33. My life has a purpose because I am part of something greater than myself.	5.00	4.71	1.14
34. I have a good sense of what makes my life meaningful.	4.71	4.88	.98
35. I am searching for something that makes my life feel significant.	4.33	3.93	1.44
36. I am looking for something that makes my life meaningful.	4.17	4.04	1.39
<i>Outcome Measures</i>			
37. I am confident that the amount of money I’m paying for college is worth it in the long run.	2.83	3.92	1.44
38. I intend to re-enroll at this institution next year	4.33	5.34	1.04
39. I intend to graduate from this institution	3.83	5.37	1.04
40. Given my current goals, this institution is a good fit for me	3.83	5.01	1.13
41. If I had to do it over again, I would choose a different institution	4.17	2.80	1.60
42. I really enjoy being a student here.	4.17	4.90	1.09

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT ITEMS

	Never 1		2		3		4		5		Frequently 6	
	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
Student organizations on campus	15.3	20	13.3	-	14.1	40	18.2	-	15.4	20	23.7	20
Campus events or activities	8.9	20	12.3	-	19.1	20	25.5	40	18.6	-	15.7	20
Leadership of student organizations	35.1	40	16.1	20	12.0	-	12.5	-	10.2	20	14.2	20
Fraternity/Sorority	71.2	75	6.3	-	3.6	-	3.5	-	3.1	25	12.3	-
Community Service	23.0	40	16.4	-	15.9	-	16.8	40	13.5	20	14.4	-
Religious services on or off campus	44.1	-	12.3	-	10.4	20	10.6	20	9.3	40	13.3	20
Campus ethnic organizations	70.6	40	11.6	20	5.9	20	4.7	20	3.0	-	4.2	-
Attended any programs geared specifically to sophomores	51.5	20	16.4	40	11.0	20	9.0	20	5.7	-	6.4	-

FACULTY-STUDENT INTERACTION ITEMS

Type of activity	Never 1		2		3		4		5		Frequently 6	
	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
Interaction with faculty outside of class	12.7	-	19.2	20	20.8	-	20.6	-	14.5	40	12.3	40
Met with a professor during office hours	11.9	-	14.1	20	16.8	-	23.4	20	16.5	20	17.3	40
Discussed career plans or goals with a professor	18.3	20	14.7	-	15.8	-	20.6	20	15.8	20	14.9	40
Met informally or socially with a faculty member outside of class or office hours	44.9	20	14.8	-	10.1	-	12.4	-	9.2	40	8.5	40
Discussed academic issues with a faculty member outside of class or office hours	36.0	20	15.7	-	12.0	-	14.7	20	11.6	20	10.0	40
Met with your academic advisor	5.2	-	12.1	-	17.1	20	22.5	-	21.3	40	21.8	40

SATISFACTION ITEMS

	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied	
	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
Satisfaction with:												
The amount you are learning in your classes this term.	1.2	-	3.0	-	6.6	20	23.3	60	47.8	20	18.0	-
The grades you are earning so far this term.	2.8	-	5.7	-	11.4	20	30.3	40	34.8	40	14.9	-
The academic advising you have received this year.	4.6	20	6.4	-	9.3	-	23.1	20	33.3	-	23.4	60
Your overall experiences on this campus so far.	1.8	20	2.7	-	7.8	-	23.1	80	43.5	-	21.1	-
The amount of contact you have had with faculty this year.	1.2	-	3.5	-	9.1	20	29.1	20	40.8	40	16.3	20
The quality of interaction you have had with faculty this year.	1.3	20	3.2	-	8.3	-	27.0	20	42.2	40	18.0	20
Your experiences with your peers on this campus this year.	1.8	20	3.1	-	7.9	-	21.4	20	41.6	-	24.3	60
Your current living situation.	4.9	-	6.1	20	9.3	-	20.5	40	34.9	40	24.3	-
Your current level of physical health.	2.4	-	5.3	40	10.7	20	24.2	20	37.1	20	20.3	-
The amount of money you personally have to pay to attend college here.	16.4	60	17.2	40	18.6	-	20.7	-	16.7	-	10.4	-
Faculty sensitivity to the needs of diverse students.	2.5	-	3.8	-	11.6	40	31.5	40	37.3	-	13.3	20

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Additional Demographics	HNU	Nat'l
Percent who are the first in their immediate family to attend college	20	22.5
Percent enrolled full time	100	98.4
Percent enrolled in the Honors College or Honors Program on campus	-	12
Percent who live on campus	100	55.5
Percent who transferred into this institution	20	
Percent for whom this institution was their first choice at enrollment	20	63.3
Percent who are student athletes	40	9.0

Gender

	HNU	Nat'l
Female	60	71.4
Male	40	28.2
Other	-	.4

Age

	HNU	Nat'l
17 or younger	-	.2
18-20	100	90.3
21-23	-	7.0
24-26	-	.8
27-30	-	.6
31-34	-	.3
35-38	-	.2
38-42	-	.1
43-46	-	.1
47-50	-	.2
Over 50	-	.2

Degree Aspirations

Associate's Degree		Bachelor's degree		Teaching credential		Master's degree		Doctorate		Medical or law degree		Other	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
1.2	-	28.6	20	2.1	-	43.8	60	15.6	-	8.7	-	-	20

Ethnicity

African American/Black		American Indian/Alaskan Native		Asian American/Asian/Pacific Islander		Caucasian/White		Latino/Hispanic		International	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
8.4	-	1.3	-	4.3	-	63.1	40	6.2	-	1.3	-

Family Income

	HNU	Nat'l
Less than \$30,000 a year	20	16.6
\$30,000-\$59,999	20	23.6
\$60,000-\$89,999	40	26.6
\$90,000-\$119,999	20	18.0
\$120,000 and over	-	15.1

Work for Pay

	HNU	Nat'l
No	20	35.7
On campus	60	22.8
Off campus	-	33.5
Both on and off campus	20	8.1

High School Grades

Mostly A's		Mostly A's and B's		Mostly B's		Mostly B's and C's		Mostly C's		Below a C average	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
37.2	-	43.1	100	10.4	-	7.5	-	1.3	-	.5	-

ASSESSMENT OF COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

First Year Grades

Mostly A's		Mostly A's and B's		Mostly B's		Mostly B's and C's		Mostly C's		Below a C average		D's and F's	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
29.5	40	37.1	20	15.3	20	13.1	20	2.9	-	1.8	-	.3	-

Second Year Grades

Mostly A's		Mostly A's and B's		Mostly B's		Mostly B's and C's		Mostly C's		Below a C average		D's and F's	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
26.1	-	40.7	80	16.9	-	12.5	20	3.0	-	.8	-	.1	-

Courses Received Grade below C

None		One		2-3		4-5		6 or More	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
59.4	40	17.5	-	18.7	60	4.0	-	.5	-

Courses Dropped

None		One		2-3		4-5		6 or More	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
57.4	40	26.5	-	14.0	60	1.5	-	.6	-

Certainty of major

Very Unsure		Unsure		Somewhat Unsure		Somewhat Sure		Sure		Very Sure	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
3.5	20	2.2	-	4.2	20	11.9	-	27.8	20	50.2	40

Participation in Service Learning Courses

Never		One Course		More than One Course	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
77.7	40	16.9	40	5.4	20

Participation in Learning Community

Yes		No		Not Sure	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
19.4	20	62.8	20	17.9	60

Traveled Outside US

No		Two Weeks or Less		More than Two Weeks	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
77.3	100	15.1	-	7.6	-

Courses Taught by Adjunct/Part-Time Faculty

None		One		2-3		4-5		6 or More	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
43.9	75	29.2	25	23.9	-	2.3	-	.6	-

Participated in Research with Faculty

	HNU	Nat'l
Yes	-	15.3
No	100	84.7

Comparison to First Year of College

Much Worse		Worse		About the Same		Better		Much Better	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
3.7	20	14.0	20	33.1	20	33.6	20	15.6	20

Courses Compared to First Year of College

Much Worse		Worse		About the Same		Better		Much Better	
Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU	Nat'l	HNU
3.8	-	17.2	-	37.6	60	30.3	20	11.0	20

Considering the financial aid you've received and the money you and your family have, how much difficulty have you had so far in paying for your school expenses?

	HNU	Nat'l
No difficulty	-	21.8
A little difficulty	-	27.8
Some difficulty	-	26.8
A fair amount of difficulty	80	15.6
Great difficulty	20	8.0

We are interested in what helps students thrive in college. Thriving is defined as getting the most out of your college experience, so that you are intellectually, socially, and psychologically engaged and enjoying the college experience. Given that definition, to what extent do you think you are thriving as a college student this semester?

	HNU	Nat'l
Not even surviving	-	1.0
Barely surviving	20	6.4
Surviving	20	19.9
Somewhat thriving	-	28.1
Thriving most of the time	40	35.3
Consistently thriving	20	9.1