Beginning College

2023 Survey of Student Engagement

First-Year Students

1,416 First-Year Students were Surveyed

Student Profile

56% of respondents were female

73% completed at least 1 AP course in high school

86% are first generation students

74% are using grants and scholarships





Our Students' Expectations

82% expect to graduate from Cal State LA

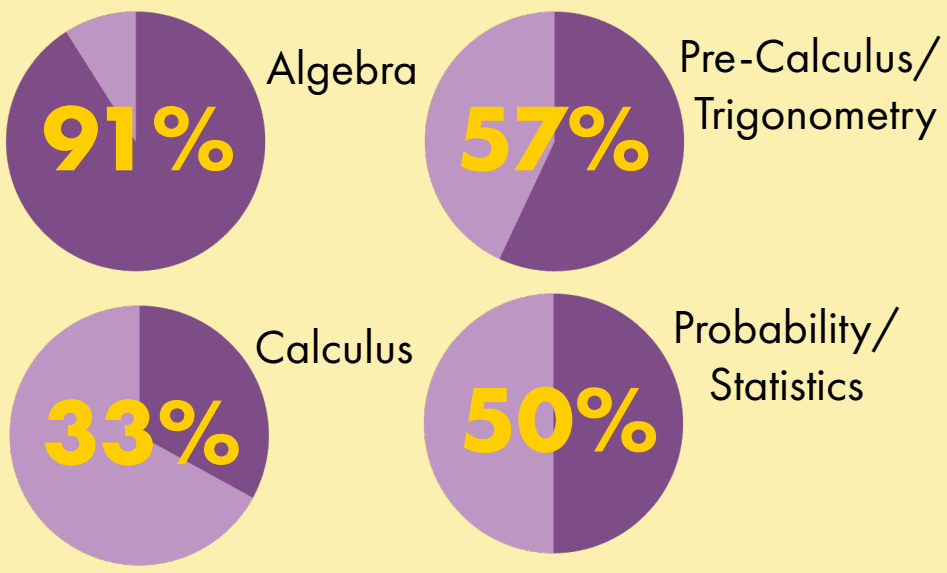
68% expect to prepare for exams with other students

62% feel that its important that Cal State LA helps students to succeed academically

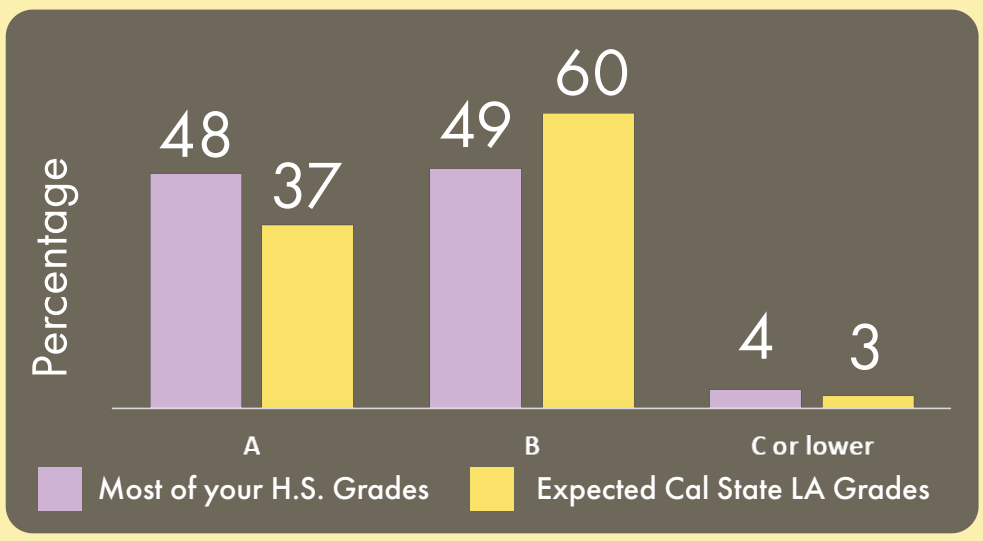
59% expect to seek help from academic advisors

43% expect to work with a faculty member on activities outside of coursework

Earned a "C" or Better in H.S.



High School/College Grades



High School Habits vs College Expectations

23% spent more than 10 hours a week preparing for class

35% worked for pay in high school

25% spent over 10 hours in co-curricular activities

32% spent more than 10 hours per week relaxing and socializing

48% expect to spend more than 10 hours a week preparing for class

68% expect to work during first year of college

17% expect to spend over 10 hours a week in extracurricular activities

27% expect to spend more than 10 hours a week relaxing and socializing

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Transfer Students

738 Transfer Students were Surveyed

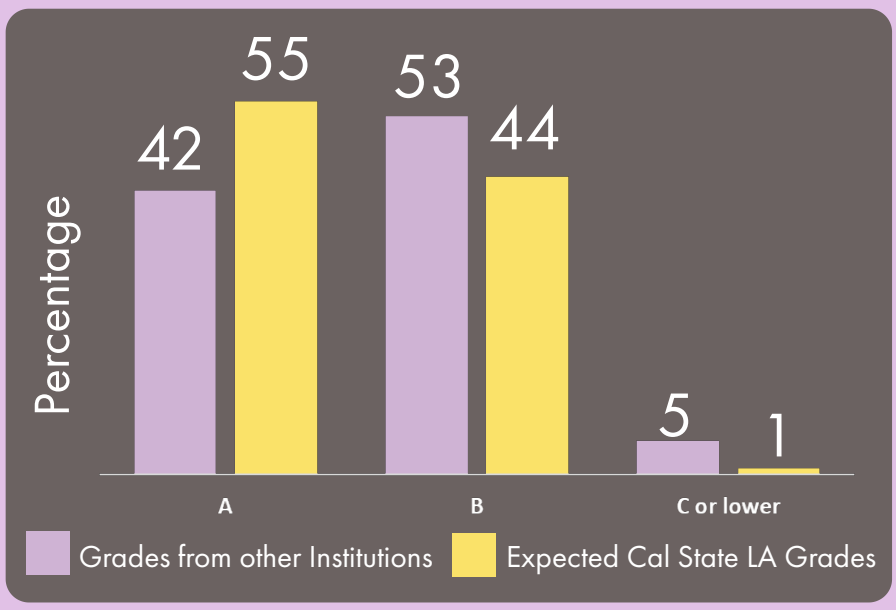
Student Profile

- **62%** of respondents were female
- **95%** transferred from CC or JC
- **81%** are first generation students
- **76%** plan to graduate in 1-2 years
- **98%** plan to graduate from this insitution
- **53%** plan to seek help from academic advisors

Why did you choose Cal State LA?

- **90%** Offers majors interested in
- **88%** Able to transfer all credits
- **79%** Affordability
- **78%** Quality of academic programs
- **78%** Flexibility of scheduling courses
- **77%** Location
- **68%** Able to finish degree quickly
- **48%** Family or personal relationships

Grades from Other Institutions vs Expected Cal State LA Grades



College Expectations

74%
expect to spend more than 10 hours a week preparing for class

80%
expect to be working for pay

15%
expect to spend over 10 hours a week in extracurricular activities

22%
expect to spend more than 10 hours a week relaxing and socializing

Highest Causes of Stress

62%
balancing school and other commitments (work, family, etc)

47%
not having enough money for college expenses (tuition, fees, books, etc)

37%
not having enough money for basic needs (housing, food, and transportation)

28%
commuting to campus

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