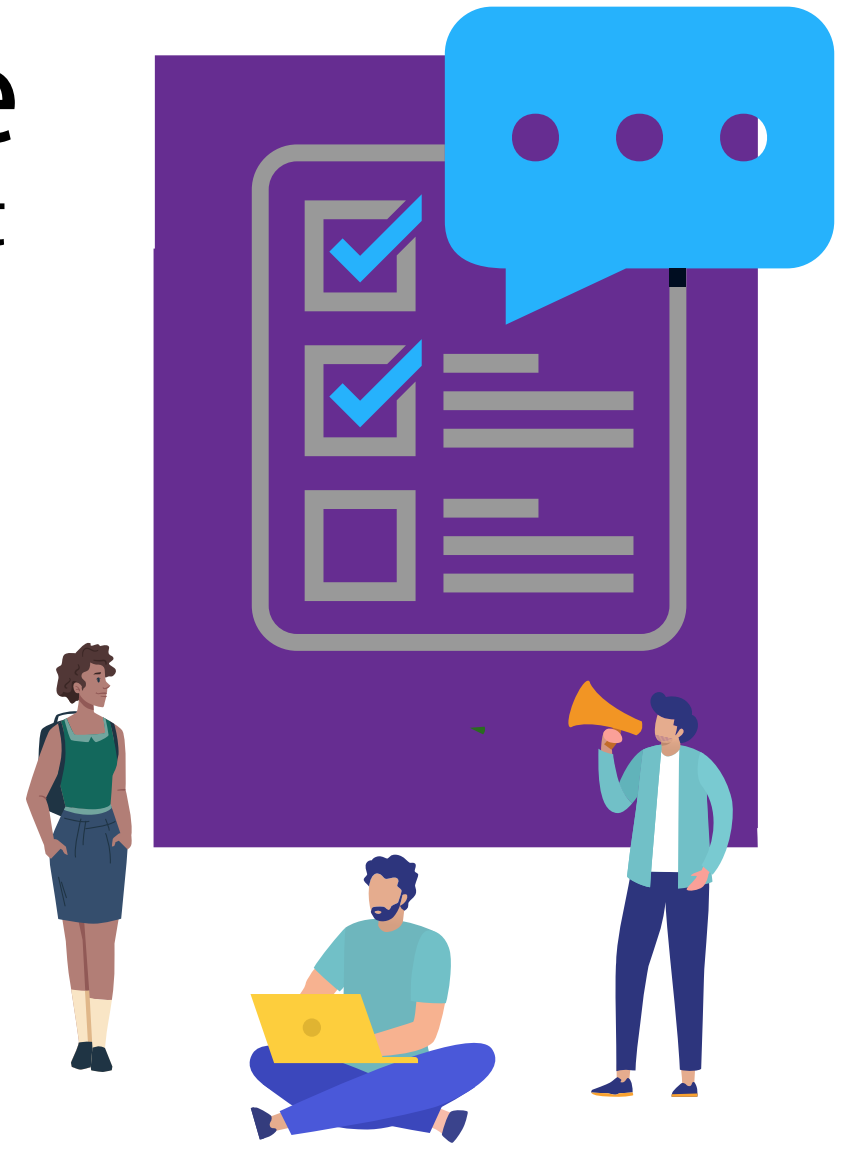
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Survey of Student Engagement

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



2,214 Students responded to the survey in 2021. 57% were first-time freshmen.

65% of respondents were female.

53% had Cal State LA as their first choice for college.

83% are first-generation college students.

89% expect to graduate from Cal State LA.

78% completed at least 1 AP course in high school.

34% expect learning course material will be difficult.

75% feel it is important that Cal State LA helps students to succeed academically.

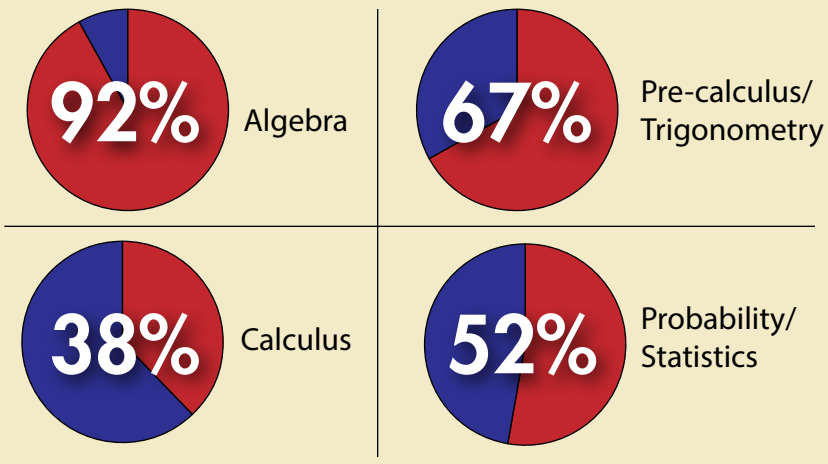
73% are using grants and scholarships.

64% expect to seek help from academic advisors.

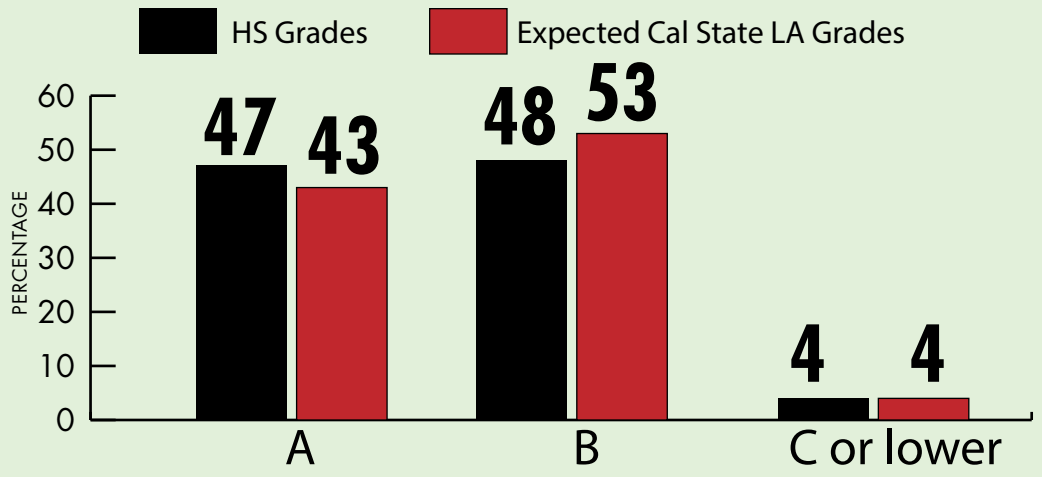
43% expect to work with a faculty member on activities outside of coursework.

66% expect to prepare for exams by working with other students.

Earned a "C" or Better in:



High School/College Grades



High School Habits VS College Expectations

30% spent more than 10 hours a week preparing for class.

32% worked for pay in high school.

18% spent over 10 hours in co-curricular activities.

30% spent more than 10 hours per week relaxing and socializing.

55% expect to spend more than 10 hours a week preparing for class.

69% expect to work during first year of college.

16% expect to spend over 10 hours a week in extracurricular activities.

26% expect to spend more than 10 hours a week relaxing and socializing.

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TRANSFER STUDENTS

2,214 Students responded to the survey in 2021.
41% of respondents are transferring from another institution.

97% transferred from a community college or junior college.

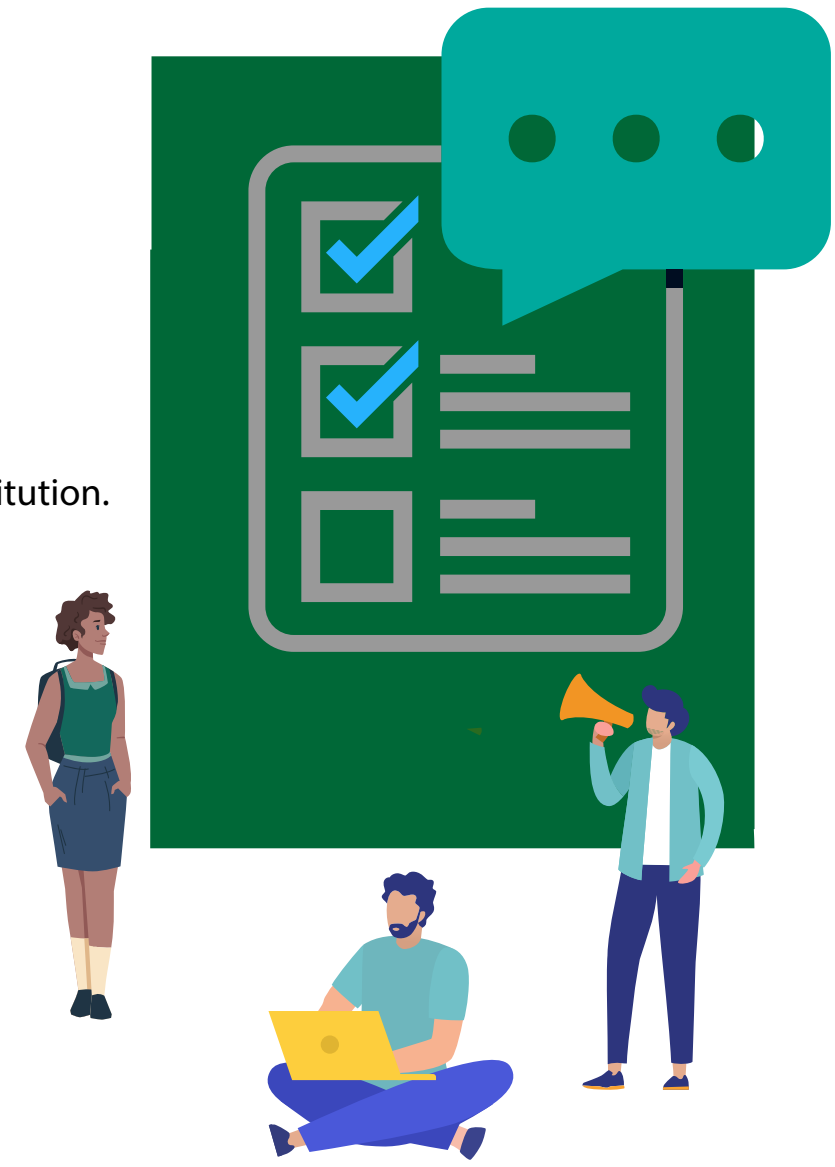
68% had Cal State LA as their first choice for college.

83% are first-generation college students.

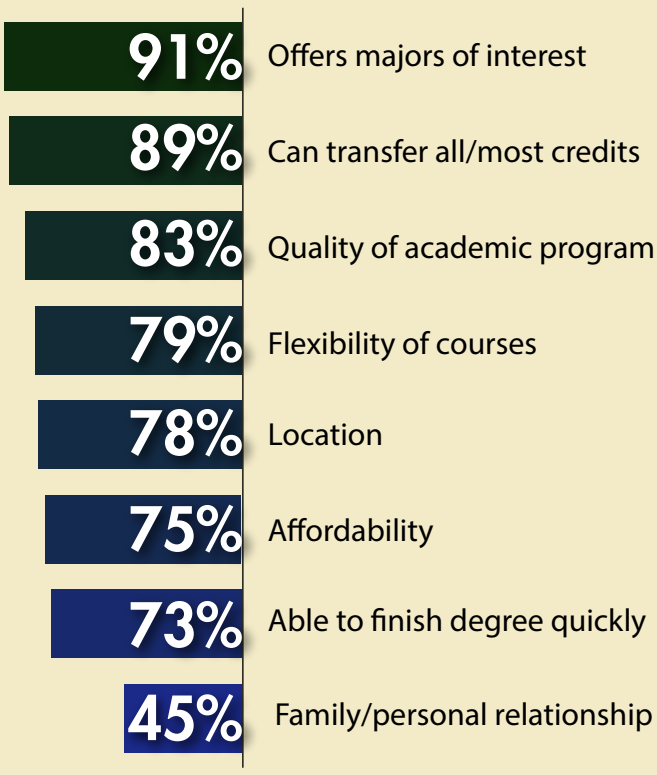
69% of respondents were female.

76% of transfers plan to graduate in 1-2 years.

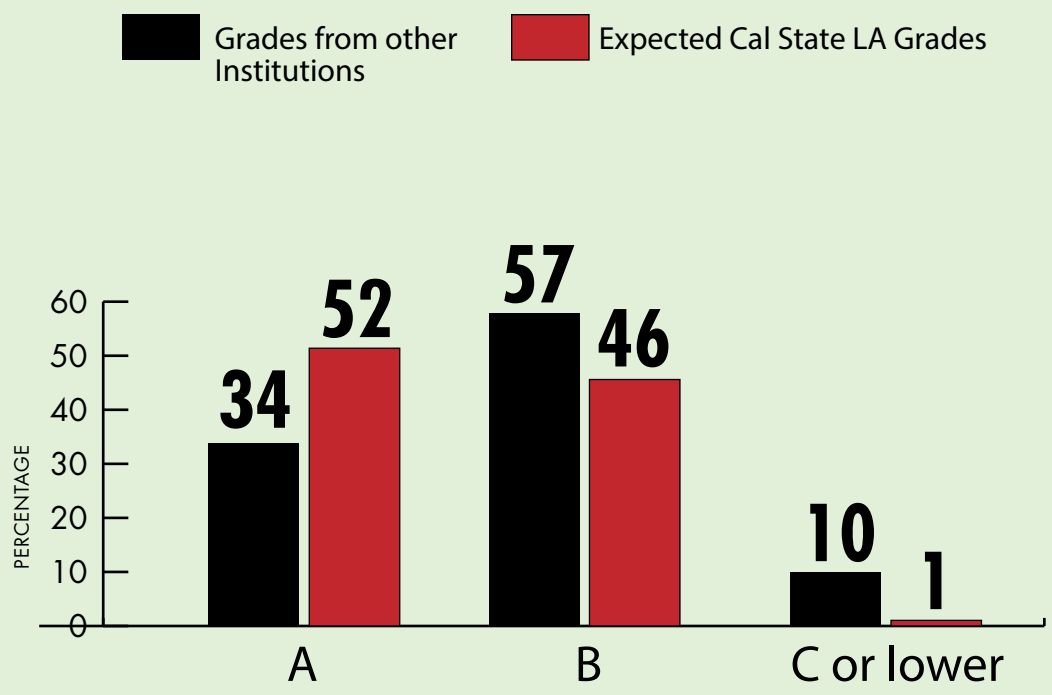
61% of transfers expect to seek help from academic advisors.



Why did you choose Cal State LA?



Most Grades



College Expectations

78% expect to spend more than 10 hours a week preparing for class.

70% expect to be working for pay.

11% 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

63% balancing school and other commitments (work and family).

48% not having enough money for college expenses (tuition, fees, books, etc.).

33% transitioning back to being a student.

32% not having enough money for basic needs (housing, food, transportation, etc.).

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