FRESHMAN SURVEY

Item #	Prompt	Type	If Multiple Choice or Matrix: Enter response options or scale (with value?)
1	Was Cal State LA your:	*Multiple Choice*	1. First choice? 2. Second choice? 3. Third choice? 4. Fourth choice or lower?
Based on response to question 1, skip to: **Item 3 if Item 1 = First Choice?** **Item 2 if Item 1 = Second Choice?** **Item 2 if Item 1 = Third Choice?** **Item 2 if Item 1 = Fourth Choice?**			
2	Which school was your first choice?	Multiple Choice	1. Cal State Long Beach 2. Cal State Fullerton 3. Cal State Northridge 4. Cal Poly Pomona 5. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 6. San Diego State University 7. Another campus in the CSU system 8. UCLA 9. Another campus in the UC system 10. Another private university 11. Other (please specify) 12. No answers
3	How important were each of the following reasons in your decision to attend college? 1. I need a degree to find a job 2. I want to enrich myself intellectually and personally 3. My close family or relatives want me to go 4. Social reasons (e.g., many of my friends are going to college) 5. Because later I plan to pursue a graduate degree	Matrix	Not important at all (1) Slightly important (2) Moderately important (3) Important (4) Very Important (5) N/A (6)
	How important were each of the following reasons in your decision to attend Cal State LA? (Mark one for each item)		

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4	1. Cal State LA's academic reputation 2. Affordable tuition and fees 3. The social opportunities available at Cal State LA 4. The diversity of Cal State LA's student population 5. Cal State LA's distance from my home 6. Influence from family members 7. Influence from friends 8. The financial aid package I received 9. Enhancing my opportunities for graduate education 10. Job opportunities available upon graduation 11. A campus visit 12. Information from Cal State LA's website	Matrix	Not important at all (1) Slightly important (2) Moderately important (3) Important (4) Very Important (5) N/A (6)
5	Do you intend to complete a bachelor's degree at Cal State LA?	Multiple Choice	1. Yes 2. No 3. I don't know/No answer
Based on response to question 5, skip to: **Item 7 if Item 5 = Yes** **Item 6 if Item 5 = No**			
6	Why do you not plan to earn a bachelor's degree at Cal State LA?	Multiple Choice	1. I will probably complete a bachelor's degree at another Cal State University (CSU) campus 2. I will probably complete a bachelor's degree at a University of California (UC) campus 3. I will probably complete a bachelor's degree at another public, private, or out-of-state college 4. Other (please specify) 5. No answers
7	How long do you expect it will take for you to earn your bachelor's degree?	Multiple Choice	1. 4 years or less 2. 5 years 3. 6 years 4. 7 years 5. More than 7 years 6. I do not plan to complete a bachelor's degree 7. No answers
Based on response to question 7, skip to: **Item 9 if Item 7 = I do not plan to complete a bachelor's degree**			

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8	At this moment, how certain are you that you will earn a bachelor's degree?	Multiple Choice	1. Not at all certain 2. Slightly certain 3. Moderately certain 4. Certain 5. Very certain 6. No answers
Based on response to question 8, skip to: **Item 9 if Item 8 = Not at all certain** **Item 9 if Item 8 = Slightly certain** **Item 9 if Item 8 = Moderately certain** **Item 10 if Item 8 = Certain** **Item 10 if Item 8 = Very Certain**			
9	Why are you uncertain that you will earn a bachelor's degree, or already plan not to earn a bachelor's degree? (select all that apply)	Multiple Choice [Select all that apply]	1. I am planning to earn a certificate or credential only 2. I don't know if I can afford to stay enrolled until I earn a bachelor's degree 3. I don't know if my grades will be good enough to earn a bachelor's degree 4. My job responsibilities might make it too difficult for me to earn a bachelor's degree 5. My family responsibilities might make it too difficult for me to earn a bachelor's degree 6. I am planning to take classes for personal interest, not to earn a degree 7. I am considering transferring to a community college and maybe earning an associate's degree 8. Other (please specify) 9. No answer
10	What is the highest academic degree you plan to obtain at Cal State LA?	Multiple Choice	1. I do not plan to earn a degree 2. Bachelor's degree 3. Master's degree 4. Ed.D. or Ph.D. 5. No answers
11	What is the highest academic degree you plan to obtain at another institution?	Multiple Choice	1. Bachelor's degree 2. Master's degree 3. Ed.D.

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			4. Ph.D. 5. Other doctoral-level degree 6. Medical degree 7. Dental degree 8. Other health-related degree 9. Law degree 10. None 11. Other (please specify) 12. No answers
12	How often did you do each of the following activities during your senior year of high school? (Mark one for each item) 1. Felt pressured by academic responsibilities 2. Tutored another student 3. Participated in a scientific project or experiment 4. Acted in a play or other performance 5. Took part in a music or dance performance 6. Volunteered to fulfill a class or other requirement 7. Volunteered independently (not required for class) 8. Participated in an organized athletic event 9. Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group	Matrix	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Occasionally 4. Frequently 5. Very frequently 6. N/A
13	How often did you do each of the following activities during your senior year of high school? (Mark one for each item) 1. Smoked cigarettes 2. Drank alcohol 3. Felt unhappy and depressed 4. Failed to submit an assignment on time 5. Had difficulty concentrating in class 6. Felt unmotivated in class 7. Missed or arrived late to class 8. Participated in a class discussion 9. Consulted with a teacher outside of class 10. Presented an argument using logic or critical thinking	Matrix	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Occasionally 4. Frequently 5. Very Frequently 6. N/A
14	During your last year in high school, how many hours per week did you spend in a typical week on the following activities? (Mark one for each item)	Matrix	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Occasionally

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	1. Studying 2. Working for pay 3. Watching TV 4. Participating in sports or exercising 5. Partying 6. Socializing 7. Using the Internet for non-academic services 8. Responding to or writing email 9. Using a social networking service 10. Talking or texting on a cell phone 11. Instant messaging 12. Playing video games or online computer games		4. Frequently 5. Very Frequently 6. N/A
15	As you look to the upcoming year at Cal State LA, how frequently do you expect to experience each of the following? 1. Think of quitting college because of your work/responsibilities at home 2. Have enough time to do class assignments and homework 3. Be the primary caregiver for one or more dependents 4. Contribute financially to your family/significant other/friend 5. Your household chores (e.g., laundry and cooking) will interfere with the amount of time you can spend on schoolwork 6. Have time-consuming leadership responsibilities at Cal State LA or in the community (e.g., at church, volunteer organizations) 7. Have pressure to do well in school 8. Because of the responsibilities at home, there will be less time to focus on school	Matrix	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes 4. Often 5. Very Often 6. N/A
16	During your time at Cal State LA, what is the likelihood of you doing each of the following? (Mark one for each item) 1. Change your major 2. Transfer to another university 3. Leave college before graduating 4. Develop close friendships with your fellow students 5. Join a fraternity or sorority	Matrix	1. Very Unlikely 2. Unlikely 3. Neither likely nor unlikely 4. Likely 5. Very likely 6. N/A

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	6. Join a student club or organization (other than fraternity or sorority) 7. Have a GPA that is 3.0 or higher 8. Seek personal counseling 9. Seek tutoring or other academic support service 10. Create your own original program or activity 11. Travel to another country for educational purposes (Study Abroad, school-sponsored international trips, etc.) 12. Volunteer in the community 13. Complete an internship 14. Engage in community service 15. Take courses from other colleges simultaneously 16. Conduct research in a professor's project 17. Participate in athletics 18. Assume leadership positions in student organizations		
17	During your upcoming freshman year at Cal State LA, about how many hours do you think you will spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? (Mark one for each item) 1. Preparing for class (doing assigned/suggested readings, writing papers, reviewing notes, etc.) 2. Participating in co-curricular activities 3. Volunteering 4. Working for pay 5. Socializing	Matrix	1. None 2. Less than 2 hours 3. 2-5 hours 4. 6-10 hours 5. 11-20 hours 6. Over 20 hours 7. N/A
18	What is your preferred method of course delivery at Cal State LA?	Multiple Choice	1. In-person 2. Hybrid (some online, some in-person) 3. Live online session 4. Recorded online session 5. Mix of all 6. No preference
19	Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following: 1. The study habits and skills that I learned in high school will allow me to succeed academically at Cal State LA	Matrix	1. Strongly Agree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

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	2. The knowledge I gained in high school prepared me well for the rigor of college-level academic work 3. I see great value in obtaining a college education 4. I have the necessary coping and stress management skills 5. I usually turn in assignments on time 6. I usually come to class well prepared 7. Involvement in extracurricular activities at Cal State LA and campus organizations is important to me		6. N/A
20	How important are each of the following to you personally? (Mark one for each item) 1. Achieving academic excellence 2. Receiving the support you need to help you succeed academically 3. Receiving the support you need to thrive socially 4. Dealing with non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.) 5. Interacting with students from different economic social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds 6. Your development as an individual 7. Attending cultural or artistic events 8. Attending athletic events 9. Engaging in activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.) 10. Having conversations with students who vary in their religious beliefs, political opinions, and/or personal values	Matrix	1. Not important 2. Slightly important 3. Moderately important 4. Important 5. Very important 6. N/A
21	How important are each of the following to you personally? (Mark one for each item) 1. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle 2. Participating in events or programs that emphasize innovation and entrepreneurship 3. Participating in programs that promote environmental sustainability 4. People showing respect for one another as individuals 5. A diverse campus environment 6. School spirit	Matrix	1. Not important 2. Slightly important 3. Moderately important 4. Important 5. Very important 6. N/A

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	7. Giving back to the community 8. Developing the skills necessary to conduct research 9. Conducting research that addresses social needs 10. Creating original works of art		
22	How concerned are you about each of the following? (Mark one for each item) 1. Finding the right housing situation for me 2. Getting into my first choice of major 3. Being able to maintain a high enough GPA 4. Being able to balance academic and social activities 5. Being able to make the kind of friends I want 6. Being away from family and friends; being homesick 7. Being able to maintain good health 8. Being able to cope with expectations of parents and family 9. My personal safety on and around the Cal State LA campus 10. Being overwhelmed with all the things I'm expected to do my first term 11. If Cal State LA is the right choice for me	Matrix	1. Not at all concerned 2. Slightly concerned 3. Somewhat concerned 4. Moderately concerned 5. Extremely concerned 6. N/A

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23	Compared to other people your age, how would you describe yourself in the following areas? (Mark one for each item) 1. Ability to succeed academically 2. Ability to create artistic works 3. Drive to succeed 4. Psychological health 5. Physical health 6. Leadership ability 7. Ability to think mathematically 8. Ability to think scientifically 9. Speaking ability 10. Intellectual confidence 11. Social confidence 12. Ability to make friends 13. Ability to manage time 14. Ability to work in groups 15. Empathy toward others 16. Ability to write coherently 17. Ability to write creatively 18. Ethical and moral outlook	Matrix	1. Far below average 2. Below average 3. Average 4. Above average 5. Among the best 6. N/A
The questions below are designed to gather information about your financial background. We appreciate you sharing this information with us.			
24	Which of the following best describes your thoughts regarding your ability to finance your education at Cal State LA?	Multiple choice	1. I am extremely concerned about financing my education 2. I am moderately concerned about financing my education 3. I am somehow concerned about financing my education 4. I am slightly concerned about financing my education 5. I am not at all concerned about financing my education 6. No answers

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25	What is your best estimate of your parents' total household income last year? Consider income from all sources before taxes	Multiple choice	1. Less than $20,000 2. $20,000-29,999 3. $30,000-39,999 4. $40,000-49,999 5. $50,000-59,999 6. $60,000-69,999 7. $70,000-79,999 8. $80,000-89,999 9. $90,000-99,999 10. $100,000 or more 11. No answers
26	How many hours do you expect to work per week while enrolled at Cal State LA?	Multiple choice	1. None 2. 1-5 3. 6-10 4. 11-15 5. 16-20 6. 21-25 7. 26-30 8. 31-35 9. 36-39 10. 40 or more 11. No answers

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If Q26 = None: Skip to Q28			
27	Please rate the level of importance of the following reasons for working while enrolled at Cal State LA: 1. To help pay for my college education (tuition, books, etc.) 2. To take care of personal or family obligations 3. To earn spending money (clothes, food, gas, etc.) 4. To gain work experience	Matrix	1. Very important 2. Important 3. Moderately important 4. Slightly important 5. Not at all important 6. N/A
28	Do you expect to have a reliable method of getting to school? (if you are commuting)	Multiple choice	1. Never 2. Sometimes 3. Often 4. Very Often 5. All the time 6. N/A - I am not commuting to school 7. No answers
29	Were you born in the U.S.? If you are an international student, please select the third option.	Multiple choice	1. Yes 2. No 3. I am an international student 4. No answers
If Q29 = No: Skip to Q30 **If Q29 = Yes: Skip to Q31** **If Q29 = I am an international student: Skip to Q33**			
30	When did you first come to the U.S. to live?	Multiple choice	1. less than 3 years ago 2. 3 years ago 3. 4 years ago 4. 5 years ago 5. 6-10 years ago 6. 11-15 years ago 7. More than 15 years ago

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			8. No answers
31	To the best of your knowledge, how many of your biological grandparents were born in the United States?	Multiple choice	1. 0 2. 1 3. 2 4. 3 5. 4
32	What is the primary language spoken in your home?	Multiple choice with response	1. English 2. Another language [response] 3. English plus another language [response] 4. Others [response]
33	Please rate your support system to help you succeed at Cal State LA. 1. Family 2. Friends 3. Other (church, etc)	Matrix	1. Very supportive 2. Supportive 3. Moderately supportive 4. Not at all supportive 5. N/A
34	Do you feel pressure from family members to do well in school?	Multiple choice	1. Never 2. Yes, rarely 3. Yes, sometimes 4. Yes, very often 5. Yes, always 6. No answers

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35	What is your current religion, if any?	Multiple choice	1. Christian/Protestant/Methodist/Lutheran/Baptist 2. Catholic 3. Mormon 4. Greek or Russian Orthodox 5. Jewish 6. Muslim 7. Buddhist 8. Hindu 9. Atheist or agnostic 10. Nothing in particular 11. Other [response] 12. No answers
36	As your first day at Cal State LA approaches, what most excites you?	Open response	
37	As your first day at Cal State LA approaches, what most concerns you?	Open response	
38	Please provide any suggestions you have for improving this survey or describe any problems you had with completing the survey (e.g., confusing questions, lack of options that applied to you, etc.).	Open response	