What Do We Know About Miami Students?

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Questions to Consider

- What else should I know about the students with whom I work?
- How can I obtain that information?
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What do we know about incoming Miami students?
Incoming Student Demographics

- 7% international
- 13% domestic minority
- 61% of domestic students are from Ohio; 70% are from Ohio or surrounding states.

Incoming Student Demographics

- 33% are Roman Catholic
- 38% other Christian religions
- 22% report no religious preference
  - Steady increase since 2004
Academic Background

• Academically strong
• 29% graduated from a private high school
• 10% of first-year students have enough credits to qualify as a sophomore or junior

Academic Background

• Asked questions in class frequently (61%) or occasionally (37%)
• Nearly half were frequently bored in class (47%)
• Fell asleep in class (43%)
Student Activities

- Performed volunteer work (92%)
- Participated in student groups/clubs (80%)
- Studied 3 – 5 hours per week
- Partied 1-2 hours per week
- Socialized with friends 6-10 hours per week

Health and Wellness

- Were frequently overwhelmed by all they had to do (37%)
- Frequently or occasionally felt depressed (41%)
- Nearly half drank beer (45%) or wine or liquor (49%)
- Some smoked cigarettes (9%)
Incoming Students Choose Miami Because of Its...

- Academic reputation
- Ability to help them find jobs or get into grad. school
- Reputation for social activities

Incoming Students Expect to...

- Be satisfied with Miami (97%)
- Participate in volunteer or community service work (75%)
- Participate in student clubs/groups (92%)
- Seek personal counseling (45%)
Incoming Students Expect to...

- Make at least a “B” average (98%)
- Communicate regularly with their professors (91%)
- Get tutoring help in specific courses (75%)
- Plan to obtain more than a bachelor’s degree (77%)

Incoming Students Expect to...

- Transfer to another college before graduating (14%)
  - Very good chance – 2%
  - Some chance – 12%
Incoming Students

- Academically strong
- High expectations for college performance and co-curricular engagement
- View Miami as a strong school
- Bored in class
- Some students anticipate transferring
- Some overwhelmed and depressed
- Already drink alcohol
What happens during Miami students’ first year at college?

Academic Experiences

- 97% were retained through their first year.
- 95% were in good academic standing
- Students score in the 98th percentile on the CLA
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Academic Experiences

• Changed their major (35%)
• Remained undecided about their major (20%)
• Nearly half were frequently bored in class (44%)
• Fell asleep in class (37%)
• Frequently ask questions in class (25%)

Academic Experiences

• Levels of student engagement that are comparable to students at similar institutions
  • Academic Challenge
  • Learning with Peers
  • Experiences with Faculty
  • Campus Environment
Student Activities

- Performed volunteer work (63%) ↓
- Participated in student groups/clubs (79%) —
- Studied 6-10 hours per week ↑
- Partied 1-2 hours per week —
- Socialized with friends 6-10 hours per week —

Health and Wellness

- Were frequently overwhelmed by all they had to do (49%) ↑
- Felt depressed (58%) ↑
- Felt lonely or homesick (69%)
- Felt isolated from campus life (56%)
- Sought personal counseling (13%)
Health and Wellness
- Approximately half drank beer (49%) or wine or liquor (55%)
- A small percentage smoked cigarettes (11%)
- During the past two weeks, had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row (31%)

Sense of Belonging
- See themselves as part of the campus community (80%)
- Feel valued at this institution (77%)
- Feel a sense of belonging to the campus (77%)
- Are satisfied with their overall college experience (77%)
After their first year at Miami...

- 90% remained until their sophomore year
- International students are more likely to be retained (92%) than are domestic students.
  - However, international students are more likely to leave between their sophomore and junior year.
First-Year Students...

- Remain academically strong but unsure about major.
- Still show signs of boredom with academics, but academic engagement comparable to students at other public universities.
- Many participate in clubs/groups.
- Feelings of being overwhelmed, depression, and drinking are up.
- Most feel like part of the community, but we’re losing some students.

What do we know about Miami seniors?
Academic Experiences

• Students score in the 93\textsuperscript{rd} percentile on the CLA \downarrow
• Were less likely to report being frequently bored in class (30\%) \downarrow
• Were less likely to fall asleep in class (28\%) \downarrow
• Were more likely to ask questions in class frequently (47\%) \uparrow

Academic Experiences

• Higher levels of student engagement than students at similar institutions
  • Academic Challenge \uparrow
  • Learning with Peers \uparrow
  • Experiences with Faculty \uparrow
  • Campus Environment \uparrow
Student Activities

- Performed volunteer work (77%)
- Participated in student groups/clubs (81%)
- Studied 6-10 hours per week
- Partied 3-5 hours per week
- Socialized with friends 6-10 hours per week

High-Impact Practices

- Miami students are far more likely to have engaged in a “high-impact practice” compared to students at similar institutions.
Health and Wellness

• Were less likely to report being frequently overwhelmed (40%) ↓
  • 7% of students did not feel at all overwhelmed
• Felt depressed (58%) —
• Sought personal counseling (27%) ↑
Health and Wellness

- The majority drank beer (81%) or wine or liquor (91%) ↑
- The percentage of students who smoked cigarettes doubled since students first arrived on campus (18%) ↑
- Were more likely, during the past two weeks, to drink five or more alcoholic drinks in a row (64%) ↑

Sense of Belonging

- See themselves as part of the campus community (81%) —
- Feel valued at this institution (86%) ↑
- Feel a sense of belonging to the campus (80%) —
- Are satisfied with their overall college experience (87%) ↑
By their senior year at Miami...

- 66% will graduate within four years; 79% will graduate within six years.
  - Among international students, only 70% will graduate in six years.

Within six months after graduation...

- 99% of job-seeking graduates are employed.
- 78% of graduates who applied to graduate or professional school received at least one offer of admission.
- 19% of all graduates are enrolled in school
Seniors

- More engaged academically.
- Still involved in clubs and volunteering.
- Much more likely to engage in high-impact practices.
- Less overwhelmed.
- Drinking continues to increase.
- Still feel like part of the community.

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  – www.MiamiOH.edu/OIR
  – Data Sources
    • CIRP Freshman Survey
    • College Senior Survey (CSS)
    • Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)
    • National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
    • Post-Graduation Follow-Up Project
    • Your First Year College Survey (YFCY)

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How do we bring assessments to the ground level?
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