

CURRENT STUDENT SURVEY, FALL 1996

OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Annually, Oakton surveys students from a random sample of classes to learn about students' perceptions of their experiences at Oakton. **Your responses are very valuable to us.** All responses are completely confidential, but feel free to omit any item you are uncomfortable answering. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS YELLOW SURVEY THIS FALL, PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT ANOTHER.** The survey takes 15 to 20 minutes.

1. What times do your classes meet **this semester**? (Please check one.)

- (1) _____ 1. Days only (Monday-Friday)
_____ 2. Evenings only (Monday-Thursday)
_____ 3. Weekends only (Friday night, Saturday, and/or Sunday)
_____ 4. Combination of days, evenings and/or weekends

2. During your time at Oakton, not just this semester, at which campus have you taken most of your classes?

- (2) _____ 1. Des Plaines Campus _____ 2. Ray Hartstein Campus (Skokie)

ACADEMICS

3. What is your main objective in attending Oakton?

- (3) _____ 1. To earn a degree and transfer to a 4-year college or university
_____ 2. To take courses before transferring elsewhere (but not to earn a degree at Oakton)
_____ 3. To earn a degree or certificate in a career program and find a job in my field
_____ 4. To take courses to help me at my job or to help me reenter the labor force
_____ 5. To take courses for general interest or for personal enrichment
_____ 6. Other (please specify _____)

4. What is your current program at Oakton? (Please enter the appropriate code from the back page.)

- (4-6) _____ (3-digit code number)

5. For how many courses are you enrolled **this semester** (Fall 1996)? For how many credit hours?

- (7,8-9) _____ courses this fall. _____ total semester credit hours this fall. (**Continue with Question 8.**)

6. Are you attending Oakton for the first time this fall?

- (10) _____ Yes (**If "Yes", continue with Question 7.**)
_____ No (**If "No", please SKIP to Question 8.**)

7. If you are new to Oakton this fall, please tell us, in a few words, what are the most important factors in your decision to enroll at Oakton this fall?

(If you are new to Oakton this fall, please SKIP to Question 10.)

8. If you have been **enrolled at Oakton before** this semester, how much college credit have you earned at Oakton? How many semesters (including summers) **NOT counting this term** have you been enrolled at Oakton? (Please enter the number.) **If you are new to Oakton this fall, please SKIP to Question 10.**

(11-12, 13-14) _____ credit hours _____ semesters not including this term.

(If you have been enrolled at Oakton before, please CONTINUE with Question 9.)

9. In about how many of your Oakton classes have you done the following types of activity? (Circle frequency for each.) **If you are new to Oakton this fall, please SKIP to Question 10.**

		Number of classes			
		None	1/4 or fewer	About half	3/4 or more
(15)	Analyze meaning in complex thoughts or ideas	0	1	2	3
(16)	Discuss an example of fine arts or literature	0	1	2	3
(17)	Discuss pros and cons among alternatives	0	1	2	3
(18)	Do a group project for a class	0	1	2	3
(19)	Evaluate the work of other students in a class	0	1	2	3
(20)	Examine contemporary issues in a global context	0	1	2	3
(21)	Explain effects of different human behaviors	0	1	2	3
(22)	Give an oral presentation or speech in class	0	1	2	3
(23)	Give instructor informal feedback on how well class is going	0	1	2	3
(24)	Go on a field trip, or do a practicum or other field experience	0	1	2	3
(25)	Investigate a question scientifically	0	1	2	3
(26)	Listen and repeat what you heard	0	1	2	3
(27)	Meet with instructor outside of class to discuss course-work	0	1	2	3
(28)	Participate in class discussions	0	1	2	3
(29)	Read about racial, ethnic, and multi-cultural diversity	0	1	2	3
(30)	Read assignments about women or gender issues	0	1	2	3
(31)	Read closely to notice relationships among ideas	0	1	2	3
(32)	Receive graded assignments back within a week	0	1	2	3
(33)	Solve mathematical problems	0	1	2	3
(34)	Take essay exams or quizzes	0	1	2	3
(35)	Turn in drafts of written work, then revise for final version	0	1	2	3
(36)	Use a computer	0	1	2	3
(37)	Write a paper less than 5 pages in length	0	1	2	3
(38)	Write a paper 5 or more pages in length	0	1	2	3

10. If you have dropped at least one course this semester, check any of the following that were contributing factors: (CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY.)

(39,40) _____ Conflict with work _____ Course scheduling conflict
 (41,42) _____ Computer equipment not working _____ Course too difficult
 (43,44) _____ Course not what I expected _____ Other (Please specify: _____)

11. Have you access to a computer: (Please circle "Yes" or "No" for each.)

(45,46) At home? **Yes No** At work? **Yes No**

12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements. (If you have not used, please circle "0" and go on to the next item.)

		Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	HAVE NOT USED
(47)	Computer labs for student use are reliable and up-to-date.	1	2	3	4	0
(48)	Computer labs are open at times when I would like to use them.	1	2	3	4	0
(49)	Computer lab fees are appropriate for the amount of time I use the labs.	1	2	3	4	0

13. Were you asked to complete assessment (placement) tests in mathematics, reading, or writing this fall?

(50) _____ Yes If Yes, please continue with parts A and B below.
 _____ No **If "No", please skip to Question 14.**

A. Were you able to do your best work when you were tested for placement in English or mathematics courses this fall?

(51) _____ Yes _____ No If "No", what kind of problem did you encounter?

B. Do you think your placement this fall in English and mathematics courses was appropriate? (Please circle the **number** best reflecting your view.)

	Was appropriate	Was not appropriate	WAS NOT PLACED THIS FALL
(52)	English Composition 1	2	0
(53)	Reading 1	2	0
(54)	Mathematics 1	2	0

14. About how often in the past year, have you attended or performed in a concert, play, or other event at the College's Performing Arts Center?

(55-56,57-58) Attended _____ times a year. Performed _____ times a year.

15. Have you been enrolled for either of the following:

(59) Continuing education through Alliance for Lifelong Learning (formerly MONNACEP) **Yes No**
 (60) Continuing education through Institute for Business and Professional Development **Yes No**

16. How satisfied are you with the following college programs and services. (For any you have not used, please circle "0" and go on to the next item.)

		Very Dissatisfied	1	2	3	4	Very Satisfied	HAVE NOT USED
(61)	Admissions information about Oakton	1	2	3	4	0		
(62)	Advising for courses to take in the next term	1	2	3	4	0		
(63)	Advising for long-range planning	1	2	3	4	0		
(64)	Counseling about personal concerns	1	2	3	4	0		
(65)	Registration for courses	1	2	3	4	0		

17. How confident are you that attending Oakton has been a good decision for you?

(66) **Not at all Confident** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Extremely Confident**

FAMILY, EMPLOYMENT, AND FINANCES

18. The next three questions are about your parents:

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| (67) | Did at least one attend college (even if neither earned a degree)? | Yes | No |
| (68) | Did at least one earn a bachelor's (4-year college) degree? | Yes | No |
| (69) | Do you currently live with at least one of your parents? | Yes | No |

(70-71) 19. What is your native language, if not English? _____

(#2:1-2) 20. In which languages, other than English, are you fluent? _____

21. About how many hours weekly are you currently employed (other than as homemaker in your own home)?
If you are not currently employed, please write in a zero and skip to Question 25.

(3-4) _____ hours per week.

22. If you are currently employed, whether full-time or part-time, please identify your employer. Enter the coded number if listed below. Otherwise write in your employer on the blank following the codes:

(5-6) _____ Code number from this list: **If self employed, enter 99.**

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| 1. Ameritech | 11. Lord and Taylor | 21. Subway Sandwich |
| 2. Carson, Pirie, Scott | 12. Lutheran General Hosp. | 22. Target |
| 3. Dominick's Foods | 13. Marshall Field's | 23. United Parcel Service |
| 4. Evanston Hospital | 14. McDonald's | 24. U.S. military (any branch) |
| 5. First Chgo-NBD Bank | 15. Motorola | 25. U.S. government agency |
| 6. J. C. Penny | 16. Oakton Community Coll. | 26. U.S. Postal Service |
| 7. Jewel - Osco | 17. Pizza Hut | 27. Venture |
| 8. Glenbrook Hospital | 18. Rush - No. Shore Medical | 28. Walgreen Drug |
| 9. Holy Family Hospital | 19. Sears, Roebuck | 29. Wal-Mart |
| 10. K-Mart | 20. Sport-Mart | 30. YMCA |

(7-30) Name of employer if not listed above: _____

23. If you are employed by Oakton (# 16 in last question), are you a regular or a student employee?

(31) _____ 1. regular employee _____ 2. student employee

24. Are you currently participating in Oakton's Business Service Agreement program? (This is the program for students who live outside the district, are employed within the district, and pay in-district tuition.)

(32) _____ Yes _____ No

25. During your time at Oakton, have you had class presentations, assignments, or other course activities to help you become more aware of employment opportunities and needed qualifications?

(33) **In hardly any of my classes** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **In most of my classes**

26. Have you or members of your immediate family been involuntarily unemployed for more than two weeks' duration during the twelve month period, September 1995 through August 1996? (Involuntarily unemployed means being laid off, fired, forced to resign or to retire.)

(34) _____ 0. No.
_____ 1. Yes, myself, and I am usually the main wage-earner in my immediate family.
_____ 2. Yes, myself, and I am NOT usually the main wage-earner in my immediate family.
_____ 3. Yes, not me, but the main wage-earner in my immediate family.
_____ 4. Yes, others in my immediate family.

27. Oakton often applies for monetary grants that require the College to provide general information about students' incomes. It will help Oakton to win some of these grants if you answer the following questions to the best of your ability. This information is summarized statistically and will be kept strictly confidential.

A. What was your **personal** 1995 income before taxes?

(35) _____ 1. Up to \$ 7,740 _____ 4. \$ 11,611 - \$ 12,980 _____ 7. \$ 19,471 - \$ 23,400
_____ 2. \$ 7,741 - \$ 10,360 _____ 5. \$ 12,981 - \$ 15,600 _____ 8. \$ 23,401 - \$ 27,330
_____ 3. \$ 10,361 - \$ 11,610 _____ 6. \$ 15,601 - \$ 19,470 _____ 9. Over \$ 27,330

B. What was the 1995 income before taxes of your **household**? If you live with your parents and are **not** self-supporting, estimate **their** income only. If you are self-supporting, whether living alone or with parents, indicate your income. Include the income of your spouse but **not** your dependents.

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(37-38) C. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? _____ persons

28. In what country were you born?

(39-40) ____1. U. S. ____2. Other (What country? _____)

29. In what country did you grow up?

(41-42) ____1. U. S. ____2. Other (What country? _____)

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES BEFORE ATTENDING OAKTON

30. Where was the high school from which you graduated?

(43) ____1. In the Oakton District (Evanston, Glenbrook, Loyola, Maine, Marillac, New Trier, Niles, Notre Dame, Regina, or Willows)
____2. In Illinois, but not in the Oakton District
____3. In the U.S., but not in Illinois
____4. Outside the U.S.
____5. Completed GED instead.

31. What was your status when you **first** enrolled at Oakton?

(44) ____1. First semester at any college or university. **(If "1", please skip to Question 35.)**
____2. Transferred to Oakton from another 2-year college.
____3. Transferred to Oakton from a 4-year college or university.
____4. Already had a bachelor's degree.

32. If you were enrolled elsewhere **before** coming to Oakton, how much college credit had you completed?

(45) ____0. Had not attended any other college or university. **(If "1", please skip to Question 35.)**
____1. 1-14 semester credits or 1-22 quarter credits
____2. 15-29 semester credits or 23-44 quarter credits
____3. 30-59 semester credits or 45-89 quarter credits
____4. 60 or more semester credits or 90 or more quarter credits, but no bachelor's degree
____5. Bachelor's degree or higher.

33. If you attended a college or university before coming to Oakton, please identify the **last** such school. (Enter its number from the list below. If not listed, write in its name and location in the lines following the code numbers. **If you have not attended any other college, please skip to Question 35.**)• TD -0.unt4. 6 D24 Wh

34. Compare your courses at Oakton with courses you have taken at other U. S. colleges or universities.
(If you have not attended any other U. S. colleges or universities, skip to Question 35.)

- (54) **Oakton classes are easier** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Oakton classes are harder**
- (55) **Oakton requires less homework** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Oakton requires more homework**

35. If you had it to do over again, would you attend Oakton?

- (56) **Definitely not** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Definitely yes**

ABOUT YOURSELF

(57-58,59) 36. Year of Birth: 19 ____ ____ and Gender: ____ Male ____ Female

(60) 37. Racial/ethnic identity (optional):

- ____ 1. Afro-American ____ 3. Caucasian (white) ____ 5. Native American / Alaskan
____ 2. Asian or Pacific Islander ____ 4. Hispanic ____ 6. Other or prefer not to answer

38. Your student ID number at Oakton (usually social security number). (For research purposes only.)

(61-69) _____ - _____ - _____

THANK YOU for participating in this survey. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

Please return your completed form and the yellow coupon for the drawing to your instructor, or to the return box marked "Student Surveys" at the Information Desk (Des Plaines Campus), or at the Faculty Support office, room B-206 (Skokie Campus).

CURRICULUM PROGRAM CODE NUMBERS

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>TRANSFER</u>	
Liberal Arts (A.A.)	700
General Business (A.A.)	500
Engineering (A.S.E.)	850
General Science (A.S.)	650
<u>CAREER</u>	
Accounting Associate	005
Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology	060
Architectural Technology and Interiors	024
Automotive Service Excellence (Certificate program)	033
Automotive Technology (Apprenticeship)	031
Biomedical Electronics Technology	050
Certified Professional Secretary Certificate	081
Computer Information Systems	120
Construction Management	453
Early Childhood Education	070
Electronics Servicing Certificate	162
Electronics Technology	165
Facilities Operation & Engineering	365
Financial Services	202
Fire Science Technology	180
Food and Beverage Operations Management	217
Health Information Technology (formerly Medical Record Tech)	285
Hotel Management	215
Human Services Certificate	209
International Trade	201
Law Enforcement	240
Machine Technology (Apprenticeship)	256
Management and Supervision	226
Manufacturing Technology	274
Marketing Management	265
Materials Management	269
Mechanical Design	270
Medical Laboratory Technology	280
Nursing	320
Office Systems Technology	301
Physical Therapist Assistant	360
Real Estate	390
Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate	211