

Student Handbook Survey

This is a survey created and administered as part of a project in ENGL 210E to help our group create a student handbook for incoming first-year students. Aimed at collecting basic information and first-year opinions from the undergraduate student population, the results of this short survey will be used to create an audience profile, helping us better understand the target audience of the handbook.

At the end of the survey, there is an option for your anonymous short-answer question results to be included in the final handbook deliverable. If you choose to opt-in, your response(s) may be featured in an opinion/advice section. We will only include responses if given explicit permission to do so.

This survey is partitioned into three main sections that our handbook may potentially cover: navigation, student life, and food. There is a maximum of (32) multiple choice and (9) short answer questions

Upon completing the full survey, your email address will be entered in a draw where three people will win \$10, redeemable via e-transfer. Winners will be notified via email from our team's gmail account, OrangeDraftGroup@gmail.com.

* Required

1. Email address *

2. Would you like to participate in this survey? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes Skip to question 2.

☐ No Skip to question 77.

Survey Participation Eligibility #1

Please answer the following question to continue with the survey.

3. Are you a student currently enrolled at the University of Waterloo? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes Skip to question 3.

☐ No Skip to question 77.

Survey Participation Eligibility #2

Please answer the following question to continue with the survey.

4. What type of degree are you currently pursuing? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Bachelor's Skip to question 4.

☐ Master's Skip to question 77.

☐ Doctoral Skip to question 77.

Current Academic Term

Let us know what term you're in.

5. What is your current academic term? (If on co-op, select most recently completed term) **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ 1A *Skip to question 5.*
- ☐ 1B *Skip to question 5.*
- ☐ 2A *Skip to question 41.*
- ☐ 2B *Skip to question 41.*
- ☐ 3A *Skip to question 41.*
- ☐ 3B *Skip to question 41.*
- ☐ 4A *Skip to question 41.*
- ☐ 4B *Skip to question 41.*
- ☐ Other *Skip to question 41.*

Tell us a bit about yourself.

Give us some basic background information about who you are. (5 Q's)

6. What is your sex? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other: _____

7. How confident are you in your English abilities? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not confident

8. What is your student status? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Canadian Citizen
- ☐ International

9. What faculty are you in? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Mathematics *After the last question in this section, skip to question 10.*
- ☐ Engineering *After the last question in this section, skip to question 17.*
- ☐ Applied Health Sciences *After the last question in this section, skip to question 17.*
- ☐ Arts *After the last question in this section, skip to question 17.*
- ☐ Environment *After the last question in this section, skip to question 17.*
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10. What is your current/anticipated major? *

Math faculty student questions

Let us know a little bit about your experience as a student in the math faculty.

11. Do you have difficulties knowing which courses to take in order to fulfill your degree requirements? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No

12. Do you have difficulties finding out when and/or where office hours are? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No

13. How often do you attend office hours? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Often (couple times per week)
- ☐ Sometimes (couple times per month)
- ☐ Occasionally (couple times per term)
- ☐ Never (don't visit office hours)

14. How often do you attend the Tutorial Center? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Often (couple times per week)
- ☐ Sometimes (couple times per month)
- ☐ Occasionally (couple times per term)
- ☐ Never (don't attend)

15. Do you have difficulties finding the Tutorial Center? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No
- ☐ What is the Tutorial Center?

16. How often do you consult an academic adviser? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Often (more than 3 times per term)
- ☐ Sometimes (twice per term)
- ☐ Occasionally (once per term)
- ☐ Never

17. How familiar are you with the academic advisers on campus and their office locations? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Not familiar

Navigation

Tell us about difficulties encountered while navigating campus, buildings, school websites, etc. (9 Q's)

18. Which of the following websites do you have most trouble using or navigating? **Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Quest
- ☐ Learn
- ☐ Course Websites
- ☐ Portal
- ☐ Leads
- ☐ WaterlooWorks
- ☐ Piazza
- ☐ Crowdmark
- ☐ Marmoset
- ☐ Markus
- ☐ Other: _____

19. Do you have a hard time navigating the campus? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No

20. What buildings did you have the most trouble finding on campus?

21. What buildings do you think are the hardest to navigate on campus?

22. How familiar are you with the bus stops on campus? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very familiar (know where almost all are)
- ☐ Somewhat familiar (know where a couple are)
- ☐ Not familiar (don't know any)

23. How familiar are you with the bus routes, especially those that go through campus? *

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- ☐ Very familiar (know of and have used almost all buses)
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- ☐ Not very familiar (used a couple buses, but didn't know where they were taking me or where to get off)
- ☐ Not familiar (never used buses to commute in Waterloo)

24. How often do you use the bus to commute? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Always (everyday)
- ☐ Often (every other day)
- ☐ Sometimes (once or twice per week)
- ☐ Occasionally (at least once per month)
- ☐ Never

25. How familiar are you with tunnels and sky-walks on campus? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very familiar (know most of them)
- ☐ Somewhat familiar (know a couple of them)
- ☐ Not familiar (don't know any)

26. How often do you use tunnels and sky-walks to travel across campus? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Always (couple times per week)
- ☐ Often (couple times per month)
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- ☐ Never (don't use them)

University Life

Tell us about what you do for fun and how much you know about university life.

27. How many clubs/associations/teams are you aware of? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1 to 3
- ☐ 4 to 6
- ☐ 8+

28. How many clubs/associations/teams are you an active member of? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ 0
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29. How familiar are you with activities/events on campus? **Mark only one oval.*

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30. Do you consider yourself to be a student who has a lot of free time? **Mark only one oval.*

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32. Where do you typically go to have fun? **Mark only one oval.*

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34. What does the phrase "student life" mean for you?

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Food

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End of Survey

Thank you for participating in our survey! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send us an email at OrangeDraftGroup@gmail.com.

78. Do you give us permission to use your short-answer results from this survey in our handbook? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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