

College-In-Prison Survey of Student Engagement

We welcome your responses to questions about your college experiences. Faculty, administrators, and researchers will use this information to improve the learning experience for all incarcerated students taking college-level courses.

Your response matters!

1. Which of the following best describes your current plan of study?

- Certificate program
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Other degree or credential
- My classes do not earn credit

2. During the current academic term, about how often have you done the following?

- | | Very often | Often | Some-times | Never |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Gave a presentation to the class | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper before turning it in | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Worked on a paper or project that required you to use ideas or information from multiple sources | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Come to class without completing readings or assignments | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Worked with other students during class | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Shared equipment or materials during class | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Worked with classmates outside of class because you were instructed to do so | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. Worked with classmates outside of class of your own choice | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| l. Received prompt feedback from instructors on your performance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| m. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with people outside of class (students, family members, non-students) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| n. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| o. Missed a class due to facility decisions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| p. Chosen to skip a class | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| q. Genuinely enjoyed a class | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| r. Formally or informally mentored another student | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| s. Discussed future goals with a faculty or staff member | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| t. Modified your behavior in order to stay enrolled | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

3. During the current academic term, how much has your coursework emphasized the following?

- | | Very much | Quite a bit | Some | Very little |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Memorizing course material | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

4. During the current academic term, about how many of the following have you been assigned (including those not yet completed)?

- a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or course packets:
- | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| None | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | More than 20 |
- b. Number of written papers or reports of any length:
- | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| None | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | More than 20 |

5. During the current academic term, to what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Not at all | | | | | | Very much |

6. To the best of your knowledge, are the following types of courses offered in your college program?

- | | Yes | No | I don't know |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. English as a second language course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Developmental reading course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Developmental writing course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Developmental math course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

7. Have you taken any of the following types of courses in your current program?

- | | Yes | No | I don't know |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. English as a second language course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Developmental reading course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Developmental writing course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Developmental math course | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

8. How much does this college emphasize the following?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Providing support to help you succeed academically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Helping you understand how your enrollment in this program is funded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Helping you understand how Pell Grants work for incarcerated students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. How much has your experience in this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Writing clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Speaking clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Analyzing numerical and statistical information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Working effectively with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Learning effectively on your own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Being an informed and active citizen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Discovering a personal passion or purpose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. While in your current college program, about how often have you used the following support services?

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not applicable
a. Academic advising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Career counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Job placement assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Peer tutoring or other student help with homework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Writing center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Math lab	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Financial aid advising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Computer lab	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Student organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Library resources and services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Research services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. While in your current college program, how satisfied have you been with the following support services?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Some-what satisfied	Not at all satisfied	Not applicable
a. Academic advising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Career counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Job placement assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Peer tutoring or other student help with homework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Writing center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Math lab	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Financial aid advising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Computer lab	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Student organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Library resources and services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Research services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Have you been assigned a tablet for use while incarcerated?

Yes No

If yes:

	Yes	No	Not applicable
a. Is the tablet required for coursework?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Is your tablet functioning now?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Who provides your tablet?	<input type="text"/>		

13. Have you been assigned a laptop computer for use while incarcerated?

Yes No

If yes:

	Yes	No	Not applicable
a. Is the laptop required for coursework?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Is your laptop functioning now?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Who provides your laptop?	<input type="text"/>		

14. How well can you access research databases or in-house library resources on any computer or device?

	Very well	Moderately well	Not well at all	Not applicable
14. How well can you access research databases or in-house library resources on any computer or device?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. How well can you access the internet on any computer or device?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. How well can you access the internet on any computer or device?

16. How satisfied are you with your access to technology to complete your assignments (computers, devices, research databases, etc.)?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

17. How flexible are your faculty in how you complete your assignments (trying different styles, creative ideas, ways to submit, etc.)?

- Very flexible
- Flexible
- Somewhat flexible
- Not at all flexible

18. How might an instructor be flexible with the way you complete an assignment?

19. Which of the following best describes your experience with this college's orientation?

Mark only one.

- I took part in an online orientation prior to the beginning of classes.
- I attended an in-person orientation prior to the beginning of classes.
- I enrolled in an orientation course as part of my course schedule during my first academic term.
- I was not aware of a college orientation.
- I was unable to participate in orientation due to facility reasons (ticket, write-up, pass, etc.).

20. Which of the following did you experience when you first started in this program?

Mark all that apply.

- Participated in a first-year experience program
- Participated in a student success course
- Help from an advisor to develop an academic plan
- Help from an advisor to understand how your financial aid and Pell funds work

21. How likely are the following issues to cause you to withdraw from classes at this college?

	Very likely	Quite likely	Somewhat likely	Not likely at all
a. Financial issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Stress or mental health issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Lack of motivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Lack of academic preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Other work obligations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Substance use or abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Living conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Facility issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. How supportive of you attending this college are the following?

	Very supportive	Quite supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not supportive at all
a. Your friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Your immediate family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. DOC facility staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Which of the following best fit your reasons for attending this college?

Mark all that apply.

- To complete a certificate
- To earn an associate's degree
- To earn a bachelor's degree
- To complete a degree that you started elsewhere
- To gain job-related skills
- To make a fresh start in life
- For self-improvement
- Personal enjoyment
- To reduce the length of time in incarceration
- Other, please specify: _____

24. Which of the following sources do you or your family use to pay for tuition at this college?

Mark all that apply.

- Your own income/savings
- Income/savings from family
- Student loans
- Pell grants
- State grants
- Other institutional support
- I don't know
- I have not received a financial statement from my college/university

25. About how much are you paying out of pocket for the current academic term?

- \$0
- \$1-\$500
- \$501-\$1,000
- \$1,001-\$2,000
- \$2,001-\$5,000
- More than \$5,000
- I don't know

26. After the current academic term, which of the following best describes your plans for continued enrollment at this college?

Mark only one.

- I will accomplish my goals during this academic term and will not be returning.
- I will complete a certificate or degree and have applied to continue my education at this college.
- I will complete a certificate or degree and expect to continue my studies at this college.
- I am enrolled next semester.
- I have no plans to return.
- I am not sure about my plans for continued enrollment at this college.

27. In addition to college, are you in another program?

- Yes
- No

a. If yes, what other program(s) are you in?

28. What have most of your grades been since starting at this college?

- A
- A-
- B+
- B
- B-
- C+
- C
- C- or lower

29. What is your grade-point average (GPA)? _____

30. When do you take most of your classes at this college?

- Monday through Friday during the day
- Monday through Friday during the evening
- Weekends (Saturday and/or Sunday)

31. How are most of your courses offered at this college?

- Face-to-face
- Online tablet
- Hybrid (a combination of face-to-face and online)
- Offline tablet
- Correspondence

32. To date, about how many credit hours have you completed at this college?

- 0
- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- More than 50
- I don't know

33. If you attend full time and complete all requirements, about how long does it take to complete your program?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- More than 4 years

34. In your program, what is the length of an academic "term?"

- One year
- One semester
- One six- or eight-week session
- Other

35. How many academic terms have you completed at this college?

- 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 More than 6

36. Are you enrolled in college full-time or part-time?

- Full-time
 Part-time

37. How likely would you recommend this college to other incarcerated people?

- Very likely
- Quite likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not at all likely

38. How would you evaluate your overall educational experience at this college?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

39. What year were you born?

40. How would you describe your gender identity?

Mark **all that apply**.

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary, or gender non-conforming
- Trans/Transgender
- Questioning or unsure
- Another gender identity, please specify: _____

I prefer not to respond

41. Please answer the following:

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Are you married? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Do you have dependents/children? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Is English your first language? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

42. How would you describe yourself?

Mark **all that apply**.

- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic, Latina/o, Latine, or Latinx
- Indigenous, American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White or European American
- Another race or ethnicity
- I prefer not to respond

43. What is the highest level of education completed by any of your parents, guardians, or those who raised you? (Mark only one.)

- Did not finish high school
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Attended college but did not complete degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- I prefer not to respond

44. What best describes your living situation?

- General population
- Designated dorm for both students and non-students
- Designated dorm for students only
- Other, please specify: _____

45. What level facility are you housed in? _____

46. What is your EPRD (Earliest Possible Release Date)? _____

47. What has been most satisfying about your experience so far in this college program, and what has been most disappointing?