

**First-Year Experience Survey  
Fall 2009  
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1. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following:

- a. I'm more tense/nervous than I expected.
- b. I know my academic adviser.
- c. My academic adviser is approachable.
- d. My peer mentor is approachable.
- e. I have made a commitment to being at Coastal Carolina University.
- f. I'm adjusting well to Coastal Carolina University.
- g. I'm making friends at Coastal Carolina University.
- h. I plan to transfer to another university.

| Strongly Agree | Agree         | Disagree      | Strongly Disagree | Not Applicable |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 61<br>4.78%    | 239<br>18.75% | 590<br>46.27% | 355<br>27.84%     | 30<br>2.35%    |
| 372<br>28.79%  | 789<br>61.07% | 86<br>6.66%   | 33<br>2.55%       | 12<br>0.93%    |
| 487<br>37.78%  | 666<br>51.67% | 79<br>6.13%   | 28<br>2.17%       | 29<br>2.25%    |
| 530<br>41.41%  | 601<br>46.95% | 69<br>5.39%   | 30<br>2.34%       | 50<br>3.91%    |
| 447<br>34.92%  | 588<br>45.94% | 137<br>10.70% | 79<br>6.17%       | 29<br>2.27%    |
| 448<br>34.73%  | 684<br>53.02% | 102<br>7.91%  | 46<br>3.57%       | 10<br>0.78%    |
| 553<br>42.80%  | 651<br>50.39% | 56<br>4.33%   | 26<br>2.01%       | 6<br>0.46%     |
| 223<br>17.45%  | 224<br>17.53% | 348<br>27.23% | 348<br>27.23%     | 135<br>10.56%  |

2. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following:

- a. Opportunities to interact with other students or student groups
- b. Opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class
- c. Opportunities to interact with my academic adviser
- d. Opportunities to interact with Financial Aid Office
- e. Opportunities to interact with Bursar's Office
- f. UNIV 110: FYE classroom experience
- g. Kimbel Library
- h. Student activities at Coastal Carolina University
- i. Residence Life staff and activities
- j. Food Services at The Commons & CINO Grille

| Strongly Agree | Agree         | Disagree      | Strongly Disagree | Not Applicable |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 365<br>28.29%  | 815<br>63.18% | 91<br>7.05%   | 12<br>0.93%       | 7<br>0.54%     |
| 211<br>16.38%  | 688<br>53.42% | 321<br>24.92% | 48<br>3.73%       | 20<br>1.55%    |
| 280<br>21.69%  | 758<br>58.71% | 205<br>15.88% | 31<br>2.40%       | 17<br>1.32%    |
| 190<br>14.73%  | 638<br>49.46% | 299<br>23.18% | 46<br>3.57%       | 117<br>9.07%   |
| 131<br>10.21%  | 510<br>39.75% | 348<br>27.12% | 93<br>7.25%       | 201<br>15.67%  |
| 347<br>27.07%  | 624<br>48.67% | 161<br>12.56% | 131<br>10.22%     | 19<br>1.48%    |
| 477<br>36.95%  | 698<br>54.07% | 72<br>5.58%   | 29<br>2.25%       | 15<br>1.16%    |
| 352<br>27.46%  | 744<br>58.03% | 137<br>10.69% | 25<br>1.95%       | 24<br>1.87%    |
| 276<br>21.48%  | 673<br>52.37% | 188<br>14.63% | 55<br>4.28%       | 93<br>7.24%    |
| 251<br>19.47%  | 590<br>45.77% | 205<br>15.90% | 184<br>14.27%     | 59<br>4.58%    |

3. Please indicate how many hours per week you typically do each of the following.

- a. Work on-campus
- b. Work off-campus
- c. Participate in student activities
- d. Relax and socialize
- e. Athletic activities
- f. Volunteer activities
- g. Call home

|                                      | 0 Hours        | 1-5 Hours     | 6-10 Hours    | 11-15 Hours   | 16-20 Hours   | 21+ Hours     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| a. Work on-campus                    | 1050<br>82.94% | 97<br>7.66%   | 55<br>4.34%   | 44<br>3.48%   | 10<br>0.79%   | 10<br>0.79%   |
| b. Work off-campus                   | 969<br>76.97%  | 97<br>7.70%   | 68<br>5.40%   | 51<br>4.05%   | 40<br>3.18%   | 34<br>2.70%   |
| c. Participate in student activities | 265<br>20.92%  | 759<br>59.91% | 162<br>12.79% | 44<br>3.47%   | 19<br>1.50%   | 18<br>1.42%   |
| d. Relax and socialize               | 29<br>2.30%    | 262<br>20.79% | 362<br>28.73% | 287<br>22.78% | 150<br>11.90% | 170<br>13.49% |
| e. Athletic activities               | 392<br>31.04%  | 524<br>41.49% | 176<br>13.94% | 91<br>7.21%   | 41<br>3.25%   | 39<br>3.09%   |
| f. Volunteer activities              | 661<br>52.17%  | 511<br>40.33% | 71<br>5.60%   | 14<br>1.10%   | 8<br>0.63%    | 2<br>0.16%    |
| g. Call home                         | 214<br>16.88%  | 848<br>66.88% | 119<br>9.38%  | 46<br>3.63%   | 12<br>0.95%   | 29<br>2.29%   |

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4. Are you planning to finish your degree at Coastal Carolina University? Please explain. (see attached comments)

|            | #   | %      |
|------------|-----|--------|
| Yes        | 653 | 50.98% |
| No         | 260 | 20.30% |
| Don't Know | 368 | 28.73% |

5. Would you recommend Coastal Carolina University to someone who wants to attend college. Please explain. (see attached comments)

|            | #    | %      |
|------------|------|--------|
| Yes        | 1003 | 78.18% |
| No         | 107  | 8.34%  |
| Don't Know | 173  | 13.48% |

6. Did either of your parents or other relatives attend Coastal Carolina University?

|                         | #    | %      |
|-------------------------|------|--------|
| Mother                  | 29   | 2.27%  |
| Father                  | 64   | 5.01%  |
| Relative                | 142  | 11.12% |
| I'm the first to attend | 1042 | 81.60% |

7. Who inspired you to consider Coastal Carolina University as the right place for you?

|                    | #   |
|--------------------|-----|
| Parents            | 273 |
| Favorite Teacher   | 64  |
| Coach              | 112 |
| Friends            | 412 |
| Guidance Counselor | 134 |
| Web                | 229 |
| Other              | 551 |

8. What is the academic reputation of Coastal Carolina University among friends at your high school?

|  | #   | %      |
|--|-----|--------|
| Excellent  | 134 | 10.56% |
| Good   | 476 | 37.51% |
| Okay   | 464 | 36.56% |
| No one at my high school ever heard of Coastal Carolina University | 195 | 15.37% |

9. What role did having a variety of athletic teams play in your decision to come here?

|   | #   | %      |
|---|-----|--------|
| A significant role                                    | 204 | 16.05% |
| An added attraction                                   | 371 | 29.19% |
| No role   | 662 | 52.08% |
| I was unaware of the athletic teams at the university | 34  | 2.68%  |

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10. What made the biggest difference in your decision to come to Coastal Carolina University?

|                                | #   | %      |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|
| My campus visit/tour           | 181 | 19.15% |
| Location near the ocean        | 256 | 27.09% |
| My friends/relatives were here | 86  | 9.10%  |
| Quality of academic programs   | 87  | 9.21%  |
| Reputation of the university   | 46  | 4.87%  |
| Low cost                       | 82  | 8.68%  |
| Other                          | 207 | 21.90% |

11. Please check only three statements below that are true for you:

|   | #   |
|---|-----|
| I will be a leader on campus.                 | 174 |
| I like living close to the ocean.             | 598 |
| I am in better shape than most of my friends. | 303 |
| I expect to make a lot of money.              | 366 |
| I have fun.                                   | 737 |
| I do nice things for others.                  | 476 |
| I will attend graduate school.                | 426 |

12. Which state are you from, or which nation, if you are a foreign student?

|                   | #  | %     |
|-------------------|----|-------|
| Arkansas          | 1  | 0.09% |
| California        | 2  | 0.18% |
| Colorado          | 1  | 0.09% |
| Connecticut       | 36 | 3.21% |
| Delaware          | 10 | 0.89% |
| Dist. Of Columbia | 1  | 0.09% |
| Florida           | 5  | 0.45% |
| Georgia           | 5  | 0.45% |
| Hawaii            | 1  | 0.09% |
| Illinois          | 5  | 0.45% |
| Indiana           | 4  | 0.36% |
| Iowa              | 1  | 0.09% |
| Kentucky          | 6  | 0.53% |
| Louisiana         | 1  | 0.09% |
| Maine             | 5  | 0.45% |
| Massachusetts     | 37 | 3.30% |
| Maryland          | 89 | 7.93% |
| Michigan          | 2  | 0.18% |

|                | #   | %      |
|----------------|-----|--------|
| Minnesota      | 1   | 0.09%  |
| Missouri       | 6   | 0.53%  |
| Mississippi    | 9   | 0.80%  |
| North Carolina | 33  | 2.94%  |
| New Hampshire  | 14  | 1.25%  |
| New Jersey     | 122 | 10.87% |
| New York       | 93  | 8.29%  |
| Ohio           | 31  | 2.76%  |
| Pennsylvania   | 70  | 6.24%  |
| Rhode Island   | 6   | 0.53%  |
| South Carolina | 441 | 39.30% |
| Tennessee      | 6   | 0.53%  |
| Texas          | 4   | 0.36%  |
| Virginia       | 59  | 5.26%  |
| Vermont        | 1   | 0.09%  |
| Wisconsin      | 1   | 0.09%  |
| West Virginia  | 3   | 0.27%  |
| Wyoming        | 1   | 0.09%  |

|             | # | %     |
|-------------|---|-------|
| Canada      | 2 | 0.18% |
| China       | 1 | 0.09% |
| Iceland     | 1 | 0.09% |
| Peru        | 1 | 0.09% |
| Puerto Rico | 1 | 0.09% |
| Sweden      | 2 | 0.18% |
| Switzerland | 1 | 0.09% |

13. Where do you live?

|                                  | #   | %      |
|----------------------------------|-----|--------|
| On-campus residence hall         | 891 | 70.49% |
| University Place                 | 137 | 10.84% |
| With my family or other relative | 171 | 13.53% |
| Other                            | 65  | 5.14%  |

**Student Information**

14. Gender:

|        | #   | %      |
|--------|-----|--------|
| Male   | 559 | 44.47% |
| Female | 698 | 55.53% |

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15. What is your major?

|                           | #   | %     |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Accounting                | 47  | 3.73% |
| Art Studio                | 27  | 2.14% |
| Biology                   | 120 | 9.52% |
| Chemistry                 | 15  | 1.19% |
| Communication             | 43  | 3.41% |
| Computer Science          | 32  | 2.54% |
| Dramatic Arts             | 9   | 0.71% |
| Early Childhood Educ.     | 55  | 4.37% |
| Economics                 | 22  | 1.75% |
| Elementary Educ.          | 48  | 3.81% |
| English                   | 17  | 1.35% |
| Exercise & Sport Science  | 65  | 5.16% |
| Finance                   | 22  | 1.75% |
| Health Promotion          | 13  | 1.03% |
| History                   | 16  | 1.27% |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | 2   | 0.16% |
| Management                | 95  | 7.54% |

|                     | #   | %      |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
| Marine Science      | 120 | 9.52%  |
| Marketing           | 79  | 6.27%  |
| Mathematics         | 10  | 0.79%  |
| Middle Grades Educ. | 13  | 1.03%  |
| Music               | 19  | 1.51%  |
| Musical Theater     | 14  | 1.11%  |
| Philosophy          | 2   | 0.16%  |
| Physical Educ.      | 22  | 1.75%  |
| Physics             | 5   | 0.40%  |
| Political Science   | 17  | 1.35%  |
| Psychology          | 72  | 5.71%  |
| Rec. & Sport Mgt.   | 38  | 3.02%  |
| Resort Tourism Mgt. | 36  | 2.86%  |
| Sociology           | 13  | 1.03%  |
| Spanish             | 3   | 0.24%  |
| Special Educ.       | 11  | 0.87%  |
| Undeclared          | 138 | 10.95% |