



## 2025 First-Year Student Experience Survey

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### Observations

The 2025 administration of the FYSES yielded a strong response rate (29%) with a comparable distribution demographically by race/ethnicity.

### There are three areas of attention in the FYSES:

**Satisfaction:** Levels of satisfaction with various University resources (seven items).

**Belonging:** A sense of fitting in or feeling like you are an important member of a group (six items).

**Self-Efficacy:** A person's belief in their ability to succeed in a particular situation (eight items).

### Eighteen of the 23 questions yielded a positive response (mean of 3.00 +).

The largest mean score was "How respectful towards you are IWU faculty and staff?" (3.69)

The lowest mean score was attributed to "How well do people at IWU understand you as a person?" and "How much do you matter to others at IWU?" (2.64)

**Five items had combined low ratings of 20% or greater:** Course Availability, Value of an IWU Education, People Understanding You as a Person, Connection to Faculty & Staff, and Mattering to Others

**Eighty-nine percent of the student respondents indicated that they were "Very Satisfied" or "Satisfied" with their choice to attend IWU.**

**When examining correlation coefficients the following areas have the greatest relationship with overall student satisfaction:**

- 1) Belonging (.675)
  - 2) Satisfaction with University Resources (.549)
  - 3) Self-Efficacy (.529)
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## Demographics

**Participants**

Students Solicited	470
Respondents	134
<b>Response Rate</b>	<b>29%</b>

**Majors**

Accounting	7	5%
Acting	1	1%
Art	1	1%
Biology	10	8%
Bio-Chem	3	2%
Chemistry	2	2%
Business	15	11%
Comm	1	1%
Computer Sci	13	10%
Data Sci	2	2%
Education	5	4%
English	6	5%
Entrepreneur	2	2%
Environ Std	2	2%
Finance	10	8%
Graphic Des	1	1%
Kinesiology	5	4%
Marketing	3	2%
Music Edu	2	2%
Music Thtr	7	5%
Neuroscience	2	2%
Nursing	4	3%
Physics	3	2%
Political Sci	3	2%
Psychology	20	15%
Sociology	1	1%
Undecided	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Race/Ethnicity**

Amer Indian	1	1%
Asian	3	2%
Black	12	9%
Hispanic	9	7%
International	7	5%
Multi Racial	4	3%
White	97	73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Gender**

Men	50	37%
Women	75	56%
Non-Binary	9	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Transgender**

Yes	9	7%
No	125	93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>100%</b>

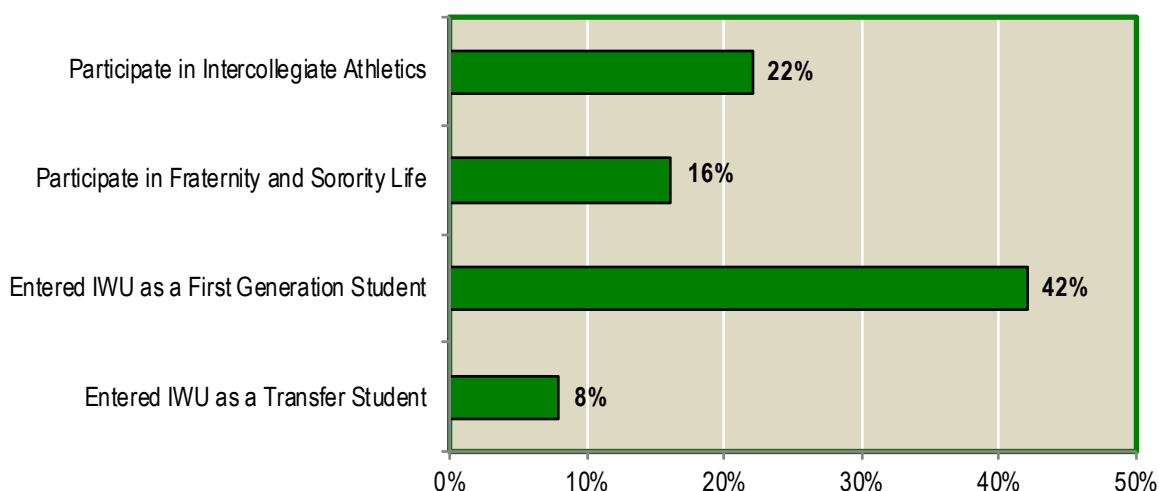
**Sexual Orientation**

Heterosexual	93	70%
Gay	7	5%
Lesbian	4	3%
Bisexual	23	17%
Other	6	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100%</b>

**"Other"**

Asexual	2
Pansexual	1

*Please indicate which, if any, of the following categories applies to you:*



### Satisfaction Scale

*Based on your experience at Illinois Wesleyan, please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of the University:*

**\* Please note that some of the figures for the combined satisfaction calculations may differ slightly from the frequency tables due to rounding issues.**

#### Access to Faculty Members

Very Satisfied	49%
Satisfied	49%
Dissatisfied	2%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
<i>N</i> = 122	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>98%</b>

#### Quality of Teaching

Very Satisfied	29%
Satisfied	70%
Dissatisfied	1%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
<i>N</i> = 122	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>99%</b>

#### Course Availability

Very Satisfied	15%
Satisfied	62%
Dissatisfied	20%
Very Dissatisfied	3%
<i>N</i> = 122	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>77%</b>

#### First-Year Academic Advising

Very Satisfied	40%
Satisfied	52%
Dissatisfied	5%
Very Dissatisfied	3%
<i>N</i> = 119	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>92%</b>

**Satisfaction Scale (continued)**

*Based on your experience at Illinois Wesleyan, please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of the University:*

**Fellow Students' Academic Ability**

Very Satisfied	27%
Satisfied	64%
Dissatisfied	7%
Very Dissatisfied	2%
<i>N</i> = 120	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>91%</b>

**The Academic Reputation of IWU**

Very Satisfied	31%
Satisfied	67%
Dissatisfied	2%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
<i>N</i> = 120	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>98%</b>

**Value of an IWU Education for the Price**

Very Satisfied	11%
Satisfied	64%
Dissatisfied	19%
Very Dissatisfied	6%
<i>N</i> = 119	100%
<b>Very Satisfied &amp; Satisfied =</b>	<b>75%</b>

**Belonging Scale**

*As an IWU student...*

**People Understanding You as a Person**

Very Well	13%
Quite a Bit	45%
Some	36%
Very Little	6%
<i>N</i> = 118	100%
<b>Very Well &amp; Quite a Bit =</b>	<b>58%</b>

*How well do people at IWU understand you as a person?*

**Connection to Faculty & Staff**

Very Connected	17%
Quite a Bit	40%
Some	38%
Very Little	5%
<i>N</i> = 118	100%
<b>Very Connected &amp; QaB =</b>	<b>57%</b>

*How connected do you feel to the IWU faculty and staff?*

**IWU Welcoming**

Very Welcoming	33%
Quite a Bit	48%
Some	18%
Very Little	1%
<i>N</i> = 118	100%
<b>Very Welcoming &amp; QaB =</b>	<b>81%</b>

*How welcoming have you found IWU to be?*

**Peer Respect**

Very Respectful	50%
Quite a Bit	39%
Some	10%
Very Little	1%
<i>N</i> = 117	100%
<b>Very Respectful &amp; QaB =</b>	<b>89%</b>

*How respectful towards you are other IWU students?*

## Belonging Scale (continued)

*As an IWU student...***Faculty & Staff Respect**

Very Respectful	69%
Quite a Bit	30%
Some	1%
Very Little	0%

*N* = 118 100%**Very Respectful & QaB = 99%***How respectful towards you are IWU faculty and staff?***Mattering to Others**

Very Much	14%
Quite a Bit	48%
Some	25%
Very Little	13%

*N* = 118 100%**Very Much & Quite a Bit = 62%***How much do you matter to others at IWU?*

## Self-Efficacy Scale

*How much do you agree with the following statements?***Goal Achievement**

Strongly Agree	45%
Agree	54%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%

*N* = 112 100%**Strongly Agree & Agree = 99%***I will be able to achieve most of the goals that I have set for myself.***Accomplishing Difficult Tasks**

Strongly Agree	37%
Agree	62%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%

*N* = 112 100%**Strongly Agree & Agree = 99%***When facing difficult tasks, I am certain that I will accomplish them.***Obtaining Important Outcomes**

Strongly Agree	49%
Agree	48%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	0%

*N* = 112 100%**Strongly Agree & Agree = 97%***In general, I think that I can obtain outcomes that are important to me.***Succeed at Endeavors**

Strongly Agree	41%
Agree	52%
Disagree	6%
Strongly Disagree	1%

*N* = 112 100%**Strongly Agree & Agree = 93%***I believe I can succeed at almost any endeavor to which I set my mind.*

## Self-Efficacy Scale (continued)

*How much do you agree with the following statements?*

**Overcoming Challenges**

Strongly Agree	44%
Agree	54%
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	0%

*N* = 112 100%

**Strongly Agree & Agree = 98%**

*I will be able to successfully overcome many challenges.*

**Performing Effectively**

Strongly Agree	47%
Agree	52%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%

*N* = 112 100%

**Strongly Agree & Agree = 99%**

*I am confident that I can perform effectively on many different tasks.*

**Task Comparison**

Strongly Agree	42%
Agree	54%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	1%

*N* = 112 100%

**Strongly Agree & Agree = 96%**

*Compared to other people, I can do most tasks very well.*

**Performance Resiliency**

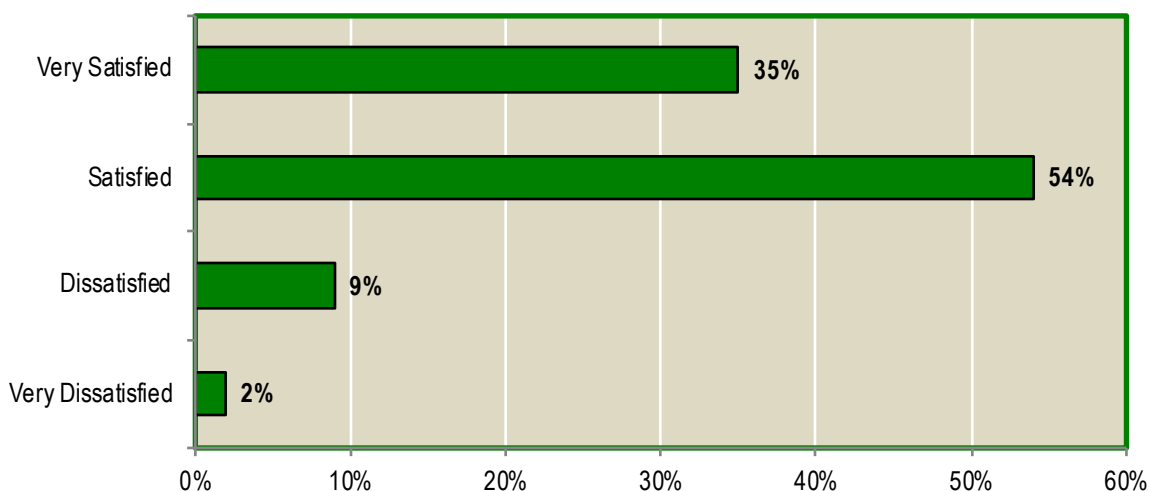
Strongly Agree	45%
Agree	51%
Disagree	4%
Strongly Disagree	0%

*N* = 112 100%

**Strongly Agree & Agree = 96%**

*Even when things are tough, I can perform quite well.*

*How satisfied are you with your choice to attend IWU?*



**Very Satisfied & Satisfied = 89%**

***N* = 118**

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**Mean Scores for the Individual Questions**

<b>Satisfaction</b>	<b>Mean</b>
Access to Faculty Members	3.48
Quality of Teaching	3.27
Course Availability	2.91
First-Year Academic Advising	3.28
Fellow Students' Academic Ability	3.18
The Academic Reputation of IWU	3.29
Value of an IWU Education for the Price	2.80
 <b>Belonging</b>	
People Understanding You as a Person	2.64
Connection to Faculty & Staff	2.69
IWU Welcoming	3.12
Peer Respect	3.38
Faculty & Staff Respect	3.69
Mattering to Others	2.64
 <b>Self-Efficacy</b>	
Goal Achievement	3.45
Accomplishing Difficult Tasks	3.36
Obtaining Important Outcomes	3.46
Succeed at Endeavors	3.33
Overcoming Challenges	3.42
Performing Effectively	3.46
Task Comparison	3.38
Performance Resiliency	3.40
 <b>University Satisfaction</b>	 <b>3.22</b>

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