Nationally, about 25% of first-year students leave college before their sophomore year. Knowing the experiences of Oxy students and the impact of first-year programs is key to creating positive change and providing the best college experience for all students.

- 25% of students thought they might switch majors, 41% actually did.
- 5% thought they would join a greek group, 18% actually did.
- 11% expected to seek personal counseling, 22% actually did.
- 31% thought they might need tutoring, 6% actually did.

- 42% had difficulty adjusting to the demands of coursework.
- 38% had a hard time developing effective study skills.
- 57% struggled with time management.
- 82% felt a sense of belonging on campus.
- 77% are satisfied with the overall college experience.
- 79% are developing close friendships with other students.

- 92% agree that faculty believe in their potential.
- 97% feel that their classroom contributions are valued.
- **BUT**
  - 78% understand what professors expect from them.
  - 76% communicate regularly with faculty.
  - 82% think they can see the world from another's perspective more than their average peer.
  - 99% have socialized with someone from a different race/ethnic group.
  - 89% feel that their college experience has exposed them to diverse opinions, cultures, and values.
  - 72% think it is important or essential to improve their understanding of other countries and cultures.

Your First College Year is a survey that addresses the first-year college experience. From programming to retention, these are just some of the statistics that from Occidental's Freshman Class. For more information please go to: [http://www.oxy.edu/x6659.xml](http://www.oxy.edu/x6659.xml)