

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH  
Academic Advising Center  
*Division of Academic Affairs*

**Evaluation of the Mandatory Advising Survey**  
**Fall 2005**

Four thousand three hundred eighty three (4,383) first semester freshmen took part in CSULB's ninth Mandatory Advising program during the fall semester of 2005. Surveys were received from 3,109 participating freshmen who took part in 90 minute workshops which were devoted to providing academic information and developing appropriate course selections for the following (spring) semester. As always, campus advising centers and programs cooperated to present a unified program. This year, the Academic Advising Center, provided academic advising and registration services to 2,870 freshmen, including President's Scholars, not affiliated with other programs, in 37 workshops comprising 65% of CSULB's total freshman population. Workshops began in mid-October and concluded on December 8, 2005. One thousand five hundred thirteen (1,513) freshmen affiliated with other campus advising centers or programs also received advising services through their specific program offices. These included the following:

CAMP	SSSP
Disabled Student Services	Student Access to Science
EOP	Student-Athlete Services
GLOBE	University Honors
Learning Alliance	
Liberal Studies	

In order to insure a high level of consistency, the participating centers and programs followed a similar script.

The following is a summary of findings of the data from the fall 2005 Mandatory Advising Program survey.

This year's summary results were fairly consistent with the results of 2004, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, and 1997. Although the numbers show a slight increase in freshmen choosing CSULB because of academic reputation this year's analysis continues to indicate that most freshmen choose to attend CSULB because of location. On a related note, the commute is taking longer, jumping from a 10-19 minute average commute to a commute that takes between 20-29 minutes.

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**Survey Question #1:**

Why did you choose CSULB?

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Location	64.9%
Major	40.5%
Campus environment	31.3%
Academic reputation	34.3%
Friend/relative recommendation	28.7%
Other	7.6%
High school counselor	8.2%

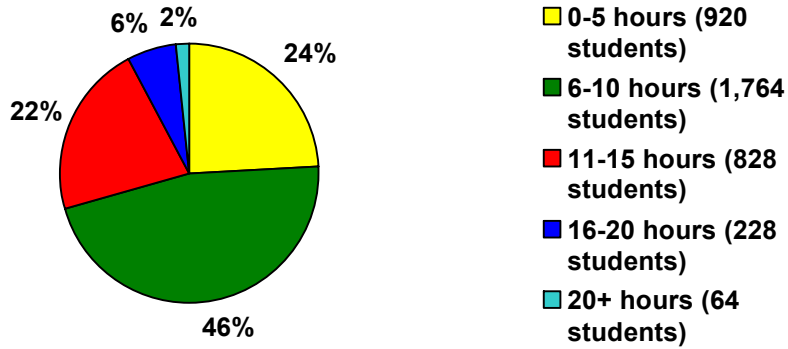
**Survey Question #2:**

**Please check which campus services you have heard about, but may or may not have used:**

	<b>Have Heard of Services</b>	<b>Have Not Heard of Services</b>
Academic Advising Center	95.8%	4.2%
Career Development Center	65.0%	35.0%
Child Development Center	32.3%	67.7%
Counseling & Psychological Services	46.9%	53.1%
Disabled Student Services	34.1%	65.9%
Financial Aid	84.2%	15.8%
Health Center	75.9%	24.1%
Intramural Sports	42.5%	57.5%
Learning Assistance Center	71.1%	28.9%
Student Life & Development	35.6%	64.4%
University Interfaith Center	30.0%	70.0%
Women's Resource Center	27.2%	72.8%
Writers Resource Lab	62.9%	37.1%

**Survey Question #3:**

How much time do you spend studying/preparing for classes each week?



**Survey Question #4:**

I live:

On-Campus	22.9%	(876 students)
Off-Campus	77.1%	(2,949 students)

If off-campus, commuting time each way (in minutes)

The average commute time for freshmen is between 20 and 29 minutes.

**Survey Question #5:**

**Have you become involved with any campus clubs or organizations?**

Yes	30.0% (1150 students)
No	70.0% (2,682 students)

**If yes, how many clubs?**

1	67.0% (770 students)
2	24.3% (280 students)
3 or more	8.7% ( 100 students)

**Please indicate which type:**

Fraternity/Sorority	5.2% (203 students)
NCAA Athletics	2.1% (82 students)
Clubs: Political/Religious/Special Interests/Sports	23.8% (920 students)

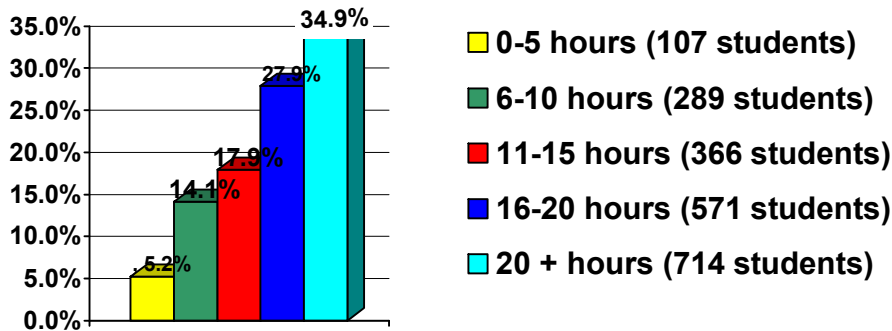
**Survey Question #6:**

**Do you have a job?**

**If Yes, where?**

Yes	53.1% (2,044 students)	On-Campus	12.5% (252 students)
No	46.9% (1,808 students)	Off-Campus	87.5% (1,769 students)

**Hours worked per week:**



**Survey Question #7: Overall, how challenging is the work that is required for your college courses?**

Too easy	3.8% (142 students)
About right	91.0% (3,442 students)
Over my head	5.3% (199 students)

**Survey Question #8: Overall, how is the required amount of work for your college courses?**

Too little	2.7% (102 students)
About right	88.5% (3,345 students)
Too much	8.8% (333 students)

**Survey Question #9: Overall, how is the required amount of reading for your college courses?**

Too little	6.0% (216 students)
About right	68.2% (2,451 students)
Too much	25.8% (926 students)

**Survey Question #10: Overall, how challenging is the required reading for your college courses?**

Too easy	6.0% (225 students)
About right	85.6% (3,218 students)
Over my head	8.4% (317 students)

**Survey Question #11: How comfortable are you talking to your instructors outside of class?**

Very	27.6% (1,038 students)
Fairly	61.6% (2,317 students)
Not at all	10.8% (406 students)

**Survey Questions #12, #13, #14:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>I feel like I belong on this campus.</b>	21.0% (792 students)	55.1% (2,084 students)	19.9% (752 students)	3.1% (118 students)	0.9% (34 students)
<b>The University is a friendly and comfortable place.</b>	29.3% (1,108 students)	61.7% (2,330 students)	7.4% (278 students)	1.3% (51 students)	0.3% (12 students)
<b>Most faculty &amp; staff make me feel as though I belong here.</b>	21.6% (812 students)	60.7% (2,280 students)	15.8% (594 students)	1.6% (62 students)	0.3% (11 students)

**Survey Questions #15, #16, #17:**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Probably</b>	<b>Possibly Not</b>	<b>Definitely Not</b>
<b>Will you be attending CSULB next semester?</b>	94.4% (3,567 students)	4.8% (182 students)	0.7% (25 students)	0.2% (6 students)
<b>Will you be attending CSULB next year?</b>	80.4% (3,043 students)	14.4% (546 students)	4.5% (172 students)	0.6% (22 students)
<b>Do you plan on graduating from CSULB?</b>	63.0% (2,380 students)	24.1% (909 students)	10.5% (398 students)	2.4% (90 students)

**Survey Question #18:**

**So far, how is your first semester at CSULB?**

