

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

Academic Advising Center

Division of Academic Affairs

Evaluation of the Mandatory Advising Survey

Fall 2006

During the 2006 fall semester 4,412 first semester freshmen took part in CSULB's tenth annual Mandatory Advising program. Surveys were received from 3,597 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 2007 semester. As always, in order to insure a high level of consistency, the participating centers and programs followed a similar script to present a unified program. This year, the Academic Advising Center, provided academic advising and registration services to 2,947 freshmen, including President's Scholars, not affiliated with other programs, in 60 workshops comprising 67% of CSULB's total freshman population. Workshops began in early October and concluded on December 6, 2006. The following advising offices and programs also provided advising services to a total of 1,465 freshmen:

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

Although there were slight changes, this year's summary results were fairly consistent with past Mandatory Advising survey results. Survey numbers continue to show a small increase in freshmen choosing CSULB because of academic reputation. Most freshmen, however, choose to attend CSULB because of location, up from last year's 64.9% to 68.1%. In fact, all percentages regarding the reasons students choose CSULB have increased except for recommendations by the "high school counselor" which dropped this year by 1.2%. The numbers also indicate more student awareness about Disabled Students Services, the Student Health Center, and the University Interfaith Center showing increases of 8.5%, 4.8%, and 3.2% respectively. After being up last year, average commute time to campus has gone back down to 10-19 minutes.

Involvement in "clubs and organizations" has remained the same while percentages of students working during their first semester dropped 2.6% from last year (pages 3 -5).

There is less than 2% variation from previous years' answers on questions 7 – 10 (page 5) which deal with students' perceptions about the amount of work, reading, and their comfort level in speaking with their instructors outside of class. This is typical.

Students' answers to questions 12, 13, and 14, indicate that 70-90% feel they "belong" and that the campus is a "friendly and comfortable place."

Questions 15 – 18, regarding students' plans to attend CSULB next semester, next year, and their intentions to graduate from CSULB are higher than last year's percentages. And finally, students' feelings about their semester going "pretty good" and "great" have also risen (see page 6 for details).

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Survey Question #1:

Why did you choose CSULB?

Reason	Yes
Location	68.1%
Major	42.6%
Campus environment	32.0%
Academic reputation	36.6%
Friend/relative recommendation	29.5%
Other	7.9%
High school counselor	7.0%

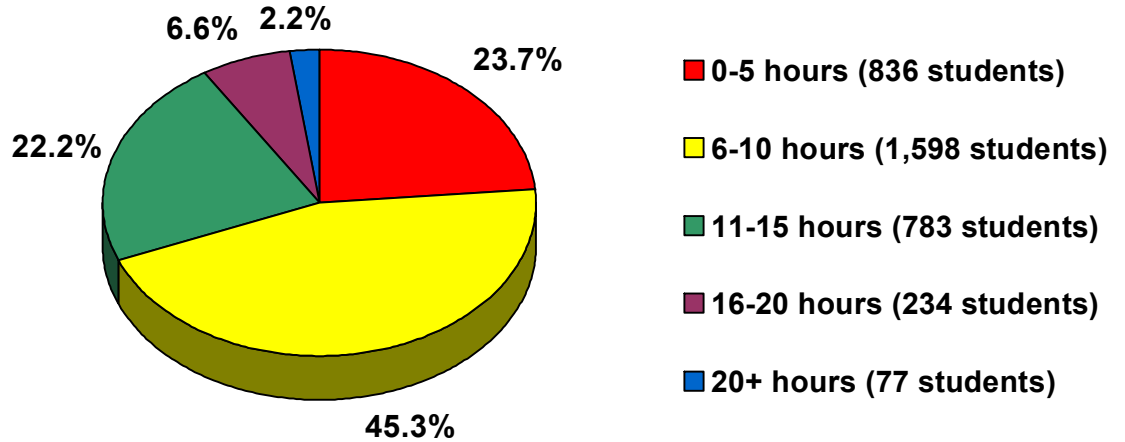
Survey Question #2:

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

	Have Heard of Services	Have Not Heard of Services
Academic Advising Center	96.3%	3.7%
Career Development Center	68.5%	31.5%
Child Development Center	33.5%	66.5%
Counseling & Psychological Services	46.8%	53.2%
Disabled Student Services	42.6%	57.4%
Financial Aid	85.0%	15.0%
Health Center	80.7%	19.3%
Intramural Sports	39.7%	60.3%
Learning Assistance Center	72.2%	27.8%
Student Life & Development	36.6%	63.4%
University Interfaith Center	33.2%	66.8%
Women's Resource Center	29.6%	70.4%
Writers Resource Lab	58.1%	41.9%

Survey Question #3:

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



Survey Question #4:

I live:

On-Campus	22.7%	(808 students)
Off-Campus	77.3%	(2,755 students)

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

The average commute time for freshmen is between 10 and 19 minutes.

Survey Question #5:

Have you become involved with any campus clubs or organizations?

Yes	30.7%	(1,099 students)
No	69.3%	(2,478 students)

If yes, how many clubs?

1	65.4% (718 students)
2	24.4% (268 students)
3 or more	7.4% (81 students)

Please indicate which type:

Fraternity/Sorority	5.7% (206 students)
NCAA Athletics	2.3% (82 students)
Clubs: Political/Religious/Special Interests/Sports	24.1% (868 students)

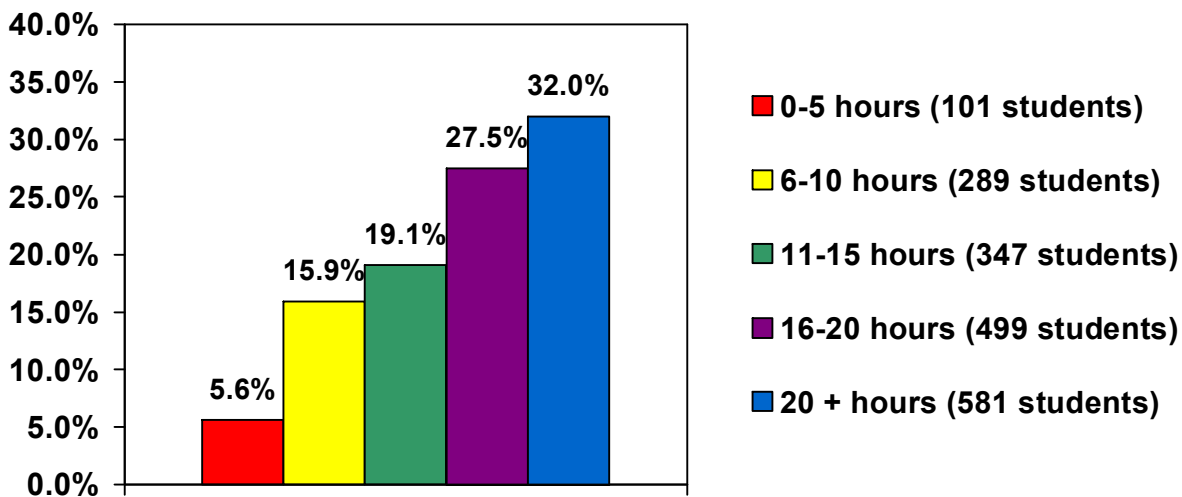
Survey Question #6:

Do you have a job?

If Yes, where?

Yes	50.5% (1,816 students)	On-Campus	14.8% (266 students)
No	49.5% (1,780 students)	Off-Campus	85.2% (1,530 students)

Hours worked per week:



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

Too easy	4.7 % (167 students)
About right	89.9% (3,207 students)
Over my head	5.4% (194 students)

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

Too little	2.9% (105 students)
About right	87.8% (3,141 students)
Too much	9.2% (330 students)

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

Too little	4.7% (162 students)
About right	71.2% (2,440 students)
Too much	24.1% (825 students)

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

Too easy	6.8% (243 students)
About right	84.4% (3,006 students)
Over my head	8.7% (311 students)

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

Very	25.0% (891 students)
Fairly	62.0% (2,209 students)
Not at all	12.9% (461 students)

Survey Questions #12, #13, #14:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel like I belong on this campus.	21.5% (768 students)	55.9% (1,994 students)	19.1% (680 students)	2.6% (91 students)	1.0% (35 students)
The University is a friendly and comfortable place.	28.7% (1,023 students)	62.0% (2,208 students)	7.7% (275 students)	1.4% (49 students)	0.3% (9 students)
Most faculty & staff make me feel as though I belong here.	20.1% (712 students)	61.0% (2,166 students)	17.2% (612 students)	1.5% (54 students)	0.2% (6 students)

Survey Questions #15, #16, #17:

	Yes	Probably	Possibly Not	Definitely Not
Will you be attending CSULB next semester?	95.3% (3,403 students)	4.2% (149 students)	0.4% (16 students)	0.1% (2 students)
Will you be attending CSULB next year?	80.8% (2,886 students)	15.0% (535 students)	3.8% (135 students)	0.5% (17 students)
Do you plan on graduating from CSULB?	64.8% (2,310 students)	23.8% (847 students)	9.5% (337 students)	2.0% (72 students)

Survey Question #18:

So far, how is your first semester at CSULB?



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