

MySuccessCheck is a 15-item questionnaire for new GVSU undergraduate students, intended to provide an early indication of which students are at greatest risk for dropping out. The questionnaire is intentionally brief, and includes two types of items: a few items required to create an effective diagnostic scale identifying students' risk of dropout; and other specific items that GVSU student-support staff indicated they would use in practical interventions with individual students expressing needs.

#### Participation Rate:

The fall 2017 survey was open from Sep 18 – 25. Students in their first GVSU semester were invited via email to participate, and were also encouraged to do so by staff throughout the university.

	# Invited	Participants	Response Rate
Total	5726	2049	36%
FTIAC	4116	1662	40%
Transfer	1610	387	24%
On-Campus Resident	3918	1761	45%
Off-Campus Resident	1808	288	32%
Female	3466	1421	41%
First Generation	2065	673	33%
Students of Color	981	330	34%

#### Risk Assessment and Staff Follow-up:

The mySuccessCheck interface for staff members includes a mechanism for staff members to post notes to individual students' records. These notes allow staff members to coordinate responses, and also allow us to assess the completeness and effectiveness of the responses. Staff members categorize the intensity of each response using the following scale:

- One-way communication ... staff member sent an email or left a voicemail message, but didn't receive any reciprocal communication.
- Limited communication ... staff member and student communicated reciprocally, but not in particular depth
- Discussion ... staff member had a substantive exchange of information about the content of the student's MySuccessCheck response

Altogether, staff logged 2,007 responses or interactions, affecting 1,281 different participating students. Because staff responses are reactive to needs expressed in students' responses, it not expected that every student would elicit a response.

Risk Category (computed)	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Low	1763	86%	184	73	695	811
Medium	171	8%	55	11	87	18
High	71	3%	35	8	28	
Unclassified	44	2%	6	5	21	12
All	2049	100%	280	97	831	841

#### Survey Item Breakdown:

##### I would like an advisor to contact me to discuss my major or career goals

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	765	38%	52	8	93	612
Yes	1247	62%	227	88	729	203

**I am confident in my choice of major**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	598	29%	79	36	197	286
Agree	800	39%	130	39	287	344
Neither Agree nor Disagree	393	19%	36	12	196	149
Disagree	164	8%	24	7	90	43
Disagree Strongly	86	4%	11	2	56	17

**I have spoken to one or more of my professors outside of class**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	254	12%	24	13	103	114
Agree	738	36%	113	34	296	295
Neither Agree nor Disagree	270	13%	37	16	112	105
Disagree	628	31%	87	27	257	257
Disagree Strongly	144	7%	17	6	57	64

**If I need extra help to be successful in my coursework, I know where to go at GVSU to receive academic support**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	623	31%	69	26	252	276
Agree	972	48%	142	45	389	396
Neither Agree nor Disagree	225	11%	35	9	91	90
Disagree	182	9%	27	14	79	62
Disagree Strongly	21	1%	4		9	8

**I have friends at GVSU who I enjoy spending time with**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	946	47%	102	58	380	406
Agree	678	34%	102	16	281	279
Neither Agree nor Disagree	217	11%	41	11	80	85
Disagree	134	7%	20	9	54	51
Disagree Strongly	46	2%	11	1	21	13

**I am satisfied with my social life at GVSU**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	571	28%	57	31	235	248
Agree	735	36%	100	27	291	317
Neither Agree nor Disagree	413	20%	62	26	153	172
Disagree	245	12%	47	6	111	81
Disagree Strongly	53	3%	8	4	26	15

**I plan to return to GVSU for the Winter term**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	1420	71%	152	67	573	628
Agree	490	24%	81	25	200	184
Neither Agree nor Disagree	72	4%	26	4	29	13
Disagree	17	1%	9		6	2
Disagree Strongly	7	0%	3		3	1

**I plan to continue at GVSU next year (Fall 2018)**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	1277	63%	138	60	498	581
Agree	546	27%	72	20	232	222
Neither Agree nor Disagree	163	8%	50	11	69	33
Disagree	32	2%	11	2	16	3
Disagree Strongly	13	1%	6	2	5	

**I feel like I belong at GVSU**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	828	41%	89	42	334	363
Agree	736	37%	87	32	292	325
Neither Agree nor Disagree	369	18%	66	18	162	123
Disagree	66	3%	26	3	24	13
Disagree Strongly	16	1%	6	2	7	1

**In an average week (so far) how many hours do you spend studying and preparing for your courses?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Less than 1	17	1%	2	3	7	5
1 to 5	353	17%	48	17	149	139
6 to 10	637	31%	96	29	254	258
11 to 15	405	20%	51	17	160	177
16 to 20	290	14%	44	12	125	109
21 to 25	164	8%	22	6	62	74
26 to 30	93	5%	9	7	33	44
31 to 35	44	2%	5	3	20	16
36 to 40	20	1%		3	8	9
More than 40	12	1%			7	5

**How many of your scheduled classes have you missed?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
None of them	1474	73%	192	64	576	642
One	321	16%	37	21	139	124
Two	140	7%	26	7	66	41
3 to 5	84	4%	21	3	38	22
6 or More	5	0%			2	3
I Don't Know	8	0%	3	1	3	1

**Many new students report feeling homesick in the initial weeks of college. Do you feel like homesickness is affecting your daily life at GVSU? (Choose the answer that is closest to how you feel.)**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
I'm not homesick	873	43%	91	40	328	414
Homesickness is not really bothering me much	702	34%	80	28	284	310
I feel homesick most days but it's getting better	387	19%	75	19	181	112
Homesickness is making it difficult to do my class work	44	2%	16	2	23	3
I regret moving away from home	33	2%	15	6	12	

**Do you still need to purchase textbooks for any of your classes this semester?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	1863	93%	253	83	752	775
Yes	139	7%	23	11	60	45

**Would you like someone from the Disability Support Resources office to contact you to discuss accommodations and resources related to a disability?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	1933	97%	268	93	750	822
Yes	63	3%	5	2	56	