

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 winter 2017 survey was open from Jan 30 – Feb 6. Students in their first GVSU semester were invited via email to participate, and were also encouraged by Residence Life and advising staff.

| | # Invited | Participants | Response Rate |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Total | 459 | 164 | 36% |
| FTIAC | 59 | 33 | 56% |
| Transfer | 400 | 131 | 33% |
| On-Campus Resident | 117 | 85 | 73% |
| Off-Campus Resident | 342 | 79 | 23% |
| Female | 249 | 90 | 36% |
| First Generation | 198 | 68 | 34% |
| Students of Color | 80 | 27 | 34% |

Risk Assessment and Staff Follow-up:

The mySuccessCheck interface is intended to allow staff members to intervene with students whose responses indicate risk or particular needs. Staff are supposed to log their contacts with the students in the system. Altogether, staff logged 28 contacts, affecting 20 different participants.

| Risk Category (computed) | Frequency | Percent of Respondents | Number Contacted | Percent Contacted |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Low | 120 | 73% | 7 | 6% |
| Medium | 32 | 20% | 6 | 19% |
| High | 10 | 6% | 6 | 60% |
| Unclassified | 2 | 1% | 1 | 50% |
| Total | 164 | 100% | 20 | 12% |

Survey Item Breakdown and Staff Follow-up:

I am confident in my choice of major

| | Frequency | Percent | % Contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 68 | 41% | 10% |
| Agree | 72 | 44% | 12% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 18 | 11% | 17% |
| Disagree | 4 | 2% | 0% |
| Disagree Strongly | 2 | 1% | 50% |

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

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 31 | 19% | 6% |
| Agree | 48 | 29% | 14% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 49 | 30% | 16% |
| Disagree | 29 | 18% | 7% |
| Disagree Strongly | 6 | 3% | 17% |

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

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 19 | 12% | 21% |
| Agree | 72 | 44% | 4% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 21 | 13% | 24% |
| Disagree | 41 | 25% | 20% |
| Disagree Strongly | 9 | 6% | 0% |

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

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 30 | 18% | 13% |
| Agree | 73 | 45% | 12% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 20 | 12% | 5% |
| Disagree | 35 | 21% | 14% |
| Disagree Strongly | 5 | 3% | 20% |

I have friends at GVSU who I enjoy spending time with

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 39 | 24% | 2% |
| Agree | 42 | 26% | 12% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 32 | 20% | 19% |
| Disagree | 40 | 25% | 20% |
| Disagree Strongly | 7 | 4% | 0% |

I am satisfied with my social life at GVSU

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 31 | 19% | 6% |
| Agree | 40 | 25% | 15% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 56 | 35% | 9% |
| Disagree | 25 | 16% | 24% |
| Disagree Strongly | 7 | 4% | 0% |

I plan to continue at GVSU next year (Fall 2017)

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 83 | 51% | 8% |
| Agree | 51 | 31% | 10% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 21 | 13% | 24% |
| Disagree | 6 | 4% | 33% |
| Disagree Strongly | 2 | 1% | 50% |

I feel like I belong at GVSU

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Agree Strongly | 47 | 29% | 8% |
| Agree | 58 | 36% | 12% |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 43 | 27% | 14% |
| Disagree | 11 | 7% | 27% |
| Disagree Strongly | 1 | 0% | 0% |

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

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Less than 1 | 0 | 0% | |
| 1 to 5 | 24 | 15% | 17% |
| 6 to 10 | 60 | 37% | 7% |
| 11 to 15 | 32 | 20% | 12% |
| 16 to 20 | 18 | 11% | 11% |
| 21 to 25 | 13 | 8% | 15% |
| 26 to 30 | 5 | 3% | 20% |
| 31 to 35 | 5 | 3% | 20% |
| 36 to 40 | 1 | 0% | 0% |
| More than 40 | 4 | 2% | 50% |

How many of your scheduled classes have you missed?

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| None of them | 88 | 54% | 9% |
| One | 32 | 20% | 9% |
| Two | 30 | 18% | 17% |
| 3 to 5 | 11 | 7% | 27% |
| 6 or More | 1 | 0% | 0% |
| I Don't Know | 1 | 0% | 0% |

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 | % contacted |
|---|-----------|---------|-------------|
| I'm not homesick | 110 | 67% | 9% |
| Homesickness is not really bothering me much | 36 | 22% | 14% |
| I feel homesick most days but it's getting better | 11 | 7% | 9% |
| Homesickness is making it difficult to do my class work | 6 | 4% | 50% |
| I regret moving away from home | 1 | 0% | 100% |

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

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|-----|-----------|---------|-------------|
| No | 145 | 91% | 12% |
| Yes | 15 | 9% | 20% |

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

| | Frequency | Percent | % contacted |
|-----|-----------|---------|-------------|
| No | 155 | 97% | 12% |
| Yes | 5 | 3% | 20% |