

College of Arts & Sciences

The Freshman Profile, Fall 2007

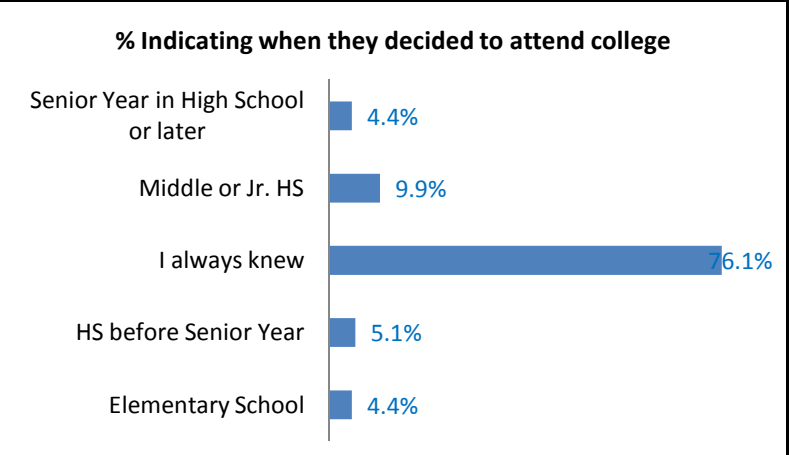
In 2007, OSPIRE made major revisions to the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ). Since then, we have been adjusting the survey to accommodate the informational needs of the ISU community, while also maintaining continuity with questions asked in prior years. Fall 2007 A & S first-time freshman students were asked to complete the SIQ survey on-line. Where possible, we have provided direct comparisons to previous years' data. The purpose of this report is to provide a profile of freshmen enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences (A&S). The following results are based on the 293 A & S freshmen (43.47% of the 674 A & S new freshmen) who went through Sycamore Advantage in June and August of 2007.

<u>Age</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Are You the First of the Children in Your Family</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
% age 17-19	73.4%	98.6%	<u>Going to College?</u>		
% age 20-25	26.6%	1.4%	I am the only child	5.82%	8.94%
% age 26-30	0.0%	0.0%	Yes, and I am the oldest	36.64%	32.79%
% age 31-35	0.0%	0.0%	Yes, but I am not the oldest	14.73%	11.92%
% age 36 and over	0.0%	0.0%	No	42.81%	46.34%

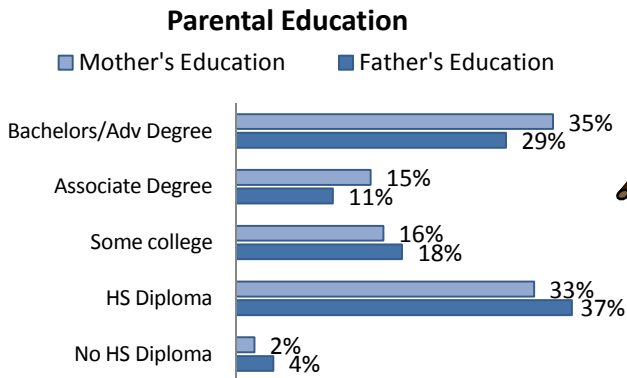
61.09 % of Fall 2007 A & S freshmen are women

83 % of Fall 2007 A & S freshmen have major or some concern about paying for college

<u>Racial Background</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Black or African American	11.3%	12.4%
American Indian	1.4%	0.0%
Caucasian	84.3%	83.7%
International	1.4%	0.3%
Hispanic	0.0%	0.6%
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.6%
Multiracial	1.7%	2.5%



73.72 % of A & S freshmen indicate that their family is very supportive of their decision to attend ISU



5% of commuters drive more than 30 minutes one way

41 % indicate that 2 or more of their close friends are attending Indiana State this year

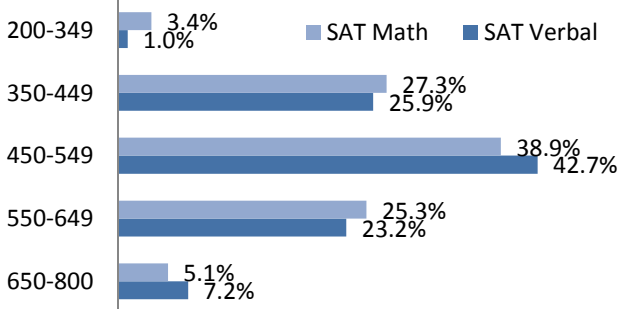
64% of A & S freshmen indicate most of their close friends from high school are attending college this year

51% of the Fall 2007 A & S freshman cohort come from families where neither parent has a four-year degree!

Family Ties of A & S Students

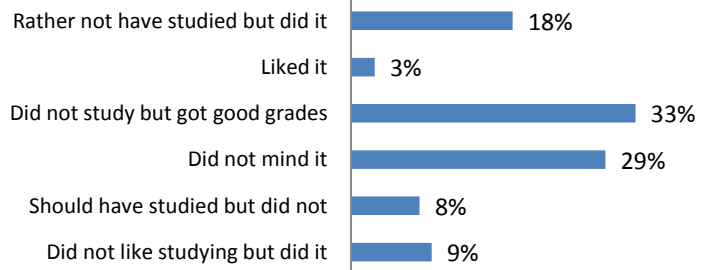
- 19%** At least one of the parents (or guardians) attended ISU
- 25%** At least one of the siblings (or close relatives other than my parents) attended ISU
- 34%** Either parent or relative attended ISU

High School Academics



* The above averages are based on students who completed the SIQ

Attitude Towards Studying in High School



Academic Indicators

	SAT/ACT Equivalent Scores			HS GPA
	Avg Verbal	Avg Math	Total Avg	Avg
2007	506	497	1003	3.25
2006	496	499	995	3.25

Close Look : Only 2.74% of A & S freshmen liked to study. Out of these 100% anticipate earning above a 3.00 GPA their first year. In comparison, of the A & S freshmen who indicated they didn't like to study, rather have not studied, or should have studied but didn't, 68.63% anticipated earning a 3.00 GPA. Of the students indicating they got good grades w/o studying, 83.87% expected a B or better.

High School Time Allotment

In a typical week during your senior year, how many hours did you spend...

% of Respondents Indicating Hours Spent

	LT 1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	20+
Studying or preparing for class on own	17.1%	60.1%	17.1%	4.1%	1.0%	0.7%
Studying or preparing for class with students	56.3%	38.9%	4.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Socializing with friends	2.4%	15.4%	22.9%	22.2%	15.0%	22.2%
Working at a job for pay	26.1%	6.5%	8.2%	13.7%	20.3%	25.1%
Exercising or playing sports	18.4%	24.6%	18.4%	16.0%	13.0%	9.6%
Using computer/internet for recreation	11.9%	37.2%	28.0%	12.6%	4.8%	5.5%
Playing video games or watching T.V.	16.0%	40.3%	24.9%	9.6%	4.8%	4.4%
Participating in community activities	36.0%	46.2%	12.0%	2.1%	2.4%	1.4%

Student Confidence

Student Confidence in Their Ability To:

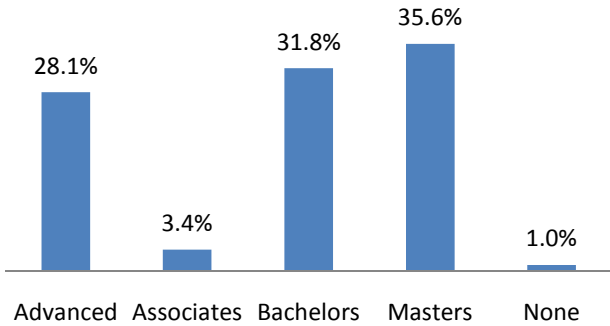
	Not Very / Not Good	Very Good / Good
Find new ways to think about problems or topics	1.7%	72.0%
Evaluate opposing options or viewpoints	2.4%	75.8%
Effectively communicate your ideas in writing	8.2%	64.5%
Effectively communicate your ideas by speaking	6.5%	68.6%
Organize, prioritize, and plan your time	11.6%	55.3%
Solve complex problems	7.2%	56.5%
Intelligently discuss politics or current world events	19.9%	46.9%
Use computers or the internet for school work or research	1.4%	89.0%
Work with others on projects	2.7%	84.3%
Effectively plan and manage your responsibilities	3.1%	76.4%
Understand and respect other cultures	1.0%	86.3%

NOTE: Good and Not Good columns do not add up to 100% because a "Neutral" option was offered.

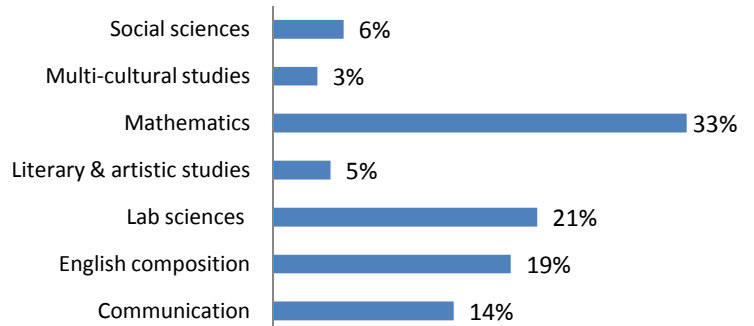
Close Look : Exposure to other backgrounds appears to have some effect on confidence in understanding and respecting others. However, the effect is not as much as might be expected. Of the 18.43% of A & S students who said they had rarely or never interacted in a social setting with people of different racial or ethnic backgrounds, 75.93% rated their ability to understand and respect cultures, attitudes, & customs of others as good or very good. Yet, of the 52.22% of A & S students who indicated frequent interaction with people of different backgrounds, over 93.46% of these students indicated similar confidence.

College Expectations

Highest Degree Aspirations



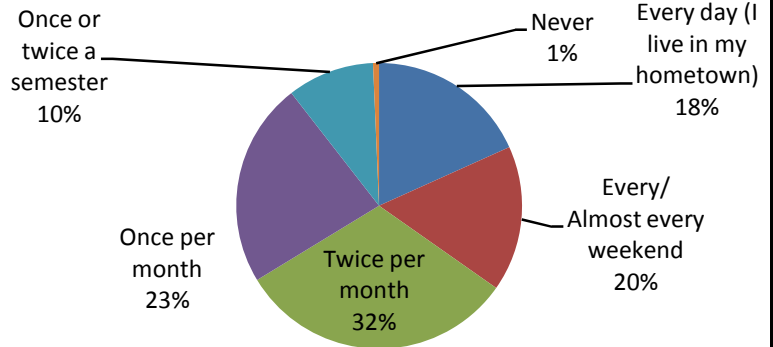
Most difficult academic area



Expectations That There is Some Chance of the Following Happening at ISU

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Join a fraternity or sorority	41.2%	45.3%
Fail one or more classes	13.7%	7.3%
Get tutoring help	74.2%	73.2%
Need extra time to complete degree	34.7%	45.8%
Graduate with honors	71.8%	73.2%
Transfer to another college	32.3%	24.7%
Drop out permanently	2.8%	2.2%
Be satisfied with your college	99.0%	99.2%
Be gainfully employed during first year	87.1%	89.7%

Visiting hometown during the semester



Time Allocation Expectations

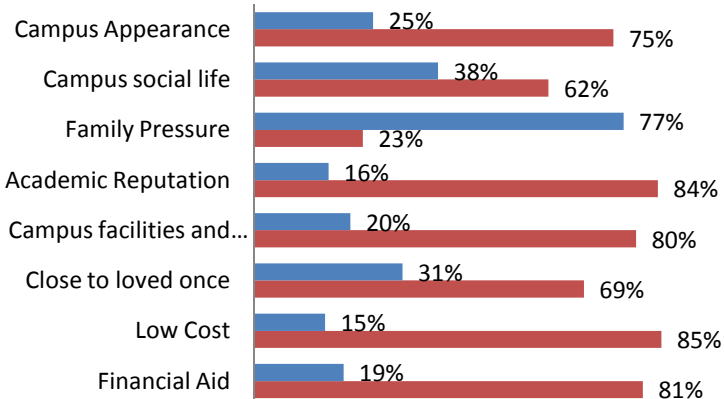
Hours Students Expect to Spend During their First Year of College:

	<u><1 hr</u>	<u>1-5 hrs</u>	<u>6-10 hrs</u>	<u>11-15 hrs</u>	<u>16-20 hrs</u>	<u>20+ hrs</u>
Working:						
in an on-campus job	34.9%	10.4%	23.9%	14.9%	13.1%	2.8%
in an off-campus job	56.7%	7.9%	10.0%	9.6%	10.3%	5.5%
Studying, researching, doing homework	1.0%	7.5%	23.6%	29.5%	19.2%	19.2%
Meeting with professors or instructors to discuss preparing for class	6.5%	63.0%	22.3%	5.8%	2.4%	0.0%
Meeting with students to prep for class	6.9%	49.1%	30.9%	8.9%	2.4%	1.7%
Going to campus events	4.1%	42.8%	33.9%	10.6%	4.8%	3.8%
Participating in campus organizations	19.2%	45.9%	22.3%	8.9%	2.1%	1.7%
Socializing with:						
friends who are ISU students	1.7%	16.8%	37.0%	22.9%	7.5%	14.0%
friends who are not ISU students	17.1%	51.4%	19.5%	7.9%	1.7%	2.4%
Using a computer/internet for recreation	8.9%	34.9%	27.7%	15.8%	6.2%	6.5%
Playing video games or watching T.V.	26.6%	47.6%	17.9%	4.5%	2.1%	1.4%
Participating in sports or exercising	11.7%	38.5%	33.0%	8.6%	4.1%	4.1%
Participating in community activities	30.9%	56.0%	10.3%	1.4%	0.3%	1.0%

Decision to Attend ISU

Top Reasons for Deciding on ISU

■ Not at all or not very important ■ Somewhat or very important



Top Choices of A & S Freshmen

	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Applied</u>
Indiana State University	66%	100%
Indiana University	9%	24%
Purdue University	5%	10%
Ball State University	6%	27%
Other Indiana 4-year public Inst.	8%	34%
Indiana Private College/Univ	7%	24%
Non-Indiana Schools	8%	25%

Close Look: About 66% of A&S freshmen applied to other schools. About 25% applied to schools outside Indiana. 61% of freshman indicated that ISU was their first choice. Other Indiana 4-year public institutions and Ball State University are ISU's greatest competitors in terms of applicants.

Before/After Admitted

Top reasons to apply

	<u>2007</u>
Email from student e-guide	19%
Laptop packet w/t-shirt	28%
Campus visit on your own	51%
Bus caravan to campus	5%
Campus sponsored event on or off campus	12%
Communication w/ISU student(s)	37%
Communication w/parent(s)	29%
Communication w/friend(s)	42%
Communication w/guidance counselor	16%
Application fee waiver	16%

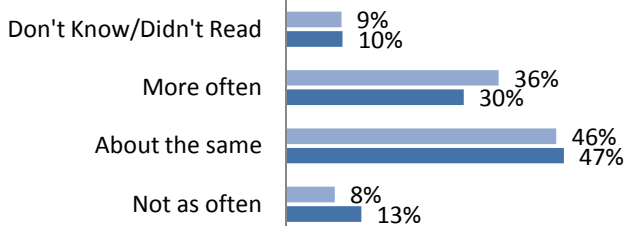
Top reasons to enroll

	<u>2007</u>
Admission packet	34%
Laptop packet w/t-shirt	30%
Financial aid award packet	36%
Email from student e-guide	13%
Communication w/ISU current/former student	30%
Communication w/parent(s)	39%
Communication w/friend(s)	33%
Communication w/ISU faculty	23%
Communication w/ISU coach	8%
Campus sponsored event	10%

Close Look: 57.84% of A & S freshman indicated that they received their financial aid package from ISU much sooner, sooner or about the same time as compared to other universities. 14.55% of A & S freshman indicated that they received their financial aid package from ISU later or much later as compared to other universities.

Frequency of ISU's regular mail

■ After admitted ■ Before admitted



Frequency of ISU's Emails being read by A & S freshman students

	<u>Before admitted</u>	<u>After admitted</u>
Never	16%	9%
Once a week	49%	46%
Twice a week	26%	39%
Once a month	10%	6%

Quality of ISU's Emails compared to other universities

	<u>Before admitted</u>	<u>After admitted</u>
Much better	16%	19%
Better	30%	32%
About the same	36%	31%
Not as Good	4%	5%
Much Worse	1%	1%
Don't know/Didn't Read	12%	12%