

# College of Arts & Sciences

## 1999 First Year Profile

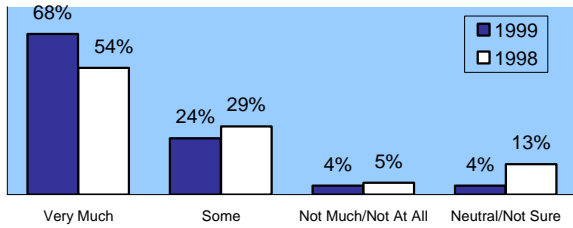
### Freshman Class of Fall 1998

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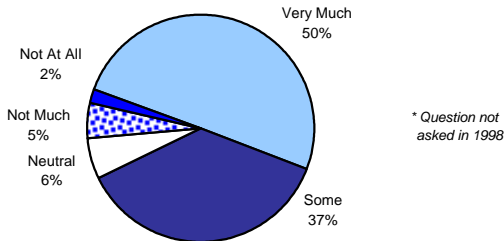
The new First Year Experience Survey was administered to Fall 1998 freshmen in late Spring 1999. The questionnaire, which was revised in 1998, is designed to follow up on questions contained in the Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) administered during NSARP. The purpose of this report is to provide a profile of 1998 freshmen enrolled in Arts & Sciences (A & S) at the end of their freshman year. A & S freshmen represent 32.5% of all 1998 freshmen and 32.3% of the respondent pool (158 responses out of 489 total). These A&S freshmen are also compared to their counterparts in the 1997 freshman class, who completed the survey in spring 1998.

#### I. General Satisfaction

How well do you like college?



How well do you like ISU? \*



How satisfied are you with Indiana State in regard to:

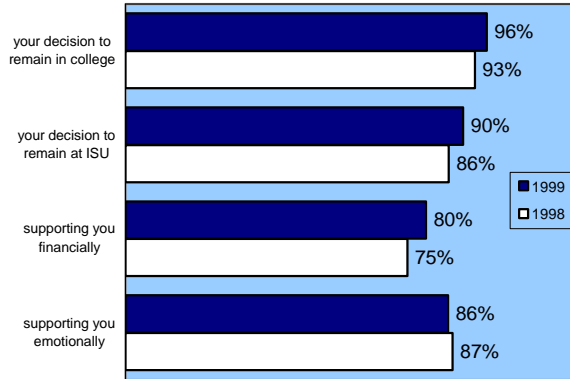
	% Satisfied	% Neutral	% Dissatisfied	% Satisfied 1998
Size of campus	87%	10%	3%	78%
Classroom technologies	83%	16%	1%	68%
Entire ISU experience	82%	14%	5%	73%
Academic experience	82%	17%	1%	69%
Overall safety on campus	82%	12%	6%	66%
Personal safety	80%	15%	4%	65%
Student Union	80%	17%	3%	63%
Appearance of campus	77%	17%	6%	74%
Computer facilities	74%	15%	10%	70%
Recreational sports	69%	28%	3%	45%
Residential life	64%	20%	16%	57%
Bookstore	61%	25%	14%	63%
Student Health Center	50%	32%	18%	36%
Student Life Office	48%	49%	3%	20%
Career Center	42%	54%	4%	22%
Registrar's Office	39%	51%	10%	33%
Student Counseling Center	37%	61%	2%	16%
Bursar's Office	33%	58%	9%	18%
Financial Aid Office	21%	29%	50%	28%
Parking	15%	16%	69%	19%

Percentages do not reflect those who had never used the service

Scale: 1 = Very Satisfied, 5 = Very Dissatisfied

#### II. Family and Friends

How supportive has your family been in:

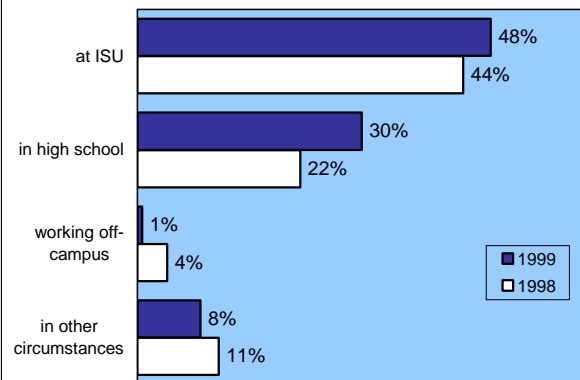


% indicating supportive or very supportive

How often students return to hometown during the semester:

1999	1998	
17%	9%	live in hometown
17%	18%	return every or almost every weekend
44%	31%	return once or twice a month
21%	35%	return once or twice a semester
1%	7%	never return during the semester

How many of your current friends did you meet:



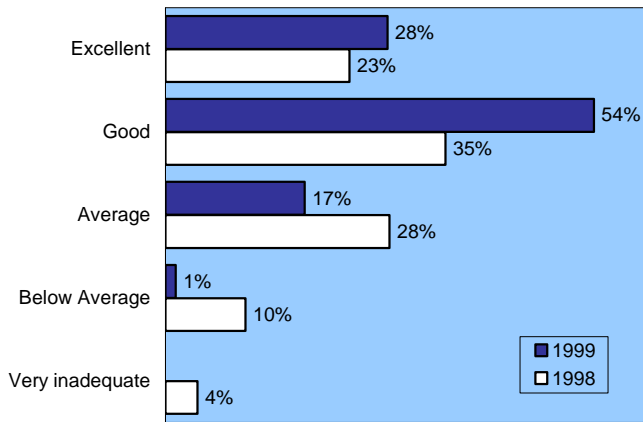
% of respondents indicating more than half

1999	1998	
12%	10%	of A & S freshmen said at least half of their high school friends attended ISU last year
79%	73%	said at least half of their high school friends attended another college last year
14%	14%	said at least half of their high school friends did not attend any college last year

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### III. Preparation and Experience

How would you rate your high school education?

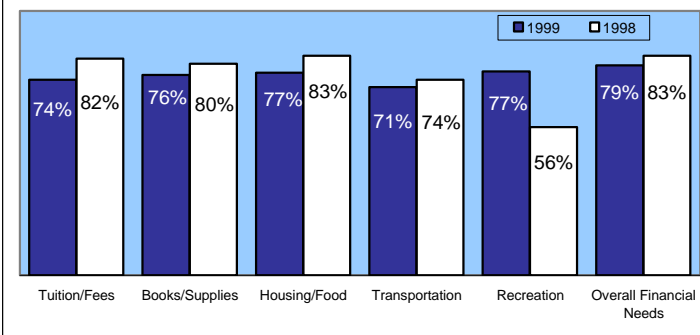


When would you estimate that your parents started saving for your college education?

	% indicating response	
	1999	1998
Before I entered high school	24%	24%
During high school but before my senior year	11%	7%
My senior year in high school or later	1%	14%
They saved, but I don't know when they started	16%	22%
I don't know if they saved	9%	22%
They did not save, but they are contributing	25%	N/A
Doesn't apply; my parents don't/can't contribute	14%	12%

**25% of A & S freshmen said their parents did not save for their college education, but are paying as they go.**

% Indicating Financial Resources were Adequate for Various Needs



Hours Per Week Spent Working During Freshman Year

	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
<b>Fall Semester (1999 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	75%	1%	9%	7%	7%	1%
Off-campus	66%	3%	6%	6%	11%	8%
Total (On & Off)	54%	3%	11%	7%	15%	9%
<b>Fall Semester (1998 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	80%	5%	4%	7%	3%	2%
Off-campus	73%	5%	2%	5%	6%	9%
Total (On & Off)	62%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Spring Semester (1999 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	67%	7%	9%	9%	7%	1%
Off-campus	70%	2%	5%	4%	9%	9%
Total (On & Off)	50%	9%	11%	10%	10%	10%
<b>Spring Semester (1998 respondents)</b>						
On-campus	76%	5%	7%	5%	5%	1%
Off-campus	72%	5%	3%	6%	4%	10%
Total (On & Off)	60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

In which area were you most unable to meet your financial needs?

I was able to meet all	35%	Housing/Food	12%
Tuition/fees	25%	Transportation	7%
Books/supplies	11%	Recreation	10%

**Almost 53% of A & S freshmen spent 10 or fewer hours per week studying, which is lower than the 1998 figure of 64%.**

**At least 15% of A & S freshmen spent more than 35 hours per week socializing, a figure comparable to that of 1998.\***

Hours Spent Per Week During First Year of College

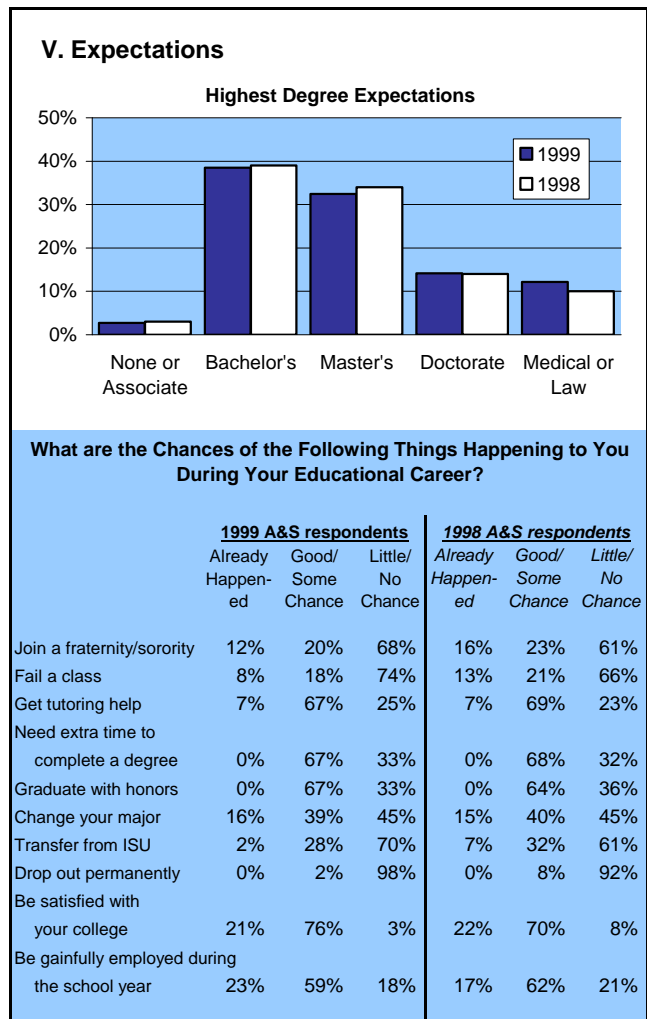
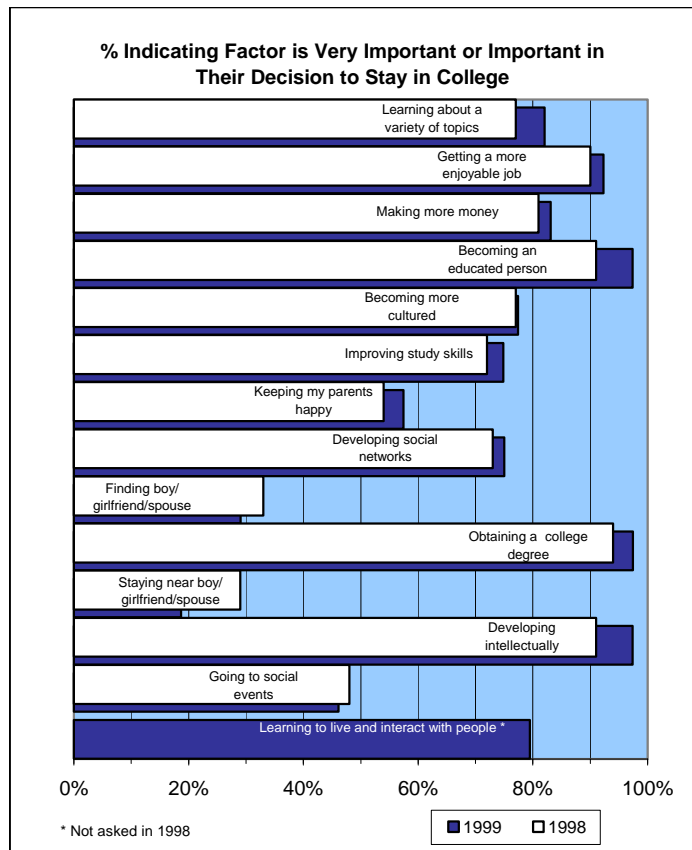
										%		
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+	1998	% 1-20 1998	% 21+ 1998
Studying, researching, using library	1%	12%	40%	18%	10%	12%	6%	3%	1%	2%	90%	8%
Meeting study groups	29%	63%	4%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	35%	65%	0%
Meeting with professors	48%	50%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	51%	49%	0%
At campus recreational events	36%	47%	9%	4%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	25%	73%	2%
At campus cultural events	32%	55%	6%	3%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
At fraternity/sorority events	76%	11%	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	73%	25%	2%
Participating in other ISU organizations	48%	35%	10%	4%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	49%	49%	2%
Participating in sports or exercising	25%	38%	21%	6%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	22%	73%	6%
Socializing in person with ISU friends	2%	16%	21%	23%	10%	9%	3%	1%	15%	11%	71%	18%
Socializing in person with non-ISU friends	19%	43%	21%	7%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	26%	64%	10%
Socializing in person w/ either type of friends	9%	13%	25%	18%	11%	4%	7%	3%	11%	at least 18%		
Socializing phone,internet,email - ISU friends	19%	48%	21%	6%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socializing phone,internet,email - others	6%	40%	31%	12%	6%	2%	1%	0%	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Engaged in computer or internet recreation	18%	50%	11%	10%	6%	1%	1%	1%	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Playing video games or watching TV	8%	40%	27%	6%	8%	3%	3%	3%	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Participating in community activities	43%	44%	8%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	75%	24%	1%

\* It is believed that students misunderstood the question regarding time spent "socializing in person with friends of either type" which was first used in 1999. Only 11% indicated 36+ hours, but since 15% indicated 36+ hours socializing in person with ISU friends, at least 15% would need to spend that socializing with friends of either type.

#### IV. Skills

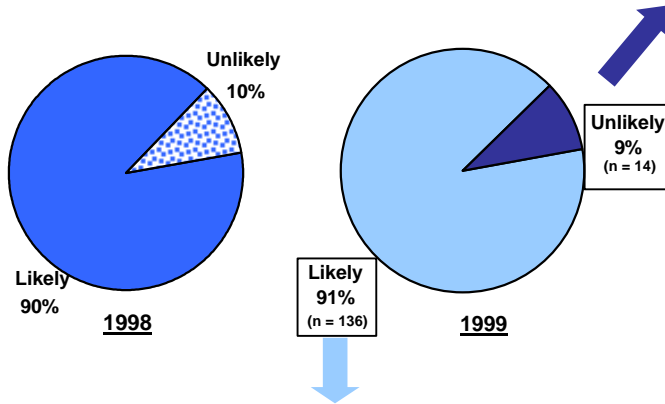
	How much has your college experience helped you develop your ability to:			Very Much/ A Lot 1998
	Very Much/ A Lot	Some	Not a Lot/ Not at All	
Get along with others	52%	41%	8%	50%
Think critically	56%	39%	5%	56%
Respect views of others	60%	34%	6%	62%
Develop close relationships with others	58%	30%	12%	56%
Be sensitive to the feelings of others	57%	31%	12%	45%
Be independent	78%	17%	5%	77%
Choose moral and ethical behavior	47%	38%	14%	55%
Establish your identity	57%	32%	11%	62%
Develop social skills	59%	32%	9%	58%
Develop a meaningful philosophy of life	35%	37%	28%	40%
Develop leadership skills	45%	40%	15%	42%
Handle stress	43%	37%	21%	45%
Understand and appreciate other cultures	51%	31%	18%	51%
Develop expertise in a given subject area	46%	44%	10%	46%
Communicate effectively	52%	41%	7%	54%

	How would you rate your ability to:			Very Good/ Good 1998
	Very Good/ Good	Not Very/ Not Good	Average	
Lead a group discussion	64%	26%	10%	59%
Solve problems creatively	71%	26%	3%	69%
Make well informed decisions	83%	16%	1%	77%
Spend leisure time wisely	49%	36%	15%	52%
Express yourself in oral communication	66%	25%	9%	69%
Express yourself in writing	74%	19%	7%	73%
Solve an algebra problem	59%	26%	15%	49%
Use computers for schoolwork	85%	13%	3%	73%
Intelligently discuss national politics	38%	29%	34%	34%
Intelligently discuss world events	40%	30%	30%	31%
Find info on the World Wide Web	74%	20%	6%	63%
Using library resources to get info	66%	22%	12%	63%
Work with others on projects	73%	21%	5%	68%



## VI. Future Academic Plans

Likelihood of Returning in Fall



The 136 A & S students who were likely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to stay.

Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Stay at ISU	Essential/			Essential or Very 1998
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ Not At All	
Financial aid available	53%	19%	28%	58%
Low cost	71%	20%	9%	68%
Close to home	38%	26%	36%	31%
Far away from home	8%	12%	80%	11%
Appearance of campus	29%	44%	27%	25%
ISU's academic reputation	53%	35%	12%	41%
Academic reputation of my major department	70%	26%	4%	56%
Quality of faculty	76%	19%	4%	58%
Size of campus	64%	24%	12%	55%
Campus social life	46%	34%	21%	33%
Student activities	30%	44%	26%	34%
Class size	61%	31%	8%	59%
Computing facilities	44%	39%	18%	40%
Opportunities to interact with faculty in class	49%	38%	13%	36%
Opportunities to interact with faculty out of class	43%	31%	26%	28%
Life in residence halls	40%	23%	37%	34%
Family pressure to stay	16%	19%	65%	15%
Friendships with faculty	28%	37%	35%	20%
Friendships with staff	26%	31%	43%	20%
Friendships with students	68%	24%	8%	57%
Terre Haute community	21%	29%	49%	20%

*% shown are % of the 136 students likely to return*

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO STAY AT ISU	1999	1998
FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE	22%	18%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF DEPARTMENT	19%	26%
LOW COST	15%	11%
CLOSE TO HOME	13%	9%
FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS	9%	15%

*% of the 116 (out of 136 likely to return) who responded*

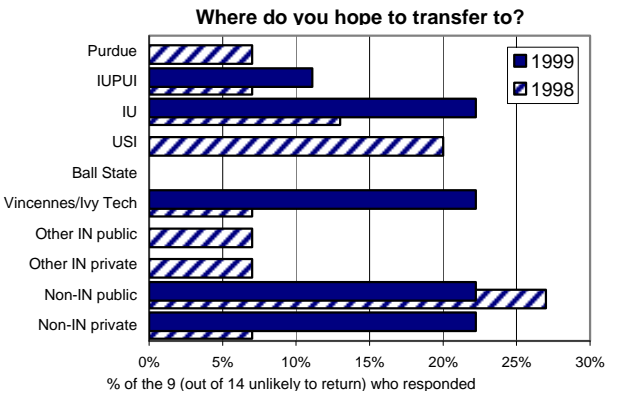
The 14 A & S students who were unlikely to return to ISU in the fall were asked about their decision to leave.

Importance of Factors Affecting Decision to Leave ISU	Essential/			Essential or Very 1998
	Very	Fairly	Not Very/ at All	
Not enough financial aid	79%	0%	21%	22%
Cost too high	57%	7%	36%	11%
Too close to home	7%	21%	71%	0%
Too far away from home	14%	21%	64%	22%
Campus atmosphere	36%	43%	21%	22%
ISU's academic reputation	29%	29%	43%	17%
Academic reputation of my major department	43%	14%	43%	11%
Quality of faculty	64%	7%	29%	28%
Size of campus	43%	7%	50%	17%
Lack of campus social life	31%	31%	38%	28%
Lack of student activities	17%	50%	33%	17%
Class size too small	7%	7%	86%	0%
Too easy	14%	7%	79%	11%
Too difficult	7%	21%	71%	6%
Personal issues	57%	14%	29%	39%
Life in residence halls	57%	7%	36%	18%
Family pressure to quit	7%	7%	86%	0%
Lack of interaction with faculty	36%	29%	36%	6%
Lack of interaction with staff	36%	21%	43%	6%
Lack of interaction w/ students	29%	43%	29%	11%
Terre Haute community	50%	14%	36%	39%

*% shown are % of the 14 students unlikely to return*

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION TO LEAVE ISU	1999	1998
NOT ENOUGH FINANCIAL AID	31%	0%
PERSONAL ISSUES	23%	56%
ACADEMIC REPUTATION OF ISU	15%	0%

*% of the 13 (out of 14 unlikely to return) who responded*



Reasons for not returning to higher education	1999	1998
Need or want to work	33%	25%
Cannot afford it	33%	0%
Other	33%	100%
Decided school isn't for me	0%	0%
Family responsibilities	0%	0%
Health reasons	0%	0%
Benefits not worth the cost	0%	0%
Too difficult	0%	0%
Was not learning much	0%	0%

*% of the 3 (out of 14 unlikely to return) who responded (multiple responses allowed)*