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Section A: General

1. What is the highest degree you plan to complete at USI? (N = 1844)
   - 7.2% 1 – None
   - 0.4% 2 – Vocational Certificate
   - 5.1% 3 – Associate (A.A. or equivalent)
   - 71.4% 4 – Bachelor’s degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)
   - 15.9% 5 – Master’s degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)

Section B: Core Curriculum

Questions #2 – 14. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 indicating that you do not feel confident at all, and 7 indicating that you feel very confident in your ability, rate your ability to:

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2. . . write well (N = 1810)
Mean = 5.13

3. . . speak in front of a group of people (N = 1828)
Mean = 4.53

4. . . make ethical judgments (N = 1827)
Mean = 5.58

5. . . use college-level algebra to solve problems (N = 1827)
Mean = 5.10

6. . . interpret works of art (N = 1829)
Mean = 4.11

7. . . interpret literature (N = 1831)
Mean = 4.67

8. . . adopt a healthy lifestyle (N = 1823)
Mean = 5.60

9. . . analyze a contemporary problem from the differing perspectives of all three major fields of study: social science, physical science, and the humanities (literature, philosophy, and art) (N = 1826)
Mean = 4.63

10. . . critically evaluate information (N = 1827)
Mean = 5.22

11. . . use electronic data bases to locate information (N = 1822)
Mean = 5.69

12. . . conduct scientific experiments (N = 1834)
Mean = 4.48

13. . . analyze survey data (N = 1829)
Mean = 4.95

14. . . conduct field research (N = 1826)
Mean = 4.55

Section C: ADVISING

Questions #15 – 22. On a scale from 1 to 7 with 1 indicating that you strongly disagree and 7 indicating that you strongly agree, rate the extent to which you agree/disagree with the following statements:

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Questions 15 through 22 include responses only for those who have met with their advisor.

My advisor . . .

15. Helps monitor my academic progress (N = 1818)
Mean = 4.74

16. Provides me with accurate information about requirements, pre-requisites, etc. (N = 1821)
Mean = 5.33

17. Keeps me informed of changes in academic requirements (N = 1817)
Mean = 4.96

18. Refers me to resources on campus from which I can obtain assistance (N = 1820)
Mean = 5.06
19. Helps me identify challenges that I need to overcome to reach my educational and vocational goals (N = 1816)  
Mean = 4.93

20. Encourages me to assume responsibility in planning my academic program (N = 1814)  
Mean = 5.26

21. Allows enough time to talk about issues or problems (N = 1822)  
Mean = 5.21

22. Provides recommendations on how I can improve my study skills and habits (N = 1812)  
Mean = 4.84

23. During the current semester, how often have you met with your advisor? (N = 1836)  
41.8% 1 - Once  
24.2% 2 - Twice  
9.7% 3 - Three times  
5.0% 4 - Four or five times  
2.5% 5 - More than five times  
16.7% 6 - Never

24. How much time do you usually spend in each meeting with your advisor? (N = 1837)  
16.9% 1 - I have not met my advisor  
4.4% 2 - Less than 5 minutes  
39.3% 3 - 5 to 15 minutes  
32.9% 4 - 16 to 30 minutes  
6.5% 5 - More than 30 minutes

26. What is the best night during the week for programs and activities to be offered at USI? (N = 1835)  
6.6% 1 – Sunday  
8.2% 2 – Monday  
11.8% 3 – Tuesday  
24.1% 4 – Wednesday  
20.9% 5 – Thursday  
20.4% 6 – Friday  
8.0% 7 – Saturday

27. What is the best time for programs and activities to occur during the week (Sunday – Thursday)? (N = 1842)  
3.4% 1 – Noon – 2 p.m.  
4.7% 2 – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
14.1% 3 – 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
41.6% 4 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
28.6% 5 – 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
6.2% 6 – 10 p.m. – Midnight  
1.4% 7 – After midnight

28. What is the best time for programs and activities to occur on the weekend (Friday and Saturday)? (N = 1838)  
12.2% 1 – Noon – 2 p.m.  
17.0% 2 – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
14.4% 3 – 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
18.1% 4 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
19.8% 5 – 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
15.0% 6 – 10 p.m. – Midnight  
3.4% 7 – After midnight

29. Of the following, which program or activity would you most like to see offered at USI? (N = 1829)  
2.1% 1 – Academic/Educational Programs (Lectures)  
2.8% 2 – Featured Speakers  
36.2% 3 – Concerts  
18.3% 4 – Athletic tournaments for students  
9.9% 5 – Movie previews  
12.4% 6 – Dances  
10.5% 7 – Carnivals/Festivals  
5.4% 8 – Plays/Theater productions  
2.5% 9 – Multicultural or international events

Section D: PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT USI

25. How many weekends, on, average per month do you spend on campus or in the Evansville area? (N = 1835)  
7.6% 1 – One  
17.1% 2 – Two  
23.4% 3 – Three  
41.3% 4 – Four or more  
10.6% 5 – Zero / None
30. Would you be supportive of paying any additional fees or money to obtain more programs/activities on campus? (N = 1822)
   12.8% 1 – Yes
   20.8% 2 – No
   21.1% 3 – Not Sure
   45.3% 4 – Depends on how much extra money

31. How much additional money would you be willing to pay per semester for programs and activities on campus? (N = 1834)
   16.6% 1 - $1 - $5
   19.2% 2 - $6 - $10
   14.2% 3 - $11 - $15
   13.7% 4 - $16 - $20
   13.8% 5 - $21 - $25
   6.5% 6 – More than $25
   15.9% 7 – Not willing to pay any additional money

32. How often, on average, do you participate in USI activities and programs? (N = 1841)
   26.6% 1 – I don’t participate in programs and activities at USI
   37.8% 2 – 1 – 2 times per month
   18.7% 3 – 3 – 4 times per month
   8.3% 4 – 5 – 6 times per month
   3.4% 5 – 7 – 8 times per month
   1.6% 6 – 9 – 10 times per month
   3.7% 7 – More than 10 times per month

33. What is the biggest reason you do not attend a scheduled program or activity on USI’s campus? (N = 1834)
   26.8% 1 – The time of the activity conflicts with my work schedule
   14.0% 2 – The time of the activity conflicts with my class schedule
   12.9% 3 – The time of the activity conflicts with my designated study time
   27.6% 4 – The type of program doesn’t interest me
   3.3% 5 – The program is in an inconvenient location
   12.1% 6 – I do not have any friends or fellow students that want to go with me to the program
   2.5% 7 – The time of the activity is too late in the evening for me
   0.8% 8 – The time of the activity is too early in the day for me

Section E: SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

For questions #34 and 35, one (1) drink = 12 ounces of beer OR 4 – 5 ounces of wine OR 1 ounce of liquor.

34. How many alcoholic drinks do you typically consume on one occasion when you are hanging out with friends? (N = 1834)
   4.7% 1 – One drink
   6.3% 2 – Two drinks
   7.5% 3 – Three drinks
   6.2% 4 – Four drinks
   2.7% 5 – Five drinks
   5.2% 6 – Six drinks or more
   67.6% 7 – Typically don’t drink

35. How many alcoholic drinks do you typically consume on one occasion when you are going out to party? (N = 1836)
   5.5% 1 – One drink
   6.6% 2 – Two drinks
   7.6% 3 – Three drinks
   6.0% 4 – Four drinks
   5.1% 5 – Five drinks
   12.9% 6 – Six drinks or more
   56.4% 7 – Typically don’t drink

36. When going out with or hanging out with friends, I prefer to be around people who (N = 1822)
   39.1% 1 – Don’t drink
   57.2% 2 – Drink moderately and stay in control
   3.7% 3 – Drink heavily and get out of control

37. When going out on a date, I prefer to be with someone who (N = 1830)
   62.7% 1 – Doesn’t drink
   35.6% 2 – Drinks moderately and stays in control
   1.7% 3 – Drinks heavily and gets out of control

38. How do you feel about the following statement: “Alcohol is very important to the social life of this campus.” (N = 1843)
   33.0% 1 – Strongly Disagree
   22.2% 2 – Disagree
   32.4% 3 – Neutral
   8.7% 4 – Agree
   3.7% 5 – Strongly Agree
39. “Most USI students think alcohol is very important to the social life of this campus.” (N = 1834)
   - 12.8% 1 – Strongly Disagree
   - 17.9% 2 – Disagree
   - 35.4% 3 – Neutral
   - 25.5% 4 – Agree
   - 8.3% 5 – Strongly Agree

40. When hanging out with friends, the majority of USI students have...
    (N = 1822)
   - 8.6% 1 – One drink
   - 14.4% 2 – Two drinks
   - 18.7% 3 – Three drinks
   - 12.6% 4 – Four drinks
   - 7.8% 5 – Five drinks
   - 10.9% 6 – Six drinks or more
   - 27.1% 7 – Typically don’t drink

41. When going out to party, the majority of USI students have... (N = 1823)
   - 4.2% 1 – One drink
   - 8.5% 2 – Two drinks
   - 15.1% 3 – Three drinks
   - 17.1% 4 – Four drinks
   - 12.6% 5 – Five drinks
   - 27.0% 6 – Six drinks or more
   - 15.4% 7 – Typically don’t drink

42. During the past 30 days, how many times have you driven within one hour after you have consumed two or more alcoholic beverages? (N = 1809)
   - 4.2% 1 – Once
   - 3.3% 2 – Two or three times
   - 1.6% 3 – Four or more times
   - 53.8% 4 – Never
   - 37.0% 5 – I do not drink alcohol

43. The last time you found yourself in the position of considering whether to ride in a car with a driver who had been drinking alcohol, what did you do? (N = 1830)
   - 7.8% 1 – Walked
   - 5.6% 2 – Went ahead and rode with the drinking driver
   - 1.7% 3 – Took a taxi or other public transportation
   - 24.8% 4 – Asked a non-drinking designated driver to give you a ride
   - 19.1% 5 – Called someone to pick you up
   - 7.9% 6 – Asked around for a non-drinking driver
   - 4.2% 7 – Selected a person who you thought had the least amount to drink and rode with them
   - 29.1% 8 – Never been in this situation

44. How do you feel about the following statement, “USI should be a smoke-free campus”? (N = 1826)
   - 17.3% 1 – Strongly Disagree
   - 10.2% 2 – Disagree
   - 25.5% 3 – Neutral
   - 12.5% 4 – Agree
   - 34.6% 5 – Strongly Agree

45. When deciding whether or not to go to college, what was the most important reason you decided to go to college? (Mark only one) (N = 1827)
   - 3.9% 1 – My parents wanted me to go
   - 0.6% 2 – I could not find a job
   - 5.1% 3 – I wanted to get away from home
   - 28.8% 4 – To be able to get a better job
   - 8.7% 5 – To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
   - 1.3% 6 – There was nothing better to do
   - 2.1% 7 – To make me a more cultured person
   - 14.8% 8 – To be able to make more money
   - 9.6% 9 – To prepare myself for graduate or professional school
   - 25.0% 10 – To get training for a specific career

46. What was the most important reason you decided to attend USI? (Mark only one) (N = 1804)
   - 6.2% 1 – My parent/relatives wanted me to attend USI
   - 13.9% 2 – USI has a very good academic reputation
   - 2.5% 3 – USI has a good reputation for its social activities
   - 6.1% 4 – I was offered financial assistance to attend USI
   - 30.9% 5 – The cost of attending USI
   - 20.1% 6 – I wanted to live near home
   - 4.5% 7 – I could not afford my first choice
   - 1.0% 8 – USI’s graduates get good jobs
   - 11.4% 9 – The size of USI
   - 3.3% 10 – My high school friends decided to attend USI
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For questions # 47 – 57, indicate about how much time you spent during a typical week this semester doing each of the following activities.

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<td>1 = 0.9%</td>
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<td>48. Attending classes/labs</td>
<td>1 = 0.9%</td>
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<td>49. Socializing with friends</td>
<td>1 = 1.1%</td>
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<td>50. Talking with faculty during office hours</td>
<td>1 = 41.7%</td>
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<td>52. Exercising and/or playing sports</td>
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<td>56. Participating in student clubs/groups</td>
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<td>57. Commuting</td>
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Questions 58 to 63 include responses only for those students who indicated attending USI Orientation.

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Thinking back about your experience during USI Orientation...

58. The resources available to me at USI (i.e. academic assistance, extracurricular involvement, career planning, etc.) (N = 1784)
   1 = 3.6%; 2 = 5.2%; 3 = 25.3%; 4 = 41.1%; 5 = 24.8%

59. The academic advising process at USI (N = 1802)
   1 = 3.7%; 2 = 7.0%; 3 = 27.7%; 4 = 40.2%; 5 = 21.3%

60. The Core Curriculum at USI (N = 1791)
   1 = 3.9%; 2 = 6.4%; 3 = 26.9%; 4 = 42.4%; 5 = 20.4%

61. How getting involved in extracurricular activities can improve my college experience (N = 1779)
   1 = 3.1%; 2 = 5.2%; 3 = 26.6%; 4 = 39.1%; 5 = 26.0%

62. The process of receiving and paying my bill for tuition and fees (N = 1785)
   1 = 4.8%; 2 = 9.0%; 3 = 31.3%; 4 = 36.9%; 5 = 18.1%

63. USI Orientation prepared me for the transition from high school to USI (N = 1786)
   1 = 6.8%; 2 = 10.0%; 3 = 30.1%; 4 = 34.9%; 5 = 18.3%

64. Do you plan on staying in Indiana after graduation? (N = 1812)
   36.3% 1 – Yes
   20.2% 2 – No
   43.5% 3 – Not sure
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65. If you had to start your college education over, would you still choose to go to USI? (N = 1819)
   33.5% 1 – Definitely yes
   35.0% 2 – Probably yes
   11.3% 3 – Probably no
   4.9% 4 – Definitely no
   15.3% 5 – Don’t know/ Not sure

33. If you had to start your college education over, would you still choose to go to USI? (N = 1819)
   33.5% 1 – Definitely yes
   35.0% 2 – Probably yes
   11.3% 3 – Probably no
   4.9% 4 – Definitely no
   15.3% 5 – Don’t know/ Not sure

Section E: Service Learning

A service learning course is one that includes a community project that helps students learn and also helps the community, such as an applied research, design of publicity, or data base construction for a local group, either nonprofit or for profit.

66. How many service learning courses have you taken at USI? (N = 1535)
   7.9% 1 – 1 course
   4.0% 2 – 2 courses
   4.7% 3 – 3 courses
   2.0% 4 – 4 courses
   4.0% 5 – 5 courses
   75.9% 10 – NONE

Questions 67 through 76 include responses only for those who indicated taking at least one service learning course.

Questions 67-76: Answer
1 – Yes
2 – No

Did the community project experience(s) in the service learning course(s) help you...

67. Understand how to effectively discuss and address important community issues? (N = 257)
   1 = 78.6%; 2 = 21.4%

68. Know how to communicate in a “real world” setting? (N = 261)
   1 = 85.1%; 2 = 14.9%

69. Develop your problem-solving skills? (N = 260)
   1 = 82.7%; 2 = 17.3%

70. Learn the content of the course more fully? (N = 260)
   1 = 80.8%; 2 = 19.2%

71. Know better how to work with diverse groups and environments? (N = 260)
   1 = 82.3%; 2 = 17.7%

72. Broaden your awareness of the community? (N = 258)
   1 = 81.0%; 2 = 19.0%

73. Broaden your awareness to different approaches to community issues? (N = 256)
   1 = 81.3%; 2 = 18.8%

74. Prepare for your future career? (N = 261)
   1 = 80.1%; 2 = 19.9%

75. Decide what you wanted to major in? (N = 263)
   1 = 74.5%; 2 = 25.5%

76. Feel more connected to the university as a community? (N = 259)
   1 = 76.8%; 2 = 23.2%

Section F: Co-Curricular Service Learning

Co-Curricular activities, often done by campus organizations and student clubs, are designed to help students learn community skills that also help the community.

77. How many co-curricular service learning activities have you participated in at USI? (N = 1661)
   11.3% 1 – 1 activity
   8.5% 2 – 2 activities
   13.6% 3 – 3 activities
   1.7% 4 – 4 activities
   0.8% 5 – 5 activities
   62.9% 10 – NONE
Questions 78 through 87 include responses only for those who indicated participating in at least one co-curricular service learning activity.

Questions 78-89: Answer
1 – Yes
2 – No

Did the co-curricular activity experience(s) help you...

78. Understand how to effectively discuss and address important community issues? (N = 399)
   1 = 79.4%;  2 = 20.6%

79. Know how to communicate in a “real world” setting? (N = 406)
   1 = 83.3%;  2 = 16.7%

80. Develop your problem-solving skills? (N = 411)
   1 = 78.6%;  2 = 21.4%

81. Learn more about civic involvement? (N = 402)
   1 = 75.9%;  2 = 24.1%

82. Know better how to work with diverse groups and environments? (N = 401)
   1 = 84.8%;  2 = 18.2%

83. Broaden your awareness of the community? (N = 406)
   1 = 83.0%;  2 = 17.0%

84. Broaden your awareness to different approaches to community issues? (N = 398)
   1 = 80.9%;  2 = 19.1%

85. Prepare for your future career? (N = 401)
   1 = 74.6%;  2 = 25.4%

86. Decide what you wanted to major in? (N = 406)
   1 = 67.0%;  2 = 33.0%

87. Feel more connected to the university as a community? (N = 407)
   1 = 83.8%;  2 = 16.2%

Questions 88 – 89: Answer 1 – Yes 2 – No

88. I think USI should offer more service learning courses. (N = 1543)
   1 = 65.3%;  2 = 34.7%

89. I think USI should organize more co-curricular service learning activities. (N = 1520)
   1 = 70.2%;  2 = 29.8%