



THE EUROSTUDENT SURVEY

This survey is about your life as a student, your response is important and will be used to compare student lives all over Europe. Please answer all questions. You can enter the draw to **win a Sony Vaio laptop** on completion of the survey.

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To answer a question please tick the box adjacent to the answer or write the figure/text in the space provided.

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1. Current Study Situation

Q1.1 What qualification should you get at the end of your course?

Higher Certificate (NFQ Level 6)	1
Diploma	2
Ordinary Degree (NFQ Level 7)	3
Honours Bachelors Degree (NFQ Level 8)	4
Postgraduate Diploma (NFQ Level 8/9)	5
Taught Masters Degree (NFQ Level 9)	6
Research Masters Degree (NFQ Level 9)	7
PhD (NFQ Level 10)	8
Other (please specify)	9

Q1.2 Which description best fits your current status as a student?

Full-time student	1
Part-time student	2

Q1.3 Are you any of the following? (tick all that apply)

Exchange student	1
Student of distance education	2
Student of continuing professional development or life-long learning	3
Other (please specify)	4
None of the above	5

Q1.4 At what college are you studying?

Athlone Institute of Technology	1	Mary Immaculate College Limerick	17
Cork Institute of Technology	2	Mater Dei Institute of Education	18
Dublin City University	3	National College of Art and Design	19
Dublin Institute of Technology	4	National College of Ireland	20
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design, and Technology	5	National University of Ireland, Galway	21
Dundalk Institute of Technology	6	National University of Ireland, Maynooth	22
Froebel College of Education	7	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland	23
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	8	St Angela's College of Education	24
Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown	9	St Patrick's College, Drumcondra	25
Institute of Technology, Carlow	10	Tipperary Institute	26
Institute of Technology, Sligo	11	Trinity College Dublin	27
Institute of Technology, Tallaght	12	University College Cork	28
Institute of Technology, Tralee	13	University College Dublin	29
Letterkenny Institute of Technology	14	University of Limerick	30
Limerick Institute of Technology	15	Waterford Institute of Technology	31
Marino Institute of Education	16		

Q1.5 What is your current main area of study?

Education	1	Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	8
Humanities & Arts	2	Agriculture/Veterinary	9
Social Science	3	Health/Welfare	10
Business	4	Sport	11
Law	5	Catering	12
Science	6	Services	13
Maths/Computing/Computer Science	7	Other (please specify)	14

	1 yr	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	6 yrs+
Q1.6.1 How many <u>years</u> long is the course in total?	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q1.6.2 What <u>year</u> of the course are you currently in?	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q1.7 Do you plan to continue studying after finishing your current programme?

No, I don't plan to continue my studies	1
I don't know yet	2
Yes, an undergraduate degree in Ireland	3
Yes, an undergraduate degree in a foreign country	4
Yes, a Masters degree in Ireland	5
Yes, a Masters degree in a foreign country	6
Yes, a PhD in Ireland	7
Yes, a PhD in a foreign country	8
Yes, but another programme not mentioned here	9

Q1.8 What is the language of your programme? *Multiple answers possible.*

English	1
Irish	2
Other	3

Q 1.9 Please rate how important the following are to you in relation to your study programme

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
A good basis for starting work	1	2	3	4	5
A good basis for personal development	1	2	3	4	5

Q 1.10 How satisfied are you that your study programme is fulfilling these goals?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
A good basis for starting work	1	2	3	4	5
A good basis for personal development	1	2	3	4	5

2. Study Background

Q2.1 Where were you living, when you completed your secondary education?

Antrim	1	Galway	12	Monaghan	23
Armagh	2	Kerry	13	Offaly	24
Carlow	3	Kildare	14	Roscommon	25
Cavan	4	Kilkenny	15	Sligo	26
Clare	5	Laois	16	Tipperary	27
Cork	6	Leitrim	17	Tyrone	28
Derry	7	Limerick	18	Waterford	29
Donegal	8	Longford	19	Westmeath	30
Down	9	Louth	20	Wexford	31
Dublin	10	Mayo	21	Wicklow	32
Fermanagh	11	Meath	22	Outside the island of Ireland	33

Q2.2.1 Is your family home in Ireland (Republic or Northern Ireland)?

Yes	1
Go to Q2.3 No	2

Q2.2.2 If Yes to Q2.2.1, how far is your family home from college in kilometers?

_____ kms (1 mile = 1.6 km)

Q2.3 On what basis did you enter higher education?

Leaving Cert	1
International equivalent of Leaving Cert	2
As a mature student (23 plus)	3
FETAC Level 5 or 6 Award	4
Higher Education Access/Foundation programme	5
Other (please specify)	6

Q 2.4 When did you get the qualification used for entering higher education?

Month _____ Year _____

Q 2.5 When did you enter higher education for the first time?

Month _____ Year _____

Q 2.6 When did you start your current programme?

Month _____ Year _____

Q 2.7 Before entering higher education, did you have any experience on the labour market?

Yes, I had a regular paid job (for at least one year, working at least 20h per week)	1
Yes, casual minor jobs (less than 1 year or less than 20h a week) <input type="checkbox"/>	2
Yes, through vocational training (e.g. apprenticeship) <input type="checkbox"/>	3
No, no experience	4

Q 2.8 Did you ever interrupt your education career after graduating from secondary school for at least one year? *Multiple answers possible.*

Yes, I interrupted between graduating secondary education and entering higher education	1
Yes, I interrupted between entering higher education and graduating from higher education	2
Yes, I interrupted between graduating from higher education and re-entering higher education	3
<input type="checkbox"/> No	4

3. Living Conditions

Q3.1.1 Who do you live with during term time (Monday until Friday)?

Multiple answers possible.

Parents	1
Partner/Spouse	2
Child(ren)	3
With another person/s not mentioned above	4
I live alone	5

Q3.1.2 Where do you live during term time (Monday until Friday)?

Parents' house	1
Relative's house	2
Lodgings/digs	3
College residence on/off campus	4
Rented house/flat	5
Own household (either alone or with partner/family)	6
Other specify _____	7

Q3.2 On a typical day, what is the time and distance you cover from your home to your higher education institution?

<i>Home is defined as your place of living during term-time (Monday until Friday)</i>	
	minutes on average (one way)
	kilometres on average (one way) (1 mile = 1.6 km)

Q3.3 What is the average monthly income at your disposal from the following sources? At your disposal is the money which is meant for monthly consumption, no matter when it was earned.

<i>Add a '0' or strike-out box if you did not receive any income from a certain source</i>	
	Average Income € (per month)
1. Provision from family/partner	
Financial support from public sources	
2. non-repayable grant / scholarship	
3. repayable loan	
4. Self-earned income through paid job	
5. Savings (e.g. previously earned money)	
6. Other sources (incl. other public or private support)	
7. Total income	

Q3.4.1 What are your average monthly expenses for the following needs?

Add a '0' or strike-out box if no money was spent on a certain type of costs.	I pay out of my own pocket €	Paid by parents/partner/ others for me €
Living costs <u>per month</u>	(per month)	(per month)
1. Accommodation (including utilities, water, electricity)		
2. Living/daily expenses (food, clothing, toiletries etc.)		
3. Social and leisure activities		
4. Transportation		
5. Health costs (e.g. medical insurance)		
6. Communication (telephone, internet etc.)		
7. Childcare		
8. Debt payment		
9. Other regular costs (tobacco, pets, insurance..)		
10. Total		

Q3.4.2 What are your average per semester expenses for the following needs?

Study-related costs <u>per semester</u>	I pay out of my own pocket € (per semester)	Paid by parents/partner/ others for me € (per semester)
1. Tuition fees		
2. Registration fees, examination fees		
3. Social welfare contributions to the university/ college and student association		
4. Learning materials (e.g. books, photocopying, DVDs, fields trips)		
5. Other regular costs (e.g. training, further education)		
6. Total		

Q3.5 To what extent do you agree with the statement, I have sufficient funding in order to cover my monthly costs.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	2	3	4	5

Q3.6 Do you have a paid job during the current semester?

Yes, I work regularly during term-time	1
Yes, I work occasionally during term-time	2
Go to Q3.9 No, I don't work during term-time	3

Q3.7 If Yes, Do you feel this job affects your academic performance?

Yes	1
No	2

Q3.8 Did you have a paid job during any term break in the last 12 months?

Yes	1
Go to Q3.10 No	2

Q3.9 If Yes, how closely is (was) that job related to your studies?

Very closely	1
Broadly related	2
Related to some extent	3
Not at all related	4

Q3.10 How important is your studies compared to other activities for you?

More important	1
Equally important	2
Less important	3

Q3.11 How many hours do you spend in a typical week in taught courses, personal study and on paid jobs?

(Try to remember day by day and fill in the sum of hours over the whole week including the weekend. Add a '0' or strike-out box if no hours were spent on an activity on the respective day)

	MOM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Taught studies (lessons, seminars, labs, tests, etc.)							
Personal study time (like preparation, learning, reading, writing homework)							
Paid jobs							
Engagement in college activities e.g societies, sports clubs etc							

Q3.12 Looking at your total workload based on the time you spend in study-related activities and in paid work, please rate your satisfaction with your workload.

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
1	2	3	4	5

4. International Mobility

The section refers to foreign enrolment where the student left the country of the survey to study a certain period abroad. It does not include studies that have been started abroad and are continued now in the country of the survey. The time period covered is from the moment of entering higher education until now, i.e. former, already graduated programmes are included. Hence, unlike all other questions, we do not only refer to the current programme.

Q 4.1 Have you been enrolled abroad in a regular course of study?

Go to Q4.2 Yes, I have been	1
Go to Q4.5 No, but I plan to go	2
Go to Q4.5 No	3

Q 4.2 Was your enrolment abroad part of any of the following programmes? *Multiple answers are possible.*

Part of my study programme (international programme)	1
TEMPUS	2
ERASMUS (MUNDUS)	3
LINGUA	4
Other EU-programme	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please, fill in the name of the programme: _____)	6
No programme	7

Q 4.3 Please tick any of the following sources of funding that you used to fund your enrolment abroad. Then tick whichever one was your main source of funding.

Multiple responses expected! Please choose only one primary source of funding.		
	Source of funding	Primary source of funding (only one)
1. Contribution from parents/family	1	1
2. Own income from previous job	2	2
3. By working during my studies abroad	3	3
4. Study grants/loans from host country	4	4
5. Support by home state loan (repayable)	5	5
6. Support by home state grant (non-repayable)	6	6
7. EU study grants	7	7
8. Other please specify	8	8

Q 4.4.1 How important were the following aspects concerning your enrolment abroad?

	Very Important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
1. Personal development	1	2	3	4	5
2. Language improvement	1	2	3	4	5
3. Quality of education	1	2	3	4	5
4. Academic level	1	2	3	4	5
5. Social integration	1	2	3	4	5
6. Service from host institution	1	2	3	4	5

Q 4.4.2 Were your expectations fulfilled concerning your enrolment abroad?

	Yes completely				Not at all
1. Personal development	1	2	3	4	5
2. Language improvement	1	2	3	4	5
3. Quality of education	1	2	3	4	5
4. Academic level	1	2	3	4	5
5. Social integration	1	2	3	4	5
6. Service from host institution	1	2	3	4	5

Q 4.5 To what extent are the following aspects an obstacle for an enrolment abroad to you?

	Big obstacle				No obstacle
1. Insufficient skills in foreign language	1	2	3	4	5
2. Difficulties in getting information	1	2	3	4	5
3. Problems with accommodation in the host country	1	2	3	4	5
4. Separation from partner, child(ren), friends	1	2	3	4	5
5. Limited Disability Supports/Services while in host country	1	2	3	4	5
6. Loss of social benefits (e.g. child allowance, price discounts for students)	1	2	3	4	5
7. Loss of opportunities to earn money	1	2	3	4	5
8. Expected additional financial burden	1	2	3	4	5
9. Lack of personal drive	1	2	3	4	5
10. Presumed low benefit for my studies at home	1	2	3	4	5
11. Expected delay in progress in my studies	1	2	3	4	5
12. Problems with recognition of results achieved in foreign countries	1	2	3	4	5
13. Limited number of mobility programmes in home institution	1	2	3	4	5
14. Problems with visa/residence regulations in preferred country	1	2	3	4	5
15. Limited access to mobility programmes in home country	1	2	3	4	5
16. Problems with access regulations to the preferred country (visa, residence permit)	1	2	3	4	5
17. Limited admittance to the preferred institution and/or study programme in foreign country	1	2	3	4	5
18. It doesn't fit into the structure of my programme	1	2	3	4	5

Q 4.6.1 Have you ever been abroad for other study related activities during your study programme?

Yes	1
Go to 4.7.1 No	2

Q 4.6.2 If Yes, fill in the duration in months and the country you have been to per activity.

If you've been abroad more than once per activity, please refer to your most recent stay abroad.

	Duration in months	Country
Research	_____	_____
Internship / work placement	_____	_____
Summer school	_____	_____
Language course	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

Q 4.7.1 Do you plan to work abroad after you graduate?

Definitely Yes	1
Probably Yes	2
Go to Q5.1 Probably No	3
Go to Q5.1 Definitely No	4
Go to Q5.1 Don't Know	5

Q 4.7.2 If Yes, would it be out of:

Necessity	1
Choice	2

5. Personal Details

Q5.1 When were you born?

Month _____ Year 19_____

Q5.2 What is your gender?

Female	1
Male	2

Q5.3 Were you born in the country in which you are now studying?

Yes	1
No	2

Q5.4 Were both of your parents born in the country in which you are now studying?

Yes	1
No	2

Q5. 5 What are your language skills?

Please rate your grade of proficiency in the applicable language(s).

	Native speaker	Very good				No knowledge
English	1	2	3	4	5	6
Irish	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Other please specify</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Other please specify</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q 5.6 Do you have any children?

Yes	1
Go to Q5.9 No	2

Q 5.7 How many children do you have?

_____ child(ren)

Q 5.8 How old is your youngest child?

_____ years of age

Q 5.9 Are you impaired in your studies by any of the following long-lasting conditions? *Multiple answers possible.*

Yes, chronic illness	1
Yes, a psychological condition	2
Yes, a specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia)	3
Yes, blindness, deafness, severe vision or hearing impairment	4
Yes, a physical disability	5
Yes, other health problems	6
No (please go on to question 6.1)	7

Q 5.10 Do you feel that your impairment is sufficiently taken account of in your studies?

Yes completely				Not at all
1	2	3	4	5

6. Health and Wellbeing

Q6.1 Over the last two weeks

	All of the time	Most of the time	More than half of the time	Less than half of the time	Some of the time	At no time
1. I have felt cheerful and in good spirits	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. I have felt calm and relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. I have felt active and vigorous	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. I have woken up feeling fresh and rested	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. My daily life has been filled with things that interest me	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q6.2 Please rate your satisfaction with the following.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
1. Your accommodation	1	2	3	4	5
2. Your financial/material well-being	1	2	3	4	5
3. Your friendships	1	2	3	4	5
4. Your studies	1	2	3	4	5
5. The college you are studying in	1	2	3	4	5

Q6.3.1 Do you drink alcohol?

Yes	1
No	2

Q6.3.2 If Yes, state the average number of units in a typical week *one unit is equivalent to a half pint of beer, a small glass of wine or a single spirit measure*

_____ units

Q6.4 Do you smoke?

Yes, regularly	1
Yes, occasionally (on average less than one a day)	2
No	3

Q6.5 How frequently do you exercise i.e. at least 30 minutes duration where your heart rate was raised?

Do not exercise to this extent	1
Once a week	2
Twice a week	3
Three times	4
Four times	5
Five or more times	6

Q6.6 How often do you experience the following:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Quite Often	Most of the time
1. Catch colds	1	2	3	4	5
2. Suffer with headaches	1	2	3	4	5
3. Have difficulty sleeping	1	2	3	4	5
4. Have difficulty concentrating	1	2	3	4	5

Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
1	2	3	4	5

7. Family Background

In this section you will be asked some questions about your family background. The following questions are about your mother and father or those person(s) who are like a mother or father to you — for example, guardians, step-parents, foster parents, etc. If you shared your time with more than one set of parents or guardians during your youth, please answer the following questions for those parents/guardians you spent the most time with.

Q7.1 What is the highest level of education your father and mother have obtained?

	NFQ equivalent	Father	Mother
1. No formal qualification		1	1
2. Primary only	Level 1 or 3	2	2
3. Group/Inter/Junior Certificate	Level 3	3	3
4. Apprenticeship without Leaving Certificate		4	4
5. Leaving Certificate	Level 4 or 5	5	5
6. FETAC Certificate/Other Further Education	Level 5 or 6	6	6
7. Apprenticeship with Leaving Certificate	Level 6	7	7
8. Third-level diploma/certificate/ordinary degree	Level 6 or 7	8	8
9. Third-level degree (honours degree)	Level 8	9	9
10. Masters, Ph.D or higher	Level 9 or 10	10	10
11. Do not know		11	11

Q7.2 How would you describe your parents working status? Please tick only one box.

	Father	Mother
1. Working full-time for pay	1	1
2. Working part-time for pay	2	2
3. Not working, but looking for a job	3	3
4. Student	4	4
5. Home duties	5	5
6. Retired	6	6
7. Other	7	7
8. Do not know	8	8
9. Deceased	9	9

Q7.3 What are the most recent or former occupations of your father and mother?

Please classify the job according to one of the following categories of occupation.

	Father	Mother
1. Legislators, senior officials and managers	1	1
2. Professionals	2	2
3. Technicians and associate professionals	3	3
4. Clerks	4	4
5. Service workers/sales workers	5	5
6. Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	6	6
7. Craft and related trades workers	7	7
8. Plant and machine operators and assemblers	8	8
9. Elementary occupations/domestic and related helpers	9	9
10. Armed forces/military	10	10
11. Do not know	11	11

Q7.4 Some people are considered to have a high social standing and some are considered to have a low social standing. Thinking about your family background, where would you place your parents on this scale if the top indicated high social standing and the bottom indicated low social standing?

High social standing									Low social standing
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q7.5 Please try to estimate the gross (before tax) ANNUAL income of your family household

Less than €20,000	1
€20,001 to €35,000	2
€35,001 to €70,000	3
€70,001 to €90,000	4
Greater than €90,000	5
Do not know	6

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