

**Survey of New Freshmen 2005-2006
N=2194**

What sources of information were the most influential in your decision to attend the U of A? (Check all that apply) (n=2194)	Checked
Alumni	16%
Admissions Office	11%
Friends and Family	71%
High School Teachers	18%
High School Counselors	16%
Printed materials	19%
TV advertising about the UA	1%
World Wide Web	17%
Other	19%

If you used the UA website, what type of information did you view? (Check all that apply) (n=2194)	Checked
Financial Aid	53%
UA catalog and academic information	42%
How to apply	75%
Housing	71%
Student programs	53%
Tucson and surrounding area	18%
Other	6%

By the end of your freshman year at the UA, within which of the following ranged do you expect your grade point average (GPA) to fall? (n=2182)	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.49	2.50-2.99	2.00-2.49	Less than 2.00
	57%	39%	3%	0%	0%

Which of the following best describes your parents' education? (n=2185)	
Neither mother nor father has ever attended college	12%
At least one parent attended college; neither graduated	13%
At least one parent graduated college	29%
Both parents graduated college	46%

Which of the two conditions best describes you? (n=2180)	
My parents or legal guardians claim me as a dependent	92%
I am self-supporting	8%

N=2054	Less than \$15,000	\$15,000--\$30,000	\$30,001--\$45,000	\$45,001--\$65,000	\$65,001--\$100,000	More than \$100,000
What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year?	5%	9%	13%	16%	25%	37%

During your high school years, how many hours per week did you spend doing homework outside of class? (n=2179)	Less than 10	11-20	21-30	More than 30
	48%	40%	10%	3%

How many hours per week do you expect to spend doing homework for your freshmen courses here at the UA? (n=2178)	Less than 10	11-20	21-30	More than 30
	3%	45%	39%	13%

Do you own a personal computer? (n=2179)	Yes	No
	92%	8%

Do you have convenient access to a personal computer where you intend to do your UA schoolwork? (n=2171)	Yes	No
	94%	6%

If yes, do you have access to the World Wide Web (n=2073)	Yes	No
	97%	3%

Did you take any courses from a community college WHILE you were enrolled in high school? (n=2171)	Yes	No
	34%	66%

If yes, indicate the number of courses you took: (n=745)	1-2	3-5	6-10	More than 10
	61%	20%	9%	4%

Rate yourself on each of the following skills as compared with your estimate of the average UA Freshman. Please provide the most accurate estimate you can of how you see yourself.	Highest 10%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Lowest 10%
Written communication (n=2173)	17%	46%	33%	3%	0%
Oral communication (n=2171)	19%	44%	32%	4%	0%
Mathematics (n=2164)	18%	36%	33%	11%	2%
Critical thinking ability (n=2151)	22%	50%	26%	3%	0%
Understanding people (both as individuals and in groups) (n=2162)	33%	46%	20%	1%	0%
Understanding natural sciences (both biological and physical) (n=2162)	11%	35%	44%	9%	1%
Understanding traditions and cultures (ideas and values) (n=2158)	15%	38%	40%	7%	1%
Understanding the arts (n=2158)	15%	28%	38%	17%	3%
Understanding the humanities (e.g., literature, philosophy, religion) (n=2161)	12%	34%	43%	10%	1%
Use of technology and research skills (n=2160)	17%	45%	34%	4%	0%
Knowledge about your academic field (n=2161)	14%	41%	40%	4%	0%

Predict how important each of these abilities will be to your long-term goals.	Essential	Very Important	Important	Somewhat important	Not at all
Written communication (n=2159)	42%	35%	19%	4%	0%
Oral communication (n=2159)	62%	28%	9%	1%	0%
Mathematics (n=2153)	26%	27%	28%	16%	3%
Critical thinking ability (n=2137)	53%	33%	13%	2%	0%
Understanding people (both as individuals and in groups) (n=2147)	51%	31%	15%	3%	0%
Understanding natural sciences (both biological and physical) (n=2153)	25%	20%	28%	23%	5%
Understanding traditions and cultures (ideas and values) (n=2150)	20%	27%	33%	16%	4%
Understanding the arts (n=2152)	12%	14%	28%	34%	12%
Understanding the humanities (e. g. literature, philosophy, religion) (n=2151)	13%	24%	34%	23%	6%
Use of technology and research skills (n=2152)	47%	33%	16%	4%	0%
Knowledge about your academic field (n=2152)	72%	21%	7%	1%	0%

How likely are you to seek out the following activities in your general education courses during you time at the UA?	Will definitely seek out	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not at all likely
Opportunities for writing in multiple formats (e.g., research papers, essays, reports) (n=2160)	40%	39%	18%	4%
Opportunities to engage in library and web research (n=2158)	59%	30%	10%	1%
Opportunities to do math and other quantitative analyses (n=2156)	34%	34%	24%	9%
Oral presentations (n=2155)	26%	42%	27%	5%
Group/team projects (n=2157)	34%	43%	19%	3%
Opportunities to develop critical thinking skills (n=2154)	50%	41%	9%	0%
Discussions with professors about coursework outside of class (n=2154)	51%	35%	13%	1%
Informal contact with professors outside of class (n=2155)	29%	32%	32%	7%
Working on a professor's research project (n=2150)	25%	32%	36%	7%

Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
General education courses will be challenging. (n=2159)	15%	64%	19%	3%
General education courses will prepare me for courses in my major. (n=2160)	23%	57%	18%	3%
General education courses will inspire me to become a life long learner. (n=2159)	22%	57%	18%	2%
General education courses will be exciting. (n=2158)	15%	62%	20%	3%