

2023 Entering Student Survey

Selected Items for **Transfer Students**

Over the summer of 2023, OAPA was able to conduct the Entering Student Survey (ESS) for the first time since 2019. The survey was conducted entirely online from June 6th to September 5th. The response rate for transfer students was 22% (n=281). This report presents overall results for selected survey items. Results are shown separately for women (W) and men (M) if the difference between groups was 10 or more percentage points.



38% of students viewed **the arts** as important when selecting a college



75% of students have concern about their **ability to finance** their college education



52% of women and 26% of men have seen a **mental health professional** in the past year



6% of students are a **parent, guardian, or primary caretaker** of a dependent child

Top disabilities and medical conditions

Mental health disorder
(19%)

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
(6%)

Learning disability
(1%)

UMass ranking among perspective schools

First choice
(60%)

Second choice
(17%)

Third choice
(5%)

Mental health in the past year

(% Frequently)

Felt anxious
(W=69%, M=45%)

Felt overwhelmed by all they had to do
(W=66%, M=38%)

Felt depressed
(W=36%, M=18%)

College opportunities students are looking forward to (% To a great extent):

Developing new friendships
(80%)

Becoming more independent
(72%)

Exploring career options
(69%)

Developing a wellness routine
(56%)

Top current religious preference:



Political views:



Top student priorities for growth

(% Very important or Essential)

Striving for excellence
(95%)

Learning more about yourself
(89%)

Being very well off financially
(W=75%, M=87%)

Personal importance of UMass Amherst values

(% Very important or Essential)

Helping others who are in difficulty
(87%)

Helping to promote inclusiveness in society
(84%)

Contributing to the welfare of people
(82%)

Top areas of anticipated need for support in college

(% I will need a lot of help)

Managing stress, anxiety, or depression
(W=26%, M=9%)

Managing my finances
(W=22%, M=8%)

Connecting with people face-to-face
(12%)

In the past year the percent of students who have frequently:

Discussed Politics
(35%)

Stood up to bullying
(26%)

Discussed religion
(24%)

Attended an arts event
(21%)

Performed volunteer work
(19%)