

FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY OF THE FIRS-YEAR STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF BUSINESS

2022–2023 y.

TIME:

28 March - 30 April 2023

AIM:

To reveal students' attitudes towards studies and to find out their motives for choosing studies.

QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY:

The survey was conducted electronically using the **LimeSurvey** System. The data were processed using **SPSS 20 for Windows**. The survey questionnaires were submitted to 407 first-year students of the Faculty of Business.

SURVEY FINDINGS (N=97):

1. Evaluation of studies at Kauno kolegija HEI:

Statement	Strongly agree	Agree	Partly agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I had enough information about Kauno kolegija HEI before applying.	35,1%	37,1%	21,6%	6,2%	1,0%
I am studying the right study program for me.	33,0%	43,3%	20,6%	3,1%	0,0%
I manage to manage my study load.	33,0%	42,3%	19,6%	3,1%	2,1%
Study timetable is convenient.	21,6%	32,0%	26,8%	9,3%	10,3%
I have the financial resources to complete my studies.	19,6%	29,9%	39,2%	8,2%	3,1%
I can consult with teachers if necessary.	36,1%	41,2%	21,6%	1,0%	0,0%
I receive assistance from college/faculty administrative staff if necessary.	38,1%	41,2%	17,5%	2,1%	1,0%
I feel welcome at the college.	27,8%	46,4%	22,7%	3,1%	0,0%
I am satisfied with my choice of studies.	35,1%	37,1%	21,6%	6,2%	1,0%

2. Benefits of the introductory week (introduction to studies; presentation of KUAS, the library, the Students Representative Council, etc.):

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Useful	45	45,39%
Partly useful	35	36,08%
Not useful	6	6,19%
I did not participate	11	11,34%

3. Sufficiency of the information about studies and services:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Yes, sufficient	55	56,70%
Partly sufficient	39	40,21%
No, insufficient	3	3,09%

4. Opinion about studies having started them at Kauno kolegija HEI:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
You have found what you hoped for	30	30,93%
Studying is easier than you expected	34	35,05%
Studying is more challenging than you expected	12	12,37%
You have not formed an opinion about your studies yet	13	13,40%
You are already disappointed with your choice of studies	6	6,19%
Other	2	2,06%

5. Determination to continue studies at Kauno kolegija HEI:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Yes, I am firmly determined to continue my studies at Kauno kolegija HEI	59	60,82%
I had some doubts, but now I have decided to continue my studies	28	28,87%
I am not sure; I might move to another higher education institution	10	10,31%
I am not sure; I might switch to another study program at Kauno kolegija HEI	0	0%
I intend to terminate my studies	0	0%

6. Personal assessment of lecture attendance:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
100 per cent	27	27,84%
99 - 76 per cent	59	60,82%
75 - 51 per cent	9	9,28%
50 - 26 per cent	2	2,06%
25 - 0 per cent	0	0%

7. Funding of studies:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
State-funded	65	67,01%
Non-state-funded	32	32,99%

8. Occupation:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Employed	42	43,3%
Unemployed	55	56,7%

Summarizing the research results, it can be said that students, before starting their studies, have enough information about Kauno kolegija High Education Institution (HEI) and the chosen study program. The first-year students managed to successfully cope with the study load, a convenient timetable was made. About 75% of the respondents say that they can consult with lecturers, seek help from the college or faculty administration. As many as 72% of first-year students surveyed are satisfied with their choice of study.

First-year students have positively evaluated the benefits of the introduction to studies, students have enough information about studies and services. Various opinions prevail about studying at Kauno kolegija HEI: 30.93 per cent of students say that they found what they expected; 35.05 per cent – studies are easier than expected; only 12.37 per cent studies are harder than expected; and 13.40 per cent did not have time to form any opinion about studies; 6.19 percent first-year students are disappointed after choosing these studies.

60.82% of the first-year respondents at the Faculty of Business firmly decided to continue their studies at Kauno kolegija HEI, 28.87% had some doubts, and 10.31% were considering transferring to another higher education institution.

The survey data revealed that first-year students attend lectures well enough: 27.84 percent first-year students rated their lecture attendance at 100%, 60.82% students – from 99 to 76 percent.

First-year students are suggested to make and publish the timetable earlier, promote communication between lecturers, refine the task of the integrated project of some modules. For more information on the measures that have been implemented in response to students' opinions, see the section *You said we did*.