

# RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGIES

2022–2023 academic year

**The aim of the survey** is to find out first-year students' views on their study experience and the specificities of their adaptation to Kauno kolegija HEI, as well as their expectations.

**Survey target group** is first-year students of the Faculty of Technologies at Kauno kolegija.

The survey was conducted online from 28 March to 30 April 2023 using the LimeSurvey survey system. The questionnaire was sent to 188 students, with closed and open-ended questions. The data obtained was processed using SPSS 20 for Windows.

The overall return rate the questionnaires is 15,43 %. Survey error is 16,78 %.

## SURVEY RESULTS (N=29)

The survey was carried out among 29 first-year students at the Faculty of Technology; approximately a third of respondents (31 %) were employed. 97 percent of the students who took part in the survey were full-time students.

The survey was designed for students enrolled in the following study programmes: Agribusiness Technology, Automation and Robotics, Cyber Systems and Safety, Software Systems, Food Technology, Multimedia Technology, Industrial Design Engineering, Systems Administration<sup>1</sup>.

### 1. Evaluation of studying experience at college:

Rating scale	1 Strongly disagree	2 Disagree	3 Partly agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly agree	Average
Statements						
Before enrolling, I had enough information about Kauno kolegija	0,0 %	10,3 %	48,3 %	31,0 %	10,3 %	3,41
I am studying the right study programme	3,4 %	3,4 %	20,7 %	41,4 %	31,0 %	3,93
I manage to cope with my study load	0,0 %	17,2 %	31,0 %	24,1 %	27,6 %	3,62
Study timetable is convenient	13,8 %	17,2 %	31,0 %	24,1 %	13,8 %	3,07
I have the financial resources to be able to complete my studies	3,4 %	17,2 %	34,5 %	27,6 %	17,2 %	3,38
If necessary, I can consult with lecturers	3,4 %	6,9 %	10,3 %	58,6 %	20,7 %	3,86
I get help from administrative staff of college / faculty if needed	0,0 %	13,8 %	27,6 %	44,8 %	13,8 %	3,59
I feel welcome at college	0,0 %	13,8 %	37,9 %	41,4 %	6,9 %	3,41
I am satisfied with my choice of studies	6,9 %	6,9 %	20,7 %	41,4 %	24,1 %	3,69

<sup>1</sup> Short-cycle study programme.

**2. Evaluation of the introduction week (introduction to studies, presentation of the college, library, students' council, etc.)**

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Introduction week was useful	12	41,38 %
Introduction week was partly useful	7	24,14 %
Introduction week was useless	5	17,24 %
I did not participate in the events of the introduction week	5	17,24 %

**3. Evaluation of information about studies and services for students**

(<https://www.kaunokolegija.lt/studentams/parama-studentams/>) at Kauno kolegija:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Yes, there is enough information about studies and services for students	16	55,17 %
Information on studies and services for students is partly sufficient	12	41,38 %
No, information on studies and services for students is not sufficient	1	3,45 %

**4. Opinion about studies after starting studies at Kaunas College:**

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
It's exactly what you expected	7	24,14 %
Studying is easier than expected	11	37,93 %
Studying is more challenging than expected	7	24,14 %
It is too early to form an opinion about the quality of studies	2	6,90 %
You are already disappointed with your choice of studies	2	6,90 %
Other	0	0 %

**5. Students' determination to continue chosen studies at Kauno kolegija:**

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Yes, I am firmly determined to continue my studies at KK	13	44,83 %
I had some doubts, but now I have decided to continue my studies	11	37,93 %
I'm not sure, I might move to another higher education institution	3	10,34 %
I'm not sure, I might switch to another study programme at KK	1	3,45 %
I intend to terminate my studies	1	3,45 %

**6. Recommending the study programme to friends on a 10-point scale, with 1 being not at all recommended and 10 being definitely recommended.**

1 I would not recommend it at all	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 I would definitely recommend
3,45 %	0 %	3,45 %	0 %	6,9 %	13,8 %	13,8 %	31,0 %	20,7 %	6,9 %

65.52 % of the first-year students who took part in the survey note that they found the introduction week useful or partly useful. 96.55% of first-year students indicate that they found the information about studies and services sufficient or partly sufficient.

24.14 % of the first-year students of the Faculty of Technologies who took part in the survey state that their studies met their expectations. 24.14 % of students note that they expected the studies to be more challenging whereas 37.93% easier.

82.76 % of first-year students of the Faculty of Technologies have decided to continue their studies at Kauno kolegija.

When indicating the advantages of their studies, the first-year students who participated in the survey say that lecturers are competent and pleasant to communicate with, study subjects are useful, and there are good relations among students in academic groups.

Students suggest that attention should be paid to the compatibility between study material and assignments. Comments were made on lecture timetabling. It is suggested that attention should be paid to the relevance of the information sent to students by e-mail. Some students of the short cycle study programme have doubts about their job prospects.

Study programme recommendation rate NPS=0<sup>2</sup>.

For more information on the measures implemented in response to students' feedback, see the section *You said, we did*.

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<sup>2</sup> NPS (Net Promoter Score). An NPS value equal to or greater than 0 is considered a good result.