

**SURVEY OF THE 1ST YEAR STUDENTS ON
ATTITUDES TOWARDS STUDYING AT
KAUNO KOLEGIJA/HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTION (KK) AND MOTIVES
FOR CHOOSING STUDIES**

2023-2024 SPRING SEMESTRE



FACULTY OF MEDICINE

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AIM: to reveal the attitudes of first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine towards studies at Kauno Kolegiija and to find out the motives for their choice of studies.

TARGET GROUP: All first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine, spring semester 2023-2024.

RESEARCH OBJECT: Attitude of first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine towards studies at KK and motives for their choice of studies

RESEARCH METHOD: questionnaire (quantitative and qualitative empirical data collected during the study). The survey was conducted online using the LimeSurvey survey system. The data were processed using SPSS 20 for Windows. Participation in the survey was voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

RESULTS: The overall return rate was 100 (28,01 %.). To summarise, almost one third of the first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine claim that they found what they expected (30%), more than a third claim that studying at KK is more complicated than they expected before their studies (41 %). A third of the first year students who participated in the survey (33%) are employed whilst studying. Studies of more than a half of the first year students who participated in the survey are financed by the state (68%) (*see Figure 1*).

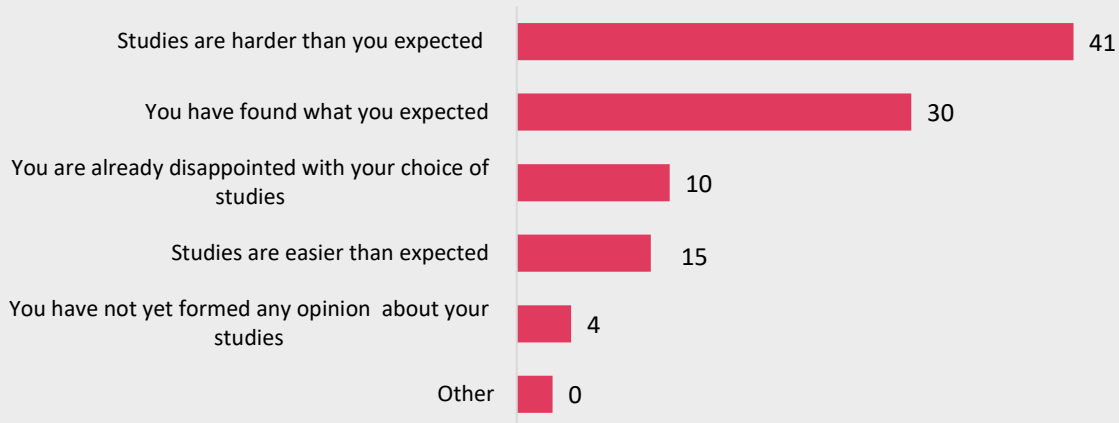


Figure 1: 1st-year students of the Faculty of Medicine opinion about studies after starting studies at KK (per cent)

Majority of the first year students at the faculty of Medicine and are studying the right programme (86%), consultations with lecturers are available if needed (82%), they are satisfied with the choice of studies (81%), a third of students claim that study timetable is partly convenient (32%). (see Table 1).

	Strongly agree	Agree	Partly agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I had enough information about Kauno Kolegija before I started studies	12,0%	51,0%	31,0%	4,0%	2,0%
I study the right study tinka programme.	54,0%	32,0%	10,0%	3,0%	1,0%
I manage to cope with the study workload	12,0%	39,0%	35,0%	10,0%	4,0%
Study timetable is convenient	2,0%	30,0%	32,0%	23,0%	13,0%
I have sufficient financial resources to complete studies	15,0%	29,0%	38,0%	10,0%	8,0%
Consultations with lecturers are available when needed	34,0%	48,0%	16,0%	2,0%	0,0%
I am supported/helped by Kolegija / faculty administration when needed	24,0%	50,0%	23,0%	3,0%	0,0%
I feel welcome at Kolegija	28,0%	41,0%	27,0%	2,0%	2,0%
I am satisfied with my choice of studies	48,0%	33,0%	13,0%	4,0%	2,0%

Table 1. Evaluation of the first year study experience of the faculty of Medicine students (%)

More than half of the first year students of the faculty of Medicine claim they have chosen the right study programme and are determined to continue studying at Kauno Kolegija (68%), a part of respondents have some doubts (21%), intend to move to another Education institution (11%) (see Table 2).

Statement	Number of respondents	Percent
Yes, I have made a firm decision to continue studies at Kauno kolegija	68	68,00%
I had some doubts, but now I am determined to continue studies	21	21,00%
I am not sure, maybe I will move to another Higher Education Institution	11	11,00%
I am not sure, maybe I will switch to another study programme at Kauno kolegija	0	0,00%
I intend to give up studies	0	0,00%

Table 2. Respondents' determination to continue studies at Kauno kolegija (%)

First year students were asked whether they found the information about studies and services sufficient. More than half of the respondents (70%) more than one fourth found the information partly sufficient (27%). The smallest proportion of respondents (3%) answered that they found the information insufficient (see Table 3).

Statement	Number of respondents	Percent
Yes, sufficient	70	70,00%
Partly sufficient	27	27,00%
No, insufficient	3	3,00%

Table 3. Adequacy of information on studies and services at Kauno Kolegija