

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

2024-2025 SPRING SEMESTER

PERIOD: March 28– May 5, 2025

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

TARGET GROUP: All first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine, spring semester 2024-2025.

RESEARCH OBJECT: Attitude of the first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine towards studies at Kauno Kolegija (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 116 (30,77 %) first year students. To summarise, almost one fourth of the first-year students of the Faculty of Medicine claim that they found what they had expected (25%), more than a third claim that studying at KK is more complicated than they expected before their studies (36,21 %). More than one third of the first year students that participated in the survey (37,07%) 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 (70,69%) (see *Figure 1*).

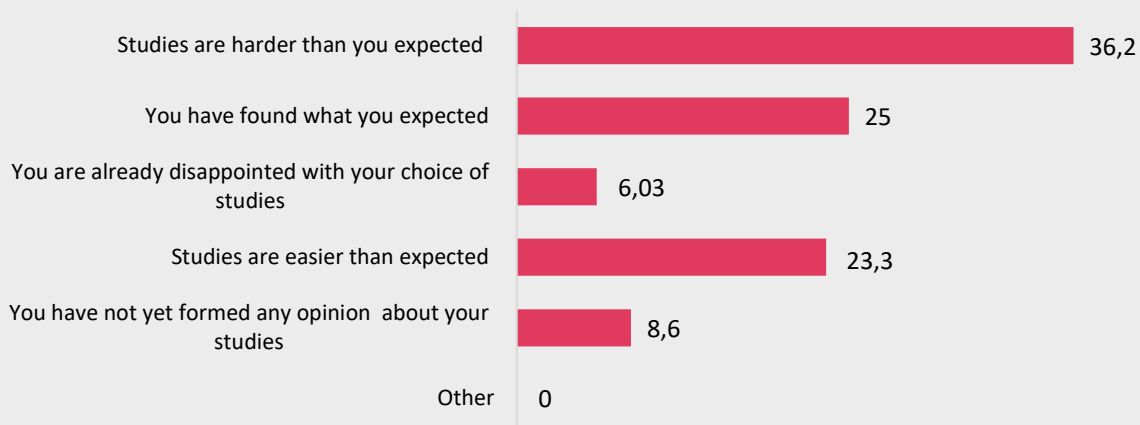


Figure 1: 1st-year students of the Faculty of Medicine opinion about studies after starting studies at KK (per cent)

Majority of the first year students at the faculty of Medicine and are studying the right programme (81%), consultations with lecturers are available if needed (75%), they are satisfied with the choice of studies (73,2%), a third of students claim that study timetable is partly convenient (38,8%). (see Table 1).

	Strongly agree	Agree	Partly agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I had enough information about Kauno Kolegija before I started studies	20,7%	37,1%	28,4%	12,1%	1,7%
I study the right study programme.	38,8%	42,2%	14,7%	6,9%	0,9%
I manage to cope with the study workload	16,4%	36,2%	40,5%	10,0%	0,0%
Study timetable is convenient	12,1%	26,7%	30,2%	22,4%	8,6%
I have sufficient financial resources to complete studies	22,4%	24,1%	37,9%	14,7%	0,9%
Consultations with lecturers are available when needed	37,1%	37,9%	22,4%	1,7%	0,9%
I am supported/helped by Kolegija / faculty administration when needed	30,2%	35,3%	27,6%	6,9%	0,0%
I feel welcome at Kolegija	23,3%	44,0%	25,0%	5,2%	2,6%
I am satisfied with my choice of studies	35,3%	37,9%	19,8%	6,0%	0,9%

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 (60,34%), a part of respondents have some doubts (26,7%), intend to move to another Education institution (7,76%) (see Table 2).

Statement	Number of respondents	Percent
Yes, I have made a firm decision to continue studies at Kauno kolegija	70	60,34%
I had some doubts, but now I am determined to continue studies	31	26,72%
I am not sure, maybe I will move to another Higher Education Institution	6	5,17%
I am not sure, maybe I will switch to another study programme at Kauno kolegija	9	7,76%
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 (58,62%) indicated, that they had enough information, more than one fourth found the information partly sufficient (37,9%). The smallest proportion of respondents (3,45%) answered that they found the information insufficient (see Table 3).

Statement	Number of respondents	Percent
Yes, sufficient	68	58,62%
Partly sufficient	44	37,93%
No, insufficient	4	3,45%

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