



First Year Experience Survey

PolyU is committed to providing the best educational experience possible for our students. We are therefore very interested in your first year experiences at PolyU. Your feedback will help us greatly in enhancing our first year curriculum and student support activities/services for first-year students.

Please complete ALL questions below by choosing the answer that best represents your view.

Thank you very much for your help with this important task.

1. How much has your First Year Experience at PolyU (e.g. common orientation, first year subjects, academic advising, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, etc.) enabled you to achieve the following?

	Very much	Adequate			Very little
a. Understand better the nature, basic concepts and study options of your Broad Discipline/Major	5	4	3	2	1
b. Understand the expectations and graduation requirements of your intended programme/Major	5	4	3	2	1
c. Understand the purposes and credit requirements of the General Education (GE)/ General University Requirements (GUR)	5	4	3	2	1
d. Acquire the fundamental/underpinning knowledge required for studying the upper-level courses in your chosen programme/Major	5	4	3	2	1
e. Enhance your English language abilities for university studies	5	4	3	2	1
f. Enhance your Chinese language abilities for university studies	5	4	3	2	1
g. Develop a better understanding of yourself (e.g., abilities, interests, limitations, personality, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1
h. Identify your own educational and career goals	5	4	3	2	1
i. Develop a study plan according to your educational/career goals	5	4	3	2	1
j. Develop interpersonal skills for functioning as an effective leader or team member	5	4	3	2	1
k. Improve your information skills (e.g., searching, evaluating and managing information)	5	4	3	2	1
l. Become more active and independent in your study	5	4	3	2	1
m. Develop your problem solving ability	5	4	3	2	1
n. Understand the basic concept and importance of entrepreneurship	5	4	3	2	1
o. Adopt a healthy lifestyle (e.g. exercise regularly, maintain a balanced diet, maintain emotional stability, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1
p. Understand the importance of academic integrity and how to avoid plagiarism in your work	5	4	3	2	1
q. Make a smooth transition from secondary school to university	5	4	3	2	1

2. To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your First Year Experience at PolyU?

(5= Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)

	SA ++	A +	N 0	D -	SD --
a. Most of my first year subjects are intellectually stimulating	5	4	3	2	1
b. I have difficulties in adjusting to the teaching and learning methods at university	5	4	3	2	1
c. The workload in my first year of study is too heavy for me to cope	5	4	3	2	1
d. Many of the assessments in my first year require mere memorisation of facts rather than deep understanding	5	4	3	2	1
e. I have difficulties in coping with different types of assessments (e.g. individual assignment, group project, presentation, mid-term test, exam)	5	4	3	2	1
f. I know where to turn for help when I encounter problems in my academic studies	5	4	3	2	1
g. I know where to get help when I encounter personal problems	5	4	3	2	1
h. Useful advice is available for academic matters	5	4	3	2	1
i. There have been sufficient opportunities for me to interact with my teachers inside and outside class	5	4	3	2	1
j. I feel connected with professors and fellow students in my Department/ Broad Discipline	5	4	3	2	1
k. I have made a lot of new friends at PolyU	5	4	3	2	1
l. I am aware of the student support services provided by different offices/units of PolyU (e.g. Student Affairs Office, Mainland and International Student Services etc.)	5	4	3	2	1
m. I have not yet made up my mind on which Major/programme to take	5	4	3	2	1
n. I have learned to take more responsibility for my own studies	5	4	3	2	1
o. There have been sufficient opportunities for me to take part in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for all-round development	5	4	3	2	1
p. I have difficulties in managing my time for studies and other activities	5	4	3	2	1
q. I feel a sense of belonging to my Department/ Broad Discipline	5	4	3	2	1
r. I feel a sense of belonging to PolyU	5	4	3	2	1

3. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the following aspects of your first year experience

	Very satisfied	Generally satisfied	Very dissatisfied		
a. Quality of teaching on first year subjects	5	4	3	2	1
b. Overall quality of your first year experience at PolyU	5	4	3	2	1

4. Please indicate major problems/barriers, if any, that you have encountered in your first year at PolyU:

5. How much time, on average, have you spent on the following activities during a TYPICAL UNIVERSITY WEEK in your first year at PolyU?

	Hours per week								
	>60	51-60	41-50	31-40	21-30	11-20	6-10	1-5	None
a. Attending classes (including lectures, tutorials, laboratory/practical classes, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
b. Preparing for class, revising materials after class, or studying for tests/exams	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
c. Doing assignments, reports, homework, projects, etc.	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
d. Reading books and/or internet materials <u>not assigned</u> by your teachers for intellectual enrichment or pleasure?	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
e. Part-time <u>paid</u> work (<u>excluding</u> work done to fulfill WIE requirement)	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
f. Part-time <u>unpaid</u> work (e.g. volunteer work, <u>excluding</u> work done to fulfill WIE or service learning requirements)	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
g. Exercising or sports	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
h. Socializing and entertainment (e.g. email, TV, movies, computer games, hobbies, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
i. Co-curricular or extra-curricular activities at PolyU	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
j. Leadership role/committee work in student groups (e.g. Students Union, student clubs etc.)	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
k. Travelling to and from university, job or classes	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1
l. Sleep	<input type="radio"/> 9	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1

6. During your first year at PolyU, have you...

Yes No

a. Met the Academic Advisor from your Department/Broad Discipline?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0
b. Met your OGUR Academic Counselor?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0
c. Attended PolyU's Common Orientation Programme?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0
d. Attended the orientation organized by your Department/ Broad Discipline?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0
e. Lived in the student hall/hostel for at least 1 semester?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0
f. Taken part in Read@PolyU?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0
g. Participated in Peer Mentoring Programmes organized by your Faculty/Department/Student Affairs Office?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0

7. Please suggest how the First Year Experience at PolyU can be improved:

Thank you for completing the questionnaire

Remarks: Variables on students demographic information will be obtained via AS in order to shorten the length of the survey. These variables may include gender, age, faculty/department, Broad-Discipline admission or direct admission to programme, etc.