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Appendix A: Student Survey

Transition to University Experience Project

Learning and Studying Questionnaire

Introduction

This project is intended to facilitate students' transition to Higher Education.

We are interested in your experience of studying at the University. Specifically, we would like to know what support and advice you have found helpful so far, and what support you would like to be offered to you in order to make your study experience more fulfilling.

This questionnaire will take maximum 20 minutes to complete. Please use the 'comments' section of the questionnaire for any additional comments that you may have.

Your views are very important to help improve your and future students' study experience. They are anonymous and will be included in the report to the staff designing and teaching these subject areas.

Thank you for taking part in the questionnaire

The Transition to University project team

Information about you

Age:	17-20 <input type="checkbox"/>	21-25 <input type="checkbox"/>	26-30 <input type="checkbox"/>	31 and over <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>		Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Your Level of study:	Level 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Level 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Level 6 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Course start date:	Sep 2016 <input type="checkbox"/>		Sep 2017 <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Put a cross in the appropriate box (or boxes) to answer each question

Before entering the University						
1.	What were your reasons for wanting to study at University?	Enhanced qualification <input type="checkbox"/>	Better job prospects <input type="checkbox"/>	Improved salary <input type="checkbox"/>	New experience <input type="checkbox"/>	Other reason <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Why did you choose this University?	Location <input type="checkbox"/>	Reputation <input type="checkbox"/>	Right course <input type="checkbox"/>	Given an offer <input type="checkbox"/>	Other reason <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Where did you get the information about the University and the course from?	Website <input type="checkbox"/>	Prospectus <input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook/Social media <input type="checkbox"/>	College <input type="checkbox"/>	Other sources <input type="checkbox"/>
4 *	Please rate the quality of information and advice available to you prior to joining the University 1-5 (1 is excellent and 5 is very poor)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments *If you rated the information and advice about the University and the course as 3 or less, please give reasons and how it could have been improved.						
Studying at the University						
5.	How do you rate the quality of the teaching at the University?	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Very poor <input type="checkbox"/>
6.	How do you rate the quality of the learning experience of the University?	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Very poor <input type="checkbox"/>
7. What were the most difficult or stressful things you experienced during your change from attending college to studying at university?						
8. What could have been done to prepare you better for the university experience?						
9. Do you have any suggestions that would make it easier for a student to transition from College to University, including how social media could help?						

Put a cross in the appropriate box to indicate how strongly you agree with each of the following statements.

		Very Strongly	Quite Strongly	Not Sure	Rather Weakly	Not at all
Studying on this programme ...						
10.	I regularly work with students outside of class on assignments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	There is a positive attitude to learning among my fellow students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Teaching staff take an interest in my progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	I feel I belong to the University community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	I like being on Campus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	The University's online resources are very useful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	I keep in contact with fellow students through social media (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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17.	I keep in contact with the University through social media (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments (<i>related to this section or general comments</i>)						

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Appendix B: Focus Group Questions

1. How do the methods of assessment at University differ from your previous studies?
2. What about class sizes, have they affected how you learn?
3. Do you think the way you learn has changed since you have been at the University?
4. Did you know what was going to be expected of you as a student at University?
5. Did you feel supported by staff at the University before the start of your study?
6. Have you considered dropping out, and if so, why?
7. What were the most difficult or stressful things during the change from attending school/college to studying at University?
8. Did you have sufficient opportunities to communicate with your classmates, including online?
9. Did you have sufficient opportunities to communicate with your lecturers, including online?
10. Can you suggest examples of improving communication? (e.g. use of technology)
11. What could the University have done to make things better or easier for you during your study so far?
12. Would testimonials from previous students who have transferred from your college to the University help you prepare better for the experience?

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