

## First Year Experience Survey (FYE) 2015

### Introduction

The First Year Experience Survey (FYE) is an annual survey of first year students at Queen's University Belfast.

It offers you the opportunity to have your opinions heard about your experience at Queen's. Your feedback is extremely important to the University as it is used by senior management to improve learning and teaching, student services and facilities, and the overall student experience.

The survey consists of 39 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete. If you do not complete the whole survey on your first visit, you can return and complete the other questions at a later time. If your survey is incomplete, the survey administrator may contact you to recommend that you revisit the survey. The survey will remain open until Friday 1 May 2015.

The survey is completely confidential, responses are not reported at the level of the individual, and you will not be identified as having participated in the survey. Students who complete the survey will be entered into a draw with the opportunity to win one of four prizes of £25 (terms and conditions apply).

If you have any questions about the First Year Experience Survey, or would like further information about the survey, please contact Pat McNally in the Student Guidance Centre. Please email: [surveys@qub.ac.uk](mailto:surveys@qub.ac.uk).

Thank you for completing the FYE.

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### The Teaching on my Course

1. Staff are good at explaining things.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Staff have made the subject interesting.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. The course is intellectually stimulating.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Assessment and Feedback

5. The criteria used in marking are made clear in advance.

	Definitely agree	Mostly agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Assessment arrangements and marking have been clear in advance.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Feedback on my work has been prompt.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. I have received detailed comments on my work.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Feedback on my work has helped me clarify things that I did not understand.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Academic Challenge

10. My course has challenged me to achieve my best.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. My course has provided me with opportunities to analyse ideas, concepts or experiences in depth.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. My course has encouraged me to apply what I have learnt to practical problems or new situations.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. My course has enabled me to bring information and ideas together from different topics to solve problems.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Learning Community

14. I feel part of a group of students and staff committed to learning.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. I have been encouraged to talk about academic ideas with other students.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. I have had opportunities to work with other students on my course.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Academic Support

17. I have received sufficient advice and information on my studies.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. I have been able to contact staff when I needed to.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Good advice was available when I needed to make study choices.

Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. I have recently discussed my academic progress with my Personal Tutor, for example, following Semester One examinations.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. My Personal Tutor provides me with useful support and information when I need it.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Student Voice

22. I have had enough opportunities to provide feedback on my course.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Staff appear to value the course feedback given by students.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. On this course, students' ideas for improvement are taken seriously.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. I am clear about how students' comments on the course have been acted on.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Organisation and Management

26. The timetable works effectively as far as my activities are concerned.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. Any changes in the course or teaching have been communicated effectively.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. The course is well organised and is running smoothly.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Learning Resources

29. The library resources and services are good enough for my needs.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

30. I have been able to access general IT resources when I needed to.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. I have been able to access specialised equipment, facilities or rooms when I needed to.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Personal Development

32. The course has helped me to present myself with confidence.

	Definitely agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. My communication skills have improved.

	Definitely agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

34. As a result of my course, I feel confident in tackling unfamiliar problems.

	Definitely agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Time Spent

35. How many days per week during the semester do you typically come to Queen's to study?

	Rarely or never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5+ days
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

36. About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week during semester-time doing the following?

	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	More than 30
a. Preparing for taught sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Attending timetabled classes (for example, lectures, tutorials, seminars, practicals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Preparing for, and completing assignments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Participating in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities (Students' Union, societies, sports, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Working for pay on campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Working for pay off campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Doing volunteer work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Commuting to campus (driving, walking, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Providing care for dependants (children, parents, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Overall Satisfaction

37. Overall I am satisfied with the quality of my course.

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. Looking back on your first year experience so far, are there any particular positive or negative aspects which you would like to highlight?

Positive

Negative

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### Students' Union



39. Thinking of all the services, including support, activities, and academic representation provided by the Students' Union, to what extent do you agree with the following statement:

	Definitely Agree	Mostly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Definitely Disagree	Not Applicable
I am satisfied with the Students' Union at Queen's.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>