

Second Year Experience Survey (SYE) 2015

Introduction

The Second Year Experience Survey (SYE) is an annual survey of second year students at Queen's University Belfast which is supported by both senior management across the University and the Students' Union.

The SYE offers you the opportunity to share your opinions about your experience at Queen's. Your feedback is extremely important to us and helps us to improve learning and teaching, student services and facilities, and your overall student experience.

The survey consists of 40 questions and should take approximately 5-10 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 prize draw with the opportunity to win one of four cash prizes of £25 (terms and conditions apply).

If you have any questions about the Second 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.

Thank you for completing the SYE.

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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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Engagement with Studies

5. During the current academic year, about how often have you done each of the following?

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never
a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Come to taught sessions prepared (e.g. completed assignments, readings, reports. etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Explained course material to one or more students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Discussed your academic performance and/or feedback with teaching staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Talked about your career plans with your Personal Tutor, Advisor of Studies or Careers Advisor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Discussed ideas from your course with teaching staff outside taught sessions, including by email/online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Worked with teaching staff on activities other than coursework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Made significant changes to your work based on feedback	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Asked another student to help you understand course material	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Prepared for exams or assessments by discussing or working through course material with other students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. During the current academic year, how much has your coursework emphasised the following activities?

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Never
a. Memorising course material	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Analysing ideas or theories in depth by examining their parts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Evaluating or judging a point of view, decision, or information source	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Forming a new understanding from various pieces of information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. How much has your experience at Queen's contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
a. Writing clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Speaking clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Thinking clearly and analytically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Analysing numerical and statistical information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Acquiring job-related or work-related knowledge and skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Becoming an independent learner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Becoming innovative and creative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Working effectively with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Developing or clarifying personal values or ethics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Solving complex real-world problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Being an informed and active citizen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Academic Challenge

8. During the current academic year, how much has your course emphasised taking responsibility for your own learning?

- Very much
 Quite a bit
 Some
 Very little

9. During the current academic year, how much has your course challenged you to do your best work?

- Very much
 Quite a bit
 Some
 Very little

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Assessment and Feedback

10. 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"/>

11. Assessment arrangements and marking have been 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"/>

12. 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"/>

13. 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"/>

14. Feedback on my work has helped 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 Support

15. 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"/>

16. 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"/>

17. 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"/>

18. 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"/>

19. 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

20. 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"/>

21. 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"/>

22. 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"/>

23. 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

24. 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"/>

25. 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"/>

26. 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

27. 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"/>

28. 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"/>

29. 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

30. 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"/>

31. 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"/>

32. 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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Careers and Employability

33. As a result of my course, I believe that I am improving my career prospects.

	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. Good advice is available for making career 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"/>

35. Good advice is available on further study opportunities.

	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

36. 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"/>

37. 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

38. 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"/>

39. Looking back on your experience of second year, are there any particular positive or negative aspects which you would like to highlight?

Positive

Negative

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Students' Union

40. 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"/>