

Fall 2021 Reopening Survey Report: Graduate/Postbacc Respondents

The Fall 2021 Reopening Survey opened on March 10, 2021 and closed on March 19, 2021. The survey population included all state- and self- supported students currently enrolled in Spring 2021 and not currently enrolled but active/eligible to enroll in Fall 2021.

Survey responses in this report are filtered for graduate and postbaccalaureate students (i.e., credential, certificate, master's, doctoral, and all other postbaccalaureate students, including students seeking a second bachelor's degree). Online MBA respondents are excluded from the survey results.

A total of 1,738 graduate and postbaccalaureate students were successfully emailed the survey; 529 students completed or partially completed the survey, for an adjusted response rate of 30.4%.

The Reopening Survey was adapted from Fresno State's reopening survey and was used with permission.

Q1 - If Stanislaus County remained in the red tier at the start of the Fall 2021 semester, how comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following: (Please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for more information.)

#	Question	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Face-to-face instruction	38.29%	201	16.38%	86	9.52%	50	7.43%	39	13.90%	73	14.48%	76	525
2	Using study spaces	35.31%	185	15.84%	83	12.98%	68	9.73%	51	10.69%	56	15.46%	81	524
3	Attending/participating in campus events	49.05%	257	13.93%	73	10.69%	56	8.02%	42	7.25%	38	11.07%	58	524
4	Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.)	23.24%	122	15.43%	81	13.33%	70	12.76%	67	17.52%	92	17.71%	93	525

Highlights

- 54.7% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the red tier; 28.4% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the red tier
- 62.8% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the red tier; 18.3% are extremely or moderately comfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the red tier

Q2 - If Stanislaus County remained in the orange tier at the start of the Fall 2021 semester, how comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following: (Please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for more information.)

#	Question	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Face-to-face instruction	23.90%	119	22.09%	110	12.65%	63	7.43%	37	14.26%	71	19.68%	98	498
2	Using study spaces	22.09%	110	22.09%	110	15.06%	75	8.43%	42	13.86%	69	18.47%	92	498
3	Attending/participating in campus events	29.52%	147	22.29%	111	13.05%	65	9.84%	49	9.64%	48	15.66%	78	498
4	Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.)	15.29%	76	17.91%	89	14.49%	72	11.67%	58	18.91%	94	21.73%	108	497

Highlights

- About 46% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the orange tier; 33.9% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the orange tier
- 51.8% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the orange tier; 25.3% are extremely or moderately comfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the orange tier

Q3 - If Stanislaus County remained in the yellow tier at the start of the Fall 2021 semester, how comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following: (Please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for more information.)

#	Question	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Face-to-face instruction	11.59%	57	16.26%	80	14.84%	73	11.59%	57	17.28%	85	28.46%	140	492
2	Using study spaces	11.38%	56	15.04%	74	17.07%	84	13.41%	66	15.65%	77	27.44%	135	492
3	Attending/participating in campus events	15.92%	78	17.14%	84	16.33%	80	14.49%	71	14.08%	69	22.04%	108	490
4	Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.)	7.96%	39	13.88%	68	11.43%	56	13.88%	68	20.82%	102	32.04%	157	490

Highlights

- 27.9% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the yellow tier; 45.7% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the yellow tier
- 33.1% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the yellow tier; 36.1% are extremely or moderately comfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the yellow tier

Q4 - What would be your preferred method for course delivery in Fall 2021?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Face-to-Face	23.49%	117
2	Virtual/Online	50.80%	253
3	Hybrid (e.g., class meets M,F in-person but W online)	10.24%	51
4	HyFlex (e.g., class meets Face-to-Face, online, or hybrid) - all 3 modalities	13.25%	66
5	No preference	2.21%	11
	Total	100%	498

Highlight

- Of those that responded, 50.8% preferred virtual/online courses and 23.5% preferred face-to-face instruction for fall 2021.

Q5 - If you returned to campus for a face-to-face course or courses in Fall 2021, how would you prefer to access student services? Services such as advising, career services, tutoring, etc.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I would prefer to access these services virtually in Fall 2021.	41.34%	198
2	I would prefer to access some of these services virtually and access others face-to-face in Fall 2021.	37.37%	179
3	I would prefer to access all student services face-to-face in Fall 2021.	16.91%	81
4	I have no preference.	4.38%	21
	Total	100%	479

Highlight

- If students returned to campus for face-to-face courses for fall 2021, 41.5% would prefer to access student services virtually.

Q6 - What factors would potentially deter you from returning to campus in Fall 2021? (Select all that apply.)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Concern about my personal health related to COVID-19	19.71%	311
2	Concern about the health of someone close to me related to COVID-19	20.09%	317
3	Responsibility to care for a child, family members, or other	9.82%	155
4	Employment hours/scheduling	7.86%	124
5	Transportation	3.87%	61
6	Distance from campus	7.22%	114
7	Preference for online instruction	8.87%	140
8	Lack of motivation	1.58%	25
9	Fear of bias/harassment/discrimination	2.03%	32
10	Campus safety measures/protocols related to COVID-19	12.80%	202
11	I do not foresee any factors that would deter me from returning to campus	4.88%	77
12	On-campus housing availability	0.13%	2
13	Other	1.14%	18
	Total	100%	1578

Q7 - Please indicate whether you would return to campus under the following circumstances.

#	Question	Definitely not	Probably not	Might or might not	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Total
1	I will not return to campus in person under any circumstances	29.00% 134	17.10% 79	29.87% 138	13.20% 61	10.82% 50	462
2	I will only return if a vaccination is required to be on campus	21.55% 100	14.44% 67	17.03% 79	20.26% 94	26.72% 124	464
3	I will return if the vaccination rate is above average	11.26% 52	7.58% 35	21.86% 101	29.00% 134	30.30% 140	462
4	I will return if the vaccination rate is average	14.00% 64	16.41% 75	31.73% 145	21.23% 97	16.63% 76	457
5	I will return if the vaccination rate is below average	31.65% 144	28.79% 131	19.34% 88	9.89% 45	10.33% 47	455
6	I will only return if social distancing, hand-washing, face-covering guidelines, and temperature checks are enforced	10.50% 48	9.63% 44	21.88% 100	27.79% 127	30.20% 138	457
7	I will return based on whatever safeguards the campus has in place	11.30% 52	10.87% 50	28.91% 133	23.70% 109	25.22% 116	460
8	I will return to use campus services, i.e., tutoring, advising, counseling, etc.	13.29% 61	17.43% 80	30.72% 141	20.48% 94	18.08% 83	459
9	I will only return as needed, for example, to take an exam	12.94% 59	11.40% 52	24.56% 112	32.02% 146	19.08% 87	456

Highlights

- 59.3% of respondents would probably or definitely return to campus if the vaccination rate is above average
- 58% of respondents would probably or definitely return to campus if social distancing, hand-washing, face-covering guidelines, and temperature checks are enforced