

## Fall 2021 Reopening Survey Report: Undergraduate 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 undergraduate students. Nursing online respondents are excluded from the survey results.

A total of 10,395 undergraduate students were successfully emailed the survey; 3,768 students completed or partially completed the survey, for an adjusted response rate of 36.3%.

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  | 35.17%                  | 1323 | 17.60%                   | 662 | 10.87%                 | 409 | 9.78%                | 368 | 11.91%                 | 448 | 14.67%                | 552 | 3762  |
| 2 | Using study spaces  | 28.00%                  | 1052 | 18.23%                   | 685 | 13.57%                 | 510 | 13.12%               | 493 | 12.08%                 | 454 | 14.99%                | 563 | 3757  |
| 3 | Attending/participating in campus events                          | 43.07%                  | 1618 | 16.21%                   | 609 | 11.31%                 | 425 | 8.81%                | 331 | 8.84%                  | 332 | 11.76%                | 442 | 3757  |
| 4 | Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.) | 17.98%                  | 675  | 15.10%                   | 567 | 15.63%                 | 587 | 16.51%               | 620 | 16.43%                 | 617 | 18.35%                | 689 | 3755  |

### Highlights

- 52.8% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the red tier; 26.6% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the red tier
- 59.3% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the red tier; 20.6% 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  | 22.88%                  | 834  | 20.00%                   | 729 | 12.76%                 | 465 | 11.55%               | 421 | 14.38%                 | 524 | 18.44%                | 672 | 3645  |
| 2 | Using study spaces  | 18.43%                  | 671  | 19.81%                   | 721 | 14.86%                 | 541 | 13.87%               | 505 | 15.30%                 | 557 | 17.72%                | 645 | 3640  |
| 3 | Attending/participating in campus events                          | 28.19%                  | 1027 | 20.61%                   | 751 | 14.52%                 | 529 | 10.73%               | 391 | 11.09%                 | 404 | 14.85%                | 541 | 3643  |
| 4 | Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.) | 13.44%                  | 489  | 14.67%                   | 534 | 14.43%                 | 525 | 16.76%               | 610 | 19.62%                 | 714 | 21.08%                | 767 | 3639  |

### Highlights

- 42.9% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the orange tier; 32.8% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the orange tier
- 48.8% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the orange tier; 25.9% 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  | 12.39%                  | 446 | 12.52%                   | 451 | 15.11%                 | 544 | 14.63%               | 527 | 17.83%                 | 642 | 27.52%                | 991  | 3601  |
| 2 | Using study spaces  | 9.86%                   | 355 | 12.61%                   | 454 | 15.28%                 | 550 | 16.23%               | 584 | 18.37%                 | 661 | 27.65%                | 995  | 3599  |
| 3 | Attending/participating in campus events                          | 14.86%                  | 535 | 15.72%                   | 566 | 16.83%                 | 606 | 15.88%               | 572 | 13.86%                 | 499 | 22.85%                | 823  | 3601  |
| 4 | Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.) | 8.30%                   | 298 | 9.35%                    | 336 | 11.92%                 | 428 | 16.01%               | 575 | 22.69%                 | 815 | 31.74%                | 1140 | 3592  |

### Highlights

- 24.9% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the yellow tier; 45.4% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the yellow tier
- 30.6% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the yellow tier; 36.7% 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  | 25.79% | 933   |
| 2 | Virtual/Online  | 46.38% | 1678  |
| 3 | Hybrid (e.g., class meets M,F in-person but W online)                         | 12.55% | 454   |
| 4 | HyFlex (e.g., class meets Face-to-Face, online, or hybrid) - all 3 modalities | 13.38% | 484   |
| 5 | No preference   | 1.91%  | 69    |
|   | Total   | 100%   | 3618  |

### Highlight

- Of those that responded, 46.4% preferred virtual/online courses and 25.8% 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.  | 32.99% | 1168  |
| 2 | I would prefer to access some of these services virtually and access others face-to-face in Fall 2021. | 39.52% | 1399  |
| 3 | I would prefer to access all student services face-to-face in Fall 2021.                               | 21.33% | 755   |
| 4 | I have no preference.  | 6.16%  | 218   |
|   | Total  | 100%   | 3540  |

**Highlight**

- If students returned to campus for face-to-face courses for fall 2021, 39.5% would prefer to access some student services virtually and access others face-to-face.

**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                      | 18.30% | 2218  |
| 2  | Concern about the health of someone close to me related to COVID-19       | 18.49% | 2241  |
| 3  | Responsibility to care for a child, family members, or other              | 7.56%  | 916   |
| 4  | Employment hours/scheduling   | 9.60%  | 1163  |
| 5  | Transportation  | 4.84%  | 586   |
| 6  | Distance from campus  | 6.33%  | 767   |
| 7  | Preference for online instruction   | 9.65%  | 1169  |
| 8  | Lack of motivation  | 4.32%  | 523   |
| 9  | Fear of bias/harassment/discrimination                                    | 1.63%  | 198   |
| 10 | Campus safety measures/protocols related to COVID-19                      | 12.50% | 1515  |
| 11 | I do not foresee any factors that would deter me from returning to campus | 4.37%  | 529   |
| 12 | On-campus housing availability  | 1.44%  | 174   |
| 13 | Other   | 0.99%  | 120   |
|    | Total   | 100%   | 12119 |

**Highlight**

- The top three factors respondents indicated that would deter them from returning to campus are concern about the health of someone close to them related to COVID-19, concern about their personal health related to COVID-19, and campus safety measures/protocols related to COVID-19.

**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  | 29.10%         | 998 | 17.32%       | 594 | 31.64%             | 1085 | 12.45%       | 427  | 9.48%          | 325  | 3429  |
| 2 | I will only return if a vaccination is required to be on campus  | 22.22%         | 764 | 11.72%       | 403 | 23.44%             | 806  | 21.29%       | 732  | 21.32%         | 733  | 3438  |
| 3 | I will return if the vaccination rate is above average   | 8.26%          | 283 | 7.88%        | 270 | 24.55%             | 841  | 31.15%       | 1067 | 28.15%         | 964  | 3425  |
| 4 | I will return if the vaccination rate is average   | 10.86%         | 370 | 15.64%       | 533 | 32.04%             | 1092 | 25.12%       | 856  | 16.34%         | 557  | 3408  |
| 5 | I will return if the vaccination rate is below average   | 27.99%         | 950 | 25.55%       | 867 | 25.87%             | 878  | 10.05%       | 341  | 10.55%         | 358  | 3394  |
| 6 | I will only return if social distancing, hand-washing, face-covering guidelines, and temperature checks are enforced | 10.47%         | 359 | 8.37%        | 287 | 20.88%             | 716  | 28.58%       | 980  | 31.70%         | 1087 | 3429  |
| 7 | I will return based on whatever safeguards the campus has in place   | 9.28%          | 317 | 10.28%       | 351 | 30.48%             | 1041 | 26.56%       | 907  | 23.40%         | 799  | 3415  |
| 8 | I will return to use campus services, i.e., tutoring, advising, counseling, etc.                                     | 8.45%          | 289 | 14.59%       | 499 | 26.32%             | 900  | 25.21%       | 862  | 25.42%         | 869  | 3419  |
| 9 | I will only return as needed, for example, to take an exam   | 14.29%         | 487 | 14.11%       | 481 | 28.25%             | 963  | 27.78%       | 947  | 15.58%         | 531  | 3409  |

**Highlights**

- 59.3% of respondents would probably or definitely return to campus if the vaccination rate is above average.
- 60.3% of respondents would probably or definitely return to campus if social distancing, hand-washing, face-covering guidelines, and temperature checks are enforced.