KNOWING YOUR STUDENTS

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1st Few Weeks in UTM

- sharing a room for the first time
- managing their finance for the first time
- finding their way around a new place
- learning a new set of rules and procedures
- adapting to living away from home
- feeling homesick
- learning to manage their own time
- interacting with people with diverse backgrounds and values
- adapting to different classroom norms
- learning how to learn
- making new friends
- altering or developing study habits
- exploring their sexuality
- thinking about their future
- feeling like a small fish in a big pond
- redefining their understanding of learning
Life During School Days

• students' days were rigidly controlled,
• they often had a personal relationship with a teacher which helped to motivate them,
• assigned reading was discussed thoroughly in class,
• students were tested frequently covering short spans of material,
• their view of learning was often memorizing a collection of facts,
• their view of teaching was transmission of knowledge from teacher to student, and
• many had strong support systems of family and friends to turn to for advice, help or comfort.

ISU
Entrance Survey

- Survey was developed to collect information about students background and readiness
- Conducted every year with survey sent out to first year students during their first semester
- Response rate of about 30%
Respondents

2006/07: 1046
2009/10: 983

Parents

2006/07
- Alive & live together: 85.9
- Alive but separated: 4.4
- One or both deceased: 8.9

2009/10
- Alive & live together: 86.7
- Alive but separated: 4.2
- One or both deceased: 8.1
Home Location

- Village: 45.2 (2006/07), 44.8 (2009/10)
- City outskirt: 42.9 (2006/07), 40.5 (2009/10)
- City: 12.8 (2006/07), 11.4 (2009/10)

High School

- Private school: 1.2 (2006/07), 1.4 (2009/10)
- MARA College: 8.9 (2009/10), 13.8 (2006/07)
- Technical school: 8.3 (2009/10), 8.5 (2006/07)
- Religious day school: 6.1 (2009/10), 5.7 (2006/07)
- Public day school: 55.9 (2009/10), 65.2 (2006/07)
First in the family to go to the university

![Bar chart showing the percentage of students who are the first in their family to go to university in 2006/07 and 2009/10]

Reasons to go to the university

![Bar chart showing the reasons for going to university in 2006/07 and 2009/10]
Traits compared with average person their age

Above average and Top 10%

Mathematical ability
Public speaking
Leadership skills
Emotionally stable
Creativity
Working in a group
Computer skills
Artistic ability
Academic ability

Traits compared with average person their age

Above average and Top 10%

Ability to face hardship
Adaptability to new place and ...
Writing skills
Reading habits
Honesty
Self confidence (social)
Self confidence (intelect)
Physical health
Traits compared with average person their age

Above average and Top 10%

- High determination
- Risk taker
- Patience
- Drive to achieve
- Self-understanding
- Problem solving skills
- Religiousness
- Generous
- Readiness to apologise

Factors influencing decision to study at UTM

- UTM graduates gain admission to top...
- Visit to career fair
- Visit to UTM campus
- Information from web site
- Attracted by religious orientation of...
- Friends advice
- UTM graduates get good job
- UTM location near home
- UTM good reputation
- Teacher advice
- Family advice
PENCAPAIAN PELAJAR
TAHUN 1

UTM FYE STRATEGIES

- Living-Learning Communities
- Enhanced First-Year Classroom Experience
- Focused First-Year Advising
- Supplemental Instruction and Tutoring
- Orientation
- Peer Mentoring
- FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
Komuniti Kediaman-Pembelajaran

• Kolej + Fakulti
  – Pembelajaran di kolej, tutorial, sesi interaksi pelajar-pensyarah
  – Khidmat komuniti
  – Aktiviti ko-kurikulum
  – Aktiviti kelab dan sosial

Penasihatan Akademik

• Perbincangan dengan PA
• Fokus kepada pelajar
  – Bukan hanya memberi nasihat atau maklumat

• Proaktif
  – Perhatian kepada pelajar berpotensi
  – Markah kerja kursus dan kehadiran separuh semester
Advising Tips

Millennial Generations

• Born 1982 - Today
  – Team oriented
  – Confident
  – Accepting
  – Pressured
  – High achieving
  – Special