

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

137 responses (25% response rate)

Student Characteristics

- 89% Studying fulltime
- 48% Began learning English after age 12

Accommodation:

- 23% Live off campus with a home stay family
- 26% Live off campus on own

Student Decision to Study in BC

- 28% Visited BC prior to studying here

Information Sources:

- 37% Agent
- 33% Friends
- 27% Family
- 20% School in home country
- 19% BC institution website

- 67% Canada was first choice
- 54% Douglas College was first choice

"Very" important considerations:

- 69% Quality of education
- 54% Safety and security
- 43% Costs
- 42% Future employment goal
- 35% Friendly people

Arrival Experiences

- 24% Douglas orientation was "very" helpful

"Not at all difficult" to adjust to:

- 28% Making friends with other international students
- 18% Living in the community
- 17% Different teaching/learning styles
- 15% Interacting with instructors
- 15% Dealing with teamwork in classes
- 8% Making friends with Canadians
- 5% Academic expectations

Evaluation

"Very satisfied" or "satisfied":

- 71% Education quality
- 70% Teachers
- 67% Douglas College
- 67% Housing
- 65% Social networks
- 64% Lifestyle in Canada
- 60% Program at Douglas College

"Very" likely to recommend:

- 40% Canada
- 38% British Columbia
- 24% Douglas College

Source: Provincial Survey of International Students