

ISSAQ – The Incoming Student Skills and Attitudes Questionnaire *Student Score Report*

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Welcome to your ISSAQ Score Report!

Recently, you completed the Incoming Student Skills and Attitudes Questionnaire, or “ISSAQ.” This report summarizes the results from the responses you gave.

ISSAQ measures some of the factors that affect your success in college, such as how you approach your studies, your goals, how you respond to stress, and how you relate to others. On the next page of this report, you’ll see both your scores and how they might relate to your success.

For each factor, you will receive one of two scores:

- A “**Strength**” means that you’ve scored relatively high compared to other students. Great news! Your report will discuss how you can use this to your advantage to be successful in college.
- An “**Opportunity**” means that you’ve scored lower than some other students. Every student has opportunities for growth. The score report will refer to some next steps and resources you can use in order to focus on this area and improve your chances for success.

Before checking out your scores, there are a few important things to keep in mind about the factors measured by ISSAQ:

THINGS CHANGE

If something is a challenge, you can absolutely improve in this area by making an effort, working with others, and using the resources available to you.

If something is a strength, that doesn’t mean you can take it easy. Continue to actively use these factors to your advantage to be successful

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

This report will outline some of the resources available to you. This could include some strategies you could try, an office or resource at your college, or even an app that might be helpful.

Use them! While “THINGS CHANGE,” that’s only through effort and engagement on your part.

ASK FOR HELP

Asking for help is not easy. It requires us to open up. In college, this might include reaching out to people we’ve just met. But this is not something you have to do alone!

Your instructors, advisors, and many others at your college are there to help you be successful in college. No question is too big or too small – just ask!

Simply by taking the time to read through this report, you’re already taking great strides to improve your success in college. Keep up the good work!

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ISSAQ SUCCESS FACTORS

FACTOR	SCORE	NEXT STEPS
<i>Organization</i> – the use of tools and strategies to manage one’s time and work.	OPPORTUNITY	Click here to learn more about Organization
<i>Quality Focus</i> – attention to detail, emphasis on high quality work, and the avoidance of mistakes.	STRENGTH	Click here to learn more about Quality Focus
<i>Engagement</i> – key behaviors for academic success: e.g., class attendance, assignment completion, timeliness.	OPPORTUNITY	Click here to learn more about Engagement
<i>Goal Commitment</i> – Making college success a priority; valuing college success and completion.	STRENGTH	Click here to learn more about Goal Commitment
<i>Persistence</i> – maintaining effort and staying on task, even when problems arise.	STRENGTH	Click here to learn more about Persistence
<i>Effort Focus</i> – making the connection between effort and success.	OPPORTUNITY	Click here to learn more about Effort Focus
<i>Calmness</i> – staying “cool under pressure;” a lack of stress or anxiety in tough situations	OPPORTUNITY	Click here to learn more about Calmness
<i>Coping Strategies</i> – your behaviors, attitudes, and other responses to stressful situations	STRENGTH	Click here to learn more about Coping Strategies
<i>Sense of Belonging</i> – your feeling of connection to those around you at your college.	OPPORTUNITY	Click here to learn more about Sense of Belonging
<i>Institutional Commitment</i> – your overall perception of your college.	STRENGTH	Click here to learn more about Institutional Commitment