

**Research period:**  
March 26 – May 4, 2026

**Research objective:**  
To gather first-year students' opinions on their study experience, adaptation to the College environment and future expectations.

**Research method:**  
A questionnaire survey collecting quantitative and qualitative empirical data. The survey was conducted online using the *LimeSurvey* platform. The data were processed using *IBM SPSS Statistics*.

## Survey Findings:

### 1. Evaluation of studies at Kauno kolegija HEI:

Statement	Assessment Scale				
	Strongly agree	Agree	Partly agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I had enough information about Kauno kolegija HEI before applying.	16,13%	44,09%	30,11%	7,53%	2,15%
I am studying the right study programme for me.	33,33%	39,78%	20,43%	4,30%	2,15%
I am able to manage my study workload.	24,73%	43,01%	26,88%	4,30%	1,08%
The study timetable is convenient.	7,53%	36,56%	39,78%	12,90%	3,23%
I have sufficient financial resources to complete my studies.	18,28%	37,63%	36,56%	5,38%	2,15%
I can consult with lecturers if necessary.	36,56%	39,78%	20,43%	3,23%	0,00%
I receive assistance from the College or Faculty administrative staff if necessary.	35,48%	39,78%	20,43%	4,30%	0,00%
I feel welcome at the College.	29,03%	43,01%	24,73%	2,15%	1,08%
I am satisfied with my choice of studies.	36,56%	37,63%	17,20%	5,38%	3,23%

### 2. Benefits of the introductory week (introduction to studies; presentation of KUAS, the library, the Students Representative Council, etc.):

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Useful	44	47,31%
Partly useful	24	25,81%
Not useful	12	12,90%
I did not participate	13	13,98%

3. Sufficiency of the information about studies and services:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Yes, sufficient	61	65,59%
Partly sufficient	30	32,26%
No, insufficient	2	2,15%

4. Opinion about studies having started them at Kauno kolegija HEI:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
You have found what you hoped for	30	32,26%
Studying is easier than you expected	34	36,56%
Studying is more challenging than you expected	12	12,90%
You have not formed an opinion about your studies yet	8	8,60%
You are already disappointed with your choice of studies	7	7,53%
Other	2	2,15%

5. Determination to continue studies at Kauno kolegija HEI:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Yes, I am firmly determined to continue my studies at Kauno kolegija HEI	61	65,59%
I had some doubts, but now I have decided to continue my studies	17	18,28%
I am not sure; I might move to another higher education institution	13	13,98%
I am not sure; I might switch to another study program at Kauno kolegija HEI	2	2,15%
I intend to terminate my studies	0	0,00%

6. Personal assessment of lecture attendance:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
100 percent	15	16,13%
99 - 76 percent	63	67,74%
75 - 51 percent	13	13,98%
50 - 26 percent	2	2,15%
25 - 0 percent	0	0,00%

#### 7. Funding of studies:

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
State-funded	78	83,87%
Non-state-funded	15	16,13%

#### 8. Occupation

Statement	Number of respondents	Percentage
Employed	35	37,63%
Unemployed	58	62,37%

The survey results revealed that 73% of first-year students believe they have chosen a suitable study programme, 74% are satisfied with their choice of studies, and 72% feel welcome at the College. Most respondents indicated that they can consult lecturers when necessary and receive support from the College or Faculty administrative staff.

Most students evaluated the orientation week positively. It was considered useful by 47% of respondents and partly useful by a further 26%. Information about studies and available services is sufficient for 66% of respondents and partly sufficient for another 32%.

After starting their studies, 37% of students found studying easier than expected, while 32% found it to be what they had expected. A further 13% indicated that studying was more difficult than expected.

A total of 66% of first-year students are firmly committed to continuing their studies at Kauno kolegija Higher Education Institution. A further 18% decided to continue their studies after having some initial doubts. Meanwhile, 14% are considering transferring to another higher education institution. None of the respondents intend to discontinue their studies.

A total of 16% of students rated their lecture attendance at 100%, while 68% reported attending between 76% and 99% of lectures. Studies are combined with employment by 38% of respondents. Sufficient financial resources to complete their studies are available to 56% of respondents, while a further 37% indicated that they have partly sufficient resources.

The survey results highlighted several aspects of the study process that could be improved. Students' responses indicate the need to continue improving timetable planning, access to information about studies, and the conditions that help students adapt to their study workload. More detailed information about the measures implemented is available in the "You Said, We Did" section.