

Textual Analysis of the Results of the Midterm Motivation Survey Conducted Among Active International Students Enrolled at the University of Miskolc in the Second Semester of the 2022/2023 Academic Year

The survey was completed by 87 students from 28 countries. Most respondents—40.4% in total—come from three countries: Syria (19%), Iraq (14.3%), and Jordan (7.1%). In terms of age, the respondents are divided almost evenly into three groups: 30.2% were born between 1981 and 1990, 39.5% between 1991 and 1995, and 30.2% after 1996. A significant majority of the respondents—77%—are male. Of those who completed the survey, 33.7% are students at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Informatics (GÉIK), 24.4% at the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Engineering (MFK), 15.1% at the Faculty of Economics (GTK), 12.8% at the Faculty of Materials and Chemical Engineering (AVK), and 11.6% at the Faculty of Law (ÁJK). At the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (BTK), 2.3% of respondents are enrolled, while there are no active international students at the Faculty of Health Sciences (ETK) or at the Béla Bartók Faculty of Music (BBZK) this academic year.

Of those who completed the survey, 62% are PhD students, 37% are MSc students, and only 1% are BSc students.

In terms of degree programs, the largest number of MSc students are enrolled in the MBA program (10.7%), while for PhD students, the largest numbers are enrolled in the István Sályi (14.3%) and József Hatvany (13.1%) doctoral schools.

Among those who completed the survey, based on self-assessment, English proficiency is by far the strongest; 76.5% of students consider themselves to be excellent speakers of English, while 23.5% consider themselves to be slightly less proficient. A significant majority of students do not speak Russian, Portuguese, Spanish, French, or German.

96.4% of respondents are scholarship students, 97.6% of whom are part of the Stipendium Hungaricum program. Nearly half of the respondents began their studies in 2022, and more than 95% of them have never interrupted their academic years with a semester of inactivity. Half of the respondents rate their academic performance as “excellent,” while the other half rate it as “good.” Forty percent of the respondents rate themselves higher than their peers in the same program, while 35% rate themselves as equal to their peers. Forty-seven percent of respondents plan to continue their studies in one of the doctoral programs at the University of Miskolc.

A significant majority of respondents come from middle-class families in terms of financial status and plan to launch their careers in Hungary or Europe. 70% of respondents do not take on part-time jobs while studying. The primary motivation for earning a degree is intellectual development (60%), followed by social status, with the pursuit of a higher salary ranking only third.

Most respondents are generally satisfied with the academic, student, and other services provided by the University of Miskolc. However, on a few points—access to IT services, project work, bureaucracy, and library services—more than 20% of respondents selected the “less satisfied” option.

Slightly more than 50% of respondents plan to join the ALUMNI network, while 21% are already members.