

A search on the ERIC database reveals that there is extensive literature on the First Year Experience. The excerpts below give some indication of the questions related to the first year experience that researchers have investigated in recent years. Topics investigated include the following:

- < issues associated with the adjustment into college life
- < issues related to the needs of particular sub-groupings of the first year experience: socio-cultural, socio-economic, minority, gender, race, ethnic, disabled, overseas
- < parental attachment and psychological separation
- < student learning issues
- < motivation issues
- < social and emotional adjustment, self-esteem issues
- < administrative and structural issues
- < personal goals and the first year experience
- < religion and the first year experience
- < support services available to first years
- < orientation issues
- < building community
- < student profile reports
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- < predicting and promoting success in the first year transition
- < first year survival strategies
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- < effect of course type on first year learning
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