
NSSE 2020 Topical Module Report

First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions

Nevada State College

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About This Topical Module

This module includes a set of items only for first-year students and a set only for seniors, with questions adapted from the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement and the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project, respectively. The first-year items focus on academic perseverance, help-seeking behaviors, and institutional commitment, while the senior items explore post-graduation plans, links between the academic major and future plans, and confidence with skills developed during college.

Comparison Group

This section summarizes how this module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'FY Exp / Sr Transiti' column of this report.

Group label	FY Exp / Sr Transiti
Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (all module participants) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

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Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX)	Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)*
Acadia University (Wolfville, NS)*	Buena Vista University (Storm Lake, IA)*
Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)	California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Albany, NY)*	California State University-Dominguez Hills (Carson, CA)
Alberta College of Art + Design (Calgary, AB)*	California State University, Chico (Chico, CA)
Alcorn State University (Alcorn State, MS)	California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento, CA)
Allegheny College (Meadville, PA)	California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)*
Alvernia University (Reading, PA)*	Campbellsville University (Campbellsville, KY)
American Public University System (Charles Town, WV)*	Carroll College (Helena, MT)
Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX)*	Castleton University (Castleton, VT)*
Arkansas Baptist College (Little Rock, AR)	Centenary College of Louisiana (Shreveport, LA)
Ashford University (San Diego, CA)	Central Christian College of Kansas (McPherson, KS)*
Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA)	Central College (Pella, IA)*
Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY)*	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)*
Barry University (Miami, FL)	Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Clarion, PA)*
Barton College (Wilson, NC)	Clark University (Worcester, MA)
Becker College (Worcester, MA)	Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)*
Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)	Cleveland State University (Cleveland, OH)
Bennett College (Greensboro, NC)*	College of Charleston (Charleston, SC)*
Bennington College (Bennington, VT)	College of Coastal Georgia (Brunswick, GA)
Berklee College of Music (Boston, MA)*	College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chicopee, MA)
Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)*	College of Saint Elizabeth (Morristown, NJ)
Bethel University (Saint Paul, MN)*	Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)*
Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)*	Colorado Technical University (Colorado Springs, CO)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)*	Columbia College (Columbia, MO)*
Brandon University (Brandon, MB)	Columbus College of Art and Design (Columbus, OH)
Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA)	Concord University (Athens, WV)*
Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)	Concordia College New York (Bronxville, NY)*
Briercrest College and Seminary (Carleton Place, ON)*	Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL)
Brock University (St. Catharines, ON)	Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)*

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Daemen College (Amherst, NY)*	King's College (Wilkes-Barre, PA)*
Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS)	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
Dean College (Franklin, MA)	La Roche University (Pittsburgh, PA)
DeSales University (Center Valley, PA)	Lander University (Greenwood, SC)*
Dixie State University (Saint George, UT)*	Laurentian University/Université Laurentienne (Sudbury, ON)
Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)*	Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)
Drew University (Madison, NJ)	Limestone College (Gaffney, SC)
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)*	Lincoln College (Lincoln, IL)
East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)*	Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)*
Eckerd College (Saint Petersburg, FL)*	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)*
École de technologie supérieure (Montréal, QC)	Marietta College (Marietta, OH)
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)*	Mars Hill University (Mars Hill, NC)
Elizabeth City State University (Elizabeth City, NC)*	Marymount California University (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA)
Elon University (Elon, NC)*	Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY)*
Evergreen State College, The (Olympia, WA)	McGill University (Montreal, QC)
Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)*	Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's, NL)
Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)	Mercy College (Dobbs Ferry, NY)
Felician University (Lodi, NJ)*	Miami University-Hamilton (Hamilton, OH)*
Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)*	Miami University-Middletown (Middletown, OH)*
Flagler College (Saint Augustine, FL)*	Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)*
Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL)	Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)
Florida International University (Miami, FL)	Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)*
Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL)	Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)*
Freed-Hardeman University (Henderson, TN)	Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)*
Gallaudet University (Washington, DC)	Mount Mary University (Milwaukee, WI)*
Geneva College (Beaver Falls, PA)*	Mount Saint Vincent University (Halifax, NS)
George Fox University (Newberg, OR)*	Mount St. Mary's University (Emmitsburg, MD)*
Georgetown College (Georgetown, KY)	Nebraska Methodist College (Omaha, NE)
Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA)	Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus, GA)	New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL)*
Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)	New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark, NJ)*
Glenville State College (Glenville, WV)	New Mexico State University (Las Cruces, NM)
Gordon College (Wenham, MA)*	New School, The (New York, NY)*
Grambling State University (Grambling, LA)*	New York Institute of Technology (Old Westbury, NY)
Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)	North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)*
Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI)*	Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD)
Grinnell College (Grinnell, IA)	Northwestern College (Orange City, IA)*
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology (Harrisburg, PA)*	Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL)*
Hendrix College (Conway, AR)	OCAD University (Toronto, ON)
Hiram College (Hiram, OH)*	Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)*
Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN (Notre Dame, IN)	Ohio State University at Newark, The (Newark, OH)*
Hope International University (Fullerton, CA)*	Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)*
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)*	Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)*
Huron University College (London, ON)*	Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)*
Huston-Tillotson University (Austin, TX)*	Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)*
Illinois College (Jacksonville, IL)	Olivet College (Olivet, MI)
Indiana Institute of Technology (Fort Wayne, IN)	Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)*
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)*	Ottawa University (Ottawa, KS)
Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)*	Ottawa University-Surprise (Surprise, AZ)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence, RI)*	Otterbein University (Westerville, OH)
Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)*	Our Lady of the Lake University (San Antonio, TX)*
Johnson & Wales University-Denver (Denver, CO)*	Pacific Union College (Angwin, CA)*
Judson University (Elgin, IL)	Paul Smith's College (Paul Smiths, NY)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)*	Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)
Kean University (Union, NJ)*	Presentation College (Aberdeen, SD)
Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY)*	Purdue University Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, IN)
Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)	Purdue University Global (Davenport, IA)*
Keuka College (Keuka Park, NY)	Quincy University (Quincy, IL)*

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Redeemer University College (Ancaster, ON)*	University of Calgary (Calgary, AB)
Rivier University (Nashua, NH)*	University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg, MO)
Rogers State University (Claremore, OK)	University of Charleston (Charleston, WV)
Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)*	University of Dallas (Irving, TX)*
Saint Andrews University (Laurinburg, NC)	University of Dubuque (Dubuque, IA)
Saint Joseph's College (Standish, ME)	University of Evansville (Evansville, IN)
Saint Mary's University (Halifax, NS)	University of Georgia (Athens, GA)
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)*	University of Guam (Mangilao, GU)
Saint Peter's University (Jersey City, NJ)*	University of Hawai'i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)*
Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL)	University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
Salem State University (Salem, MA)*	University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, AB)
Samford University (Birmingham, AL)	University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)
San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus (Calexico, CA)	University of Maine (Orono, ME)
Sarah Lawrence College (Bronxville, NY)	University of Maine at Augusta (Augusta, ME)
Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)*	University of Maine at Fort Kent (Fort Kent, ME)
Shaw University (Raleigh, NC)	University of Maine at Presque Isle (Presque Isle, ME)
Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV)*	University of Manitoba, The (Winnipeg, MB)
Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (Oakville, ON)	University of Minnesota Morris (Morris, MN)
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)*	University of Montana (Missoula, MT)*
Southeastern Louisiana University (Hammond, LA)	University of New Brunswick (Fredericton, NB)
Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL)*	University of New England (Biddeford, ME)
Southern Adventist University (Collegedale, TN)*	University of New Hampshire at Durham (Durham, NH)
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)*	University of New Orleans, The (New Orleans, LA)*
Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)*	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)
Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, OK)*	University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)*
Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)	University of North Texas (Denton, TX)*
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)*	University of Northern British Columbia (Prince George, BC)*
Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)*	University of Ontario Institute of Technology (Oshawa, ON)
St. Mary's College of Maryland (St. Mary's City, MD)*	University of Pikeville (Pikeville, KY)
St. Thomas University (Fredericton, NB)	University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)*
Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)*	University of Richmond (University of Richmond, VA)
Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ)*	University of Saint Joseph (West Hartford, CT)*
Stevenson University (Stevenson, MD)	University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon, SK)
SUNY College at Oswego (Oswego, NY)	University of South Carolina Columbia (Columbia, SC)*
SUNY College at Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh, NY)	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse, NY)	University of South Florida-St. Petersburg (St. Petersburg, FL)
SUNY-Buffalo State College (Buffalo, NY)	University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)*
Sweet Briar College (Sweet Briar, VA)	University of Tennessee Martin, The (Martin, TN)
Tennessee Wesleyan University (Athens, TN)	University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The (Knoxville, TN)*
Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*	University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
Touro College (New York, NY)*	University of Texas at El Paso, The (El Paso, TX)
Towson University (Towson, MD)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, The (Edinburg, TX)
Trent University (Peterborough, ON)	University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)*
Tusculum University (Greeneville, TN)*	University of Victoria (Victoria, BC)
Université de Montréal (Montreal, QC)	University of Virginia's College at Wise, The (Wise, VA)
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (Chicoutimi, QC)	University of Washington Tacoma (Tacoma, WA)*
Université du Québec à Montréal (Montréal, QC)	University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)
Université du Québec à Rimouski (Rimouski, QC)	University of Windsor (Windsor, ON)
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (Trois-Rivières, QC)	University of Winnipeg, The (Winnipeg, MB)
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (Rouyn-Noranda, QC)	University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (Oshkosh, WI)
Université du Québec en Outaouais (Gatineau, QC)	University of Wisconsin-Platteville (Platteville, WI)
Université Laval (Quebec city, QC)	Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)
University at Buffalo, State University of New York (Buffalo, NY)	Warren Wilson College (Swannanoa, NC)
University of Advancing Technology (Tempe, AZ)*	Washington College (Chestertown, MD)*
University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)	Washington State University (Pullman, WA)*
University of Arkansas at Monticello (Monticello, AR)*	Waynesburg University (Waynesburg, PA)
University of British Columbia - Vancouver campus (Vancouver, BC)	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)*
University of British Columbia Okanagan (Kelowna, BC)	Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)*

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Western New England University (Springfield, MA)

Western Oregon University (Monmouth, OR)

Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA)*

Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA)

William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)*

William Woods University (Fulton, MO)*

Wingate University (Wingate, NC)*

Winona State University (Winona, MN)*

Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH)*

Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)*

Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH)

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Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons: First-Year Experiences

Nevada State College

First-Year Students

				Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				NSC		FY Exp / Sr Transitn		NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transitn	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Studied when there were other interesting things to do	FYSfy01a	1	Never	8	5	3,387	4	2.9	2.8	.11
		2	Sometimes	35	25	29,521	35			
		3	Often	67	46	31,768	37			
		4	Very often	37	24	20,437	24			
		Total	147	100	85,113	100				
b. Found additional information for course assignments when you didn't understand the material	FYSfy01b	1	Never	4	3	2,366	3	3.0	2.9 *	.19
		2	Sometimes	27	19	24,341	29			
		3	Often	77	52	38,943	45			
		4	Very often	39	27	19,330	23			
		Total	147	100	84,980	100				
c. Participated in course discussions, even when you didn't feel like it	FYSfy01c	1	Never	4	2	9,665	10	3.0	2.6 ***	.47
		2	Sometimes	36	25	33,039	38			
		3	Often	64	45	28,959	35			
		4	Very often	43	28	13,337	17			
		Total	147	100	85,000	100				
d. Asked instructors for help when you struggled with course assignments	FYSfy01d	1	Never	6	5	10,684	12	2.9	2.5 ***	.45
		2	Sometimes	43	29	36,598	43			
		3	Often	59	42	25,712	31			
		4	Very often	39	25	11,979	14			
		Total	147	100	84,973	100				
e. Finished something you have started when you encountered challenges	FYSfy01e	1	Never	0	0	938	1	3.1	3.1	.06
		2	Sometimes	27	18	16,061	19			
		3	Often	72	50	41,778	49			
		4	Very often	48	32	26,103	31			
		Total	147	100	84,880	100				
f. Stayed positive, even when you did poorly on a test or assignment	FYSfy01f	1	Never	5	3	3,728	4	2.9	2.9	.10
		2	Sometimes	35	24	26,293	30			
		3	Often	69	47	35,111	41			
		4	Very often	38	25	19,829	24			
		Total	147	100	84,961	100				
2. During the current school year, how difficult have the following been for you?										
a. Learning course material	FYSfy02a	1	Not at all difficult	9	6	3,763	5	3.4	3.5	-.05
		2	2	22	15	12,397	15			
		3	3	47	30	25,507	30			
		4	4	50	35	29,602	34			
		5	5	16	13	10,374	12			
		6	Very difficult	3	2	3,343	4			
		Total	147	100	84,986	100				
b. Managing your time	FYSfy02b	1	Not at all difficult	10	6	3,954	5	3.9	3.8	.04
		2	2	18	11	9,796	12			
		3	3	32	21	18,950	22			
		4	4	42	28	24,163	28			
		5	5	22	15	16,996	20			
		6	Very difficult	23	18	11,091	13			
		Total	147	100	84,950	100				

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				Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				NSC		FY Exp / Sr Transitn		NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transitn	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
c. Getting help with school work	FYSfy02c	1	Not at all difficult	30	20	12,009	15	2.6	2.9 ** ▽	-.24
		2	2	51	32	20,819	25			
		3	3	34	24	23,893	28			
		4	4	20	14	17,510	20			
		5	5	8	6	7,248	8			
		6	Very difficult	4	3	3,444	4			
		Total	147	100	84,923	100				
d. Interacting with faculty	FYSfy02d	1	Not at all difficult	46	31	15,899	20	2.4	2.8 *** ▽	-.30
		2	2	43	27	21,751	26			
		3	3	30	23	21,449	25			
		4	4	13	7	15,208	18			
		5	5	13	9	6,987	8			
		6	Very difficult	2	2	3,618	4			
		Total	147	100	84,912	100				
3. During the current school year, about how often have you sought help with coursework from the following sources?										
a. Faculty members	FYSfy03a_16	1	Never	37	25	16,837	20	2.2	2.1	.05
		2	Sometimes	62	41	44,787	53			
		3	Often	35	26	17,876	21			
		4	Very often	14	9	5,332	6			
		Total	148	100	84,832	100				
b. Academic advisors	FYSfy03b_16	1	Never	64	43	40,015	46	1.8	1.7	.05
		2	Sometimes	58	39	31,055	37			
		3	Often	22	16	10,519	13			
		4	Very often	4	3	3,129	4			
		Total	148	100	84,718	100				
c. Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	FYSfy03c_16	1	Never	45	32	39,156	45	2.0	1.8 * △	.21
		2	Sometimes	63	41	27,689	33			
		3	Often	27	18	12,303	15			
		4	Very often	13	9	5,565	7			
		Total	148	100	84,713	100				
d. Friends or other students	FYSfy03d_16	1	Never	7	5	5,190	7	2.9	2.8	.09
		2	Sometimes	36	27	23,121	28			
		3	Often	58	38	32,308	37			
		4	Very often	47	30	24,143	27			
		Total	148	100	84,762	100				
e. Family members	FYSfy03e_16	1	Never	54	36	34,689	42	2.0	1.9	.13
		2	Sometimes	49	34	27,885	33			
		3	Often	28	20	15,206	18			
		4	Very often	17	11	6,987	8			
		Total	148	100	84,767	100				
f. Other persons or offices	FYSfy03f_16	1	Never	77	51	53,263	62	1.7	1.5 * △	.24
		2	Sometimes	46	31	21,772	26			
		3	Often	18	13	7,094	9			
		4	Very often	8	5	2,561	3			
		Total	149	100	84,690	100				

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

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Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				NSC		FY Exp / Sr Transitrn		NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transitrn	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
4a. During the current school year, have you seriously considered leaving this institution?^j	FYSfy04a	No		116	78	60,722	72	22%	28%	-.13
(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")		Yes		32	22	24,071	28			
		Total		148	100	84,793	100			
4b. [If answered "yes"] Why did you consider leaving? (Select all that apply.)										
	FYSfy04b_1_16	—	Academics are too difficult	12	36	5,047	21			
	FYSfy04b_2_16	—	Academics are too easy	0	0	1,091	5			
		—	Other academic issues (major not offered, course availability, advising, credit transfer, etc.)	7	22	3,864	16			
	FYSfy04b_3_16	—								
	FYSfy04b_4_16	—	Financial concerns (costs or financial aid)	16	52	9,297	39			
		—	To change your career options (transfer to another school or program, military service, etc.)	6	17	5,222	22			
	FYSfy04b_5_16	—								
	FYSfy04b_6_16	—	Difficulty managing demands of school and work	11	35	4,568	19			
	FYSfy04b_7_16	—	Too much emphasis on partying	1	5	1,173	5			
	FYSfy04b_8_16	—	Not enough opportunities to socialize and have fun	7	22	4,187	17			
	FYSfy04b_9_16	—	Relations with faculty and staff	2	5	2,239	10			
	FYSfy04b_10_16	—	Relations with other students	1	5	4,535	18			
	FYSfy04b_11_16	—	Campus climate, location, or culture	10	33	5,941	24			
	FYSfy04b_12_16	—	Unsafe or hostile environment	0	0	1,228	5			
		—	Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesickness, stress, etc.)	16	52	10,447	43			
	FYSfy04b_13_16	—								
	FYSfy04b_14_16	—	A reason not listed above, please specify:	1	5	3,254	14			
5. How important is it to you that you graduate from <i>this institution</i>?										
	FYSfy05	1	Not important	4	3	3,698	5	5.4	5.1 ***	.25
		2	2	1	1	2,776	3			
		3	3	8	6	4,993	6			
		4	4	13	7	10,299	12			
		5	5	14	9	13,174	15			
		6	Very important	107	74	49,355	58			
		Total		147	100	84,295	100			

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Detailed Statistics: First-Year Experiences^e

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Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	NSC	NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	Comparisons with:		
								FY Exp / Sr Transiti		
FYSfy01a	145	2.89	2.80	.069	.003	0.83	0.85	145	.176	.11
FYSfy01b	145	3.03	2.88	.062	.003	0.75	0.79	145	.020	.19
FYSfy01c	145	3.00	2.58	.065	.003	0.79	0.89	145	.000	.47
FYSfy01d	145	2.87	2.47	.070	.003	0.85	0.89	145	.000	.45
FYSfy01e	145	3.14	3.09	.058	.003	0.69	0.73	74,941	.460	.06
FYSfy01f	145	2.94	2.86	.066	.003	0.80	0.84	145	.199	.10
FYSfy02a	145	3.40	3.45	.094	.004	1.13	1.15	75,048	.572	-.05
FYSfy02b	145	3.89	3.84	.121	.005	1.45	1.36	74,997	.667	.04
FYSfy02c	145	2.63	2.94	.107	.005	1.29	1.32	74,991	.004	-.24
FYSfy02d	145	2.40	2.81	.110	.005	1.33	1.37	74,969	.000	-.30
FYSfy03a_16	146	2.18	2.14	.075	.003	0.90	0.80	146	.577	.05
FYSfy03b_16	146	1.78	1.74	.067	.003	0.80	0.82	74,780	.537	.05
FYSfy03c_16	146	2.03	1.83	.076	.003	0.92	0.92	74,788	.010	.21
FYSfy03d_16	146	2.92	2.84	.073	.003	0.88	0.90	74,836	.294	.09
FYSfy03e_16	146	2.04	1.92	.082	.003	0.99	0.95	74,837	.116	.13
FYSfy03f_16	147	1.72	1.53	.072	.003	0.87	0.78	146	.010	.24
FYSfy04a ^k	146	.221	.279	.0344	.0016	--	--	--	.118	-.13
FYSfy05	145	5.41	5.05	.100	.005	1.21	1.41	145	.001	.25

See the endnotes on the last page of this report.

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				Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				NSC		FY Exp / Sr Transitn		NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transitn	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. Do you expect to graduate this spring or summer?										
	FYSsr01_16		No	135	49	29,691	34			
			Yes	143	51	66,324	66			
			Total	278	100	96,015	100			
1a. [Excludes those who answered "No," not expecting spring/summer graduation] After graduation, what best describes your immediate plans?										
	FYSsr01a	—	Full-time employment	106	70	38,503	59			
		—	Part-time employment	6	4	3,227	4			
		—	Graduate or professional school	25	17	15,382	22			
		—	Military service	1	1	781	1			
		—	Service or volunteer activity (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach for America, etc.)	0	0	442	1			
		—	Internship (paid or unpaid)	4	3	2,523	4			
		—	Travel or gap year	4	3	2,476	3			
		—	No plans at this time	1	1	2,153	3			
		—	Other, please specify:	3	2	1,562	2			
			Total	150	100	67,049	100			
1b. [If immediate plans included full- or part-time employment] Do you already have a job for after graduation? ^j										
	FYSsr01b		No	64	55	21,675	51	45%	49%	-.09
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")		Yes, I will start a new job	18	16	9,295	23			
			Yes, I will continue in my current job	30	29	10,606	27			
			Total	112	100	41,576	100			
2. [Excludes those who answered "No," not expecting spring/summer graduation] To what extent have courses in your major(s) prepared you for your post-graduation plans?										
	FYSsr02	1	Very little	12	9	4,587	7	3.1	3.0 *	.20
		2	Some	19	13	15,355	23			
		3	Quite a bit	52	34	25,281	37			
		4	Very much	68	45	21,716	33			
			Total	151	100	66,939	100			
3. Do you intend to work eventually in a field related to your major(s)? ^j										
	FYSsr03		Yes	261	91	82,658	86	91%	86% *	.17
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")		No	5	2	4,222	4			
			Unsure	21	7	9,458	10			
			Total	287	100	96,338	100			
4. Do you plan to be self-employed, an independent contractor, or a freelance worker someday? ^j										
	FYSsr04		Yes	47	18	20,070	22	18%	22%	-.11
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")		No	171	59	50,357	51			
			Unsure	67	24	26,008	27			
			Total	285	100	96,435	100			

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5. Do you plan to start your own business (nonprofit or for-profit) someday? ^j										
	FYSsr05	Yes		67	25	22,630	25	25%	25%	.00
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")	No		141	48	45,959	46			
		Unsure		79	27	27,892	29			
		Total		287	100	96,481	100			
6. How much confidence do you have in your ability to complete tasks requiring the following skills and abilities?										
a. Critical thinking and analysis of arguments and information	FYSsr06a	1	Very little	0	0	677	1	3.5	3.4 *	.12
		2	Some	22	8	8,098	8			
		3	Quite a bit	96	33	37,374	38			
		4	Very much	167	60	50,123	54			
		Total		285	100	96,272	100			
b. Creative thinking and problem solving	FYSsr06b	1	Very little	0	0	612	1	3.6	3.5 **	.17
		2	Some	15	5	7,632	8			
		3	Quite a bit	97	33	36,838	37			
		4	Very much	173	62	51,095	54			
		Total		285	100	96,177	100			
c. Research skills	FYSsr06c	1	Very little	1	0	2,132	2	3.4	3.2 ***	.23
		2	Some	37	12	16,466	17			
		3	Quite a bit	103	36	38,747	40			
		4	Very much	144	51	38,893	41			
		Total		285	100	96,238	100			
d. Clear writing	FYSsr06d	1	Very little	3	1	1,296	1	3.4	3.3 **	.16
		2	Some	28	10	12,510	13			
		3	Quite a bit	103	36	39,565	40			
		4	Very much	151	53	42,855	45			
		Total		285	100	96,226	100			
e. Persuasive speaking	FYSsr06e	1	Very little	9	4	3,694	4	3.1	3.0 *	.12
		2	Some	60	21	22,679	23			
		3	Quite a bit	94	33	37,780	39			
		4	Very much	121	42	32,066	34			
		Total		284	100	96,219	100			
f. Technological skills	FYSsr06f	1	Very little	5	2	3,504	3	3.2	3.1 *	.13
		2	Some	58	20	22,385	22			
		3	Quite a bit	109	38	38,967	40			
		4	Very much	113	40	31,341	35			
		Total		285	100	96,197	100			
g. Financial and business management skills	FYSsr06g	1	Very little	39	14	17,060	16	2.6	2.5	.10
		2	Some	93	33	34,415	35			
		3	Quite a bit	86	30	27,177	29			
		4	Very much	66	23	17,534	20			
		Total		284	100	96,186	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

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Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
h. Entrepreneurial skills	FYSsr06h	1	Very little	61	22	23,518	23	2.4	2.3	.07
		2	Some	101	35	36,019	37			
		3	Quite a bit	66	23	22,422	24			
		4	Very much	56	19	14,213	16			
		Total	284	100	96,172	100				
i. Leadership skills	FYSsr06i	1	Very little	8	3	3,277	3	3.2	3.2	.02
		2	Some	52	18	16,923	17			
		3	Quite a bit	94	33	34,879	36			
		4	Very much	130	46	41,133	43			
		Total	284	100	96,212	100				
j. Networking and relationship building	FYSsr06j	1	Very little	19	7	5,598	6	3.0	3.0	.01
		2	Some	61	21	23,014	24			
		3	Quite a bit	103	36	35,484	36			
		4	Very much	102	35	32,135	34			
		Total	285	100	96,231	100				
7. To what extent has your coursework in your major(s) emphasized the following?										
a. Generating new ideas or brainstorming	FYSsr07a	1	Very little	9	4	3,613	4	3.2	3.1 *	.13
		2	Some	41	15	19,475	20			
		3	Quite a bit	114	41	38,907	40			
		4	Very much	117	41	34,075	36			
		Total	281	100	96,070	100				
b. Taking risks in your coursework without fear of penalty	FYSsr07b	1	Very little	57	20	20,978	22	2.6	2.5 *	.13
		2	Some	67	25	28,551	29			
		3	Quite a bit	80	29	26,397	27			
		4	Very much	77	27	20,072	21			
		Total	281	100	95,998	100				
c. Evaluating multiple approaches to a problem	FYSsr07c	1	Very little	10	4	4,116	4	3.2	3.1 *	.14
		2	Some	43	15	19,828	21			
		3	Quite a bit	111	39	38,801	40			
		4	Very much	116	41	33,142	35			
		Total	280	100	95,887	100				
d. Inventing new methods to arrive at unconventional solutions	FYSsr07d	1	Very little	38	14	11,525	12	2.8	2.7	.09
		2	Some	64	23	29,358	30			
		3	Quite a bit	93	33	31,235	32			
		4	Very much	86	30	23,442	25			
		Total	281	100	95,560	100				

8. Is there anything your institution could have done better to prepare you for your career or further education? Please describe.

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 88 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE20 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.

Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	NSC	NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	NSC	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	Comparisons with:		
								FY Exp / Sr Transiti		
FYSsr01b ^k	110	.447	.492	.0477	.0023	--	--	--	.348	-.09
FYSsr02	149	3.14	2.95	.078	.003	0.95	0.92	72,613	.012	.20
FYSsr03 ^k	288	.910	.856	.0169	.0011	--	--	--	.010	.17
FYSsr04 ^k	284	.175	.217	.0226	.0013	--	--	--	.085	-.11
FYSsr05 ^k	288	.249	.247	.0255	.0013	--	--	--	.943	.00
FYSsr06a	285	3.52	3.44	.038	.002	0.63	0.67	108,652	.046	.12
FYSsr06b	285	3.57	3.45	.035	.002	0.59	0.67	286	.001	.17
FYSsr06c	285	3.38	3.20	.042	.002	0.71	0.79	108,601	.000	.23
FYSsr06d	285	3.41	3.29	.042	.002	0.71	0.74	108,563	.006	.16
FYSsr06e	283	3.14	3.04	.052	.003	0.87	0.85	108,570	.036	.12
FYSsr06f	285	3.17	3.06	.048	.003	0.80	0.84	108,562	.027	.13
FYSsr06g	284	2.62	2.52	.059	.003	1.00	0.98	108,535	.085	.10
FYSsr06h	284	2.40	2.32	.062	.003	1.04	1.00	108,526	.222	.07
FYSsr06i	284	3.21	3.19	.051	.003	0.86	0.84	108,557	.737	.02
FYSsr06j	285	3.00	2.99	.055	.003	0.93	0.90	108,584	.827	.01
FYSsr07a	281	3.18	3.07	.049	.003	0.83	0.84	108,386	.034	.13
FYSsr07b	281	2.62	2.48	.065	.003	1.08	1.06	108,322	.026	.13
FYSsr07c	280	3.17	3.05	.050	.003	0.84	0.86	108,202	.024	.14
FYSsr07d	281	2.79	2.70	.061	.003	1.02	0.98	107,825	.124	.09

Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts.
- b. All statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent *t*-tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent *t*-tests uses Cohen's *d*; *z*-tests use Cohen's *h*.
- e. Statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values differ from *N*s due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent *t*-tests or *z*-tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the students in the comparison group is due to chance.
- j. Statistical comparison uses *z*-test to compare the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes" with all who responded otherwise.
- k. Mean represents the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes."

Key to symbols:

- ▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- △ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- ▼ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to item wording and your institutional context.