

2017 Topical Module: Academic Advising

Profile of Participating Institutions and Respondents and All Bachelor's-Granting U.S. Institutions and Students

Topical modules are short sets of questions on a topic related to current issues in higher education and student engagement that may be appended to the core survey. The **Academic Advising** module examines students' experiences with academic advising, including frequency of use, accessibility, information provided, and primary source of advice. In 2017, 206 U.S. institutions elected to append these items to the core survey. Of these, 194 belonged to one of the eight Carnegie classifications shown in the table below.^a

The institutions and respondents participating in a given module are only a subset of all NSSE participating institutions and respondents. The table below displays the characteristics for module participants alongside NSSE 2017 participants as well as all bachelor's-granting U.S. institutions and students (all limited to the eight indicated Carnegie Classification categories).

	Institutions			Students		
	Academic Advising Module (%)	NSSE 2017 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)	Academic Advising Module (%)	NSSE 2017 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)
Carnegie Basic Classification^c						
R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest research activity	5	5	7	20	18	26
R2: Doctoral Universities - Higher research activity	10	6	6	17	13	14
R3: Doctoral Universities - Moderate research activity	6	7	7	6	9	11
M1: Master's Colleges and Universities - Larger programs	31	29	24	34	32	28
M2: Master's Colleges and Universities - Medium programs	10	13	13	7	8	7
M3: Master's Colleges and Universities - Smaller programs	8	8	9	4	5	3
Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus	13	16	15	5	8	4
Baccalaureate Colleges: Diverse Fields	17	15	19	9	7	5
Control						
Public	59	44	35	75	67	66
Private	41	56	65	25	33	34
Undergraduate enrollment						
Fewer than 1,000	14	15	21	3	3	2
1,000 – 2,499	23	32	33	8	14	10
2,500 – 4,999	23	18	17	14	14	11
5,000 – 9,999	21	19	14	19	21	19
10,000 – 19,999	10	9	9	16	18	24
20,000 or more	10	7	6	40	30	34

a. All numbers are unweighted and based on U.S. postsecondary institutions that award bachelor's degrees and belong to one of the eight Carnegie Classification categories in the table. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

b. U.S. percentages are based on the 2015 IPEDS Institutional Characteristics file.

c. For information on the Carnegie Foundation's Basic Classification, see carnegieclassifications.iu.edu

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U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

Academic Advising

First-Year Students

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students						Seniors					
			Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. During the current school year, about how many times have you and an academic advisor discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance?														
	ADV01	0	3,158	10	2,055	12	5,213	11	5,996	14	4,125	17	10,121	15
		1	7,665	24	3,963	23	11,628	24	10,347	25	6,104	24	16,451	25
		2	9,669	30	4,926	29	14,595	30	10,721	25	6,202	25	16,923	25
		3	6,238	19	3,082	19	9,320	19	6,284	15	3,497	14	9,781	14
		4	2,791	9	1,383	9	4,174	9	3,436	8	1,782	7	5,218	8
		5	1,089	3	474	3	1,563	3	1,479	3	774	3	2,253	3
		6 or more	1,647	5	834	5	2,481	5	4,152	10	2,203	9	6,355	9
		Total	32,257	100	16,717	100	48,974	100	42,415	100	24,687	100	67,102	100
2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?														
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	Very little	2,612	9	1,160	7	3,772	8	4,247	11	2,360	10	6,607	10
		Some	6,663	21	3,270	20	9,933	20	8,645	20	4,843	20	13,488	20
		Quite a bit	11,131	34	6,063	36	17,194	34	12,919	30	7,666	30	20,585	30
		Very much	9,623	30	5,041	30	14,664	30	13,593	32	8,070	33	21,663	32
		Not applicable	2,224	7	1,228	7	3,452	7	2,985	7	1,826	7	4,811	7
		Total	32,253	100	16,762	100	49,015	100	42,389	100	24,765	100	67,154	100
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	Very little	2,542	8	1,122	7	3,664	7	4,207	10	2,300	9	6,507	10
		Some	6,191	19	3,085	19	9,276	19	7,967	19	4,582	18	12,549	19
		Quite a bit	10,518	32	5,798	34	16,316	33	12,075	28	7,341	29	19,416	29
		Very much	10,454	33	5,263	32	15,717	32	14,415	34	8,213	34	22,628	34
		Not applicable	2,528	8	1,489	9	4,017	8	3,714	9	2,316	9	6,030	9
		Total	32,233	100	16,757	100	48,990	100	42,378	100	24,752	100	67,130	100
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	Very little	4,436	14	1,930	11	6,366	13	7,389	18	3,933	16	11,322	17
		Some	6,697	20	3,493	20	10,190	20	8,649	20	5,103	20	13,752	20
		Quite a bit	9,519	29	5,290	31	14,809	30	10,829	25	6,649	26	17,478	26
		Very much	9,135	29	4,715	29	13,850	29	11,998	29	6,872	29	18,870	29
		Not applicable	2,455	8	1,324	8	3,779	8	3,509	8	2,199	9	5,708	9
		Total	32,242	100	16,752	100	48,994	100	42,374	100	24,756	100	67,130	100
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	Very little	4,136	13	1,841	11	5,977	12	7,203	17	3,829	16	11,032	17
		Some	7,296	22	3,572	21	10,868	22	9,112	21	5,361	21	14,473	21
		Quite a bit	9,573	29	5,464	32	15,037	30	10,106	24	6,399	25	16,505	24
		Very much	8,400	27	4,382	27	12,782	27	10,601	26	6,182	26	16,783	26
		Not applicable	2,822	9	1,491	9	4,313	9	5,316	13	2,968	12	8,284	12
		Total	32,227	100	16,750	100	48,977	100	42,338	100	24,739	100	67,077	100
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	Very little	4,613	15	1,937	12	6,550	13	9,718	23	5,101	21	14,819	22
		Some	7,256	22	3,689	22	10,945	22	9,396	22	5,759	23	15,155	22
		Quite a bit	9,039	27	5,306	31	14,345	29	8,197	19	5,307	21	13,504	20
		Very much	8,434	27	4,309	27	12,743	27	8,339	20	4,893	20	13,232	20
		Not applicable	2,882	9	1,497	9	4,379	9	6,676	16	3,661	15	10,337	15
		Total	32,224	100	16,738	100	48,962	100	42,326	100	24,721	100	67,047	100
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	Very little	3,708	12	1,627	10	5,335	11	6,828	17	3,793	16	10,621	16
		Some	6,955	22	3,479	21	10,434	21	9,093	21	5,271	21	14,364	21
		Quite a bit	10,039	30	5,675	33	15,714	32	11,219	26	6,795	27	18,014	26
		Very much	9,448	30	4,797	29	14,245	30	11,407	27	6,558	27	17,965	27
		Not applicable	2,047	7	1,163	7	3,210	7	3,773	9	2,308	9	6,081	9
		Total	32,197	100	16,741	100	48,938	100	42,320	100	24,725	100	67,045	100

Note: Results weighted by institution-reported sex, enrollment status, and institution size. Counts are not weighted.

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U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

Academic Advising

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students						Seniors					
			Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	Very little	4,847	15	2,200	13	7,047	14	7,449	18	4,294	18	11,743	18
		Some	6,494	20	3,529	21	10,023	20	7,516	18	4,634	18	12,150	18
		Quite a bit	7,508	23	4,182	25	11,690	24	8,170	19	5,036	20	13,206	19
		Very much	7,430	23	3,572	22	11,002	23	9,826	23	5,316	22	15,142	23
		Not applicable	5,910	19	3,257	20	9,167	19	9,355	22	5,433	22	14,788	22
		Total	32,189	100	16,740	100	48,929	100	42,316	100	24,713	100	67,029	100
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	Very little	6,615	21	2,930	18	9,545	20	9,764	24	5,466	22	15,230	23
		Some	6,832	21	3,664	22	10,496	21	7,606	17	4,886	19	12,492	18
		Quite a bit	6,581	20	3,989	23	10,570	21	7,531	17	4,722	18	12,253	18
		Very much	6,030	19	3,092	19	9,122	19	8,479	20	4,768	19	13,247	19
		Not applicable	6,106	20	3,049	19	9,155	19	8,922	22	4,859	21	13,781	22
		Total	32,164	100	16,724	100	48,888	100	42,302	100	24,701	100	67,003	100
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	Very little	6,944	22	3,285	20	10,229	21	10,446	26	5,860	24	16,306	25
		Some	7,699	23	3,986	23	11,685	23	8,886	21	5,400	21	14,286	21
		Quite a bit	6,688	20	3,880	23	10,568	21	7,801	18	4,775	19	12,576	18
		Very much	6,459	20	3,173	19	9,632	20	9,764	23	5,302	21	15,066	22
		Not applicable	4,357	14	2,372	15	6,729	14	5,317	13	3,307	14	8,624	14
		Total	32,147	100	16,696	100	48,843	100	42,214	100	24,644	100	66,858	100
3. During the current school year, how often have your academic advisors reached out to you about your academic progress or performance?														
	ADV04_15	Never	12,112	39	5,731	35	17,843	37	19,608	47	10,979	44	30,587	46
		Sometimes	12,014	36	6,166	36	18,180	36	13,432	32	8,035	32	21,467	32
		Often	5,513	17	3,393	20	8,906	18	5,951	14	3,908	16	9,859	15
		Very often	2,512	8	1,386	9	3,898	8	3,256	8	1,719	7	4,975	8
		Total	32,151	100	16,676	100	48,827	100	42,247	100	24,641	100	66,888	100
4. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one)														
	ADV03	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	11,396	35	5,547	34	16,943	35	13,024	31	7,031	29	20,055	30
		Academic advisor(s) available to any student	2,660	9	1,551	10	4,211	9	3,846	9	2,495	11	6,341	10
		Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	2,694	8	1,458	9	4,152	8	7,553	17	3,858	15	11,411	16
		Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	1,362	4	614	4	1,976	4	3,554	9	1,929	8	5,483	9
		Web site, catalog, or other published sources	1,618	5	823	5	2,441	5	2,314	5	1,640	7	3,954	6
		Friends or other students	4,832	15	2,587	14	7,419	15	4,840	11	3,122	12	7,962	12
		Family members	5,699	17	2,707	15	8,406	16	3,757	8	2,020	7	5,777	8
		Other, please specify:	668	2	368	2	1,036	2	1,256	3	811	3	2,067	3
		I did not seek academic advice this year	1,233	4	1,036	7	2,269	5	2,133	5	1,768	7	3,901	6
		Total	32,162	100	16,691	100	48,853	100	42,277	100	24,674	100	66,951	100

Note: Results weighted by institution-reported sex, enrollment status, and institution size. Counts are not weighted.

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U.S. Summary Means and Standard Deviations by Class and Sex

Academic Advising

Item wording or description	Variable name	First-Year Students						Seniors					
		Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
1. During the current school year, about how many times have you and an academic advisor discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance?													
	ADV01	2.23	1.51	2.17	1.51	2.21	1.51	2.26	1.75	2.17	1.75	2.22	1.75
2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?													
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	2.91	.95	2.96	.92	2.93	.94	2.90	1.00	2.93	1.00	2.91	1.00
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	2.97	.96	3.00	.92	2.98	.94	2.94	1.01	2.96	.99	2.95	1.00
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	2.79	1.05	2.85	1.00	2.82	1.03	2.71	1.10	2.74	1.08	2.73	1.09
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	2.76	1.03	2.83	.99	2.79	1.01	2.66	1.10	2.69	1.07	2.67	1.09
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	2.73	1.05	2.80	1.00	2.76	1.03	2.43	1.13	2.48	1.11	2.45	1.12
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	2.84	1.01	2.88	.97	2.86	1.00	2.70	1.08	2.72	1.07	2.71	1.08
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	2.67	1.08	2.69	1.04	2.68	1.06	2.61	1.14	2.59	1.12	2.60	1.13
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	2.45	1.11	2.53	1.07	2.49	1.10	2.42	1.16	2.43	1.14	2.42	1.15
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	2.45	1.11	2.49	1.08	2.47	1.10	2.43	1.16	2.43	1.14	2.43	1.16
3. During the current school year, how often have your academic advisors reached out to you about your academic performance?													
	ADV04_15	1.95	.94	2.03	.95	1.98	.94	1.83	.94	1.86	.94	1.85	.94

Notes: Results weighted by sex, enrollment status, and institution size. See codebook for variable ranges. Categorical items are not listed.

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