

To best meet the needs of diverse stakeholders, participating institutions can customize their survey administration with Topical Modules and consortium participation.

Topical Modules

Topical Modules are short sets of questions on current topics in higher education and student engagement. Participating institutions can append one module to the core survey at no charge and a second for an additional fee. Modules offered in 2018 are listed below. Question sets with a companion FSSE module are indicated with an asterisk (*).

Academic Advising*

This module examines students' experiences with academic advising, including frequency of use, accessibility, and types of information provided. It also asks students to identify their primary source of academic advice. The module complements a question on the core survey about the quality of students' interactions with academic advisors.

Civic Engagement*

Adapted from a pilot survey that was developed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, this module asks students to assess their conflict resolution skills and examines how often students have engaged with local or campus and state/national/global issues. The module complements questions on the core survey about service-learning; community service or volunteer work; and informed, active citizenship.

Development of Transferable Skills*

Adapted from a pilot survey by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, this module examines activities that develop useful and transferable skills for the workplace (such as verbal and written fluency and analytic inquiry). The module complements questions on the core survey about higher-order learning, reflective and integrative learning, and students' perceptions of their development in a variety of areas.

Learning with Technology*

Developed in partnership with EDUCAUSE, these questions examine the role of technology in student learning, focusing on usage, contribution to learning, and perceptions of institutional support. This module complements questions on the core survey about learning with peers, quality of interactions with others, and institutional emphasis on academic support.

Experiences with Writing*

This module is a product of NSSE's ongoing collaboration with the Council of Writing Program Administrators. The questions touch on three aspects of good writing assignments: interactivity, meaning-making, and clarity. The module complements core survey questions about how much writing students do, the nature of their course assignments, and perceived gains in written expression.

Experiences with Information Literacy

Developed in collaboration with college and university librarians, this module asks students about their use of information and how much their instructors emphasize the proper use of information sources. The module complements questions on the core survey about higher-order learning and how much writing students do.

First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions

This module has two sets of items (based on institution-reported class level): one for first-year students and one for seniors. The items are adapted from the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement and the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project, respectively. First-year items focus on academic perseverance, help-seeking behaviors, and institutional commitment. Senior items explore post-graduation plans, links between the academic major and future plans, and confidence in skill development.

Global Learning

This module assesses student experiences and coursework emphasizing global affairs, world cultures, nationalities, religions, and other international topics. It complements the American Council on Education's 2016 survey, *Mapping Internationalization of U.S. Campuses*, as well as NSSE's core survey items on experiences with people from different backgrounds, course emphasis on reflective and integrative learning, and participation in study abroad.

Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity*

This module examines environments, processes, and activities that reflect the engagement and validation of cultural diversity and promote greater understanding of societal differences. Questions explore students' exposure to inclusive teaching practices and intercultural learning, perceptions of institutional values and commitment regarding diversity, sense of belonging, and participation in diversity-related programming and coursework. The module replaced the former Experiences with Diverse Perspectives module.

For details about Topical Modules, including complete question sets, visit nsse.indiana.edu/html/modules.cfm. Additional modules may be developed and introduced over time. If you have suggestions for modules, please contact us via email (nsse@indiana.edu) or phone (812-856-5824).

Consortium Participation 2000–2018

A NSSE consortium is a group of at least six colleges or universities—typically with a common institutional mission or membership in a statewide system—that append to the core survey instrument a set of additional questions exploring a topic of mutual interest. Consortium participants may elect also to append one Topical Module to the core survey. More information about consortium participation can be found at nsse.indiana.edu/html/consortia.cfm.

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Canadian Research Universities
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Consortium for the Study of Writing in College
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Sustainability Education Consortium
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Teagle Integrated Learning Consortium
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Women's Colleges
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North Dakota University System
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Ontario Universities
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South Dakota Public Universities
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Tennessee Publics
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