

2019 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 2019, 114 U.S. institutions elected to append these items to the core survey. Of these, 105 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 2019 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 2019 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)	Academic Advising Module (%)	NSSE 2019 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)
Carnegie Basic Classification^c						
Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity	6	6	7	19	20	27
Doctoral Universities - High research activity	13	10	6	17	18	14
Doctoral/Professional Universities	12	13	7	14	17	11
Master's Colleges and Universities - Larger programs	28	26	25	33	25	28
Master's Colleges and Universities - Medium programs	14	15	13	5	8	7
Master's Colleges and Universities - Smaller programs	8	6	9	5	3	3
Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus	11	12	15	4	5	4
Baccalaureate Colleges: Diverse Fields	8	12	18	2	4	5
Control						
Public	54	42	35	75	62	67
Private	46	58	65	25	38	33
Undergraduate enrollment						
Fewer than 1,000	8	12	21	1	3	2
1,000 – 2,499	29	33	32	10	14	10
2,500 – 4,999	21	21	17	15	14	11
5,000 – 9,999	20	17	14	23	20	18
10,000 – 19,999	16	10	9	35	21	23
20,000 or more	5	7	6	15	29	35

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 2018 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

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	886	6	574	8	1,461	7	2,411	12	1,271	13	3,682	13
		1	3,412	21	1,711	22	5,124	21	4,840	24	2,322	25	7,164	24
		2	5,254	33	2,360	31	7,619	32	5,250	27	2,583	26	7,833	27
		3	3,366	21	1,532	20	4,898	21	3,083	15	1,558	16	4,642	16
		4	1,544	10	726	10	2,270	10	1,624	8	755	8	2,379	8
		5	554	4	247	3	801	3	737	3	315	3	1,052	3
		6 or more	937	6	396	5	1,333	6	2,168	10	966	9	3,134	10
		Total	15,953	100	7,546	100	23,506	100	20,113	100	9,770	100	29,886	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	1,130	7	431	6	1,562	7	1,869	9	746	8	2,615	9
		Some	3,170	20	1,325	18	4,496	19	3,837	19	1,661	17	5,499	18
		Quite a bit	5,521	34	2,778	37	8,300	35	6,019	30	3,102	32	9,121	31
		Very much	5,536	35	2,670	35	8,209	35	7,419	36	3,787	38	11,208	37
		Not applicable	592	4	333	5	926	4	983	5	484	5	1,467	5
		Total	15,949	100	7,537	100	23,493	100	20,127	100	9,780	100	29,910	100
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	Very little	1,189	8	428	6	1,617	7	2,001	10	807	9	2,808	9
		Some	2,973	19	1,255	17	4,230	18	3,591	18	1,617	17	5,208	17
		Quite a bit	5,134	32	2,629	35	7,765	33	5,480	27	2,920	30	8,402	28
		Very much	5,957	38	2,806	37	8,765	38	7,748	38	3,728	37	11,477	38
		Not applicable	693	4	404	5	1,098	5	1,296	7	698	7	1,994	7
		Total	15,946	100	7,522	100	23,475	100	20,116	100	9,770	100	29,889	100
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	Very little	2,026	13	801	11	2,827	12	3,118	15	1,340	14	4,458	14
		Some	3,202	20	1,448	19	4,653	19	3,894	19	1,842	19	5,737	19
		Quite a bit	4,753	30	2,409	32	7,163	31	5,140	26	2,707	28	7,848	27
		Very much	5,232	33	2,480	33	7,712	33	6,728	34	3,203	33	9,932	33
		Not applicable	733	5	387	5	1,123	5	1,236	6	681	7	1,917	7
		Total	15,946	100	7,525	100	23,478	100	20,116	100	9,773	100	29,892	100
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	Very little	1,915	12	745	10	2,660	11	3,228	16	1,350	14	4,578	15
		Some	3,494	22	1,592	21	5,087	21	4,031	20	2,035	21	6,067	20
		Quite a bit	4,695	29	2,449	32	7,146	30	4,757	24	2,460	25	7,218	24
		Very much	4,923	32	2,286	31	7,210	31	5,931	30	2,903	30	8,835	30
		Not applicable	910	6	461	6	1,374	6	2,152	11	1,033	11	3,185	11
		Total	15,937	100	7,533	100	23,477	100	20,099	100	9,781	100	29,883	100
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	Very little	2,186	14	802	11	2,989	13	4,406	22	1,792	19	6,199	21
		Some	3,472	22	1,607	21	5,081	21	4,274	21	2,184	22	6,458	21
		Quite a bit	4,459	27	2,389	31	6,848	29	3,918	19	2,102	21	6,021	20
		Very much	4,847	31	2,248	30	7,095	31	4,698	23	2,370	24	7,069	24
		Not applicable	961	6	479	6	1,444	6	2,799	14	1,320	14	4,119	14
		Total	15,925	100	7,525	100	23,457	100	20,095	100	9,768	100	29,866	100
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	Very little	1,668	11	624	9	2,293	10	3,012	15	1,328	14	4,340	15
		Some	3,150	20	1,504	20	4,657	20	4,033	20	1,931	20	5,964	20
		Quite a bit	5,004	31	2,518	33	7,523	32	5,338	26	2,678	27	8,018	27
		Very much	5,580	35	2,567	34	8,147	35	6,353	32	3,100	31	9,454	31
		Not applicable	529	3	302	4	833	4	1,359	7	725	8	2,084	7
		Total	15,931	100	7,515	100	23,453	100	20,095	100	9,762	100	29,860	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	2,260	14	955	13	3,215	14	3,268	16	1,512	16	4,780	16
		Some	3,123	19	1,551	21	4,677	20	3,415	17	1,701	18	5,117	17
		Quite a bit	3,714	23	1,835	24	5,549	23	3,800	18	1,867	19	5,668	19
		Very much	4,312	27	1,894	25	6,206	26	5,508	27	2,483	25	7,992	26
		Not applicable	2,511	16	1,278	17	3,793	17	4,104	21	2,199	23	6,303	22
		Total	15,920	100	7,513	100	23,440	100	20,095	100	9,762	100	29,860	100
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	Very little	3,214	20	1,228	17	4,442	19	4,521	23	2,014	21	6,535	22
		Some	3,232	20	1,652	21	4,886	21	3,382	17	1,798	19	5,180	18
		Quite a bit	3,303	20	1,810	24	5,113	22	3,449	17	1,746	18	5,197	17
		Very much	3,619	23	1,625	21	5,244	22	4,751	23	2,222	22	6,974	23
		Not applicable	2,553	16	1,193	16	3,751	16	3,977	21	1,973	20	5,950	20
		Total	15,921	100	7,508	100	23,436	100	20,080	100	9,753	100	29,836	100
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	Very little	3,218	20	1,372	18	4,590	19	4,647	24	2,081	22	6,728	23
		Some	3,606	22	1,802	24	5,410	23	3,912	19	2,121	22	6,033	20
		Quite a bit	3,620	23	1,801	24	5,421	23	3,799	18	1,855	19	5,655	19
		Very much	3,965	25	1,731	23	5,696	24	5,585	27	2,460	25	8,046	26
		Not applicable	1,494	10	803	11	2,302	10	2,123	11	1,218	13	3,342	12
		Total	15,903	100	7,509	100	23,419	100	20,066	100	9,735	100	29,804	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	5,579	36	2,407	33	7,991	34	8,600	44	3,916	43	12,517	43
		Sometimes	6,123	38	2,890	38	9,015	38	6,742	33	3,280	32	10,022	33
		Often	2,837	18	1,539	21	4,376	19	3,057	15	1,709	17	4,768	16
		Very often	1,359	9	666	9	2,025	9	1,666	8	845	8	2,511	8
		Total	15,898	100	7,502	100	23,407	100	20,065	100	9,750	100	29,818	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	6,472	41	3,158	42	9,632	41	7,428	37	3,689	37	11,119	37
		Academic advisor(s) available to any student	946	7	500	7	1,446	7	1,249	7	669	8	1,918	7
		Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	1,464	9	639	8	2,103	8	3,541	17	1,436	14	4,977	15
		Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	614	4	236	3	851	4	1,575	8	722	8	2,297	8
		Web site, catalog, or other published sources	603	4	280	4	884	4	826	4	429	5	1,255	4
		Friends or other students	2,322	14	1,147	15	3,470	14	2,116	10	1,063	11	3,179	11
		Family members	2,705	17	1,031	13	3,737	15	1,849	9	732	7	2,581	8
		Other, please specify:	269	2	124	2	393	2	475	2	246	3	721	2
		I did not seek academic advice this year	511	3	401	5	913	4	1,031	5	778	8	1,810	6
		Total	15,906	100	7,516	100	23,429	100	20,090	100	9,764	100	29,857	100

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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	2.43	1.47	2.33	1.47	2.39	1.47	2.33	1.74	2.26	1.71	2.30	1.73
2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?													
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	3.00	.93	3.05	.89	3.02	.91	2.99	.99	3.05	.96	3.01	.98
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	3.04	.95	3.10	.90	3.07	.93	3.01	1.01	3.03	.98	3.02	1.00
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	2.88	1.03	2.92	1.00	2.90	1.02	2.84	1.08	2.86	1.06	2.85	1.07
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	2.85	1.02	2.89	.99	2.87	1.01	2.76	1.10	2.79	1.07	2.78	1.08
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	2.81	1.05	2.86	1.00	2.83	1.03	2.52	1.15	2.58	1.11	2.54	1.13
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	2.95	1.00	2.97	.96	2.96	.98	2.80	1.08	2.82	1.06	2.81	1.07
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	2.75	1.09	2.74	1.05	2.74	1.07	2.71	1.15	2.67	1.13	2.70	1.14
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	2.55	1.13	2.60	1.07	2.57	1.11	2.51	1.19	2.52	1.16	2.52	1.17
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	2.58	1.12	2.58	1.08	2.58	1.10	2.56	1.18	2.53	1.15	2.55	1.17
3. During the current school year, how often have your academic advisors reached out to you about your academic performance?													
	ADV04_15	2.00	.94	2.05	.94	2.02	.94	1.87	.95	1.91	.96	1.89	.95

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

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