Topical Module: 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. (Complementary FSSE set available.)

We want to know how technology relates to your learning. By “technology,” we mean any or all of the following:

- Hardware (desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.)
- Software (word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, graphics, statistical, etc.)
- Online tools (communications, social networking, etc.)
- Websites (for courses, library resources, etc.)

1. **During the current school year, how much has your use of technology contributed to the following:**

   | | | | |
   --- | --- | --- | --- |
   Very much | Quite a bit | Some | Very little |
   O | O | O | O |
   a. Your understanding of course materials and ideas
   b. Demonstrating your understanding of course content
   c. Learning, studying, or completing coursework **on your own**
   d. Learning, studying, or completing coursework **with other students**
   e. Distracting you from completing your coursework

2. **During the current school year, how much have your courses improved your understanding and use of technology?**

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   Very much | Quite a bit | Some | Very little |
   O | O | O | O |

3. **During the current school year, about how often have you used the following technologies in your courses?**

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   --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
   Very often | Often | Sometimes | Never | I don’t know what this is |
   O | O | O | O | 0 |
   a. Electronic textbooks
   b. Online portfolios or e-portfolios
   c. Blogs
   d. Collaborative editing software (Wikis, Google Docs, etc.)
   e. Multimedia software (drawing, audio or video production, editing, etc.)
   f. Social networking (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
   g. Mobile computing (handheld devices such as smartphones, tablets, etc.)

4. **During the current school year, about how often have you used technology to communicate with the following people?**

   | | | | |
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   Very often | Often | Sometimes | Never |
   O | O | O | O |
   a. Students
   b. Academic advisors
   c. Faculty
   d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)
   e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)

5. **How much does your institution emphasize the following?**

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   Very much | Quite a bit | Some | Very little |
   O | O | O | O |
   a. Teaching with new, cutting-edge technologies
   b. Providing technology to help you learn, study, or complete coursework
   c. Teaching you how to use available technologies to learn, study, or complete coursework
   d. Providing support services to assist you with your use of technology

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