NSSE Shorts
Senior Transitions Item Set

Note – This item set is not recommended for graduate students. Graduate students will be skipped to the end of this module. See note below.

We would like to know more about your academic experiences.

US version
What is your class level? [classS]
Response options: First-year undergraduate=1, Sophomore=2, Junior=3, Senior=4, Taking undergraduate courses (non-degree seeking)=5, Graduate (degree-seeking)=6, Graduate (non-degree seeking)=7

Canadian version
What is your class level? [classcaS]
Response options: 1st year undergraduate=1, 2nd year undergraduate=2, 3rd year undergraduate=3, 4th year undergraduate=4, Taking undergraduate courses (non-degree seeking)=5, Graduate (degree-seeking)=6, Graduate (non-degree seeking)=7

* All students who select first-year, sophomore, or unclassified don't receive questions 5 through 9. Seniors and juniors receive these items. Graduate students skip this whole module.

1. How much confidence do you have in your ability to complete tasks requiring the following skills and abilities?
Response options: Response options: Very much=4; Quite a bit=3; Some=2; Very little=1
a. Critical thinking and analysis of arguments and information [SRskillcriticalS]
b. Creative thinking and problem solving [SRskillcreativeS]
c. Research skills [SRskillresS]
d. Clear writing [SRskillwriteS]
e. Communication for specific audiences or purposes [SRskillcommS]
f. Leadership skills [SRskillleadS]
g. Technological skills [SRskilltechS]
h. Financial, business management, and entrepreneurial skills [SRskillfinanS]
i. Networking and relationship building [SRskillnetworkS]

3. To what extent has your coursework in your major(s) emphasized the following?
Response options: Response options: Very much=4; Quite a bit=3; Some=2; Very little=1
a. Generating new ideas or brainstorming [SRcrsideasS]
b. Taking risks in your coursework without fear of penalty [SRcrsrisksS]
c. Evaluating multiple approaches to a problem [SRcrsproblemS]
d. Inventing new methods to arrive at unconventional solutions [SRcrsinventS]

4. Which of the following types of honors have you achieved or are you currently participating in at your institution? (Select all that apply.)
Response options: Not selected=0, Selected=1
☐ Dean's List or other recognition for high GPA [SRhon_deansS]
☐ Honors program with a special honors curriculum or honors program/college completion requirements [SRhon_currS]
☐ Honors track in your major or department [SRhon_deptS]
☐ Collegiate honor society specific to your major or discipline [SRhon_discS]
☐ Collegiate honor society for leadership or general academic achievement outside of your major or discipline (Mortar Board, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, etc.) [SRhon_genS]
☐ Other, please specify: [SRhon_othS]
☐ You have not been involved in or received any of these [SRhon_noneS]
- Other, please specify: [SRhon_oth_txtS]

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5. Do you expect to graduate this spring or summer? [SRexpectgradS]

Response options: No=0, Yes=1

6. After graduation, what best describes your immediate plans? (Select all that apply.)

Response options: Not selected=0, Selected=1

- ☐ Full-time employment [SRplan_fulltimeS]
- ☐ Part-time employment [SRplan_parttimeS]
- ☐ Graduate or professional school (Master's degree, J.D., Ph.D., M.D., veterinary school, nursing, post-baccalaureate program, etc.) [SRplan_gradS]
- ☐ Continuing undergraduate education (second major, minor, pre-requisites, etc.) [SRplan_ugedS]
- ☐ Pursue a vocational degree/AA (trade school, certification exam, certificate, etc.) [SRplan_vocdegS]
- ☐ Internship (paid or unpaid) [SRplan_internS]
- ☐ Start my own business or self-employment [SRplan_selfempS]
- ☐ Military service [SRplan_militaryS]
- ☐ Service or volunteer activity (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach for America, etc.) [SRplan_serviceS]
- ☐ Caregiver for family and/or others [SRplan_careS]
- ☐ Travel [SRplan_travelS]
- ☐ Unsure [SRplan_unsureS]
- ☐ Other, please specify: [SRplan_othS]
    - Other, please specify: [SRplan_oth_txtS]

7. Do you already have a job for after graduation? [SRjobafterS]

Response options: No, I am still searching =1; Yes, I will start a new job=2; Yes, I will continue in my current job=3

8. To what extent have courses in your major(s) prepared you for your post-graduation plans? [SRmajorprepS]

Response options: Very much=4; Quite a bit=3; Some=2; Very little=1; Not at all=0

9. How closely related are your post-graduation plans to your major(s)? [SRmajorcloseS]

Response options: Very much=4; Quite a bit=3; Some=2; Very little=1; Not at all=0

10. Do you plan to be self-employed, an independent contractor, a freelance worker, or start your own business someday? [SRownbusS]

Response options: Yes=1, No=2, Unsure=3

11. How much loan debt will you graduate with after completing your undergraduate degree(s)? [SRloandebtS]

Response options: None=0, $10,000 or less=1, $10,001 to $20,000=2, $20,001 to $30,000=3, $30,001 to $40,000=4, $40,001 to $50,000=5, $50,001 to $60,000=6, More than $60,000=7, I have loan debt but don't know the amount=8, I prefer not to respond=9

12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Response options: Strongly agree=4, Agree=3, Disagree=2, Strongly disagree=1

a. Considering the total cost of my undergraduate education, attending my institution was a good investment. [SRinvestmentS]
b. My post-graduation plans and decisions have been impacted by student loan debt. [SRimpactdebtS]
c. I worry about making enough money to cover my cost of living (including any student loan payments) after graduation. [SRcostlivingS]
d. I have experienced difficulty in paying for my college or university expenses. [SRdiffpayingS]

13. If you could start over again, would you:

Response options: Definitely yes=4, Probably yes=3, Probably no=2, Definitely no=1

a. Choose a different major (or field)? [SRagainmajorS]
b. Pursue a bachelor's degree? [SRagainbachS]
c. Pursue any postsecondary education (including community college, associates degrees, certificate programs)? [SRagainpostsecS]

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