NSSE Shorts
Transformative Learning Experiences

1. **Thinking about your time at this institution so far, which learning experiences, if any, stand out as especially meaningful or memorable for your learning and personal growth? Take a look through the list below and select any that fit. If something else stands out, select "Another meaningful or memorable experience not listed above" and describe it. If you have not yet had such an experience, select "I have not yet had one."**
   Response options: Not selected=0, Selected=1

Course-Based Learning

- ☐ A course that includes a community-based project (service-learning) [TLXservcourseS]
- ☐ A learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together [TLXlearncomS]
- ☐ A study abroad program [TLXabroadS]
- ☐ An influential instructor, course, lab, or studio [TLXinflinstS]
- ☐ A first-year intensive seminar [TLXfysemS]
- ☐ A course with fieldwork or field trips [TLXfieldS]
- ☐ A major-related project or real-world simulation completed in class [TLXmajorprojS]

Research Experience

- ☐ A research project with a faculty member [TLXresfacS]
- ☐ An independent learning or creative exploration project [TLXindepS]
- ☐ Presenting research (symposium, poster session, conference, etc.) [TLXrespresS]

Professional Experiences and Employment

- ☐ An internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement [TLXinternS]
- ☐ A culminating senior experience (capstone, thesis, portfolio, recital, comprehensive exam, etc.) [TLXcapstoneS]
- ☐ Campus employment [TLXcampusempS]
- ☐ A hands-on project (consulting with a real client, case study competition, hackathon, design sprint, mock trial, etc.) [TLXhandsonS]

Mentorship, Advising, and Personal Growth

- ☐ Working closely with a faculty member, mentor, subject expert, or campus advisor through a formal or informal program [TLXfacmentorS]
- ☐ Participating in a group or program where you regularly connected with professionals, alumni, or other students to talk about careers or majors [TLXgrpconnectS]
- ☐ Participating in a personal development or wellness program (counseling, coaching, workshops, etc.) [TLXpersdevS]
- ☐ Participating in a cultural center, cultural organization, or faith-based group [TLXculturalS]

Leadership and Civic Engagement

- ☐ Participating in co-curricular activities (student organizations, Greek life, clubs, etc.) [TLXextracurrS]
- ☐ Serving in a student government or campus leadership role [TLXleaderS]
- ☐ Participating in athletics (NCAA, club, or intramural sports) [TLXathleteS]
- ☐ Civic engagement or activism (organizing events, advocacy work, etc.) [TLXcivicS]
- ☐ An ROTC or military leadership program [TLXmilitaryS]
- ☐ Volunteering or doing community service [TLXvolunS]

Creative/Entrepreneurial

- ☐ Entrepreneurial or self-directed project (starting a business, launching a podcast, etc.) [TLXentrepS]
- ☐ Creating, performing, or exhibiting creative work (music, theater, dance, visual arts, writing, exhibitions, performances, etc.) [TLXperformS]
- ☐ Producing or publishing content for a public audience (podcasts, student-run media outlet, blog, YouTube channel, TikTok series, etc.) [TLXpublicS]

Something else?

- ☐ Another experience [TLXotherS]
  Please describe: _____ [TLXother_txtS]

None of the above?

- ☐ I have not yet had one. [TLXnoneS] [exclusive]

If more than one is selected in Question 1: List populated with items selected in Question 1 (including text entered for "Another meaningful or memorable experience not listed above.")

2. **Please select ONE of these experiences for a short set of follow-up questions. Choose any experience you remember well. If you participated in this type of experience more than once, base your answers on your most recent participation. [TLXexpselectS]**
   Response options: list of items

Fill the blank below from Question 1 or Question 2 response.

Now we have some follow-up questions about this experience: {FILL RESPONSE FROM Q1/Q2}

3. **How much effort did this experience require? [TLXeffortS]**
   Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1
4. **During this experience, about how often did you receive helpful feedback from the following individuals?**
   Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1, Not applicable=9
   a. Faculty, advisor, or staff member from this institution [TLXfbfacultyS]
   b. Someone outside the institution (supervisor on site, community member, audience member, etc.) [TLXfboutisdeS]
   c. Other students or friends [TLXfbstudentS]
5. **As part of this experience, about how often did you do the following?**
   Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1
   Work with other students (classmates, peer advisors, student organization members, etc.) [TLXoftwkstudentsS]
   Discuss your experience with other students in an organized setting, such as a class or study group [TLXoftdiscussS]
   Reflect on your experience informally through social media, journaling, notetaking, etc. [TLXoftreflectS]
   Connect what you were learning to your major field or career goals [TLXoftconnectS]
   Feel a sense of community with others [TLXoftcommS]
   Interact with people from different backgrounds or identities (racial/ethnic, economic, political, religious, etc.) [TLXoftinteractS]
   Find yourself in settings or circumstances that were new or unfamiliar to you [TLXoftsettingsS]
6. **Which of the following have you done or will you do as part of this experience?**
   Response options: Yes=1, No=0, Not sure=9
   Give a presentation or performance **at this institution** (for a class, club meeting, etc.) [TLXdonepresinstS]
   Give a presentation or performance **outside this institution** (conference, video, recital, exhibit, etc.) [TLXdonepresoutS]
   Write a paper or report [TLXdonepaperS]
   Create a portfolio, reflection paper, or other record of your experience [TLXdonerecordS]
   Earn a badge, certification, or other type of formal acknowledgment [TLXdonebadgeS]
7. **To what extent has this experience helped you to do the following?**
   Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1
   Acquire job- or work-related skills [TLXpgjobskillsS]
   Think creatively about complex, real-world problems [TLXpgcreativeS]
   Work effectively with others [TLXpgwkothersS]
   Develop or clarify a personal code of values and ethics [TLXpgethicsS]
8. **In what ways did this learning experience make a difference in your personal or academic life or in preparing you for the future? If you have had another learning experience that you would like to share, please feel free to describe that here as well. (2,000-character limit; at the end of the survey, you will have an opportunity to comment on your overall experience at this institution.) [TLXmakediff_txtS]**
   Response option: Text box

If "I have not yet had one" is selected in Question 1, OR if none of the items in Q1 (including "Another meaningful or memorable experience not listed above") are selected, show Question 9.

9. **If you have not yet had a meaningful or memorable learning experience like those listed above, what types of college experiences would you like to have to support your learning and personal growth? (2,000-character limit; at the end of the survey, you will have an opportunity to comment on your overall experience at this institution.) [TLXnotyet_txtS]**
   Response option: Text box