NSSE Shorts
Student Experiences 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)=6

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, junior, or unclassified receive questions 5a and 5b. Seniors skip these items. Graduate students are skipped to end of survey.

1. During the current school year, how often were you successful:
Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1
a. Learning course material [FYsuccesslearnS]
b. Managing your time [FYsuccesstimeS]
c. Getting help with schoolwork [FYsuccesshelpS]
d. Interacting with faculty [FYsuccessfacS]
e. Interacting with peers [FYsuccesspeerS]

2. 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. I am clear in what I want to major in. [FYclearmajS]
b. I am clear about my career goals. [FYcleargoalsS]
c. I am clear about who I want to become. [FYclearbecomeS]

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Response options: Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly disagree
a. At least one instructor or staff member is genuinely interested in me as a person. [FYinstpersonS]
b. At least one of my peers or classmates is genuinely interested in me as a person. [FYpeerpersonS]
c. My instructors support my learning. [FYinstlearnS]
d. Other students support my learning. [FYstudlearnS]
e. My instructors are open to my ideas and contributions to class discussions. [FYinstopenS]
f. Other students are open to my ideas and contributions to class discussions. [FYstudopenS]
g. There are students at my institution with backgrounds, identities, and cultures similar to mine. [FYsimcultureS]
h. There are students at my institution with interests similar to mine. [FYsiminterestS]

4. During the current school year, how often have you sought support from the following?
Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Rarely=1, Never=0, Not available/Not applicable=9
a. Faculty members, academic advisors, or learning support services (tutoring, writing center, etc.) [FYsupfacS]
b. Student support services (residence life staff, success coaches, peer mentors, etc.) [FYsupservS]
c. Counseling/health center [FYsupcounselS]
d. Career services office [FYsupcareerS]
e. Financial Aid office [FYsupfinaidS]
f. Your cultural community (identity-based, faith-based, hometown group, etc.) [FYsupcommS]

Note – Items 5a and 5b will be presented only to those students who did not select "Senior".

5a. During the current school year did you take a course or seminar for first-year students? [FYseminarS]

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

5b. [If answered "Yes"] What topics did this course cover? (Select all that apply.)

Response options: Not selected=0, Selected=1

- ☐ Additional orientation information relevant to your campus [FYsem_oreintS]
- ☐ College success skills (study skills, time management, communication skills, reading skills, goal setting, etc.) [FYsem_skillsS]
- ☐ Specialized academic content related to your major [FYsem_specmajorS]
- ☐ A specialized theme or academic content that emphasizes discussion [FYsem_themeS]

6a. During the current school year, have you seriously considered leaving this institution? [FYleaveinstS]

Response options: No=0, Yes=1

6b. [If answered "Yes"] Why did you consider leaving? (Select all that apply.)

Response options: Not selected=0, Selected=1

- ☐ Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesickness, stress, etc.) [FYleave_persS]
- ☐ Academics (major not offered, academic difficulty, course availability, advising, etc.) [FYleave_acadS]
- ☐ Financial concerns [FYleave_finanS]
- ☐ Job or military service [FYleave_jobS]
- ☐ Difficulty managing demands of school and other personal obligations [FYleave_manageS]
- ☐ Not enough opportunities to socialize and have fun [FYleave_socialS]
- ☐ Experiences with faculty and staff [FYleave_expfacS]
- ☐ Experiences with other students [FYleave_expstudS]
- ☐ Experiences with discrimination [FYleave_expdiscS]
- ☐ Campus climate or culture [FYleave_climateS]
- ☐ Institution's location [FYleave_instlocS]
- ☐ Personal safety [FYleave_safetyS]
- ☐ Feeling that you don't fit in or belong at your institution [FYleave_belongS]
- ☐ Educational materials or campus space are inaccessible [FYleave_inaccessS]
- ☐ College just doesn't seem worth it [FYleave_worthS]
- ☐ A reason not listed above, please specify: [FYleave_othS]
- ☐ A reason not listed above, please specify: [FYleave_oth_txtS]

7. What has most helped you succeed at this institution? [FYhelpsucceed_txtS]