

Starting in 2026, institutions have the flexibility to customize their BCSSE questionnaire. In addition to the core set of items, you may choose up to **two modules**, up to **four student identity items**, and **one end-of-survey prompt**. See the BCSSE website for more details:

bcsse.indiana.edu.

Core items cover:

- Student academic expectations and beliefs for the upcoming year
- Expected academic difficulty and help-seeking
- Concerns about loneliness, mental health, stress, sleeping, and more
- Expected financial difficulty and financial sources for paying for college
- Institutional choice, parent education, and number of friends attending

Review the survey for the full list of items

Customization options

BCSSE Modules

Select up to two

- High School Experiences* (for first-year students) and Prior Educational Experiences (for transfer and older students)
- Using Generative AI for Learning
- Career Goals & Expectations

Student identity items

Select up to four

- Gender identity
- Race and Ethnicity
- International student status
- Sexual orientation

End-of-survey prompt

Select one

- If you have any additional comments you would like to make, please enter them below.
- What are you most looking forward to about the coming year? What is your biggest concern?
- What more information do you want as you start college?
- What do you expect will be most challenging at this institution?

* The *First-Year Student Advising Report* and the *First-Year Student Advising Status Report* both include items from the High School Experiences module. Some items in these reports will be left blank if this module is not selected. Visit the BCSSE website for more details.