Survey questions are listed in the order that students received them. Response options appear in italics beneath. Variable names appear in brackets (e.g., [DCC2001]) after each item. Items that are recoded (e.g., reversed response values) or derived (new computed values such as age category or total number of written pages) from original question(s) are shaded and prefaced by a bracket and the word "RECODED" or "DERIVED."

Degree Completion and Course Characteristics Experimental Item Set

You’re almost done! We have just a few more questions which should only take about three minutes to answer. Your continued participation is voluntary.

# 1. Many questions on this survey asked you to describe your experience over the course of the school year. How easy or difficult was it for you to answer those questions? [DCC2001]

Response options: Very difficult=1, Somewhat difficult=2, Somewhat easy=3, Very easy=4

# 2. When you started college, about how long did you think it would take to complete your bachelor’s degree? [DCC2002]

Response options: 4 years or less=1, More than 4, up to 5 years=2, More than 5, up to 6 years=3, More than 6 years=4, I do not recall=8, I did not expect to complete a bachelor’s degree=9

# 3. As it stands now, about how long do you think it will take you to complete your bachelor’s degree? [DCC2003]

Response options: 4 years or less=1, More than 4, up to 5 years=2, More than 5, up to 6 years=3, More than 6 years=4, I do not know=8, I did not expect to complete a bachelor’s degree=9

# 4. Since starting college, have you taken courses at more than one institution during the same academic term? [DCC2004]

Response options: No=0, Yes=1

# 5. Since starting college, which of the following have been obstacles to completing your degree? (Select all that apply.)

Response options: Not selected=0, Selected=1

* Money for tuition and fees [DCC2005a]
* Money for other expenses (housing, food, books, etc.) [DCC2005b]
* Work obligations [DCC2005c]
* Family obligations [DCC2005d]
* Inability to transfer academic credit from another college or university [DCC2005e]
* Difficulty getting the courses you need to graduate on time [DCC2005f]
* Required courses that don’t count toward your degree [DCC2005g]
* Changing your major or degree program [DCC2005h]
* Problems with academic advising [DCC2005i]
* Personal motivation [DCC2005j]
* Academic performance [DCC2005k]
* Personal health or well-being [DCC2005l]
* Time management [DCC2005m]

# 6. Since starting college, which of the following have *helped* you make progress toward your degree? (Select all that apply.)

Response options: Not Selected=0, Selected=1

* Academic advising [DCC2006a]
* Academic planning tools (degree maps, etc.) [DCC2006b]
* Learning support services (tutors, writing center, etc.) [DCC2006c]
* Supportive faculty [DCC2006d]
* Health and counseling services [DCC2006e]
* Emergency financial assistance and community food pantries [DCC2006f]
* Supportive peers [DCC2006g]

# 7. During the current school year, in how many of your courses have you experienced the following?

Response options: None=1, Some=2, Most=3, All=4

a. Your instructor knew you by name [DCC2007a]

b. You met with your instructor outside of class [DCC2007b]

c. You felt your instructor genuinely cared about you [DCC2007c]

d. You prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students [DCC2007d]

e. You learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept [DCC2007e]

f. You were challenged to do your best work [DCC2007f]

g. You revised an assignment based on instructor feedback [DCC2007g]

h. You provide feedback on a peer’s assignment [DCC2007h]

i. You completed an in-class presentation [DCC2007i]

j. You completed a group project [DCC2007j]

k. Your final grade was entirely determined by tests or exams [DCC2007k]

# 8. During the current school year, about how many of your courses were part of your major(s) or expected major(s)? [DCC2008]

Response options: None=1, Some=2, Most=3, All=4, Not sure=9

# 9. Thinking about your smallest course this year, about how many students were enrolled? [DCC2009]

Response options: 10 or fewer=1, 11-20=2, 21-30=3, 31-50=4, 51-100=5, 101-200=6, More than 200=7

# 10. Thinking about your largest course this year, about how many students were enrolled? [DCC2010]

Response options: 10 or fewer=1, 11-20=2, 21-30=3, 31-50=4, 51-100=5, 101-200=6, More than 200=7