



NSSE 2019 Topical Module Report

First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions

University of West Georgia

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About This Topical Module

This module includes a set of items only for first-year students and a set only for seniors, with questions adapted from the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement and the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project, respectively. The first-year items focus on academic perseverance, help-seeking behaviors, and institutional commitment, while the senior items explore post-graduation plans, links between the academic major and future plans, and confidence with skills developed during college.

Comparison Group

This section summarizes how this module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'FY Exp / Sr Transittn' column of this report.

Group label	FY Exp / Sr Transittn
Date submitted	5/13/19
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (all module participants).
Group description	All other current- and prior-year (if applicable) NSSE institutions who administered module "First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions"

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Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX)	California State University, Chico (Chico, CA)*
Acadia University (Wolfville, NS)	California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)
Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)*	Campbellsville University (Campbellsville, KY)
Alaska Pacific University (Anchorage, AK)	Castleton University (Castleton, VT)
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Albany, NY)	Central Christian College of Kansas (McPherson, KS)
Alberta College of Art + Design (Calgary, AB)	Central College (Pella, IA)
Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, CT)*	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)
Algoma University (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)	Chowan University (Murfreesboro, NC)
Alvernia University (Reading, PA)	Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Clarion, PA)
Ambrose University (Calgary, AB)	Clarke University (Dubuque, IA)
American Public University System (Charles Town, WV)	Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)
Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX)	Cleveland State University (Cleveland, OH)*
Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI)*	College of Charleston (Charleston, SC)
Ashford University (San Diego, CA)*	College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chicopee, MA)
Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)*	College of Wooster, The (Wooster, OH)*
Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY)	Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)
Barry University (Miami, FL)*	Columbia College (Columbia, MO)
Bellarmino University (Louisville, KY)*	Columbia College (Columbia, SC)
Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)*	Concord University (Athens, WV)
Bennett College (Greensboro, NC)	Concordia College New York (Bronxville, NY)
Berklee College of Music (Boston, MA)	Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)
Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)	Concordia University Texas (Austin, TX)*
Bethel University (Saint Paul, MN)	Daemen College (Amherst, NY)
Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)	Dean College (Franklin, MA)
Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD)*	Delta State University (Cleveland, MS)*
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)	DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)*
Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA)*	Dixie State University (Saint George, UT)
Briercrest College and Seminary (Caronport, SK)	Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)
Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)	Earlham College (Richmond, IN)*
Buena Vista University (Storm Lake, IA)	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)

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East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)	Lincoln College (Lincoln, IL)
Eastern New Mexico University (Portales, NM)*	Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)
Eckerd College (Saint Petersburg, FL)	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)*
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)	Louisiana State University at Alexandria (Alexandria, LA)*
Elizabeth City State University (Elizabeth City, NC)	Loyola University Maryland (Baltimore, MD)*
Elon University (Elon, NC)	Lyon College (Batesville, AR)
Emerson College (Boston, MA)*	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)
Emmanuel College (Boston, MA)*	Marian University (Fond Du Lac, WI)*
Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)	Martin Methodist College (Pulaski, TN)
Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)	Marymount California University (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA)*
Felician University (Lodi, NJ)	Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY)
Ferris State University (Big Rapids, MI)*	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (North Adams, MA)*
Finlandia University (Hancock, MI)*	McMurry University (Abilene, TX)*
Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)	Miami University-Hamilton (Hamilton, OH)
Flagler College (Saint Augustine, FL)	Miami University-Middletown (Middletown, OH)
Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL)*	Midway University (Midway, KY)
Framingham State University (Framingham, MA)	Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)
Freed-Hardeman University (Henderson, TN)*	Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)
Geneva College (Beaver Falls, PA)	Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)
George Fox University (Newberg, OR)	Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)
Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus, GA)	Morehead State University (Morehead, KY)*
Gordon College (Wenham, MA)	Mount Mary University (Milwaukee, WI)
Grambling State University (Grambling, LA)	Mount St. Mary's University (Emmitsburg, MD)
Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)*	Muskingum University (New Concord, OH)*
Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI)	New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL)
Gwynedd Mercy University (Gwynedd Valley, PA)*	New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark, NJ)
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology (Harrisburg, PA)	New School, The (New York, NY)
Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, CA)	Nicholls State University (Thibodaux, LA)*
Hiram College (Hiram, OH)	Nichols College (Dudley, MA)*
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, NY)*	North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)
Hofstra University (Hempstead, NY)*	Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL)*
Holy Cross College (Notre Dame, IN)	Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights, KY)*
Hope International University (Fullerton, CA)	Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD)*
Howard University (Washington, DC)*	Northwestern College (Orange City, IA)
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)	Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
Huron University College (London, ON)	Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)
Huston-Tillotson University (Austin, TX)	Oglala Lakota College (Kyle, SD)
Indiana Institute of Technology (Fort Wayne, IN)*	Ohio State University at Newark, The (Newark, OH)
Indiana University Kokomo (Kokomo, IN)*	Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)	Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)
Indiana University Southeast (New Albany, IN)*	Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)
Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)	Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence, RI)	Oklahoma City University (Oklahoma City, OK)*
Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)	Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)
Johnson & Wales University-Denver (Denver, CO)	Our Lady of the Lake University (San Antonio, TX)
Judson College (Marion, AL)	Pacific Union College (Angwin, CA)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)	Pacific University (Forest Grove, OR)*
Kean University (Union, NJ)	Paul Smith's College (Paul Smiths, NY)*
Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY)	Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA)
King's College (Wilkes-Barre, PA)	Pratt Institute (Brooklyn, NY)*
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)	Purdue University Global (Davenport, IA)
Lafayette College (Easton, PA)*	Quincy University (Quincy, IL)
Lake Erie College (Painesville, OH)*	Radford University (Radford, VA)
Lander University (Greenwood, SC)	Ramapo College of New Jersey (Mahwah, NJ)*
Langston University (Langston, OK)*	Redeemer University College (Ancaster, ON)
Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA)*	Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA)
Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)*	Rivier University (Nashua, NH)
Lewis & Clark College (Portland, OR)*	Roanoke College (Salem, VA)*

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Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY)*
 Rosemont College (Rosemont, PA)*
 Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)
 Rutgers University-Camden (Camden, NJ)*
 Saint Joseph's College (Standish, ME)*
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)
 Saint Michael's College (Colchester, VT)*
 Saint Peter's University (Jersey City, NJ)
 Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL)
 Salem State University (Salem, MA)
 Samford University (Birmingham, AL)
 Scripps College (Claremont, CA)*
 Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)
 Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV)
 Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Shippensburg, PA)
 Siena College (Loudonville, NY)*
 Simpson College (Indianola, IA)*
 Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)
 Southeastern Louisiana University (Hammond, LA)*
 Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL)
 Southern Adventist University (Collegedale, TN)
 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)
 Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)
 Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, OK)
 Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)
 Southern University at New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)
 Southern Virginia University (Buena Vista, VA)*
 Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)
 Southwestern Christian University (Bethany, OK)*
 Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)
 Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL)*
 St. Mary's College of Maryland (St. Mary's City, MD)
 Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)
 Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ)
 Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, PA)*
 Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)
 Texas Southern University (Houston, TX)*
 Thiel College (Greenville, PA)*
 Thomas College (Waterville, ME)*
 Touro College (New York, NY)
 Trent University (Peterborough, ON)
 Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)*
 Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)*
 Tusculum University (Greeneville, TN)
 Union College (Schenectady, NY)*
 Université de Hearst (Hearst, ON)
 University of Advancing Technology (Tempe, AZ)
 University of Arkansas at Monticello (Monticello, AR)
 University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO)*
 University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)*
 University of Dallas (Irving, TX)
 University of Guam (Mangilao, GU)
 University of Hawai'i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)
 University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
 University of Miami (Coral Gables, FL)*
 University of Montana (Missoula, MT)
 University of Montana-Western, The (Dillon, MT)*
 University of New England (Biddeford, ME)*

University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)
 University of New Orleans, The (New Orleans, LA)
 University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)
 University of North Texas (Denton, TX)
 University of Northern British Columbia (Prince George, BC)
 University of Redlands (Redlands, CA)*
 University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)
 University of Richmond (University of Richmond, VA)*
 University of Saint Joseph (West Hartford, CT)
 University of South Carolina Columbia (Columbia, SC)
 University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)
 University of Tennessee Martin, The (Martin, TN)
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The (Knoxville, TN)
 University of Texas at El Paso, The (El Paso, TX)
 University of Texas of the Permian Basin, The (Odessa, TX)
 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, The (Edinburg, TX)*
 University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)
 University of Virginia's College at Wise, The (Wise, VA)*
 University of Washington Tacoma (Tacoma, WA)
 Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA)*
 Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)*
 Washington College (Chestertown, MD)
 Washington State University (Pullman, WA)
 Wayland Baptist University (Plainview, TX)*
 Webber International University (Babson Park, FL)
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)
 West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, WV)*
 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)
 Western State Colorado University (Gunnison, CO)*
 Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA)
 Willamette University (Salem, OR)*
 William Paterson University of New Jersey (Wayne, NJ)*
 William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)
 William Woods University (Fulton, MO)
 Wilson College (Chambersburg, PA)*
 Wingate University (Wingate, NC)
 Winona State University (Winona, MN)
 Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC)*
 Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH)
 Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)
 Woodbury University (Burbank, CA)*
 Worcester State University (Worcester, MA)*
 Youngstown State University (Youngstown, OH)*

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				UWG		FY Exp / Sr Transiti		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Studied when there were other interesting things to do	FYSfy01a	1	Never	27	7	2,163	4	2.8	2.8	-.03
		2	Sometimes	132	35	19,876	36			
		3	Often	124	33	20,686	37			
		4	Very often	99	25	12,556	23			
		Total		382	100	55,281	100			
b. Found additional information for course assignments when you didn't understand the material	FYSfy01b	1	Never	13	4	1,455	3	2.9	2.9	.00
		2	Sometimes	114	32	16,143	29			
		3	Often	146	36	25,252	45			
		4	Very often	106	28	12,332	23			
		Total		379	100	55,182	100			
c. Participated in course discussions, even when you didn't feel like it	FYSfy01c	1	Never	22	7	3,619	7	2.8	2.7 *	.12
		2	Sometimes	123	32	20,350	37			
		3	Often	138	37	20,882	37			
		4	Very often	98	24	10,339	19			
		Total		381	100	55,190	100			
d. Asked instructors for help when you struggled with course assignments	FYSfy01d	1	Never	21	6	4,824	10	2.8	2.6 ***	.23
		2	Sometimes	128	34	22,685	41			
		3	Often	143	37	18,408	33			
		4	Very often	89	22	9,245	16			
		Total		381	100	55,162	100			
e. Finished something you have started when you encountered challenges	FYSfy01e	1	Never	5	2	481	1	3.1	3.1	-.05
		2	Sometimes	84	22	9,864	18			
		3	Often	159	42	27,253	49			
		4	Very often	132	34	17,540	32			
		Total		380	100	55,138	100			
f. Stayed positive, even when you did poorly on a test or assignment	FYSfy01f	1	Never	17	5	2,088	4	2.9	2.9	.07
		2	Sometimes	106	27	16,787	29			
		3	Often	144	38	22,990	42			
		4	Very often	114	30	13,278	25			
		Total		381	100	55,143	100			
2. During the current school year, how difficult have the following been for you?										
a. Learning course material	FYSfy02a	1	Not at all difficult	18	5	2,731	5	3.4	3.4	.05
		2	2	50	12	8,637	16			
		3	3	127	33	17,265	31			
		4	4	132	36	18,771	34			
		5	5	35	10	5,903	11			
		6	Very difficult	18	4	1,866	3			
		Total		380	100	55,173	100			
b. Managing your time	FYSfy02b	1	Not at all difficult	17	5	3,100	6	3.8	3.7	.02
		2	2	50	13	7,311	13			
		3	3	94	25	12,926	23			
		4	4	101	27	15,455	28			
		5	5	72	19	10,283	19			
		6	Very difficult	45	12	6,079	11			
		Total		379	100	55,154	100			
c. Getting help with school work	FYSfy02c	1	Not at all difficult	73	19	8,999	17	2.8	2.8	-.02
		2	2	95	25	14,497	26			
		3	3	92	24	15,343	27			
		4	4	80	21	10,505	19			

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				UWG		FY Exp / Sr Transiti		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
		5	5	24	6	4,070	7			
		6	Very difficult	17	4	1,742	3			
			Total	381	100	55,156	100			
d. Interacting with faculty	FYSfy02d	1	Not at all difficult	84	23	11,811	22	2.7	2.7	.00
		2	2	99	27	15,089	27			
		3	3	83	22	13,673	25			
		4	4	77	20	9,011	16			
		5	5	23	5	3,820	7			
		6	Very difficult	15	3	1,739	3			
			Total	381	100	55,143	100			
3. During the current school year, about how often have you sought help with coursework from the following sources?										
a. Faculty members	FYSfy03a_16	1	Never	64	17	8,494	17	2.3	2.2	.10
		2	Sometimes	177	47	29,463	53			
		3	Often	96	25	12,838	23			
		4	Very often	44	11	4,306	8			
			Total	381	100	55,101	100			
b. Academic advisors	FYSfy03b_16	1	Never	136	37	23,180	43	1.9	1.8 **	.15
		2	Sometimes	152	39	21,746	39			
		3	Often	65	17	7,688	14			
		4	Very often	27	7	2,429	4			
			Total	380	100	55,043	100			
c. Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	FYSfy03c_16	1	Never	112	29	21,496	40	2.2	1.9 ***	.29
		2	Sometimes	134	36	19,899	36			
		3	Often	80	21	9,155	16			
		4	Very often	52	14	4,471	8			
			Total	378	100	55,021	100			
d. Friends or other students	FYSfy03d_16	1	Never	27	8	3,374	7	2.8	2.8	.01
		2	Sometimes	109	28	15,352	29			
		3	Often	134	37	21,392	38			
		4	Very often	110	27	14,937	26			
			Total	380	100	55,055	100			
e. Family members	FYSfy03e_16	1	Never	132	34	21,750	41	2.2	1.9 ***	.23
		2	Sometimes	112	29	18,313	33			
		3	Often	85	24	10,180	18			
		4	Very often	51	13	4,821	8			
			Total	380	100	55,064	100			
f. Other persons or offices	FYSfy03f_16	1	Never	190	51	32,772	60	1.7	1.6 ***	.23
		2	Sometimes	121	30	15,514	28			
		3	Often	48	14	4,911	9			
		4	Very often	22	5	1,817	3			
			Total	381	100	55,014	100			
4a. During the current school year, have you seriously considered leaving this institution?¹										
	FYSfy04a		No	252	69	38,227	71	31%	29%	.04
			Yes	127	31	16,852	29			
			Total	379	100	55,079	100			
4b. [If answered "yes"] Why did you consider leaving? (Select all that apply.)										
	FYSfy04b_1_16	—	Academics are too difficult	26	21	2,676	17			
	FYSfy04b_2_16	—	Academics are too easy	3	2	1,016	6			

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				UWG		FY Exp / Sr Transiti		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
	FYSfy04b_3_16	—	Other academic issues (major not offered, course availability, advising, credit transfer, etc.)	14	12	2,822	16			
	FYSfy04b_4_16	—	Financial concerns (costs or financial aid)	47	37	6,911	40			
	FYSfy04b_5_16	—	To change your career options (transfer to another school or program, military service, etc.)	23	17	2,802	17			
	FYSfy04b_6_16	—	Difficulty managing demands of school and work	19	16	2,609	17			
	FYSfy04b_7_16	—	Too much emphasis on partying	4	3	1,096	7			
	FYSfy04b_8_16	—	Not enough opportunities to socialize and have fun	29	22	3,050	17			
	FYSfy04b_9_16	—	Relations with faculty and staff	9	7	1,633	10			
	FYSfy04b_10_16	—	Relations with other students	27	21	3,747	21			
	FYSfy04b_11_16	—	Campus climate, location, or culture	32	24	4,684	27			
	FYSfy04b_12_16	—	Unsafe or hostile environment	13	10	1,019	6			
	FYSfy04b_13_16	—	Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesickness, stress, etc.)	43	34	6,976	40			
	FYSfy04b_14_16	—	A reason not listed above, please specify:	22	20	2,460	16			
5. How important is it to you that you graduate from this institution?										
	FYSfy05	1	Not important	25	7	2,591	5	4.8	5.0 **	-.18
		2	2	28	8	1,939	4			
		3	3	28	7	3,411	6			
		4	4	48	13	6,683	12			
		5	5	46	11	8,319	15			
		6	Very important	201	54	31,781	58			
			Total	376	100	54,724	100			

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Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	UWG	UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	Comparisons with: FY Exp / Sr Transiti		
FYSfy01a	380	2.76	2.79	.047	.004	0.91	0.84	384	.597	-.03
FYSfy01b	377	2.88	2.88	.044	.003	0.86	0.78	381	.977	.00
FYSfy01c	380	2.79	2.69	.046	.004	0.89	0.86	52,594	.022	.12
FYSfy01d	380	2.76	2.56	.045	.004	0.87	0.88	52,563	.000	.23
FYSfy01e	379	3.09	3.12	.041	.003	0.79	0.73	382	.417	-.05
FYSfy01f	380	2.94	2.88	.045	.004	0.87	0.83	52,548	.175	.07
FYSfy02a	379	3.45	3.39	.057	.005	1.11	1.14	52,579	.289	.05
FYSfy02b	377	3.77	3.74	.069	.006	1.34	1.37	52,557	.718	.02
FYSfy02c	380	2.82	2.84	.070	.006	1.36	1.30	52,565	.755	-.02
FYSfy02d	380	2.69	2.69	.069	.006	1.34	1.34	52,551	.938	.00
FYSfy03a_16	380	2.29	2.21	.045	.004	0.88	0.81	383	.070	.10
FYSfy03b_16	378	1.93	1.80	.046	.004	0.90	0.84	52,431	.003	.15
FYSfy03b_16	375	2.20	1.93	.052	.004	1.01	0.93	379	.000	.29
FYSfy03b_16	379	2.83	2.82	.047	.004	0.92	0.90	52,453	.899	.01
FYSfy03e_16	378	2.16	1.94	.053	.004	1.04	0.96	382	.000	.23
FYSfy03f_16	380	1.74	1.56	.046	.003	0.89	0.79	383	.000	.23
FYSfy04a ^k	377	.311	.295	.0239	.0020	--	--	--	.485	.04
FYSfy05	375	4.77	5.03	.084	.006	1.63	1.43	378	.002	-.18

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				UWG		FY Exp / Sr Transitn		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transitn	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. Do you expect to graduate this spring or summer?										
	FYSsr01_16	No		102	29	21,358	34			
		Yes		260	71	47,410	66			
		Total		362	100	68,768	100			
1a. [Excludes those who answered "No," not expecting spring/summer graduation] After graduation, what best describes your immediate plans?										
	FYSsr01a	—	Full-time employment	156	60	28,098	59			
		—	Part-time employment	16	6	2,066	4			
		—	Graduate or professional school	62	22	10,380	21			
		—	Military service	3	1	660	2			
		—	Service or volunteer activity (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach for America, etc.)	0	0	442	1			
		—	Internship (paid or unpaid)	7	3	1,895	4			
		—	Travel or gap year	7	3	1,726	4			
		—	No plans at this time	7	3	1,609	3			
		—	Other, please specify:	5	2	1,070	2			
		Total		263	100	47,946	100			
1b. [If immediate plans included full- or part-time employment] Do you already have a job for after graduation?¹										
	FYSsr01b	No		91	51	15,351	50	49%	50%	-.03
		Yes, I will start a new job		46	29	6,847	24			
		Yes, I will continue in my current job		35	19	7,876	26			
		Total		172	100	30,074	100			
2. [Excludes those who answered "No," not expecting spring/summer graduation] To what extent have courses in your major(s) prepared you for your post-graduation plans?										
	FYSsr02	1	Very little	17	7	2,757	6	3.0	3.0	.03
		2	Some	53	20	10,294	22			
		3	Quite a bit	98	36	17,821	37			
		4	Very much	97	37	16,999	35			
		Total		265	100	47,871	100			
3. Do you intend to work eventually in a field related to your major(s)?¹										
	FYSsr03	Yes		317	87	59,762	86	87%	86%	.02
		No		11	3	2,869	4			
		Unsure		36	10	6,329	9			
		Total		364	100	68,960	100			
4. Do you plan to be self-employed, an independent contractor, or a freelance worker someday?¹										
	FYSsr04	Yes		78	23	13,598	21	23%	21%	.05
		No		176	47	37,660	53			
		Unsure		110	31	17,787	26			
		Total		364	100	69,045	100			
5. Do you plan to start your own business (nonprofit or for-profit) someday?¹										
	FYSsr05	Yes		92	26	15,695	24	26%	24%	.05
		No		166	44	34,011	48			
		Unsure		108	30	19,372	28			
		Total		366	100	69,078	100			

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				UWG		FY Exp / Sr Transiti		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
		Total		366	100	69,078	100			
6. How much confidence do you have in your ability to complete tasks requiring the following skills and abilities?										
a. Critical thinking and analysis of arguments and information	FYSsr06a	1	Very little	5	1	402	1	3.4	3.5	-.06
		2	Some	30	8	5,332	7			
		3	Quite a bit	137	38	25,853	37			
		4	Very much	191	53	37,334	55			
		Total		363	100	68,921	100			
b. Creative thinking and problem solving	FYSsr06b	1	Very little	4	1	338	1	3.5	3.5	.00
		2	Some	22	6	4,689	7			
		3	Quite a bit	133	36	25,310	36			
		4	Very much	207	57	38,529	56			
		Total		366	100	68,866	100			
c. Research skills	FYSsr06c	1	Very little	9	3	1,188	2	3.2	3.2	-.04
		2	Some	60	15	10,553	15			
		3	Quite a bit	149	40	27,372	40			
		4	Very much	146	42	29,798	43			
		Total		364	100	68,911	100			
d. Clear writing	FYSsr06d	1	Very little	11	3	807	1	3.3	3.3	-.04
		2	Some	46	12	8,376	13			
		3	Quite a bit	140	38	27,341	39			
		4	Very much	169	47	32,362	47			
		Total		366	100	68,886	100			
e. Persuasive speaking	FYSsr06e	1	Very little	12	3	2,349	4	3.1	3.1	.04
		2	Some	83	23	15,508	23			
		3	Quite a bit	133	36	26,550	38			
		4	Very much	136	39	24,487	36			
		Total		364	100	68,894	100			
f. Technological skills	FYSsr06f	1	Very little	13	4	2,152	3	3.2	3.1 *	.11
		2	Some	63	16	15,236	21			
		3	Quite a bit	144	39	27,939	40			
		4	Very much	144	41	23,551	36			
		Total		364	100	68,878	100			
g. Financial and business management skills	FYSsr06g	1	Very little	51	14	10,511	15	2.7	2.6	.09
		2	Some	123	32	24,123	35			
		3	Quite a bit	103	28	20,418	30			
		4	Very much	86	26	13,819	21			
		Total		363	100	68,871	100			
h. Entrepreneurial skills	FYSsr06h	1	Very little	83	22	15,275	22	2.5	2.4	.09
		2	Some	113	32	25,467	37			
		3	Quite a bit	97	27	16,901	25			
		4	Very much	70	20	11,210	17			
		Total		363	100	68,853	100			
i. Leadership skills	FYSsr06i	1	Very little	10	3	1,633	3	3.3	3.3	.06
		2	Some	52	14	10,318	15			
		3	Quite a bit	114	31	24,252	35			
		4	Very much	188	52	32,684	47			
		Total		364	100	68,887	100			
j. Networking and relationship building	FYSsr06j	1	Very little	17	5	3,114	5			
		2	Some	74	20	15,006	22			

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				UWG		FY Exp / Sr Transitn		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transitn	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
		3	Quite a bit	130	35	25,530	37	3.1	3.0	.07
		4	Very much	142	40	25,231	36			
			Total	363	100	68,881	100			
7. To what extent has your coursework in your major(s) emphasized the following?										
a. Generating new ideas or brainstorming	FYSSr07a	1	Very little	13	4	2,125	3	3.2	3.1	.10
		2	Some	56	15	12,572	19			
		3	Quite a bit	140	39	27,939	40			
		4	Very much	155	42	26,128	37			
			Total	364	100	68,764	100			
b. Taking risks in your coursework without fear of penalty	FYSSr07b	1	Very little	63	18	13,151	20	2.7	2.5 *	.13
		2	Some	105	27	19,774	29			
		3	Quite a bit	90	25	19,951	28			
		4	Very much	105	30	15,841	22			
			Total	363	100	68,717	100			
c. Evaluating multiple approaches to a problem	FYSSr07c	1	Very little	10	3	2,565	4	3.2	3.1	.10
		2	Some	75	21	13,480	20			
		3	Quite a bit	120	33	27,507	40			
		4	Very much	153	43	25,034	36			
			Total	358	100	68,586	100			
d. Inventing new methods to arrive at unconventional solutions	FYSSr07d	1	Very little	39	11	7,056	11	2.9	2.7 *	.12
		2	Some	97	26	20,448	30			
		3	Quite a bit	110	30	22,951	33			
		4	Very much	115	33	17,901	26			
			Total	361	100	68,356	100			

8. Is there anything your institution could have done better to prepare you for your career or further education? Please describe.

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 124 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE19 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.

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Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
		UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UWG	FY Exp / Sr Transiti			
FYSsr01b ^k	172	.487	.500	.0382	.0026	--	--	--	.729	-.03
FYSsr02	263	3.03	3.00	.056	.004	0.91	0.90	58,508	.609	.03
FYSsr03 ^k	364	.869	.862	.0177	.0012	--	--	--	.727	.02
FYSsr04 ^k	364	.227	.208	.0220	.0014	--	--	--	.358	.05
FYSsr05 ^k	366	.259	.239	.0229	.0014	--	--	--	.368	.05
FYSsr06a	363	3.42	3.46	.037	.002	0.70	0.66	87,819	.234	-.06
FYSsr06b	366	3.49	3.48	.035	.002	0.67	0.65	87,738	.955	.00
FYSsr06c	364	3.21	3.24	.042	.003	0.80	0.77	87,804	.449	-.04
FYSsr06d	366	3.29	3.32	.041	.002	0.79	0.74	87,755	.448	-.04
FYSsr06e	364	3.10	3.06	.045	.003	0.85	0.85	87,780	.470	.04
FYSsr06f	364	3.18	3.09	.044	.003	0.83	0.83	87,763	.038	.11
FYSsr06g	363	2.66	2.57	.053	.003	1.01	0.98	87,750	.081	.09
FYSsr06h	363	2.45	2.37	.055	.003	1.04	1.00	365	.113	.09
FYSsr06i	364	3.32	3.27	.043	.003	0.82	0.81	87,763	.217	.06
FYSsr06j	363	3.11	3.05	.046	.003	0.88	0.88	87,764	.180	.07
FYSsr07a	363	3.20	3.11	.044	.003	0.83	0.83	87,598	.056	.10
FYSsr07b	363	2.67	2.53	.057	.004	1.09	1.05	87,553	.011	.13
FYSsr07c	359	3.17	3.08	.045	.003	0.86	0.85	360	.055	.10
FYSsr07d	361	2.85	2.74	.053	.003	1.01	0.97	87,075	.029	.12

Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts.
- b. All statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t -tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent t -tests uses Cohen's d ; z -tests use Cohen's h .
- e. Statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t -tests. Values differ from N s due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t -tests or z -tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the students in the comparison group is due to chance.
- j. Statistical comparison uses z -test to compare the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes" with all who responded otherwise.
- k. Mean represents the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes."

Key to symbols:

-  **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
-  **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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-  **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to item wording and your institutional context.