



NSSE 2020 Topical Module Report

First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

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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 Transiti'n' column of this report.

Group label	FY Exp / Sr Transiti'n
Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (all module participants) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

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Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX)	Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)*
Acadia University (Wolfville, NS)*	Buena Vista University (Storm Lake, IA)*
Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)	California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (Pomona, CA)
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Albany, NY)*	California State University-Dominguez Hills (Carson, CA)
Alberta College of Art + Design (Calgary, AB)*	California State University, Chico (Chico, CA)
Alcorn State University (Alcorn State, MS)	California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento, CA)
Allegheny College (Meadeville, PA)	California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)*
Alvernia University (Reading, PA)*	Campbellsville University (Campbellsville, KY)
American Public University System (Charles Town, WV)*	Carroll College (Helena, MT)
Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX)*	Castleton University (Castleton, VT)*
Arkansas Baptist College (Little Rock, AR)	Centenary College of Louisiana (Shreveport, LA)
Ashford University (San Diego, CA)	Central Christian College of Kansas (McPherson, KS)*
Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA)	Central College (Pella, IA)*
Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY)*	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)*
Barry University (Miami, FL)	Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Clarion, PA)*
Barton College (Wilson, NC)	Clark University (Worcester, MA)
Becker College (Worcester, MA)	Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)*
Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)	Cleveland State University (Cleveland, OH)
Bennett College (Greensboro, NC)*	College of Charleston (Charleston, SC)*
Bennington College (Bennington, VT)	College of Coastal Georgia (Brunswick, GA)
Berklee College of Music (Boston, MA)*	College of Our Lady of the Elms (Chicopee, MA)
Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)*	College of Saint Elizabeth (Morristown, NJ)
Bethel University (Saint Paul, MN)*	Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)*
Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)*	Colorado Technical University (Colorado Springs, CO)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)*	Columbia College (Columbia, MO)*
Brandon University (Brandon, MB)	Columbus College of Art and Design (Columbus, OH)
Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA)	Concord University (Athens, WV)*
Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)	Concordia College New York (Bronxville, NY)*
Briercrest College and Seminary (Carleton Place, SK)*	Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL)
Brock University (St. Catharines, ON)	Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)*

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Daemen College (Amherst, NY)*	King's College (Wilkes-Barre, PA)*
Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS)	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
Dean College (Franklin, MA)	La Roche University (Pittsburgh, PA)
DeSales University (Center Valley, PA)	Lander University (Greenwood, SC)*
Dixie State University (Saint George, UT)*	Laurentian University/Université Laurentienne (Sudbury, ON)
Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)*	Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)
Drew University (Madison, NJ)	Limestone College (Gaffney, SC)
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)*	Lincoln College (Lincoln, IL)
East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)*	Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)*
Eckerd College (Saint Petersburg, FL)*	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)*
École de technologie supérieure (Montréal, QC)	Marietta College (Marietta, OH)
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)*	Mars Hill University (Mars Hill, NC)
Elizabeth City State University (Elizabeth City, NC)*	Marymount California University (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA)
Elon University (Elon, NC)*	Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY)*
Evergreen State College, The (Olympia, WA)	McGill University (Montreal, QC)
Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)*	Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's, NL)
Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)	Mercy College (Dobbs Ferry, NY)
Felician University (Lodi, NJ)*	Miami University-Hamilton (Hamilton, OH)*
Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)*	Miami University-Middletown (Middletown, OH)*
Flagler College (Saint Augustine, FL)*	Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)*
Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL)	Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS)
Florida International University (Miami, FL)	Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)*
Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL)	Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)*
Freed-Hardeman University (Henderson, TN)	Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)*
Gallaudet University (Washington, DC)	Mount Mary University (Milwaukee, WI)*
Geneva College (Beaver Falls, PA)*	Mount Saint Vincent University (Halifax, NS)
George Fox University (Newberg, OR)*	Mount St. Mary's University (Emmitsburg, MD)*
Georgetown College (Georgetown, KY)	Nebraska Methodist College (Omaha, NE)
Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA)	Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus, GA)	Nevada State College (Henderson, NV)
Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)	New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL)*
Glenville State College (Glenville, WV)	New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark, NJ)*
Gordon College (Wenham, MA)*	New Mexico State University (Las Cruces, NM)
Grambling State University (Grambling, LA)*	New School, The (New York, NY)*
Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)	New York Institute of Technology (Old Westbury, NY)
Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI)*	North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)*
Grinnell College (Grinnell, IA)	Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD)
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology (Harrisburg, PA)*	Northwestern College (Orange City, IA)*
Hendrix College (Conway, AR)	Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL)*
Hiram College (Hiram, OH)*	OCAD University (Toronto, ON)
Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN (Notre Dame, IN)	Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)*
Hope International University (Fullerton, CA)*	Ohio State University at Newark, The (Newark, OH)*
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)*	Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)*
Huron University College (London, ON)*	Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)*
Huston-Tillotson University (Austin, TX)*	Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)*
Illinois College (Jacksonville, IL)	Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)*
Indiana Institute of Technology (Fort Wayne, IN)	Olivet College (Olivet, MI)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)*	Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)*
Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)*	Ottawa University (Ottawa, KS)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence, RI)*	Ottawa University-Surprise (Surprise, AZ)
Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)*	Otterbein University (Westerville, OH)
Johnson & Wales University-Denver (Denver, CO)*	Our Lady of the Lake University (San Antonio, TX)*
Judson University (Elgin, IL)	Pacific Union College (Angwin, CA)*
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)*	Paul Smith's College (Paul Smiths, NY)
Kean University (Union, NJ)*	Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)
Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY)*	Presentation College (Aberdeen, SD)
Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)	Purdue University Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, IN)
Keuka College (Keuka Park, NY)	Purdue University Global (Davenport, IA)*

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Quincy University (Quincy, IL)*	University of British Columbia Okanagan (Kelowna, BC)
Redeemer University College (Ancaster, ON)*	University of Calgary (Calgary, AB)
Rivier University (Nashua, NH)*	University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg, MO)
Rogers State University (Claremore, OK)	University of Charleston (Charleston, WV)
Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)*	University of Dallas (Irving, TX)*
Saint Andrews University (Laurinburg, NC)	University of Dubuque (Dubuque, IA)
Saint Joseph's College (Standish, ME)	University of Evansville (Evansville, IN)
Saint Mary's University (Halifax, NS)	University of Georgia (Athens, GA)
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)*	University of Guam (Mangilao, GU)
Saint Peter's University (Jersey City, NJ)*	University of Hawai'i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)*
Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL)	University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
Salem State University (Salem, MA)*	University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, AB)
Samford University (Birmingham, AL)	University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)
San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus (Calexico, CA)	University of Maine (Orono, ME)
Sarah Lawrence College (Bronxville, NY)	University of Maine at Augusta (Augusta, ME)
Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)*	University of Maine at Fort Kent (Fort Kent, ME)
Shaw University (Raleigh, NC)	University of Maine at Presque Isle (Presque Isle, ME)
Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV)*	University of Manitoba, The (Winnipeg, MB)
Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (Oakville, ON)	University of Minnesota Morris (Morris, MN)
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)*	University of Montana (Missoula, MT)*
Southeastern Louisiana University (Hammond, LA)	University of New Brunswick (Fredericton, NB)
Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL)*	University of New England (Biddeford, ME)
Southern Adventist University (Collegedale, TN)*	University of New Hampshire at Durham (Durham, NH)
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)*	University of New Orleans, The (New Orleans, LA)*
Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)*	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)
Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, OK)*	University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)*
Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)	University of North Texas (Denton, TX)*
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)*	University of Northern British Columbia (Prince George, BC)*
Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)*	University of Ontario Institute of Technology (Oshawa, ON)
St. Mary's College of Maryland (St. Mary's City, MD)*	University of Pikeville (Pikeville, KY)
St. Thomas University (Fredericton, NB)	University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)*
Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)*	University of Richmond (University of Richmond, VA)
Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ)*	University of Saint Joseph (West Hartford, CT)*
Stevenson University (Stevenson, MD)	University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon, SK)
SUNY College at Oswego (Oswego, NY)	University of South Carolina Columbia (Columbia, SC)*
SUNY College at Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh, NY)	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse, NY)	University of South Florida-St. Petersburg (St. Petersburg, FL)
SUNY-Buffalo State College (Buffalo, NY)	University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)*
Sweet Briar College (Sweet Briar, VA)	University of Tennessee Martin, The (Martin, TN)
Tennessee Wesleyan University (Athens, TN)	University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The (Knoxville, TN)*
Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*	University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
Touro College (New York, NY)*	University of Texas at El Paso, The (El Paso, TX)
Towson University (Towson, MD)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, The (Edinburg, TX)
Trent University (Peterborough, ON)	University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)*
Tusculum University (Greeneville, TN)*	University of Victoria (Victoria, BC)
Université de Montréal (Montreal, QC)	University of Virginia's College at Wise, The (Wise, VA)
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (Chicoutimi, QC)	University of Washington Tacoma (Tacoma, WA)*
Université du Québec à Montréal (Montréal, QC)	University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)
Université du Québec à Rimouski (Rimouski, QC)	University of Windsor (Windsor, ON)
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (Trois-Rivières, QC)	University of Winnipeg, The (Winnipeg, MB)
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (Rouyn-Noranda, QC)	University of Wisconsin-Platteville (Platteville, WI)
Université du Québec en Outaouais (Gatineau, QC)	Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)
Université Laval (Quebec city, QC)	Warren Wilson College (Swannanoa, NC)
University at Buffalo, State University of New York (Buffalo, NY)	Washington College (Chestertown, MD)*
University of Advancing Technology (Tempe, AZ)*	Washington State University (Pullman, WA)*
University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)	Waynesburg University (Waynesburg, PA)
University of Arkansas at Monticello (Monticello, AR)*	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)*
University of British Columbia - Vancouver campus (Vancouver, BC)	Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)*

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Western New England University (Springfield, MA)

Western Oregon University (Monmouth, OR)

Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA)*

Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA)

William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)*

William Woods University (Fulton, MO)*

Wingate University (Wingate, NC)*

Winona State University (Winona, MN)*

Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH)*

Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)*

Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH)

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Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				UW Oshkosh		FY Exp / Sr Transitm		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transitm	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
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	15	6	3,380	4	2.5	2.8 ***	-0.30
		2	Sometimes	125	46	29,431	35			
		3	Often	93	34	31,742	37			
		4	Very often	39	14	20,435	24			
		Total		272	100	84,988	100			
b. Found additional information for course assignments when you didn't understand the material	FYSfy01b	1	Never	7	3	2,363	3	2.7	2.9 ***	-0.26
		2	Sometimes	102	39	24,266	29			
		3	Often	129	46	38,891	45			
		4	Very often	34	13	19,335	23			
		Total		272	100	84,855	100			
c. Participated in course discussions, even when you didn't feel like it	FYSfy01c	1	Never	11	4	9,658	10	2.6	2.6	.00
		2	Sometimes	127	45	32,948	38			
		3	Often	103	39	28,920	35			
		4	Very often	30	12	13,350	17			
		Total		271	100	84,876	100			
d. Asked instructors for help when you struggled with course assignments	FYSfy01d	1	Never	25	9	10,665	12	2.4	2.5	-0.03
		2	Sometimes	128	47	36,513	43			
		3	Often	88	33	25,683	31			
		4	Very often	29	10	11,989	14			
		Total		270	100	84,850	100			
e. Finished something you have started when you encountered challenges	FYSfy01e	1	Never	1	0	937	1	2.9	3.1 ***	-0.26
		2	Sometimes	77	28	16,011	19			
		3	Often	143	53	41,707	49			
		4	Very often	49	19	26,102	31			
		Total		270	100	84,757	100			
f. Stayed positive, even when you did poorly on a test or assignment	FYSfy01f	1	Never	13	5	3,720	4	2.7	2.9 **	-0.19
		2	Sometimes	106	38	26,222	30			
		3	Often	108	40	35,072	41			
		4	Very often	43	17	19,824	24			
		Total		270	100	84,838	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	7	3	3,765	5	3.5	3.5	.02
		2	2	35	14	12,384	15			
		3	3	80	30	25,474	30			
		4	4	108	40	29,544	34			
		5	5	39	13	10,351	12			
		6	Very difficult	2	1	3,344	4			
		Total		271	100	84,862	100			
b. Managing your time	FYSfy02b	1	Not at all difficult	10	4	3,954	5	3.8	3.8	-0.03
		2	2	31	11	9,783	12			
		3	3	66	25	18,916	22			
		4	4	81	28	24,124	28			
		5	5	56	22	16,962	20			
		6	Very difficult	27	9	11,087	13			
		Total		271	100	84,826	100			

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				UW Oshkosh		FY Exp / Sr Transn		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transn	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
c. Getting help with school work	FYSfy02c	1	Not at all difficult	23	9	12,016	15	3.1	2.9 *	.12 △
		2	2	66	24	20,804	25			
		3	3	75	28	23,852	28			
		4	4	73	25	17,457	20			
		5	5	29	11	7,227	8			
		6	Very difficult	5	2	3,443	4			
		Total		271	100	84,799	100			
d. Interacting with faculty	FYSfy02d	1	Not at all difficult	27	10	15,918	20	3.1	2.8 ****	.21 △
		2	2	69	27	21,725	26			
		3	3	76	28	21,403	25			
		4	4	54	19	15,167	18			
		5	5	34	12	6,966	8			
		6	Very difficult	10	4	3,610	4			
		Total		270	100	84,789	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	48	17	16,826	20	2.1	2.1	-.07
		2	Sometimes	165	61	44,684	53			
		3	Often	47	18	17,864	21			
		4	Very often	11	4	5,335	6			
		Total		271	100	84,709	100			
b. Academic advisors	FYSfy03b_16	1	Never	107	41	39,972	46	1.8	1.7	.06
		2	Sometimes	117	41	30,996	37			
		3	Often	40	15	10,501	13			
		4	Very often	7	3	3,126	4			
		Total		271	100	84,595	100			
c. Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	FYSfy03c_16	1	Never	113	44	39,088	45	1.8	1.8	.01
		2	Sometimes	92	34	27,660	33			
		3	Often	52	17	12,278	15			
		4	Very often	14	5	5,564	7			
		Total		271	100	84,590	100			
d. Friends or other students	FYSfy03d_16	1	Never	14	5	5,183	7	2.8	2.8	-.06
		2	Sometimes	77	30	23,080	28			
		3	Often	126	44	32,240	37			
		4	Very often	54	20	24,136	27			
		Total		271	100	84,639	100			
e. Family members	FYSfy03e_16	1	Never	105	42	34,638	42	1.9	1.9	.00
		2	Sometimes	91	32	27,843	33			
		3	Often	54	18	15,180	18			
		4	Very often	21	8	6,983	8			
		Total		271	100	84,644	100			
f. Other persons or offices	FYSfy03f_16	1	Never	158	60	53,182	62	1.5	1.5	-.02
		2	Sometimes	82	30	21,736	26			
		3	Often	25	9	7,087	9			
		4	Very often	5	2	2,564	3			
		Total		270	100	84,569	100			

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				UW Oshkosh		FY Exp / Sr Transitm		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transitm	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
4a. During the current school year, have you seriously considered leaving this institution?^j										
	FYSfy04a	No		166	63	60,672	72	37%	28% **	.19
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")	Yes		105	37	23,998	28			
		Total		271	100	84,670	100			
4b. [If answered "yes"] Why did you consider leaving? (Select all that apply.)										
	FYSfy04b_1_16	—	Academics are too difficult	22	20	5,037	21			
	FYSfy04b_2_16	—	Academics are too easy	5	6	1,086	5			
	FYSfy04b_3_16	—	Other academic issues (major not offered, course availability, advising, credit transfer, etc.)	14	14	3,857	16			
	FYSfy04b_4_16	—	Financial concerns (costs or financial aid)	44	41	9,269	39			
	FYSfy04b_5_16	—	To change your career options (transfer to another school or program, military service, etc.)	29	27	5,199	21			
	FYSfy04b_6_16	—	Difficulty managing demands of school and work	19	17	4,560	19			
	FYSfy04b_7_16	—	Too much emphasis on partying	6	7	1,168	5			
	FYSfy04b_8_16	—	Not enough opportunities to socialize and have fun	16	16	4,178	17			
	FYSfy04b_9_16	—	Relations with faculty and staff	10	11	2,231	10			
	FYSfy04b_10_16	—	Relations with other students	23	21	4,513	18			
	FYSfy04b_11_16	—	Campus climate, location, or culture	29	30	5,922	24			
	FYSfy04b_12_16	—	Unsafe or hostile environment	7	7	1,221	5			
	FYSfy04b_13_16	—	Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesickness, stress, etc.)	50	45	10,413	43			
	FYSfy04b_14_16	—	A reason not listed above, please specify:	9	10	3,246	14			
5. How important is it to you that you graduate from <i>this institution</i>?										
	FYSfy05	1	Not important	24	9	3,678	5	4.6	5.1 ***	-.33
		2	2	10	5	2,767	3			
		3	3	21	9	4,980	6			
		4	4	43	15	10,269	12			
		5	5	58	22	13,130	15			
		6	Very important	111	41	49,351	58			
		Total		267	100	84,175	100			

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		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti			
								<i>Comparisons with:</i>		
								FY Exp / Sr Transiti		
FYSfy01a	267	2.55	2.80	.049	.003	0.80	0.85	65,260	.000	-.30
FYSfy01b	267	2.68	2.88	.045	.003	0.73	0.79	65,156	.000	-.26
FYSfy01c	265	2.58	2.58	.046	.003	0.75	0.89	267	.925	.00
FYSfy01d	264	2.45	2.47	.049	.003	0.80	0.89	266	.617	-.03
FYSfy01e	265	2.90	3.10	.042	.003	0.69	0.73	65,076	.000	-.26
FYSfy01f	265	2.70	2.86	.049	.003	0.80	0.84	65,151	.002	-.19
FYSfy02a	265	3.48	3.45	.062	.005	1.00	1.15	267	.660	.02
FYSfy02b	265	3.80	3.84	.078	.005	1.26	1.36	65,124	.653	-.03
FYSfy02c	265	3.11	2.94	.075	.005	1.22	1.32	65,119	.044	.12
FYSfy02d	265	3.09	2.81	.081	.005	1.32	1.37	65,100	.001	.21
FYSfy03a_16	265	2.09	2.14	.044	.003	0.71	0.80	267	.203	-.07
FYSfy03b_16	265	1.79	1.74	.049	.003	0.80	0.82	64,936	.317	.06
FYSfy03c_16	265	1.84	1.83	.055	.004	0.89	0.92	64,943	.927	.01
FYSfy03d_16	265	2.79	2.85	.051	.004	0.82	0.91	267	.278	-.06
FYSfy03e_16	265	1.92	1.92	.058	.004	0.95	0.95	64,986	.953	.00
FYSfy03f_16	265	1.52	1.53	.045	.003	0.73	0.78	64,914	.806	-.02
FYSfy04a ^k	265	.369	.278	.0297	.0018	--	--	--	.001	.19
FYSfy05	262	4.59	5.06	.099	.006	1.60	1.41	262	.000	-.33

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				UW Oshkosh		FY Exp / Sr Transiti		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
1. Do you expect to graduate this spring or summer?										
	FYSsr01_16	No		152	41	29,674	34			
		Yes		223	59	66,244	66			
		Total		375	100	95,918	100			
1a. [Excludes those who answered "No," not expecting spring/summer graduation] After graduation, what best describes your immediate plans?										
	FYSsr01a	—	Full-time employment	154	72	38,455	59			
		—	Part-time employment	3	1	3,230	4			
		—	Graduate or professional school	40	16	15,367	22			
		—	Military service	2	1	780	1			
		—	Service or volunteer activity (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach for America, etc.)	2	1	440	1			
		—	Internship (paid or unpaid)	7	3	2,520	4			
		—	Travel or gap year	6	3	2,474	3			
		—	No plans at this time	5	2	2,149	3			
		—	Other, please specify:	4	2	1,561	2			
		Total		223	100	66,976	100			
1b. [If immediate plans included full- or part-time employment] Do you already have a job for after graduation?^j										
	FYSsr01b	No		105	65	21,634	51	35%	49% ***	-.29
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")	Yes, I will start a new job		25	15	9,288	23			
		Yes, I will continue in my current job		27	20	10,609	27			
		Total		157	100	41,531	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	13	5	4,586	7	3.0	3.0	.00
		2	Some	54	25	15,320	23			
		3	Quite a bit	84	38	25,249	37			
		4	Very much	73	31	21,711	33			
		Total		224	100	66,866	100			
3. Do you intend to work eventually in a field related to your major(s)?^j										
	FYSsr03	Yes		343	92	82,576	86	92%	86% ***	.20
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")	No		8	2	4,219	4			
		Unsure		22	6	9,457	10			
		Total		373	100	96,252	100			
4. Do you plan to be self-employed, an independent contractor, or a freelance worker someday?^j										
	FYSsr04	Yes		39	12	20,078	22	12%	22% ***	-.28
	(Means indicate the percentage who responded "Yes.")	No		238	61	50,290	51			
		Unsure		98	28	25,977	27			
		Total		375	100	96,345	100			

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				UW Oshkosh		FY Exp / Sr Transiti ⁿ		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti ⁿ	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
5. Do you plan to start your own business (nonprofit or for-profit) someday?^j										
	FYSsr05		Yes	42	12	22,655	25	12%	25% ***	-0.34
			No	222	58	45,878	46			
			Unsure	110	31	27,861	29			
			Total	374	100	96,394	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	1	0	676	1	3.4	3.4	-0.09
			2 Some	24	6	8,096	8			
			3 Quite a bit	182	49	37,288	38			
			4 Very much	167	45	50,123	54			
			Total	374	100	96,183	100			
b. Creative thinking and problem solving	FYSsr06b		1 Very little	1	0	611	1	3.4	3.5	-0.05
			2 Some	30	8	7,617	8			
			3 Quite a bit	157	42	36,778	37			
			4 Very much	187	50	51,081	54			
			Total	375	100	96,087	100			
c. Research skills	FYSsr06c		1 Very little	5	1	2,128	2	3.1	3.2 *	-0.12
			2 Some	73	19	16,430	17			
			3 Quite a bit	180	48	38,670	40			
			4 Very much	117	32	38,920	41			
			Total	375	100	96,148	100			
d. Clear writing	FYSsr06d		1 Very little	1	0	1,298	1	3.2	3.3	-0.07
			2 Some	52	14	12,486	13			
			3 Quite a bit	173	47	39,495	40			
			4 Very much	149	39	42,857	45			
			Total	375	100	96,136	100			
e. Persuasive speaking	FYSsr06e		1 Very little	7	2	3,696	4	3.0	3.0 *	-0.10
			2 Some	112	28	22,627	23			
			3 Quite a bit	156	43	37,718	38			
			4 Very much	100	27	32,087	34			
			Total	375	100	96,128	100			
f. Technological skills	FYSsr06f		1 Very little	7	2	3,502	3	3.1	3.1	.03
			2 Some	79	20	22,364	22			
			3 Quite a bit	173	46	38,903	40			
			4 Very much	115	32	31,339	35			
			Total	374	100	96,108	100			
g. Financial and business management skills	FYSsr06g		1 Very little	70	17	17,029	16	2.4	2.5	-0.09
			2 Some	141	38	34,367	35			
			3 Quite a bit	110	31	27,153	29			
			4 Very much	53	14	17,547	20			
			Total	374	100	96,096	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

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				UW Oshkosh		FY Exp / Sr Transiti		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
h. Entrepreneurial skills	FYSsr06h	1	Very little	105	25	23,474	23	2.2	2.3 **	-0.13 ▽
		2	Some	143	39	35,977	37			
		3	Quite a bit	95	26	22,393	24			
		4	Very much	31	9	14,238	16			
		Total		374	100	96,082	100			
i. Leadership skills	FYSsr06i	1	Very little	3	1	3,282	3	3.3	3.2 *	.10 △
		2	Some	58	15	16,917	17			
		3	Quite a bit	149	40	34,824	36			
		4	Very much	164	44	41,099	43			
		Total		374	100	96,122	100			
j. Networking and relationship building	FYSsr06j	1	Very little	7	2	5,610	6	3.0	3.0	.06
		2	Some	89	24	22,986	24			
		3	Quite a bit	163	43	35,424	36			
		4	Very much	115	31	32,122	34			
		Total		374	100	96,142	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	9	3	3,613	4	3.1	3.1	-.02
		2	Some	77	21	19,439	20			
		3	Quite a bit	163	44	38,858	40			
		4	Very much	125	33	34,067	36			
		Total		374	100	95,977	100			
b. Taking risks in your coursework without fear of penalty	FYSsr07b	1	Very little	63	17	20,972	22	2.5	2.5	.02
		2	Some	124	33	28,494	29			
		3	Quite a bit	124	34	26,353	27			
		4	Very much	62	17	20,087	21			
		Total		373	100	95,906	100			
c. Evaluating multiple approaches to a problem	FYSsr07c	1	Very little	12	3	4,114	4	3.1	3.1	.03
		2	Some	69	20	19,802	21			
		3	Quite a bit	166	44	38,746	40			
		4	Very much	127	33	33,131	35			
		Total		374	100	95,793	100			
d. Inventing new methods to arrive at unconventional solutions	FYSsr07d	1	Very little	43	12	11,520	12	2.7	2.7	-.04
		2	Some	109	29	29,313	30			
		3	Quite a bit	148	40	31,180	32			
		4	Very much	72	19	23,456	25			
		Total		372	100	95,469	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 84 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE20 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
		UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti	UW Oshkosh	FY Exp / Sr Transiti			
FYSsr01b ^k	160	.348	.493	.0378	.0027	--	--	--	.000	-.29
FYSsr02	221	2.95	2.95	.060	.004	0.89	0.92	55,113	.997	.00
FYSsr03 ^k	370	.918	.856	.0143	.0012	--	--	--	.001	.20
FYSsr04 ^k	372	.115	.218	.0166	.0014	--	--	--	.000	-.28
FYSsr05 ^k	370	.118	.248	.0168	.0015	--	--	--	.000	-.34
FYSsr06a	370	3.38	3.44	.032	.002	0.61	0.67	373	.063	-.09
FYSsr06b	372	3.42	3.45	.033	.002	0.64	0.67	82,357	.327	-.05
FYSsr06c	372	3.11	3.21	.038	.003	0.73	0.79	374	.016	-.12
FYSsr06d	372	3.24	3.29	.036	.003	0.70	0.74	374	.164	-.07
FYSsr06e	372	2.95	3.04	.041	.003	0.79	0.85	374	.037	-.10
FYSsr06f	370	3.08	3.06	.040	.003	0.76	0.84	373	.589	.03
FYSsr06g	371	2.43	2.52	.049	.003	0.93	0.98	373	.058	-.09
FYSsr06h	371	2.19	2.32	.048	.003	0.93	1.00	374	.007	-.13
FYSsr06i	371	3.28	3.19	.039	.003	0.74	0.84	374	.032	.10
FYSsr06j	371	3.03	2.98	.041	.003	0.79	0.90	374	.225	.06
FYSsr07a	371	3.06	3.07	.041	.003	0.80	0.84	82,264	.768	-.02
FYSsr07b	370	2.50	2.48	.050	.004	0.96	1.06	373	.630	.02
FYSsr07c	371	3.08	3.06	.041	.003	0.80	0.86	82,125	.584	.03
FYSsr07d	369	2.67	2.70	.048	.003	0.92	0.98	372	.430	-.04

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