

2012 First Year First Term Survey Instrument

Section A – New Student Orientation

A_intro These first questions ask about your experiences at New Student Orientation this past summer.

A1 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree (4)	Somewhat agree (3)	Somewhat disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)
New Student Orientation helped you to know what to expect academically at NC State. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Student Orientation helped you to know what to expect socially at NC State. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Student Orientation helped you to know what to expect culturally at NC State. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The information you received during New Student Orientation better prepared you to start your first semester at NC State. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

A2 What information could have been provided at New Student Orientation that would have helped ease your transition to college?

A3 New Student Orientation was an enjoyable experience.

- Strongly agree (4)
- Somewhat agree (3)
- Somewhat disagree (2)
- Strongly disagree (1)

A4 Please describe the main reason(s) why New Student Orientation was either enjoyable or not enjoyable.

A5 Overall, how would you rate the New Student Orientation program that you attended at NC State?

- Excellent (4)
- Good (3)
- Fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Section B – Wolfpack Welcome Week

B_intro The following section of the survey asks you to think back on activities in which you might have participated during Wolfpack Welcome Week at the start of the Fall semester.

B1 Did you attend any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To Why did you choose not to attend any

B2 What were you hoping to gain from Wolfpack Welcome Week? (choose all that apply)

- Make new friends (1)
- Get involved (1)
- Understand more about college life (1)
- Learn my way around campus (1)
- Meet University faculty and staff (1)
- Meet upperclass students (1)
- Interact with others who are different from me (1)
- Learn how to be successful academically (1)
- Other (please describe) (1) _____

B3 What did you actually gain from Wolfpack Welcome Week? (choose all that apply)

- Made new friends (1)
- Got involved (1)
- Understood more about college life (1)
- Learned my way around campus (1)
- Met University faculty and staff (1)
- Met upperclass students (1)
- Interacted with others who are different from me (1)
- Learned how to be successful academically (1)
- Other (please describe) (1) _____

B4 What types of events did you attend? (choose all that apply)

- Campus Festivals (e.g., Packapalooza, RecFest) (1)
- Movies/Concerts (e.g., Screen on the Green, BSB Back to School Jam) (1)
- Student organization fairs (e.g., Campus Crawl, Welcome Back Pack Dinner) (1)
- Cookout or luncheons (e.g., Chillin' and Grillin', Alumni Legacy Luncheon) (1)
- College Connections (1)
- Office/Organization Open Houses (e.g., GLBT Center Open House, NCSU Libraries Open House) (1)
- Athletics (e.g., Women's Soccer, Disc Golf Tournament) (1)
- Symposia (e.g., African American, Hispanic, Native American) (1)
- Other (1)

Answer If Guidebook smartphone application - Frequency of use Is Selected Or Guidebook smartphone application - Usefulness of features Is Selected Or Guidebook smartphone application3 Is Selected

B7 Overall, how would you rate the Guidebook app?

- Excellent (4)
- Good (3)
- Fair (2)
- Poor (1)

B8 What events or information did you wish were included in Wolfpack Welcome Week that were not?

B9 Overall, how would you rate your experience with Wolfpack Welcome Week?

- Excellent (4)
- Good (3)
- Fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Answer If Did you attend any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week? No Is Selected

B10 Students choose or are unable to attend Welcome Week for lots of different reasons. Please briefly tell us why you didn't participate.

Section C – Convocation Festival

C1 These next questions ask you specifically about the Convocation Festival that was held Monday afternoon, August 13th at the PNC Arena. It included activities such as the Pep Rally and the Playfair games. Did you attend the Convocation Festival at the PNC Arena?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)
- Don't remember (9)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To Please use the space below to provide...

C2 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following questions about the Convocation Festival.

	Strongly agree (4)	Agree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)	Not applicable/ Did not participate (0)
The Playfair games on the floor of the arena were a good way to meet new people. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Pep Rally, featuring the Marching Band, the cheerleaders, and the school songs should continue to be included as part of the Convocation. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The "Human NCSU" photo on the floor should continue to be included as part of the Convocation. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convocation should continue to include the author of the summer reading text. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C3 Including Rye Barcott, the author of the Common Reading book, It Happened on the Way to War: A Marine's Path to Peace, as the speaker at Convocation enhanced my understanding of the book.

- Strongly agree (4)
- Agree (3)
- Disagree (2)
- Strongly disagree (1)
- Not applicable - did not listen to speaker (0)

C4 Would you recommend attending Convocation to incoming first year students next year?

- Definitely would (4)
- Probably would (3)
- Probably would not (2)
- Definitely would not (1)
- Not sure (0)

C5 Please use the space below to provide any additional feedback you might have on Wolfpack Welcome Week and/or Convocation.

Section D – Common Reading

D1_Intro These next several questions ask about the Common Reading book for all incoming students for fall 2012, *It Happened on the Way to War: A Marine's Path to Peace* by Rye Barcott.

D1 Did you read the 2012 Common Reading book, *It Happened on the Way to War*?

- Yes, I read the entire book (4)
- I skimmed through the book (3)
- I started the book but didn't read all of it (2)
- No, I didn't read any of the book (1)

D_intro Even if you didn't read the book, it's possible that you've been involved in discussions about it. Please answer the following questions based on any such experiences you might have had.

D2 In the first two weeks or so of the semester, about how often were you involved in discussions about the book *It Happened on the Way to War: A Marine's Path to Peace*?

- Every day or almost every day (5)
- 2-3 times a week (4)
- About once a week (3)
- Less than once a week (2)
- Never (1)

D3 And, at the present time, how often are you involved in discussions about the book?

- Every day or almost every day (5)
- 2-3 times a week (4)
- About once a week (3)
- Less than once a week (2)
- Never (1)

Answer If In the first two weeks or so of the semester, about how o... Never Is Not Selected Or And, thinking about more recently, about how often are yo... Never Is Not Selected

D4 With whom have you been involved in discussions about the book? (mark all that apply)

- Other students at NC State (1)
- Friends not attending NC State (1)
- Advisors at NC State (1)
- NC State faculty (1)
- NC State staff (1)
- Family members (1)

Answer If In the first two weeks or so of the semester, about how o... Never Is Not Selected Or And, thinking about more recently, about how often are yo... Never Is Not Selected

D5 In what situations or settings have you been involved in discussions about the book? (mark all that apply)

- During formal programming specifically geared toward the book (1)
- During class (1)
- In advising sessions (1)
- In casual settings (e.g., over meals, in the residence halls, informal meetings) (1)
- During meetings for clubs or organizations in which you are involved (1)

Answer If In what situations or settings have you been involved in ... During formal programming specifically geared toward the book Is Selected Or In what situations or settings have you been involved in ... During class Is Selected Or In what situations or settings have you been involved in ... In advising sessions Is Selected Or In what situations or settings have you been involved in ... During meetings for clubs or organizations in which you are involved Is Selected

D6 During what specific class, activity or event did you discuss the book (e.g., ENG101, FYC Forum)? (List all that you can recall.)

Answer If In the first two weeks or so of the semester, about how o... Never Is Not Selected Or And, thinking about more recently, about how often are yo... Never Is Not Selected Or These next several questions ask about the common reading... No, I didn't read any of the book Is Not Selected

D7 To what degree did reading or discussing the Common Reading book have an impact on you?

	A great deal (4)	Some (3)	A little (2)	Not at all (1)
Caused you to explore your own personal values and ethics (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raised your awareness of cultural likenesses and differences (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motivated you to become actively engaged in activities or organizations related to the issues represented in the book (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If In the first two weeks or so of the semester, about how o... Never Is Not Selected Or And, thinking about more recently, about how often are yo... Never Is Not Selected Or These next several questions ask about the common reading... No, I didn't read any of the book Is Not Selected

D8 To what degree did the shared experience of the summer reading program and follow-up activities contribute to a sense of community for you?

- A great deal (4)
- Some (3)
- A little (2)
- Not at all (1)

D9 To what degree did the talks given by the author of It Happened on the Way to War at Convocation and/or Welcome Week motivate you to become actively engaged in activities or organizations related to the issues represented in the book?

- A great deal (4)
- Some (3)
- A little (2)
- Not at all (1)
- Not applicable – I did not attend the author's speaking event(s) (0)

Section E – MSLQ

E_intro1 This section of the survey gathers information on experiences, learning strategies and study skills you might have or use in your courses. For each statement, please think about the MOST DIFFICULT class you are taking this semester. If you think the statement is not at all true of you, choose response option "1"; if the statement is very true of you, choose response option "7"; If the statement is more or less true of you, find the number between 1 and 7 that best describes you.

E1 What is the course number and/or name of the most difficult course you are taking this semester? If you are not sure about the course prefix, number or name, please provide whatever information you can.

Course prefix (e.g., SOC, BIO, ENG) (1)

Course number (e.g., 101, 201) (2)

Course name (e.g., Calculus 1) (3)

E_intro2 Please answer the following questions thinking specifically about your experiences related to the course you listed above.

E2 During class time I often miss important points because I'm thinking of other things.

- 1: Not at all true of me (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7: Very true of me (7)

E3 When reading for this course, I make up questions to help focus my reading.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E4 When I become confused about something I'm reading for this class, I go back and try to figure it out.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E5 If course readings are difficult to understand, I change the way I read the material.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E6 Before I study new course material thoroughly, I often skim it to see how it is organized.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E7 I ask myself questions to make sure I understand the material I have been studying in this class.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E8 I try to change the way I study in order to fit the course requirements and the instructor's teaching style.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E9 I often find that I have been reading for this class but don't know what it was all about.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E10 I try to think through a topic and decide what I am supposed to learn from it rather than just reading it over when studying for this course.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E11 When studying for this course I try to determine which concepts I don't understand well.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E12 When I study for this class, I set goals for myself in order to direct my activities in each study period.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

E13 If I get confused taking notes in class, I make sure I sort it out afterwards.

**Answer choices repeated from question E2*

Section F – Campus Experiences

F_intro This section of the survey focuses on your social experiences on campus thus far, and asks you to think about how well you are adapting to college life.

F1 How confident are you in your ability to:

	Very confident (4)	Somewhat confident (3)	Not very confident (2)	Not at all confident (1)
Find your way around campus (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use online course management systems (e.g., Moodle, WebAssign) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cope with stress by identifying and implementing healthy stress relief strategies (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relieve or reduce homesickness (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effectively manage your time (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identify at least one campus resource for academic support (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identify at least one campus resource for personal/ psychological/ health support (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identify at least one activity or group on campus in which you might like to get involved (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identify a group on campus that supports an identity important to you (e.g., ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation) (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

F2 To what extent have you done each of the following during your time thus far at NC State?

	A great deal (4)	Some (3)	A little (2)	Not at all (1)	Not applicable (0)
Made friends with other students (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Used upperclass students such as RAs or village mentors to learn about campus and activities (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gotten involved in campus activities (e.g., joined an organization or campus recreation activities, attended performances, etc.) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed a relationship with a faculty member (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed a relationship with a staff member (e.g., residence hall staff, administrative support staff, organization advisors, etc.) (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sought out academic assistance for help you might have needed with your school work (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Used the Counseling Center or Student Health Services (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

F5 Since arriving at NC State how often have you felt:

	Constantly (5)	Often (4)	Sometimes (3)	Once in a while (2)	Never (1)
Lonely (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homesick (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Depressed (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overwhelmed (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bored (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerned about financial issues (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academically underprepared (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerned about family issues (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
That NC State is not a good fit for you (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section G – Personal Information

G_intro This final section asks you to provide some background information about yourself.

G1 If you had to pick, in which of the following group-sized settings would you say you typically prefer to be for campus-related social programs/activities?

- Huge crowd (6)
- Large crowd (5)
- Moderate-sized group (4)
- Relatively small group (3)
- Very small group (2)
- None - I prefer to be alone (1)

G2 Thinking only about your comfort-level in being among groups of people, how likely are you to attend an organized social program/activity at NC State with the following attendance levels:

	Very likely (4)	Somewhat likely (3)	Not very likely (2)	Not at all likely (1)
Huge crowd (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large crowd (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moderate-sized group (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relatively small group (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Very small group (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

G3 About how many individual class meetings have you missed this semester (total for all classes combined)?

- None (0)
- 1 (1)
- 2-3 (2)
- 4-5 (3)
- 6-9 (4)
- 10 or more (5)

Answer If About how many individual class meetings have you skipped... 1 Is Selected Or About how many individual class meetings have you skipped... 2-3 Is Selected Or About how many individual class meetings have you skipped... 4-5 Is Selected Or About how many individual class meetings have you skipped... 6-9 Is Selected Or About how many individual class meetings have you skipped... 10 or more Is Selected

G4 For which of the following reasons did you miss class? (mark all that apply)

- Health reasons (1)
- Personal or family issue (1)
- Transportation/parking problems (1)
- Travel (1)
- To attend a social or athletic event (1)
- To participate in a student club/organization (1)
- Work on or off campus (1)
- Just didn't feel like going (1)
- Overslept/lack of sleep (1)
- Don't understand professor/don't like class (1)
- I don't need the class for my major/minor (1)
- To finish other academic work (1)
- Attendance is not taken or does not influence my grade (1)
- Other (please describe) (1) _____

G5 Where are you living this semester?

- On-campus residence hall (1)
- Wolf Village/Western Manor/King Village (2)
- University Towers/College Inn (3)
- Greek Court (4)
- Apartment or house (less than two miles away from campus) (5)
- Apartment or house (two or more miles away from campus) (6)

G6 On average, about how many hours per week are you currently working for pay?

	None (0)	10 hours or less (1)	11-19 hours (2)	20-29 hours (3)	30 or more hours (4)
At an on-campus job (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At an off-campus job (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

G7 What is your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Transgendered - male-to-female (3)
- Transgendered - female-to-male (4)

G8 Do you consider yourself to be:

- Heterosexual or straight (1)
- Gay (2)
- Lesbian (3)
- Bisexual (4)
- Questioning (5)
- Prefer not to answer (6)

G9 What is your race/ethnicity? (check all that apply)

- African American/Black (1)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (1)
- Asian (1)
- Hispanic/Latino (1)
- White/Caucasian (1)
- Other (1)