2014 First Term Transfer Survey

A. Previous Institution and Admissions Process

This section of the survey gathers information on your previous experiences at an institution of higher education and your transfer to NC State.

How many schools (community college, technical school, college or university) have you attended prior to NC State?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+

What type of institution(s) have you attended prior to NC State? (choose all that apply)

- 2-year community college in North Carolina
- 2-year out-of-state community college
- 2-year technical college in North Carolina
- 2-year out-of-state technical college
- 4-year public college/university in North Carolina
- 4-year out-of-state public college/university
- 4-year private college/university in North Carolina
- 4-year out-of-state private college/university
- Other

Which of the following best represents your reason for transferring out of your previous school?

- My intended major/program was not available at my previous institution
Wanted to go to NC State initially, but went to another institution to start with

- It was too far away from home
- Did not feel connected to my previous institution
- Other

What was the most influential factor in your decision to enroll at NC State?

- Academic reputation
- Availability of major/program
- Knew someone already enrolled at NC State (e.g., friend, family member)
- Location
- Size
- Cost
- Availability of scholarships/financial aid
- Number of hours transferred/credited
- Contact with a faculty or staff member
- Other

How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the university admissions process?

- Very satisfied
- Moderately satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Moderately dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Not applicable

Do you feel you were admitted in a timely manner to get registered for classes?

- Yes
- No
Was the number of your courses that actually transferred the number you were led to believe should transfer by your previous institution?

- More than I expected
- About what I expected
- Less than I expected
- Not applicable

Did the courses that transferred apply to your plan of study as you think they should have?

- All were applied as expected
- Some were applied as expected
- None were applied as expected
- Not sure
- Not applicable

How certain are you of your choice of college major?

- Very certain
- Certain
- Uncertain
- Very uncertain

From the time you enter NC State, how long do you intend to take to complete your bachelor’s degree?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- More than 4 years
- Do not intend to complete a bachelor’s degree at NC State

What else, if anything, would you like us to know about your admissions experience as a transfer student at NC State?
B: Transfer Orientation

The following questions ask about your experience at Transfer Orientation this past summer.

Overall, how would you rate the Transfer Orientation program that you attended at NC State?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

How prepared were you for your classes at NC State?

- Extremely prepared
- Very prepared
- Moderately prepared
- Slightly prepared
- Not at all prepared

When you started at NC State, how did the difficulty of university coursework compare to the expectations you had prior to starting?

- I expected it to be much more difficult
- I expected it to be somewhat more difficult
- The difficulty of coursework matched my expectations
- I expected it to be somewhat less difficult
- I expected it to be much less difficult
- I had no expectations

When you started at NC State, how did the difficulty of adjusting to daily life on campus compare to the expectations you had prior to starting?
I expected it to be much more difficult
I expected it to be somewhat more difficult
The difficulty of adjusting matched my expectations
I expected it to be somewhat less difficult
I expected it to be much less difficult
I had no expectations

What experience or information from Transfer Orientation was most beneficial to your transition to NC State?

What experience or information could have been provided at Transfer Orientation that would have helped ease your transition to NC State?

C. Wolfpack Welcome Week

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.

Did you attend any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week?

- Yes
- No

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

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
What were you hoping to gain from Wolfpack Welcome Week? *(choose all that apply)*

- Fun/Entertainment
- Make new friends
- Get connected to student organizations and activities on campus
- Feel more a part of the NC State community
- Understand more about life at NC State
- Learn my way around campus
- Meet university faculty and staff
- Interact with others who are different from me
- Learn the skills necessary to thrive in the classroom
- Other *(please describe)*

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

- Fun/Entertainment
- Made new friends
- Connected to student organizations and activities on campus
- Felt more a part of the NC State community
- Understood more about life at NC State
- Learned my way around campus
- Met university faculty and staff
- Interacted with others who are different from me
- Learned the skills needed to thrive in the classroom
- Other *(please describe)*

How often did you use each of the following sources to get information about Wolfpack Welcome Week?

- NC State Guides smartphone app
- Printable schedule on Wolfpack Welcome Week website
- Wolfpack Welcome Week website
How useful were each of the following sources in getting information regarding Wolfpack Welcome Week?

NC State Guides smartphone app
Printable schedule on Wolfpack Welcome Week website
Wolfpack Welcome Week website
NCSU website
Google calendar
Facebook
Twitter
Instagram
Word of mouth
Emails

What types of events or experiences did you wish were included in Wolfpack Welcome Week that were not?

Please use the space below to provide any additional feedback you might have on Wolfpack Welcome Week.

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

G. Possible Programs

If the following programs were offered to you to assist in your transition to NC State, how likely would you have been or would you be to participate?

Leadership conference
Transfer success workshop series or academic bootcamp (e.g., study skills, testing taking strategies, note taking)
Service-based experience (i.e., community service projects, pre-orientation trips, exclusive first-year alternative service break trips)
Peer mentoring program (first-year student paired with an upperclass student)
Specialty institute (i.e., programs focusing on specific populations or identities like males, first generation students, military veterans)
Local arts and culture trips (e.g., trips to museums, concerts, athletic events)
Trips with faculty (i.e., course-based trips with a professor)
Traditions-based programs (e.g., learn the songs, university history, homecoming traditions)
Career-focused programs (e.g., resume workshops, how to get an internship)
Personal financial management programs (e.g., budgeting)

D. Campus Experiences

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 life at NC State.

How confident are you in your ability to:

Find your way around campus
Use online course management systems (e.g., Moodle, WebAssign)
Cope with stress by identifying and implementing healthy stress relief strategies
Relieve or reduce homesickness
Effectively manage your time
Identify at least one campus resource for academic support
Identify at least one campus resource for personal/ psychological/ health
Identify at least one activity or group on campus in which you might like to get involved

Identify a group on campus that supports an identity important to you (e.g., ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation)

Connect with other individuals on campus

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<td>Used students such as RAs, classmates or village mentors to learn about campus and activities</td>
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<td>Gotten involved in campus activities (e.g., joined an organization or campus recreation activities, attended performances, etc.)</td>
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<td>Developed a relationship with a faculty member</td>
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<td>Developed a relationship with a staff member (e.g., residence hall staff, administrative support staff, organization advisors, etc.)</td>
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<td>Sought out academic assistance for help you might have needed with your school work</td>
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<td>Used services offered by the Counseling Center (e.g., interpersonal counseling, psychological, etc.)</td>
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<td>Used Student Health Services</td>
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How important it is to you that you experience a sense of belonging or community in each of the following settings at NC State?

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To what extent do you actually experience a sense of belonging or community in each of the following settings at NC State?

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In small groups (e.g., with friends)

Since arriving at NC State how often have you felt:

- Lonely/Isolated
- Homesick
- Depressed
- Overwhelmed
- Very distressed
- Bored
- Concerned about financial issues
- Academically underprepared
- Concerned about family issues
- That NC State is not a good fit for you

What has been your biggest struggle at NC State so far?

What support do you think you need from NC State faculty and staff to be successful during your first year at NC State?

**E. Personal Information**

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

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
- Large crowd
- Moderate-sized group
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:

- Huge crowd
- Large crowd
- Moderate-sized group
- Relatively small group
- Very small group

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

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

For which of the following reasons have you missed class? *(mark all that apply)*

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

Where are you living this semester?

- On-campus residence hall
- Wolf Village/Western Manor/King Village/Wolf Ridge
- Living and Learning Village
- University Towers/College Inn/Valentine Commons
- Greek Court
- Apartment or house (less than two miles away from campus)
- Apartment or house (two or more miles away from campus)
- Other (please specify)

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

- At an on-campus job for pay
- At an off-campus job for pay
- As an unpaid intern or volunteer, or in another unpaid job/position

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
I identify using a different term (please specify)

Do you consider yourself to be:

- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Questioning
- I identify using a different term (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer

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

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

Please click below to submit your survey responses.