2018 First Year First Term Survey

Please enter your 9 digit Student ID.

A: New Student Orientation

This first question asks about your experiences at New Student Orientation this past summer.

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

B. 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 Wolfpack Welcome Week in assisting you in your transition to NC State?

- Excellent
What did you gain from Wolfpack Welcome Week? (Select all that apply.)

- Fun/Entertainment
- Made new friends
- Identified student organizations and activities I plan to explore
- Developed a greater sense of community with NC State
- Developed a greater sense of community with smaller social groups
- Understood more about college life
- Identified the skills needed to thrive in the classroom
- Learned my way around campus
- Met University faculty and staff
- Interacted with others who are different from me
- Gained an understanding of university expectations
- Other (please describe)

I feel that the events during Wolfpack Welcome Week provided me with an opportunity to form meaningful connections with fellow students.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please describe how the events you attended provided you with an opportunity to form meaningful connections with fellow students.
Please describe how the events you attended could be changed to provide you with an opportunity to form meaningful connections with fellow students.

Which Wolfpack Welcome Week Signature Event(s) did you attend? (Select all that apply):

- [ ] RecFest
- [ ] New Student Convocation
- [ ] Chancellor’s New Student Cookout
- [ ] Moonlight Howl & Run
- [ ] Campus Connections
- [ ] College Connections
- [ ] Respect the Pack
- [ ] Packapalooza
- [ ] Not applicable, I did not attend any Signature Events

Did you utilize the event categories (for example, "Academic Engagement & Success", "Social Connections", "Health & Wellness", etc.) when navigating the Wolfpack Welcome Week schedule?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Don't Remember
If you did not attend any Signature Events during Wolfpack Welcome Week, please tell us why you chose not to? (Note: Signature Events include: RecFest, New Student Convocation, Chancellor’s New Student Cookout, Moonlight Howl & Run, Campus Connections, College Connections, Respect the Pack, and Packapalooza)

Which event that you attended was the most impactful to you and why?

Based upon your Wolfpack Welcome Week participation, what was missing from your Wolfpack Welcome Week experience?

C. New Student Convocation

These next questions ask you specifically about Convocation, held Monday afternoon, August 20th at the Reynolds Coliseum for the class of 2022.

Did you attend New Student Convocation?
Overall, how would you rate your experience at New Student Convocation?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Don't remember

What messages from the New Student Convocation speakers resonated with you the most and why? (Note: Convocation speakers included: Coach Wes Moore, Student Body President Jess Errico, Chancellor Woodson, Featured Speaker Dr. Kathryn Edin, and Vice Chancellor and Dean Mullen).

As a result of your participation in New Student Convocation:

- [ ] I have a greater understanding of the expectations of members of the NC State community
- [ ] I have a greater sense of community with the Class of 2022
- [ ] I have a greater sense of community with the larger NC State community

Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree
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D. Common Reading

*These next several questions ask about the Common Reading book for all incoming students for fall 2018, $2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America by Kathryn J. Edin & Luke Shaefer.*

Did you read the 2018 Common Reading book, $2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America?

- [ ] Yes, I read the entire book
- [ ] I skimmed through the book
- [ ] I started the book but didn’t read all of it
- [ ] No, I didn’t read any of the book

*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.*

In the first two weeks or so of the semester, including during Wolfpack Welcome Week activities, about how often were you involved in discussions about the book $2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America?

- [ ] Every day or almost every day
- [ ] 2-3 times a week
- [ ] About once a week
- [ ] Less than once a week
- [ ] Never
At the present time, how often are you involved in discussions about the book?

- Every day or almost every day
- 2-3 times a week
- About once a week
- Less than once a week
- Never

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

- Other first-year students at NC State
- Upper-level students at NC State
- Friends not attending NC State
- Advisors at NC State
- NC State faculty
- NC State staff
- Family members

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

- During Wolfpack Welcome Week programming (outside of New Student Convocation)
- During formal programming specifically geared toward the book after Wolfpack Welcome Week
- During class
- In advising sessions
- In casual settings (e.g., over meals, in the residence halls, informal meetings)
- During meetings for clubs or organizations in which you are involved

During what specific class, course assignment, activity, or event did you discuss the book (e.g., ENG101, Exploratory Studies Forum)? (List all that you can recall.)
To what degree did reading or discussing the Common Reading book have an impact on you in each of the following ways?

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To what degree did the shared experience of the Common Reading Program and follow-up activities contribute to a sense of community for you?

〇 A great deal
〇 Some
〇 A little
〇 Not at all

Overall, how would you rate your experience with the Common Reading Program?

〇 Very Good
〇 Good
〇 Fair
〇 Poor

G. Transition Programming
These next several questions ask about transition programming.

What resources/information would you have liked to see available in the first few weeks/month of classes? (Select your top 3)

- Opportunities to connect with peers socially
- Opportunities to connect with faculty
- More interaction with an academic advisor
- Career/major exploration
- Personal success opportunities (e.g., leadership, professionalism, service, etc.)
- Academic success skills (e.g., time management, stress management, note taking, test taking, etc.)
- Academic support services (e.g., tutoring, supplemental instruction, etc.)
- Finding a job on campus
- Finding an internship or co-op
- Getting involved on campus
- Maintaining a healthy lifestyle as a student
- Opportunities to attend cultural events
- Opportunities to dialogue around current events
- Other (please describe)

What type of academic support format is most appealing to you?

- Drop In Tutoring
- Tutoring by appointment - weekly appointments
- Tutoring by appointment - only as needed
- Supplemental Instruction (as offered in many large Chemistry and Psychology courses)
- Academic Consulting

D. Campus Experiences

The transition to college can be a challenging one for many students. NC State provides many support services to help students be successful and is seeking to be proactive in
reaching out to students that might benefit from that support. In the following section, you will be asked about your social experiences on campus thus far, and about how well you are adapting to college life.

Based on your responses to some of the questions in this section only, **your answers and contact information may be shared on a limited basis with other NC State offices and a staff member may contact you to offer support.** Other than that contact, your responses will remain confidential and will only be released in summary format. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering.

If you would like to be contacted by a NC State staff member regardless of your responses, you will have the option of requesting that contact at the end of the survey.

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

Identify any barriers to accessing Counseling Center services (Select all that apply):

Made friends with other students

Used upper-level students such as RAs or village mentors to learn about campus and activities

Gotten involved in campus activities (e.g., joined an organization or campus recreation activities, attended performances, etc.)

Developed a relationship with a faculty member

Developed a relationship with a staff member (e.g., residence hall staff, administrative support staff, organization advisors, etc.)

Considered what you have been learning in your classes valuable

Connected with your academic advisor

Thought about or planned for your spring course schedule

Considered beginning more formal career planning (developing a resume, visiting career center, exploring careers related to major, exploring options for future internships or co-ops, attending a career fair, joining organizations for major or career, etc.)

Sought out academic assistance for help you might have needed with your school work

Used services offered by the Counseling Center (e.g. counseling, groups, presentations/workshops)

Used Student Health Services

Used University Tutorial Center/SI services

Used other tutorial services on campus
How do you feel living on campus has impacted your experience at NC State so far?

Since arriving at NC State how often have you felt:

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

Options: Constantly, Often, Sometimes, Once in a while, Never
You noted that you have sometimes or more frequently felt overwhelmed since arriving at NC State. What is the primary source of this feeling?

- Academics
- Social life
- Personal challenges
- The combination of academics, social life, and personal challenges
- Other (please describe)

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 did you miss class? (Select 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
Thank you for your responses to those questions! For the remainder of the survey, your contact information will not be shared with other NC State offices.

What have been your biggest struggles 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?

What words of advice would you give to incoming first year students?

Are you registered to vote in Wake County?

- Yes
If you are not registered to vote in Wake County, what is your reason?

- I am registered to vote in a different county in North Carolina
- I am registered to vote in another state
- I did not have the opportunity to change my voter registration address
- I am not of voting age
- I am not eligible to vote in the United States
- Other: [ ]

If you are eligible to vote in the United States, do you have plans to update your voter registration to your local address in Wake County while at NC State?

- Yes
- No

If you are eligible to vote in the United States, do you have plans to vote in the upcoming midterm elections?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

If you plan to vote in the upcoming election and will be a registered voter in Wake County, do you plan to vote at the Early Voting location in Talley Student Union?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

Do you feel like you have the information you need to participate in the election process (how to register to vote, how to request absentee ballot, how to find your polling place, documents needed to vote, etc.)?

- No
- I am not sure
- I am registered to vote in a different county in North Carolina
- I am registered to vote in another state
- I did not have the opportunity to change my voter registration address
- I am not of voting age
- I am not eligible to vote in the United States
- Other: [ ]
Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Leadership development is very important to me while enrolled at NC State.

- [ ] Strongly agree
- [ ] Somewhat agree
- [ ] Somewhat disagree
- [ ] Strongly disagree

I am aware of the leadership development opportunities that are available to me while I am at NC State.

- [ ] Strongly agree
- [ ] Somewhat agree
- [ ] Somewhat disagree
- [ ] Strongly disagree

I am aware of the leadership activities I can become involved in within my academic college.

- [ ] Strongly agree
- [ ] Somewhat agree
- [ ] Somewhat disagree
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I am in an exploratory program and not yet affiliated with an academic college (e.g. Exploratory Studies, Life Science First Year Program, etc.)

- [ ] I am in an exploratory program and not yet affiliated with an academic college (e.g. Exploratory Studies, Life Science First Year Program, etc.)

I am aware of my academic advisor's expectation of me, their advisee, as outlined in the University Academic Advising Guidelines and Expectations (Advising Syllabus)?

- [ ] Strongly agree
- [ ] Somewhat agree

- [ ] Yes, I have information I need to participate in election process.
- [ ] No, I need more information in one or more of the areas listed.
I am aware of my academic advisor's responsibilities to me, their advisee, as outlined in the University Academic Advising Guidelines and Expectations (Advising Syllabus)?

- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

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
- Relatively small group
- Very small group
- None - I prefer to be alone

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:

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H. Sense of Community
In this section, we'd like to know a little more about your sense of community with NC State. Think not about your small group of friends, but about the university overall - the entire community of students, staff, and faculty.

How important is it 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 at NC State?

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### How well does each of the following statements represent how you feel about the NC State community?

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<td>Fitting into this community is important to me</td>
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<td>This community can influence other communities</td>
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<td>I care about what other community members think of me</td>
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<td>I have influence over what this community is like</td>
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<td>If there is a problem in this community, members can get it solved</td>
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<td>This community has good leaders</td>
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<td>This community cares about civic engagement</td>
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<td>This community will help me develop my leadership skills</td>
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<td>It is very important to me to be a part of this community</td>
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<td>I am with other community members a lot and enjoy being with them</td>
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<td>I expect to be a part of this community for a long time</td>
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<td>Members of this community have shared important events together, such as holidays, celebrations, or disasters</td>
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<td>I feel hopeful about the future of this community</td>
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<td>Members of this community care about each other</td>
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F. Personal Information

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

When you need advice or support, what family/support members from home are you most likely to contact? (Select all that apply.)

- Sibling
- Mother/Stepmother
- Female Guardian
- Foster Mother
- Father/Stepfather
- Male Guardian
- Foster Father
- Extended family (aunt, uncle, grandparent, etc.)
- Other (please specify)
- None – I would not contact anyone from home

About how often were you in contact with your family/support from home during your first couple of weeks on campus?

- Every day
- Multiple times a week (but less than every day)
- Once a week
- Multiple times a month (but less than once a week)
- Once a month or less
- Never

And, thinking about more recently, about how often are you in contact with your family/support from home now?

- Every day
- Multiple times a week (but less than every day)
How likely are you to seek advice or assistance from your family/support members from home regarding each of the following issues?

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<td>Career planning (internships, career exploration, etc.)</td>
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<td>Personal relationships (boyfriends/girlfriends, making friends, etc.)</td>
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How supportive was your parent/guardian of your decision to attend NC State?

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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? (Select all that apply.)

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

Do any of your parents/guardians have a 4-year college degree or higher?
Please click below to submit your survey responses. **Note:** *when you click submit, you will **not** have the option to go back and change any earlier answers.*

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