

**North Carolina State University
2018 Incoming Freshmen Survey:
Open-Ended Comment Coding Scheme**

The Incoming Freshmen Survey now includes two open-end questions, asking students 1) what they are most excited about in coming to NC State; and 2) what they are most concerned or nervous about in starting their first semester of college. Verbatim comments for each question were grouped into different categories by topic. (A single comment could be included in multiple categories.) The different categories for the Incoming Freshmen Survey open-ended comments are listed alphabetically below.

Independence (e.g., Making decisions on one's own, Freedom, Leaving home/family of origin)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Instruction (e.g., Classes, Faculty/instructors)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Learning (e.g., Education, Program of Study, Knowledge)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Opportunities (e.g., academic, social, independence, new people)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Performance/Workload (e.g., Difficulty of coursework, Performing well/receiving good grades, Ability to keep up with course demands, Volume of coursework/homework)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Race/Ethnicity (e.g., Issues related to different ethnicities and cultures)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Registration (e.g., Getting into necessary courses, Enrolling in correct/enjoyable courses, Waitlisting)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Safety (e.g., Fear of crime, particularly theft, assault, and rape, General safety concerns, Fear of harassment)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Sexual Orientation (e.g., GLBT)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Social Life (e.g., Making friends/establishing a social network, Meeting new people, Fitting in, Feeling lonely)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Spirit (e.g., NC State pride, Tradition, Reputation)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Time Management (e.g., Meeting deadlines, Staying organized/focused, Balancing different demands, Autonomy to control one's time)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Transition to College (e.g., Adapting to college lifestyle, Experiencing new things/a "fresh start", Navigating campus, Finding classes, Leaving one's hometown)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

Transportation (e.g., Busing, Parking, Getting around without a personal vehicle)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

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