

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

2025 Graduating Senior Survey: Open-Ended Comment Coding Scheme

The Graduating Senior Survey includes two open-end questions asking students 1) “When you think about your time as an undergraduate student at NC State, what would you say has had the most positive impact on your overall experience here?” (“most positive”) and 2) “What is the most important thing that NC State could do to improve the quality of undergraduates’ experiences here?” (“suggestions”). 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 open-end comments are listed alphabetically below. If there is not a hyperlink below, there were no comments in that category in response to that particular question.

In Their Own Words:

A brief narrative summary of commonly raised topics with example quotes for what graduating seniors believe NC State is doing well and what suggestions they have for improvements.

Academic Advising

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Academic Colleges & Departments

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Academic Performance

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Administration (e.g., governance, chancellor, provost, dean)

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Adjustment (e.g., adjusting to college, transition)

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Arts (e.g., art, craft, theater, dance)

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Athletics (e.g., sports, football, basketball, Reynolds, Carter Finley)

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Bookstore (e.g., textbook, book)

[Most Positive](#)

[Suggestions](#)

Caldwell Fellows Program

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Campus Activities (e.g., sponsored activities on campus)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Campus Centers

[Most Positive](#)

Campus Safety (e.g., security, crime, attack, police, wolf alert, safety notice)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Career Planning (e.g., job, career services, internship, co-op, interview, resume, employment)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Cashiers Office (e.g., cashier, refund)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Clubs and Organizations (e.g., extracurricular, clubs, events)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Communication

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Community

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Courses

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Covid-19 Pandemic (e.g., Covid, mask, vaccine, testing requirements, sent home, return to campus)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Curriculum (e.g., elective, schedule, major, general education requirements)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Dining (e.g., dining hall, food, meal, cafeteria)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Distance Education (e.g., distance education, delta, online class)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Enrollment[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Environmental Safety**[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Facilities and Equipment** (e.g., maintenance, repair, facilities, buildings, heat)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Financial Aid** (e.g., grant, scholarship, work study, loan)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**First Year College / Exploratory Studies**[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Graduate School**[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Graduation**[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Greek Life** (e.g., fraternity, sorority)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Health** (e.g., healthy lifestyle, physical health, diet, food, weight)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Home** (e.g., being far from home, homesick)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Honors Program**[Most Positive](#)**Housing** (e.g., residents, dorm, apartment, roommate)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**Instruction** (e.g., attendance, lecture, instructors, homework)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)**International** (e.g., study abroad, international program)[Most Positive](#)[Suggestions](#)

Learning

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Libraries (e.g., D.H. Hill, Hunt, reserve)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Location (e.g., Raleigh)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Mental Health (e.g., depression, anxiety, stress, counseling)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Non-Traditional Student (e.g., older students)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Orientation

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Out of State Students

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Personal Development

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Physical Environment

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Political Climate

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Prestige

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Registration

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Research

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Resources (e.g., opportunities, resources)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Rigor

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Safety

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Service (e.g., service learning, community service)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Spirit and Pride (e.g., legacy, Go Pack, Wolfpack)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Student Feedback

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Survey

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Technology (e.g., computer, network, internet, Moodle, Wolfware)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Transfer Student (e.g., transfer student, credits transferring)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Transportation (e.g., parking, Wolfline, bus, parking permit, driving)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

University Recreation (e.g., club sport, fitness, intermural, Carmichael gym)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

University Scholars Program (e.g., Goodnight Scholars, Parks Scholars)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

Work Experience (e.g., working on campus, working off campus)

[Most Positive](#)
[Suggestions](#)

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