

**North Carolina State University  
2013 Incoming Transfer Survey:  
Open-End Comments by Topical Category**

Students were asked to report in their own words what they are most excited about and most concerned about in coming to NC State. The tables included in this report contain the frequencies at which various topics were referenced in their responses to these questions.

**Exact wording of questions:**

*Briefly describe what it is you are most excited about in coming to NC State*

*Briefly describe what, if anything, you are most concerned or nervous about in starting your first semester of college*

**What Most Excited About (Table 1)**

A total of 367 respondents provided a response to the question asking about what they are most excited about in coming to NC State. Transfer students most commonly reported being excited about their *learning* (47.7%), *social life* (28.9%), *adapting to NC State* (24.8%), and *campus life* (21.8%).

**The following are several students' responses that relate to learning, social life, adapting to NC State, and campus life:**

*"I'm excited to work on reaching my degree."*

*"Meeting new people, classes, professors, basically starting a new chapter."*

*"The college experience and taking my education to the next level."*

*"Attending classes, learning more about my major, getting involved in the community, living in the triangle."*

**Table 1: Frequency Distribution of Things Incoming Students are most Excited about in Attending NC State**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Learning	175	47.7%
Social Life	106	28.9%
Adapting to NC State	91	24.8%
Campus Life	80	21.8%
Intellectual Environment	65	17.7%
Career Planning	43	11.7%
Independence	35	9.5%
Performance	25	6.8%
Spirit and Pride	23	6.3%
Co-curricular Activities	21	5.7%
Instruction	19	5.2%
Diversity	18	4.9%
Housing	9	2.5%
Transfer	6	1.6%
Racial/Ethnic Issues	5	1.4%
Transportation	5	1.4%
Health	4	1.1%
Time Management	4	1.1%
Finances	2	0.5%
Safety	2	0.5%
Disabilities	1	0.3%
Gender Issues	1	0.3%
Registration	1	0.3%

Note: Responses may fall under more than one topical category.

### **Biggest Concerns (Table 2)**

A total of 351 respondents provided a response to the question asking about what they are most concerned or nervous about in starting their first semester at NC State. 34 percent of respondents reported being concerned with *performance/workload* (34.2%) during their first semester at NC State. Other commonly reported concerns related to the *adapting to NC State* (31.6%), *social life* (16.2%), and *independence* (8.5%). Only about 4 percent of students reported being most concerned about *registration* (3.7%) and 2 percent reported being concerned with issues related to *safety* (1.7%).

### **The following are several students' responses that relate to concerns about performance, adapting to NC State, and social life:**

*"Having a heavy load of studies with the courses I have left to take, it might be a little over whelming at first. "*

*"I am nervous about finding my way and transitioning into this new experience."*

*" I'm very nervous about getting use to the campus life and connecting with people. I think my main fear is not fitting in and feeling isolated."*

**Table 2: Frequency Distribution of Things Incoming Students are most Concerned about in Attending NC State**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Performance	120	34.2%
Adapting to NC State	111	31.6%
Social Life	57	16.2%
Independence	30	8.5%
Learning	28	8.0%
Transfer	28	8.0%
Finances	26	7.4%
Intellectual Environment	24	6.8%
Campus Life	23	6.6%
Transportation	21	6.0%
Instruction	19	5.4%
Time Management	18	5.1%
Career Planning	16	4.6%
Health	14	4.0%
Registration	13	3.7%
Housing	8	2.3%
Safety	6	1.7%
Spirit and Pride	3	0.9%
Cocurricular Activities	2	0.6%
Racial/Ethnic Issues	2	0.6%

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