

## **North Carolina State University**

### **2018 Incoming Transfer Student Survey:**

### **Open-Ended Comment Coding Scheme**

The Incoming Transfer Student Survey 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 Transfer Student Survey open-ended comments are listed alphabetically below.

**Campus Life/Involvement** (e.g., Student organizations, Club sports, Arts/Theater, Campus events, ACC athletics, etc.)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Career Development** (e.g., Job, Internships, Interviewing, Resume, Job Placement, Employment)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Co-curricular Activities** (e.g., Co-op, Student research, Internships, Service learning/programs, ROTC)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Community/Campus Environment** (e.g., Atmosphere, Location, Prestige/reputation of university)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Disability** (e.g., Campus accessibility)

*There were no comments relating to disabilities in response to the questions asking what students were most excited about in coming to NC State*

*There were no comments relating to disabilities in response to the questions asking what students were most concerned about in coming to NC State*

**Diversity** (e.g., Different types of people, Exposure to different cultures)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Financial** (e.g., Financial aid and loans, Scholarships, Tuition, Managing finances, etc.)

*There were no comments relating to finances in response to the questions asking what students were most excited about in coming to NC State*

Biggest Concerns

**Gender** (Gender Issues)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Health** (e.g., Mental health, Physical health, Feeling stressed/overwhelmed)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Housing** (e.g., Sharing space with others, Relationship with roommates/suitemates, Quality of living facilities, Unique campus housing)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**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

**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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