

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

2020 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 at NC State. 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.

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

There were no comments relating to co-curricular activities in response to the question asking what students were most concerned about in coming to NC State

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

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

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.)

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 ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Learning** (e.g., Education, Program of Study, Knowledge)Most ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Opportunities** (e.g., academic, social, independence, new people)Most ExcitedBiggest 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 ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Race/Ethnicity** (e.g., Issues related to different ethnicities and cultures)Most ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Registration** (e.g., Getting into necessary courses, Enrolling in correct/enjoyable courses, Waitlisting)Most ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Safety** (e.g., Fear of crime, particularly theft, assault, and rape, General safety concerns, Fear of harassment)Most ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Social Life** (e.g., Making friends/establishing a social network, Meeting new people, Fitting in, Feeling lonely)Most ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Spirit** (e.g., NC State pride, Tradition, Reputation)Most Excited

There were no comments relating to spirit in response to the question asking what students were most concerned about in coming to NC State

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

There were no comments relating to time management in response to the question asking what students were most excited about in coming to NC State

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 ExcitedBiggest Concerns**Transportation** (e.g., Busing, Parking, Getting around without a personal vehicle)Most ExcitedBiggest Concerns

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