

# NC STATE UNIVERSITY

## 2023 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.

**Adapting 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

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

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

**COVID-19 Pandemic**

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*)

Most Excited

Biggest Concerns

**Gender** (e.g., *Gender issues*)

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

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

**Instructional Mode** (e.g., In-person classes, Remote learning, Zoom)

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

*There were no comments relating race/ethnicity in response to the question asking what students were most concerned about in coming to NC State*

**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

**Technology** (e.g., Using LMS platforms (e.g., Moodle), technology support)

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

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

Most Excited  
Biggest Concerns

**Other** (e.g., comment did not fit into any of the above categories)

Most Excited  
Biggest Concerns

For more information on the 2023 Incoming Transfer Student Survey, contact:

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