# NC STATE UNIVERSITY

# North Carolina State University 2009 First-Year Student Survey

This document lists survey questions and response options for the 2009 First-Year Student Survey.

# A. APPLYING TO NC STATE

I. How many colleges/universities did you apply to this year, including NC State?
© One
© Two
C Three
© Four
C Five or more

<u>2.</u> After applying for admission to NC State, did you receive a phone call or phone calls from any of the following people?	Yes	No	Don't know / Don't remember
a. An NC State faculty or staff member	O	O	$\odot$
b. A current NC State student	O	O	O
c. A graduate of NC State	O	O	$\odot$

3. After applying for admission to NC State, did you receive a letter from someone other than the admissions office?	
© Yes	
© No	
C Don't know / Don't remember	

4. To what extent did each of the following factors influence your decision to attend NC State?	Very strong influence	Strong influence	Moderate influence	Weak influence	Very weak influence	Not applicable
a. Academic reputation	Õ	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O
b. Cost	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	O	O
c. Location	$\odot$	Ō	O	$\odot$	Ō	O
d. Size	Õ	O	$\odot$	Ō	$\odot$	$\odot$
e. Availability of program	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	Ō	O
f. Recommended by a friend, family member, teacher, counselor, etc.	Ō	C	igodot	O	O	O
g. Number of hours transferred/credited	$\odot$	0	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	O
h. Level of support for my intended major	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	O	O	O
i. Facilities and resources available	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$
j. Scholarships/financial aid available	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	O	O	O
k. Pack Promise Program	Õ	O	$\odot$	Ō	$\odot$	$\odot$
	Very strong influence	Strong influence	Moderate influence	Weak influence	Very weak influence	Not applicable
I. Campus visit prior to orientation						

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m. Contact with a current student	$\odot$	O	O	O	O	O
n. Contact with a faculty or staff member	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O	O	Ō
o. Contact with a graduate	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O	O	O
p. Letter from someone other than Admissions Office	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O	O	Ō
q. Attendance at a College Fair	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O	O	O
r. Publications from NC State	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O	O	O
s. Extracurricular opportunities	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O	O	O
t. Acceptance into the First Year College Program	$\odot$	Ō	O	O	O	Ō
u. Campus Recreation programs	$\odot$	O	O	O	O	O
<ul> <li>v. Carmichael Complex Recreational facilities (e.g., gym, pool, fitness center, fields)</li> </ul>	igodot	$\bigcirc$	C	$\bigcirc$	C	$\bigcirc$
w. Other (please specify)	Ô	Ô	Ō	O	Ō	O

<ol><li>Using the list from question 4, please select the single most influent</li></ol>	ial factor in your decision to attend NC State.
C Academic reputation	C Contact with a current student
© Cost	C Contact with a faculty or staff member
© Location	C Contact with a graduate
© Size	$^{igodoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldol$
C Availability	C Attendance at a College Fair
C Recommended by a friend, family member, teacher, counselor, etc.	C Publications from NC State
O Number of hours transferred/credited	C Extracurricular opportunities
C Level of support for my intended major	C Acceptance into the First Year College Program
C Facilities and resources available	C Campus Recreation programs
C Scholarships/financial aid available	C Carmichael Complex Recreational facilities (e.g., gym, pool, fitness center, fields)
© Pack Promise Program	○ Other
C Campus visit prior to orientation	

6. In thinking about the various schools to which you applied (regardless of whether or not you were accepted), was NC State your first choice
It was my only choice
Yes – it was my first choice
No – it was my second choice
No – it was my third choice or below

<u>7.</u> How satisfied were you with each of the following:	Very satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Moderately dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/ Didn't use
a. The NC State University admissions process?	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$
b. Your departmental admissions process?	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	$\odot$

# 8. Overall, how would you rate the NC State Virtual Advising Center Web site?

C Excellent	
© Good	
© Fair	
© Poor	
O Never Used	

### **B. PAYING FOR COLLEGE**

<u>1.</u> How much of your first year's educational expenses (room, board, tuition and fees) do you expect to cover from each of the sources listed below?	None	Less than \$1,000	\$1,000- \$2,999	\$3,000- \$5,999	\$6,000- \$9,999	\$10,000 or more
a. family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)	O	O	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	Õ
b. your own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)	O	O	$\odot$	$\odot$	O	O
c. aid that does not need to be repaid (grants, schlarship, military funding, etc.)	Ō	Ō	$\odot$	Ō	Ō	O
d. aid that must be repaid (loans, etc.)	Ō	Ō	$\odot$	Ō	Ō	O
e. other than above	O	O	$\odot$	O	O	O

2. Did you or your parents/guardians submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?
© Yes
© No
C Don't know

4. How satisfied were you with the NC State University financial aid process (the process for applying for aid, not the award amount)?
C Very satisfied
C Moderately satisfied
O Moderately dissatisfied
O Very dissatisfied
○ Not applicable (did not use)

### C. PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

<u>1.</u> How well do you think:	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very well
a. your high school prepared you for college?	O	O	$\odot$
b. you prepared yourself for college?	O	Õ	$\odot$

<u>2.</u> What is your primary goal or objective for attending NC State?
C To obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate only
C To obtain a bachelor's degree as preparation for graduate or professional school
C To obtain a bachelor's degree as preparation for a new career or profession
C To improve knowledge, technical skills, and/or competencies required for current profession
C To take courses for personal interest
Other (please specify)

<u>3.</u> How certain are you about your choice of a college major?
○ Very certain
© Certain
C Uncertain
C Very uncertain

4. Below is a list of knowledge, skills, and personal development goals held by NC State for your undergraduate preparation. In the first column rate your current level of development of the goal, and in the second column rate how important the goal is to you.

General Education Goals	CURRENT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT	IMPORTANCE TO YOU CURRENTLY	
Writing skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Speaking skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Listening skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Comprehension skills (understanding written information)	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Using mathematics skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Understanding how science and technology influence everyday life	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Applying scientific methods of inquiry	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Computer skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Logical reasoning skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Ability to adapt to changing technologies	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Ability to critically analyze ideas and information	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Using books, journals, and/or articles from the library/internet etc. for a research paper/project	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Problem-solving skills	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Ability to plan and carry out projects independently	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Understanding of diverse cultures and values	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Personal Development Goals	CURRENT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT	IMPORTANCE TO YOU CURRENTLY	
Recognizing and acting upon ethical principles	Rate development:	Rate importance:	
Ability to lead or guide others	Rate development:	Rate importance:	

Ability to function as part of a team	Rate development: 💌 Rate importance:	▼
Ability to organize the steps to successfully complete a group project	Rate development:  Rate importance:	-
Taking the initiative to make improvements in the work I do	Rate development: Rate importance:	-
Exercising public responsibility and community service	Rate development: Rate importance:	-
Maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle	Rate development: Rate importance:	
Personal growth	Rate development:  Rate importance:	-
Self-confidence	Rate development: Rate importance:	▼
Ability to handle stress	Rate development:  Rate importance:	•
Time management	Rate development: Rate importance:	-
Self-discipline	Rate development:  Rate importance:	
World View Goals	CURRENT LEVELIMPORTANCE TOOF DEVELOPMENTYOU CURRENTLY	
Understanding issues and problems facing the world	Rate development: Rate importance:	
Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds	Rate development:  Rate importance:	•
Tolerance for divergent views	Rate development:     Rate importance:	
Appreciating gender equity	Rate development:  Rate importance:	
Appreciating racial equity	Rate development:  Rate importance:	
Understanding the present as it relates to historical events and processes	Rate development: Rate importance:	•
Appreciation for the arts, music, and literature	Rate development:  Rate importance:	▼

# D. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

These next few questions ask you to think about the New Student Orientation program that you attended at NC State over the summer.

<u>1.</u> My advising session(s) at New Student Orientation helped me to plan my fall schedule.	
C Strongly agree	
© Agree	
© Neither agree nor disagree	
© Disagree	
C Strongly disagree	
C Did not attend an advising session at Orientation	

#### NOTE: The following question was for students in the colleges of DESIGN, COT, PAMS, CED only (automatically handled behind the scene)

1b. The information and advice I received from my college/department prior to attending orientation helped me to plan my fall schedule.
C Strongly agree
C Agree
O Neither agree nor disagree
© Disagree
C Strongly disagree
O Did not receive any information/advice from college/department before Orientation

# 2. I am satisfied with the attention I received during my college/department advising period.

Strongly agree

C Agree

O Neither agree nor disagree

C Disagree

C Strongly disagree

O Did not attend an advising period with my college/department during orientation

3. How useful was the information you received during New Student Orientation about each of the following:	Very useful	Moderately useful	Slightly useful	Not at all useful
a. How academic advising works	O	O	$\odot$	O
b. Academic requirements	O	O	$\odot$	Ō
c. Resources to help you get involved on campus if you wanted to do so	O	O	$\odot$	O
d. Safety and security on campus	O	O	$\odot$	Ō
e. Technology resources on campus	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	O
f. How to use the MyPack Portal to register for classes	$\odot$	O	$\odot$	O
g. Interacting with faculty and staff at NC State	$\odot$	O	O	O

4. New Student Orientation made clear the university's expectation for students to act with respect and civility towards others.		
C Strongly agree		
© Agree		
O Neither agree nor disagree		
O Disagree		
C Strongly disagree		

5. The information I received during Orientation helped me feel better prepared to start my first semester at NC State.		
C Strongly agree		
○ Agree		
C Neither agree nor disagree		
© Disagree		
C Strongly disagree		

6. In thinking back on your Orientation experience, what topics or issues do you wish you had gotten more, or more useful, information about?

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7. Please use this space to share any additional comments about New Student Orientation.

#### E. GETTING INVOLVED AT NC STATE

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS: Unlike <u>ALL</u> the other questions in this survey, the information you provide in **this section** is <u>NOT</u> confidential. We are asking these questions to pro-actively help you get involved at NC State. For any/all activities below in which you indicate an interest, we will share your name and contact information with the person(s) on campus responsible for that activity so that they can send you information about the activity. We will <u>NOT</u> connect any of your responses to other questions in the survey with the information we provide to these people.

<ol> <li>In which of the following co-curricular programs/activities at NC Sta that apply)</li> </ol>	ate are you interested in learning about and/or participating? (Mark all
Student Government	Union Activities Board programs/activities (cultural programs, concerts, etc.)
□ Student Judicial Board	Multicultural/Diversity programs/activities
Residence Hall Councils	Gender issues (gender communication, sexual assault, domestic violence, etc.)
Student Leadership Development (workshops, conferences, etc.)	GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered) programs/activities
Co-op (Cooperative Education) program	Healthy lifestyles issues (stress management, sexuality, substance abuse, etc.)
Study Abroad/National Student Exchange	Planning programs and services for children and families
□ Volunteer Services	The Crafts Center programs/activities
	Music Minor, Bands, Choirs, Orchestras, Chamber Music, Bagpipes, Drums
Club Sports (Cycling, Baseball, Martial Arts, Ultimate, etc.)	☐ Attending art exhibitions, meeting artists, museum internships
☐ Fitness/Wellness (Groups fitness classes, Yoga, Pilates, etc.)	Theater participation as artist
Indoor Open Recreation (Cardio Room, Weights, Basketball, etc.)	Theater participation as audience
Intramural Sports (Basketball, Flagfootball, Golf, etc.)	Student Dance Companies
Outdoor Adventures (Trips, Equipment Checkout, Rock Climbing Workshops, etc.)	Pre-Law services/planning
□ Social Fraternity/Sorority	□ Organizations/Clubs related to your major
Student Media/Publications	

<u>2.</u> Do you play any musical instrument(s)?	
⊙ No	
C Yes (please specify)	

3. Have you recently participated in a choral group in your school, community, or place of worship?	
© No	
○ Yes	

4. In which of the following pre-college programs did you participate? (Mark all that apply.)
Educational Talent Search
Upward Bound
GEAR UP
Early College

5. Please indicate which, if any, of the following religious organizations at NC State you are interested in learning about and/or participating in.

(Mark all that apply.)	
🗌 Alpha Omega	Greek Impact
Anno Domini	InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Bridges International	□ Islam and Dialogue Student Association
Brooks Campus Ministry	Life Changers College Ministry
Campus Christian Fellowship	Providence College Ministry
Campus Crusade for Christ	Self Knowledge Symposium
Campus Outreach Raleigh	□ The Lord's Generation
Charisma Campus Ministry	The Navigators
Christians on Campus	Uninhibited Praise
East Triangle Church Campus Ministry	United Student Fellowship Christian Ministry
Grace Mission Ministries Manna	University Bible Fellowship

6. What is your religious preference(s)? (Mark all that apply.)						
African Methodist Episcopal	☐ Jewish	Salvation Army				
Assemblies of God	Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)	C Scientology				
🗌 Baha'i	Lutheran	Seventh Day Adventist				
Baptist	Mennonite	United Church of Christ / Congregational				
Buddhist	Metropolitan Church	Unitarian Universalist				
Catholic	Moravian	United Methodist				
Charismatic	□ Native American Religion	☐ Wiccan/Pagan/Druid				
Christian Science	□ Nazarene	☐ Agnostic				
Disciples of Christ	□ Orthodoxy	□ Atheist				
Episcopal	Pentecostal	□ None				
Great Commission	Presbyterian (PCA)	Prefer not to answer				
🗌 Hindu	Presbyterian (USA)	Other (please specify)				
Inter/Nondenomination	Protestant					
Islam/Muslim	Quaker					

# F. TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES

<u>1.</u> This fall, will you have a computer for your personal use at NC State?
C Yes, a laptop
C Yes, a desktop
C Yes, both a laptop and a desktop
© No
C Don't know

		Nevermy					
		mobile					
<ol><li>How frequently do you use a handheld</li></ol>	Never I do	device/plan	Once a	Several	Several	Several	More than

mobile device (e.g., cell phone, smartphone, PDA) to:	not have a handheld mobile device	does not provide this capability or I never use it for this	less	times per month	times per week	Once per day	dav.	five times per day
a. Access the internet	$\odot$	O	C	$\odot$	O	O	Õ	$\odot$
b. Check email	$\odot$	O	Õ	$\odot$	O	O	Ō	$\odot$
c. Send/receive text messages	$\odot$	O	O	$\odot$	O	O	O	Õ

#### G. CONCLUSIONS: SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

This final section of the survey asks you to provide us with a variety of information about yourself. Collecting data from all respondents on these questions is important so that we can better and more reliably report differences and similarities between people from different backgrounds.

We understand that you might be concerned about sharing some of this information. Please be **assured that the responses you provide are kept completely confidential**. Any identifying information will be separated from your answers. Results are reported using the average, or pooled answers to the questions, instead of the responses of any one individual. However, if you are uncomfortable answering a question, please feel free to skip it.

1. What is the highest level of education you plan to complete?
C Bachelor's degree
◯ Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MBA)
O Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D)
C Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
C Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS)
C Law degree (JD)
O Divinity degree (e.g., M.Div., D.Min.)
O Do not intent to complete any degree

2. What is the highest level of education completed by your parent(s)/guardian(s)?					
Father/Male guardian	Mother/Female guardian				
C Less than a high school graduate	C Less than a high school graduate				
C High school graduate	C High school graduate				
C Some college (no degree)	C Some college (no degree)				
C 2-year associate degree or certificate	C 2-year associate degree or certificate				
C 4-year baccalaureate degree	C 4-year baccalaureate degree				
C Some graduate or professional coursework (no degree)	C Some graduate or professional coursework (no degree)				
C Master's degree	C Master's degree				
O Doctorate or other professional degree (medicine, dentistry, law, etc.)	C Doctorate or other professional degree (medicine, dentistry, law, etc.)				
C Don't know / not applicable	O Don't know / not applicable				

<u>3.</u> Which bes	est describes the area in which you lived during high school?
C Rural are	rea
Small tov	own (20,000 people or less)
C Moderate	te size city (20,001-60,000)
C Large cit	ity (60,001-100,000)

4. Do you self-identify as a member of the GLB (gay, lesbian, bisexual) community?

Yes

🖸 No

O Prefer not to answer

#### 5. Do you self-identify as a member of the transgender community?

- C Yes male to female
- Yes female to male

🔿 No

O Prefer not to answer

<u>6.</u> For the year 2008, what was the amount of your parents' or guardians' combined pre-tax income? Please try to answer even if you are financially independent.
C \$30,000 or less
© \$30,001 - \$50,000
© \$50,001 - \$75,000
C \$75,001 - \$100,000
C \$100,001 - \$150,000
© \$150,001 - \$200,000
C More than \$200,000

7. What is the total number of people financially supported by your parents/guardians, including yourself and parents/guardians? (i.e., What i the size of your family household?)
© One
© Two
© Three
© Four
C Five or more

8. How many of your parents' or guardians' dependents including yourself are currently enrolled in college?		
C Only myself		
C Two dependents		
C Three or more dependents		

). During the time school is in session this coming year, about how many hours do you plan on working on- and/or off-campus?			
On-campus	Off-campus		
C None – I won't have a job on campus	C None – I won't have a job off campus		
○ 1 – 10 hours per week	C 1 – 10 hours per week		

○ 11 – 20 hours per week)	C 11 – 20 hours per week	
C 21 – 30 hours per weeke	C 21 – 30 hours per week	
○ 31 – 40 hours per week	C 31 – 40 hours per week	
O More than 40 hours per week	O More than 40 hours per week	

10. After graduation, where do you plan to seek employment?		
C In North Carolina only		
C Anywhere in the USA		
C Outside the USA only		
C Anywhere – location is not important		
C I do not plan to be employed immediately after graduation (e.g., attending graduate school, traveling)		

#### H. CONCLUSIONS: YOUR FINAL THOUGHTS

In this last section of the survey we would like you to provide some information in your own words. You comments will be grouped with others talking about similar issues, and (after removing any personally identifying information) shared with the relevant offices on campus so that they may have a better understanding of how to make your time at NC State as productive and successful as possible.

#### 1. Please use this space to briefly describe what it is you are most excited about in coming to NC State.

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2. Please use this space to briefly describe what, if anything, you are most concerned or nervous about in starting your first semester of college at NC State.

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