
NSSE 2022 Topical Module Report

Academic Advising

University of South Carolina Aiken

This module examines students' experiences with academic advising, including frequency of interaction with advisors and advising practices that reflect NACADA core values. It also asks students to identify who has been most helpful. The module complements a question on the core survey about the quality of students' interactions with academic advisors.

Comparison group details are in the online Selected Comparison Groups report, linked in the Data & Reports table on the Institution Interface. A PDF copy is also saved in your report download folder.

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First-Year Students

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year, how many times have you discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance with the following individuals?										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD01a	0	0	4	5	121	4	2.4	2.5	-.06
		1	1	12	13	507	16			
		2	2	37	34	971	30			
		3	3	26	28	833	26			
		4	4 or more	20	19	751	23			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	23	1			
		Total		100	100	3,206	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD01b	0	0	26	25	911	28	1.7	1.7	.01
		1	1	21	22	612	19			
		2	2	20	19	636	20			
		3	3	21	23	498	15			
		4	4 or more	9	9	433	14			
		—	Not applicable	4	3	104	4			
		Total		101	100	3,194	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD01c	0	0	44	44	1,241	39	1.1	1.3	-.17
		1	1	19	21	589	19			
		2	2	18	17	595	18			
		3	3	9	10	338	10			
		4	4 or more	5	4	294	9			
		—	Not applicable	4	3	135	4			
		Total		99	100	3,192	100			
d. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD01d	0	0	57	59	1,559	49	0.8	1.1	-.16
		1	1	15	14	526	16			
		2	2	7	6	429	13			
		3	3	10	11	260	8			
		4	4 or more	6	6	279	8			
		—	Not applicable	5	4	138	5			
		Total		100	100	3,191	100			
e. Success or academic coach	AAD01e	0	0	67	67	1,796	56	0.7	1.0 *	-0.23 ▽
		1	1	9	9	363	12			
		2	2	8	7	328	10			
		3	3	7	9	294	10			
		4	4 or more	4	3	254	8			
		—	Not applicable	5	4	162	5			
		Total		100	100	3,197	100			
f. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD01f	0	0	52	53	1,514	48	0.9	1.1	-.17
		1	1	19	19	463	15			
		2	2	5	5	401	12			
		3	3	10	11	310	9			
		4	4 or more	6	6	344	10			
		—	Not applicable	8	7	167	6			
		Total		100	100	3,199	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
g. Other, please specify:	AAD01g	0	0	5	38	98	36			
		1	1	1	7	17	7			
		2	2	1	7	16	6			
		3	3	0	0	17	6			
		4	4 or more	4	41	63	23			
		—	Not applicable	1	7	68	23			
		Total		12	100	279	100			
2. [If answered "0" to 1a., 1b., and 1c.] Do you know how to contact (in person, email, phone, or online) an advisor at your institution?^j										
	AAD02		No	0	0	5	9			
			Yes	2	100	41	82			
			Unsure	0	0	5	9			
			Total	2	100	51	100			
3. Thinking about academic advising, how much have people and resources at your institution done the following?^k										
a. Been available when needed	AAD03a	1	Very little	5	6	163	5	2.9	2.9	-.02
		2	Some	21	20	781	25			
		3	Quite a bit	52	53	1,373	44			
		4	Very much	20	20	786	24			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	68	2			
		Total		99	100	3,171	100			
b. Provided prompt and accurate information	AAD03b	1	Very little	8	9	171	6	2.9	2.9	-.02
		2	Some	21	21	767	24			
		3	Quite a bit	43	45	1,395	44			
		4	Very much	25	26	755	24			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	63	2			
		Total		97	100	3,151	100			
c. Provided information about learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success skills, etc.)	AAD03c	1	Very little	6	6	172	6	2.9	2.9	.05
		2	Some	18	19	759	24			
		3	Quite a bit	47	48	1,298	41			
		4	Very much	25	25	825	25			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	105	3			
		Total		98	100	3,159	100			
d. Notified you of important policies and deadlines	AAD03d	1	Very little	7	7	241	8	2.8	2.8	-.02
		2	Some	25	25	756	24			
		3	Quite a bit	41	44	1,274	40			
		4	Very much	23	23	806	25			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	82	3			
		Total		97	100	3,159	100			
e. Reached out to you about your academic progress or performance	AAD03e	1	Very little	25	28	723	23	2.2	2.4	-.17
		2	Some	31	32	917	29			
		3	Quite a bit	18	19	824	26			
		4	Very much	14	13	519	16			
		—	Not applicable	9	8	175	6			
		Total		97	100	3,158	100			
f. Followed up with you regarding something they recommended	AAD03f	1	Very little	27	30	625	20	2.2	2.4 *	-.21
		2	Some	24	23	907	29			
		3	Quite a bit	28	30	883	29			
		4	Very much	11	10	485	15			
		—	Not applicable	7	7	252	8			
		Total		97	100	3,152	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
g. Asked questions about your educational background and needs	AAD03g	1	Very little	26	28	808	26	2.2	2.3	-.05
		2	Some	24	23	890	28			
		3	Quite a bit	27	31	787	25			
		4	Very much	10	9	440	14			
		—	Not applicable	10	9	224	7			
		Total		97	100	3,149	100			
h. Actively listened to your concerns	AAD03h	1	Very little	10	11	324	11	2.8	2.7	.07
		2	Some	22	19	842	27			
		3	Quite a bit	36	41	1,065	33			
		4	Very much	22	22	715	23			
		—	Not applicable	7	7	207	7			
		Total		97	100	3,153	100			
i. Respected your identity and culture	AAD03i	1	Very little	4	5	90	3	3.1	3.2	-.12
		2	Some	17	18	476	15			
		3	Quite a bit	30	33	1,123	36			
		4	Very much	33	33	1,125	36			
		—	Not applicable	12	12	333	11			
		Total		96	100	3,147	100			
j. Cared about your overall well-being	AAD03j	1	Very little	4	5	224	7	3.0	2.9	.09
		2	Some	16	15	704	23			
		3	Quite a bit	43	46	1,123	35			
		4	Very much	24	24	929	29			
		—	Not applicable	10	10	167	5			
		Total		97	100	3,147	100			
4. Thinking about academic advising, about how often did someone at your institution discuss the following with you?										
a. Your academic goals and future plans	AAD04a	1	Never	3	3	131	4	3.4	3.5	-.06
		2	Rarely	18	19	399	14			
		3	Sometimes	29	29	964	30			
		4	Often	25	29	947	30			
		5	Very often	19	19	627	20			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	59	2			
		Total		95	100	3,127	100			
b. How your major or expected major relates to your goals and future plans	AAD04b	1	Never	4	4	170	6	3.4	3.5	-.11
		2	Rarely	21	22	357	12			
		3	Sometimes	22	21	857	27			
		4	Often	29	33	977	31			
		5	Very often	18	18	690	22			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	70	2			
		Total		96	100	3,121	100			
c. Special opportunities (study abroad, internship, service-learning, research, etc.)	AAD04c	1	Never	12	14	482	15	2.8	2.9	-.05
		2	Rarely	19	21	649	21			
		3	Sometimes	34	34	851	28			
		4	Often	11	12	573	18			
		5	Very often	12	11	394	12			
		—	Not applicable	7	8	174	5			
		Total		95	100	3,123	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
d. Participation in co-curricular activities (organizations or clubs, performing arts, sports, etc.)	AAD04d	1	Never	13	14	441	15	2.8	3.0	-.14
		2	Rarely	22	23	587	19			
		3	Sometimes	30	30	890	29			
		4	Often	13	14	617	20			
		5	Very often	10	10	409	13			
		—	Not applicable	8	9	170	5			
			Total	96	100	3,114	100			
e. Resources for your well-being (health, counseling, financial guidance, etc.)	AAD04e	1	Never	10	12	304	10	3.0	3.1	-.07
		2	Rarely	17	19	518	17			
		3	Sometimes	31	29	996	32			
		4	Often	17	19	742	23			
		5	Very often	15	14	434	13			
		—	Not applicable	7	7	131	4			
			Total	97	100	3,125	100			
5. How much have each of the following helped you develop your academic goals and future plans?										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD05a	1	Very little	13	13	422	14	2.6	2.6	.02
		2	Some	27	30	931	30			
		3	Quite a bit	35	36	1,054	34			
		4	Very much	18	19	620	20			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	83	3			
			Total	95	100	3,110	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD05b	1	Very little	20	21	631	20	2.3	2.3	.01
		2	Some	22	23	844	27			
		3	Quite a bit	29	31	686	23			
		4	Very much	9	9	389	12			
		—	Not applicable	16	16	556	18			
			Total	96	100	3,106	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD05c	1	Very little	28	32	765	24	2.0	2.2	-.14
		2	Some	22	23	808	26			
		3	Quite a bit	17	17	597	19			
		4	Very much	9	9	295	9			
		—	Not applicable	20	20	633	21			
			Total	96	100	3,098	100			
d. Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	AAD05d	1	Very little	21	25	756	24	2.3	2.2	.05
		2	Some	20	19	751	24			
		3	Quite a bit	17	17	619	20			
		4	Very much	15	15	349	11			
		—	Not applicable	23	24	628	20			
			Total	96	100	3,103	100			
e. Website, catalog, or other published sources	AAD05e	1	Very little	24	27	711	23	2.1	2.2	-.10
		2	Some	23	23	882	29			
		3	Quite a bit	16	17	626	20			
		4	Very much	9	10	326	10			
		—	Not applicable	23	24	549	18			
			Total	95	100	3,094	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD05f	1	Very little	24	28	846	27	2.1	2.1	.01
		2	Some	25	26	722	24			
		3	Quite a bit	13	13	462	15			
		4	Very much	10	11	291	9			
		—	Not applicable	22	22	769	25			
		Total		94	100	3,090	100			
g. Success or academic coach	AAD05g	1	Very little	27	30	788	25	2.0	2.1	-.06
		2	Some	15	17	617	20			
		3	Quite a bit	9	10	438	15			
		4	Very much	12	12	299	9			
		—	Not applicable	33	33	956	30			
		Total		96	100	3,098	100			
h. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD05h	1	Very little	23	27	728	24	2.1	2.1	-.03
		2	Some	14	13	685	22			
		3	Quite a bit	18	17	499	16			
		4	Very much	8	9	293	9			
		—	Not applicable	33	34	887	29			
		Total		96	100	3,092	100			
i. Friends or other students	AAD05i	1	Very little	7	8	322	11	2.8	2.7	.16
		2	Some	22	22	927	30			
		3	Quite a bit	39	42	1,035	33			
		4	Very much	21	21	646	20			
		—	Not applicable	7	7	175	6			
		Total		96	100	3,105	100			
j. Family members	AAD05j	1	Very little	9	11	271	9	2.9	2.9	.07
		2	Some	21	20	759	24			
		3	Quite a bit	24	24	1,014	33			
		4	Very much	34	36	910	29			
		—	Not applicable	8	9	140	5			
		Total		96	100	3,094	100			
k. Other, please specify:	AAD05k	1	Very little	0	0	1	1			
		2	Some	0	0	6	8			
		3	Quite a bit	1	21	6	7			
		4	Very much	2	58	14	14			
		—	Not applicable	1	21	58	70			
		Total		4	100	85	100			

6. Regarding academic advising, who has been the most helpful and in what way?

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 61 first-year students and 122 seniors. Responses are provided in your NSSE22 Student Comments Report and in a separate SPSS data file.

These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.

Seniors

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year, how many times have you discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance with the following individuals?										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD01a	0	0	11	5	291	8	2.7	2.6	.12
		1	1	28	15	616	16			
		2	2	46	23	882	23			
		3	3	39	19	779	20			
		4	4 or more	76	38	1,274	33			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	56	1			
		Total		200	100	3,898	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD01b	0	0	59	28	1,362	35	1.9	1.6 **	.21
		1	1	28	14	617	16			
		2	2	30	15	538	14			
		3	3	25	12	456	12			
		4	4 or more	45	25	663	17			
		—	Not applicable	11	6	246	6			
		Total		198	100	3,882	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD01c	0	0	67	32	1,348	34	1.7	1.6	.12
		1	1	23	11	624	16			
		2	2	34	17	609	15			
		3	3	27	13	446	12			
		4	4 or more	35	19	595	16			
		—	Not applicable	15	8	264	7			
		Total		201	100	3,886	100			
d. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD01d	0	0	97	47	2,130	55	1.2	0.9 **	.23
		1	1	25	12	553	14			
		2	2	24	11	383	10			
		3	3	18	9	237	6			
		4	4 or more	21	12	287	8			
		—	Not applicable	16	8	291	7			
		Total		201	100	3,881	100			
e. Success or academic coach	AAD01e	0	0	128	62	2,678	68	0.7	0.6	.08
		1	1	17	9	274	7			
		2	2	10	5	208	6			
		3	3	13	7	174	4			
		4	4 or more	11	5	203	5			
		—	Not applicable	22	12	348	9			
		Total		201	100	3,885	100			
f. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD01f	0	0	107	52	2,388	61	1.1	0.8 *	.22
		1	1	16	8	314	8			
		2	2	17	8	262	7			
		3	3	11	5	220	6			
		4	4 or more	28	15	344	9			
		—	Not applicable	22	12	362	9			
		Total		201	100	3,890	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
g. Other, please specify:										
	AAD01g	0	0	5	35	113	36			
		1	1	0	0	12	4			
		2	2	2	17	7	2			
		3	3	0	0	12	3			
		4	4 or more	2	12	80	24			
		—	Not applicable	5	36	92	30			
			Total	14	100	316	100			
2. [If answered "0" to 1a., 1b., and 1c.] Do you know how to contact (in person, email, phone, or online) an advisor at your institution?]										
	AAD02		No	0	0	13	9			
			Yes	4	100	128	89			
			Unsure	0	0	5	2			
			Total	4	100	146	100			
3. Thinking about academic advising, how much have people and resources at your institution done the following?										
a. Been available when needed	AAD03a	1	Very little	5	2	310	8	3.1	2.9 ***	.25 △
		2	Some	47	21	832	22			
		3	Quite a bit	72	36	1,508	39			
		4	Very much	76	40	1,132	29			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	88	2			
			Total	201	100	3,870	100			
b. Provided prompt and accurate information	AAD03b	1	Very little	1	1	292	8	3.2	2.9 ***	.28 △
		2	Some	48	21	916	24			
		3	Quite a bit	78	40	1,452	38			
		4	Very much	72	38	1,100	29			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	84	2			
			Total	199	100	3,844	100			
c. Provided information about learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success skills, etc.)	AAD03c	1	Very little	7	3	399	10	3.0	2.8 ***	.23 △
		2	Some	54	25	977	25			
		3	Quite a bit	74	38	1,288	34			
		4	Very much	57	31	952	25			
		—	Not applicable	7	3	242	6			
			Total	199	100	3,858	100			
d. Notified you of important policies and deadlines	AAD03d	1	Very little	10	5	405	10	3.1	2.8 **	.23 △
		2	Some	49	23	861	22			
		3	Quite a bit	69	35	1,416	37			
		4	Very much	72	37	1,054	27			
		—	Not applicable	1	0	121	3			
			Total	201	100	3,857	100			
e. Reached out to you about your academic progress or performance	AAD03e	1	Very little	36	17	973	25	2.7	2.4 **	.24 △
		2	Some	50	25	1,004	26			
		3	Quite a bit	55	27	902	24			
		4	Very much	51	27	740	19			
		—	Not applicable	8	4	242	6			
			Total	200	100	3,861	100			
f. Followed up with you regarding something they recommended	AAD03f	1	Very little	27	14	847	22	2.7	2.5 ***	.26 △
		2	Some	55	26	949	24			
		3	Quite a bit	49	25	936	25			
		4	Very much	56	29	752	19			
		—	Not applicable	13	6	370	10			
			Total	200	100	3,854	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
g. Asked questions about your educational background and needs	AAD03g	1	Very little	34	16	1,065	27	2.7	2.3 ***	.35
		2	Some	47	23	936	24			
		3	Quite a bit	51	26	859	23			
		4	Very much	56	29	689	18			
		—	Not applicable	11	5	310	8			
		Total		199	100	3,859	100			
h. Actively listened to your concerns	AAD03h	1	Very little	15	7	459	12	3.0	2.8 **	.23
		2	Some	46	21	890	23			
		3	Quite a bit	58	30	1,191	32			
		4	Very much	71	37	1,056	27			
		—	Not applicable	9	5	258	7			
		Total		199	100	3,854	100			
i. Respected your identity and culture	AAD03i	1	Very little	3	1	182	5	3.3	3.2 *	.16
		2	Some	29	13	497	13			
		3	Quite a bit	63	33	1,195	31			
		4	Very much	88	45	1,452	38			
		—	Not applicable	15	8	526	14			
		Total		198	100	3,852	100			
j. Cared about your overall well-being	AAD03j	1	Very little	11	5	371	10	3.1	2.9 *	.19
		2	Some	40	19	787	20			
		3	Quite a bit	56	27	1,149	30			
		4	Very much	81	43	1,315	34			
		—	Not applicable	11	5	236	6			
		Total		199	100	3,858	100			
4. Thinking about academic advising, about how often did someone at your institution discuss the following with you?										
a. Your academic goals and future plans	AAD04a	1	Never	3	1	216	6	3.9	3.5 ***	.31
		2	Rarely	20	10	484	13			
		3	Sometimes	47	24	1,057	27			
		4	Often	57	27	1,072	28			
		5	Very often	67	37	930	24			
		—	Not applicable	3	1	79	2			
Total		197	100	3,838	100					
b. How your major or expected major relates to your goals and future plans	AAD04b	1	Never	8	4	258	7	3.9	3.6 **	.24
		2	Rarely	23	12	432	11			
		3	Sometimes	36	18	948	25			
		4	Often	53	25	1,100	29			
		5	Very often	73	39	998	26			
		—	Not applicable	3	1	100	3			
Total		196	100	3,836	100					
c. Special opportunities (study abroad, internship, service-learning, research, etc.)	AAD04c	1	Never	26	13	616	16	3.4	3.0 **	.26
		2	Rarely	28	15	657	17			
		3	Sometimes	43	21	904	23			
		4	Often	29	14	743	20			
		5	Very often	55	30	583	16			
		—	Not applicable	16	7	332	9			
Total		197	100	3,835	100					

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
d. Participation in co-curricular activities (organizations or clubs, performing arts, sports, etc.)	AAD04d	1	Never	32	15	757	19	3.1	2.8 **	.22
		2	Rarely	30	15	672	17			
		3	Sometimes	42	21	865	23			
		4	Often	32	16	605	16			
		5	Very often	39	22	497	13			
		—	Not applicable	22	11	429	11			
		Total		197	100	3,825	100			
e. Resources for your well-being (health, counseling, financial guidance, etc.)	AAD04e	1	Never	32	17	631	16	3.2	2.9 *	.20
		2	Rarely	27	13	730	19			
		3	Sometimes	47	22	1,006	26			
		4	Often	34	17	654	17			
		5	Very often	42	23	500	13			
		—	Not applicable	16	7	312	8			
		Total		198	100	3,833	100			
5. How much have each of the following helped you develop your academic goals and future plans?										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD05a	1	Very little	20	10	628	16	2.9	2.7 **	.21
		2	Some	50	25	900	24			
		3	Quite a bit	57	28	1,160	31			
		4	Very much	68	36	1,031	27			
		—	Not applicable	3	1	99	3			
		Total		198	100	3,818	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD05b	1	Very little	29	14	896	23	2.6	2.3 ***	.27
		2	Some	51	27	835	22			
		3	Quite a bit	33	16	699	18			
		4	Very much	41	23	558	15			
		—	Not applicable	43	21	826	22			
		Total		197	100	3,814	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD05c	1	Very little	26	13	796	21	2.6	2.4 **	.26
		2	Some	58	29	933	25			
		3	Quite a bit	33	16	742	20			
		4	Very much	43	24	558	15			
		—	Not applicable	37	18	779	20			
		Total		197	100	3,808	100			
d. Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	AAD05d	1	Very little	24	11	882	23	2.8	2.4 ***	.35
		2	Some	43	23	802	21			
		3	Quite a bit	41	21	773	21			
		4	Very much	52	28	651	17			
		—	Not applicable	34	17	694	18			
		Total		194	100	3,802	100			
e. Website, catalog, or other published sources	AAD05e	1	Very little	25	12	915	24	2.6	2.3 ***	.30
		2	Some	61	29	956	25			
		3	Quite a bit	33	17	731	19			
		4	Very much	37	21	505	13			
		—	Not applicable	41	20	699	18			
		Total		197	100	3,806	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Medium-size Public		UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD05f	1	Very little	43	22	1,172	31	2.3	2.0 **	.30
		2	Some	43	22	721	19			
		3	Quite a bit	13	7	445	12			
		4	Very much	33	18	351	9			
		—	Not applicable	62	31	1,111	29			
			Total	194	100	3,800	100			
g. Success or academic coach	AAD05g	1	Very little	32	16	1,097	29	2.4	1.9 ***	.48
		2	Some	26	14	461	12			
		3	Quite a bit	8	4	351	10			
		4	Very much	29	16	257	7			
		—	Not applicable	101	50	1,629	43			
			Total	196	100	3,795	100			
h. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD05h	1	Very little	25	12	968	25	2.6	2.1 ***	.52
		2	Some	29	14	518	14			
		3	Quite a bit	19	10	417	11			
		4	Very much	33	18	324	9			
		—	Not applicable	90	45	1,571	42			
			Total	196	100	3,798	100			
i. Friends or other students	AAD05i	1	Very little	11	5	444	12	2.9	2.7 ***	.25
		2	Some	54	28	1,017	27			
		3	Quite a bit	45	23	1,095	28			
		4	Very much	61	32	855	22			
		—	Not applicable	26	12	386	10			
			Total	197	100	3,797	100			
j. Family members	AAD05j	1	Very little	15	8	491	13	3.0	2.8 **	.23
		2	Some	43	22	889	24			
		3	Quite a bit	45	21	1,043	27			
		4	Very much	74	39	1,101	29			
		—	Not applicable	19	10	268	7			
			Total	196	100	3,792	100			
k. Other, please specify:	AAD05k	1	Very little	1	22	3	3			
		2	Some	1	13	11	9			
		3	Quite a bit	0	0	10	8			
		4	Very much	0	0	26	24			
		—	Not applicable	4	64	63	57			
			Total	6	100	113	100			

6. Regarding academic advising, who has been the most helpful and in what way?

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 61 first-year students and 122 seniors. Responses are provided in your NSSE22 Student Comments Report and in a separate SPSS data file.

These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.

First-Year Students

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	UofSC Aiken	UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public			
AAD01a	99	2.43	2.49	.111	.018	1.10	1.13	3,951	.585	-.06
AAD01b	98	1.67	1.66	.134	.023	1.33	1.41	3,830	.931	.01
AAD01c	96	1.06	1.29	.123	.022	1.20	1.35	101	.066	-.17
AAD01d	96	0.85	1.06	.132	.022	1.29	1.34	3,785	.126	-.16
AAD01e	96	0.66	0.97	.119	.022	1.16	1.35	102	.013	-.23
AAD01f	93	0.89	1.13	.132	.023	1.28	1.40	98	.079	-.17
AAD03a	99	2.87	2.89	.081	.014	0.80	0.83	3,846	.873	-.02
AAD03b	98	2.87	2.88	.091	.014	0.90	0.84	3,827	.868	-.02
AAD03c	96	2.94	2.90	.085	.014	0.83	0.86	3,784	.632	.05
AAD03d	97	2.83	2.85	.088	.015	0.87	0.90	3,821	.821	-.02
AAD03e	90	2.19	2.37	.109	.017	1.03	1.03	3,693	.113	-.17
AAD03f	91	2.22	2.42	.106	.017	1.02	1.00	3,595	.049	-.21
AAD03g	89	2.23	2.29	.106	.017	1.00	1.03	3,622	.617	-.05
AAD03h	91	2.79	2.73	.098	.016	0.94	0.95	3,653	.533	.07
AAD03i	86	3.07	3.16	.097	.014	0.90	0.82	3,481	.282	-.12
AAD03j	88	2.99	2.91	.087	.015	0.81	0.92	93	.362	.09
AAD04a	95	3.42	3.48	.114	.018	1.10	1.10	3,798	.581	-.06
AAD04b	94	3.39	3.52	.119	.019	1.15	1.14	3,785	.302	-.11
AAD04c	88	2.84	2.91	.128	.021	1.20	1.26	3,659	.636	-.05
AAD04d	88	2.80	2.97	.128	.021	1.20	1.25	3,649	.209	-.14
AAD04e	91	3.05	3.13	.130	.020	1.24	1.18	3,709	.503	-.07
AAD05a	94	2.62	2.61	.097	.016	0.94	0.96	3,743	.871	.02
AAD05b	82	2.33	2.32	.107	.018	0.97	1.01	3,156	.921	.01
AAD05c	77	2.04	2.17	.118	.018	1.03	1.00	3,047	.230	-.14
AAD05d	74	2.28	2.23	.131	.019	1.13	1.03	3,054	.681	.05
AAD05e	73	2.12	2.21	.121	.018	1.04	0.99	3,144	.405	-.10
AAD05f	74	2.08	2.07	.121	.019	1.04	1.02	2,885	.932	.01
AAD05g	65	2.05	2.11	.140	.021	1.13	1.05	2,667	.619	-.06
AAD05h	64	2.11	2.14	.138	.020	1.10	1.03	2,711	.828	-.03
AAD05i	90	2.81	2.66	.094	.016	0.89	0.94	3,613	.129	.16
AAD05j	88	2.93	2.86	.111	.016	1.05	0.96	3,649	.530	.07

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	UofSC Aiken	UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public	UofSC Aiken	Medium-size Public			
AAD01a	202	2.72	2.55	.088	.020	1.24	1.30	4,628	.083	.12
AAD01b	188	1.91	1.58	.116	.024	1.58	1.54	4,369	.005	.21
AAD01c	187	1.74	1.56	.113	.023	1.55	1.50	4,363	.112	.12
AAD01d	186	1.20	0.90	.108	.020	1.48	1.30	199	.007	.23
AAD01e	179	0.69	0.59	.092	.018	1.23	1.18	4,244	.286	.08
AAD01f	179	1.13	0.82	.117	.021	1.57	1.36	190	.010	.22
AAD03a	201	3.14	2.91	.058	.014	0.82	0.92	4,555	.000	.25
AAD03b	201	3.15	2.90	.055	.014	0.78	0.91	227	.000	.28
AAD03c	194	3.00	2.78	.060	.015	0.84	0.95	217	.001	.23
AAD03d	202	3.06	2.84	.062	.015	0.89	0.95	4,501	.001	.23
AAD03e	194	2.66	2.40	.077	.017	1.07	1.08	4,357	.001	.24
AAD03f	189	2.74	2.47	.077	.017	1.06	1.08	4,199	.000	.26
AAD03g	190	2.72	2.34	.078	.017	1.08	1.10	4,279	.000	.35
AAD03h	192	3.02	2.79	.069	.016	0.96	1.00	4,324	.002	.23
AAD03i	184	3.31	3.17	.057	.014	0.77	0.88	4,016	.033	.16
AAD03j	190	3.13	2.95	.068	.015	0.93	0.99	4,353	.011	.19
AAD04a	196	3.90	3.54	.076	.018	1.06	1.16	217	.000	.31
AAD04b	195	3.86	3.57	.084	.018	1.18	1.19	4,485	.001	.24
AAD04c	185	3.38	3.03	.105	.021	1.42	1.33	199	.001	.26
AAD04d	178	3.15	2.85	.106	.022	1.42	1.35	4,083	.004	.22
AAD04e	185	3.18	2.92	.104	.020	1.42	1.29	199	.014	.20
AAD05a	198	2.91	2.69	.072	.016	1.01	1.05	4,474	.004	.21
AAD05b	158	2.60	2.31	.086	.019	1.08	1.09	3,594	.001	.27
AAD05c	163	2.63	2.35	.084	.018	1.07	1.06	3,658	.001	.26
AAD05d	163	2.78	2.39	.083	.019	1.06	1.11	3,744	.000	.35
AAD05e	159	2.59	2.27	.083	.018	1.04	1.06	3,728	.000	.30
AAD05f	135	2.32	2.00	.101	.019	1.18	1.06	144	.002	.30
AAD05g	99	2.42	1.90	.125	.021	1.24	1.07	104	.000	.48
AAD05h	109	2.63	2.06	.111	.022	1.16	1.10	117	.000	.52
AAD05i	175	2.92	2.67	.073	.016	0.96	0.99	4,092	.001	.25
AAD05j	178	3.01	2.77	.076	.016	1.02	1.04	4,213	.003	.23

Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts. Comparison group details are in the Selected Comparison Groups report, linked in the Data & Reports table on the Institution Interface.
- b. All statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t -tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent t -tests uses Cohen's d ; z -tests use Cohen's h .
- e. Statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t -tests. Values differ from N s due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t -tests or z -tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the students in the comparison group is due to chance.
- j. Statistical comparison uses z -test to compare the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes" with all who responded otherwise.
- k. Mean represents the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes."

Key to symbols:

- ▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
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- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- ▼ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

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