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# NSSE 2024 Topical Module Report

## Academic Advising

University of South Carolina Aiken

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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		Carnegie Class		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
<b>1. During the current school year, how many times have you discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance with the following individuals?</b>										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD01a	0 0		1	2	51	4	<b>2.4</b>	2.7 *	-0.28 ▽
		1 1		19	27	145	12			
		2 2		17	22	293	24			
		3 3		21	28	333	29			
		4 4 or more		14	20	364	31			
		— Not applicable		1	1	9	1			
		Total		73	100	1,195	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD01b	0 0		22	32	307	25	<b>1.6</b>	1.8	-0.13
		1 1		13	17	231	19			
		2 2		17	21	224	18			
		3 3		11	16	203	19			
		4 4 or more		9	13	185	16			
		— Not applicable		1	1	41	4			
		Total		73	100	1,191	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) not assigned to advise you	AAD01c	0 0		31	44	449	37	<b>1.2</b>	1.4	-0.15
		1 1		8	11	222	17			
		2 2		17	22	199	17			
		3 3		8	10	138	12			
		4 4 or more		4	7	126	11			
		— Not applicable		5	7	57	6			
		Total		73	100	1,191	100			
d. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD01d	0 0		32	46	568	46	<b>1.0</b>	1.1	-0.10
		1 1		19	26	189	16			
		2 2		8	10	161	15			
		3 3		8	10	118	10			
		4 4 or more		3	5	97	7			
		— Not applicable		3	4	58	5			
		Total		73	100	1,191	100			
e. Success or academic coach	AAD01e	0 0		40	56	653	54	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	-0.12
		1 1		13	17	156	13			
		2 2		7	9	113	9			
		3 3		5	6	106	9			
		4 4 or more		4	6	101	8			
		— Not applicable		4	5	63	6			
		Total		73	100	1,192	100			
f. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD01f	0 0		35	50	577	47	<b>1.1</b>	1.2	-0.12
		1 1		9	12	150	11			
		2 2		11	15	160	14			
		3 3		8	10	116	11			
		4 4 or more		4	7	124	11			
		— Not applicable		6	7	67	6			
		Total		73	100	1,194	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Carnegie Class		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
g. Other, please specify:	AAD01g	0	0	3	33	36	28			
		1	1	1	10	6	4			
		2	2	1	14	10	9			
		3	3	0	0	16	14			
		4	4 or more	1	10	36	25			
		—	Not applicable	3	33	26	20			
		Total		9	100	130	100			
<b>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?<sup>j</sup></b>										
	AAD02		No	0	0	0	0			
			Yes	1	100	24	82			
			Unsure	0	0	5	18			
			Total	1	100	29	100			
<b>3. Thinking about academic advising, how much have people and resources at your institution done the following?</b>										
a. Been available when needed	AAD03a	1	Very little	1	2	38	4	<b>3.1</b>	3.0	.12
		2	Some	14	17	234	20			
		3	Quite a bit	34	47	519	44			
		4	Very much	24	34	382	31			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	20	2			
		Total		73	100	1,193	100			
b. Provided prompt and accurate information	AAD03b	1	Very little	1	2	32	3	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	.02
		2	Some	19	25	260	23			
		3	Quite a bit	30	43	509	44			
		4	Very much	22	31	370	29			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	19	2			
		Total		72	100	1,190	100			
c. Provided information about learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success skills, etc.)	AAD03c	1	Very little	2	3	48	4	<b>3.2</b>	3.0	.23
		2	Some	10	13	231	21			
		3	Quite a bit	31	42	485	41			
		4	Very much	30	42	398	32			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	29	2			
		Total		73	100	1,191	100			
d. Notified you of important policies and deadlines	AAD03d	1	Very little	2	2	84	7	<b>3.2</b>	2.9 *	.29
		2	Some	12	17	258	22			
		3	Quite a bit	30	40	473	40			
		4	Very much	29	41	355	29			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	21	2			
		Total		73	100	1,191	100			
e. Reached out to you about your academic progress or performance	AAD03e	1	Very little	11	15	240	20	<b>2.7</b>	2.5 *	.24
		2	Some	19	26	348	30			
		3	Quite a bit	22	30	322	27			
		4	Very much	20	27	228	18			
		—	Not applicable	1	2	54	4			
		Total		73	100	1,192	100			
f. Followed up with you regarding something they recommended	AAD03f	1	Very little	14	19	198	16	<b>2.6</b>	2.5	.07
		2	Some	20	27	330	29			
		3	Quite a bit	18	24	348	30			
		4	Very much	19	28	227	19			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	88	6			
		Total		73	100	1,191	100			

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				UofSC Aiken		Carnegie Class		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
g. Asked questions about your educational background and needs	AAD03g	1	Very little	13	19	250	21	<b>2.6</b>	2.4	.14
		2	Some	22	29	343	29			
		3	Quite a bit	16	21	308	28			
		4	Very much	19	26	214	17			
		—	Not applicable	3	4	74	6			
		Total		73	100	1,189	100			
h. Actively listened to your concerns	AAD03h	1	Very little	7	10	81	6	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	.05
		2	Some	20	25	293	25			
		3	Quite a bit	18	25	421	37			
		4	Very much	25	35	325	25			
		—	Not applicable	3	5	70	6			
		Total		73	100	1,190	100			
i. Respected your identities and cultures	AAD03i	1	Very little	1	2	21	2	<b>3.2</b>	3.2	-.10
		2	Some	15	20	161	14			
		3	Quite a bit	23	31	394	34			
		4	Very much	29	39	487	40			
		—	Not applicable	5	7	129	11			
		Total		73	100	1,192	100			
j. Cared about your overall well-being	AAD03j	1	Very little	5	7	59	5	<b>2.9</b>	3.0	-.11
		2	Some	24	32	239	20			
		3	Quite a bit	16	22	406	37			
		4	Very much	28	40	430	33			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	58	5			
		Total		73	100	1,192	100			
<b>4. Thinking about academic advising, about how often did someone at your institution discuss the following with you?</b>										
a. Your academic goals and future plans	AAD04a	1	Never	1	2	39	3	<b>3.8</b>	3.6	.15
		2	Rarely	10	13	115	10			
		3	Sometimes	16	24	351	30			
		4	Often	21	28	396	33			
		5	Very often	24	34	270	22			
		—	Not applicable	0	0	19	2			
Total		72	100	1,190	100					
b. How your major or expected major relates to your goals and future plans	AAD04b	1	Never	1	1	47	3	<b>3.9</b>	3.6 *	.27 △
		2	Rarely	5	7	118	12			
		3	Sometimes	19	27	313	27			
		4	Often	19	25	394	32			
		5	Very often	27	37	289	24			
		—	Not applicable	2	3	25	2			
Total		73	100	1,186	100					
c. Special opportunities (study abroad, internship, service-learning, research, etc.)	AAD04c	1	Never	9	12	169	14	<b>3.2</b>	3.0	.12
		2	Rarely	12	16	214	17			
		3	Sometimes	22	30	367	30			
		4	Often	14	19	230	20			
		5	Very often	14	20	156	14			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	52	5			
Total		73	100	1,188	100					

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
d. Participation in co-curricular activities (organizations or clubs, performing arts, sports, etc.)	AAD04d	1	Never	15	21	155	12	<b>3.0</b>	3.1	-.01
		2	Rarely	13	18	204	19			
		3	Sometimes	15	19	357	29			
		4	Often	11	15	238	21			
		5	Very often	17	25	174	14			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	56	5			
Total				73	100	1,184	100			
e. Resources for your well-being (health, counseling, financial guidance, etc.)	AAD04e	1	Never	6	9	106	9	<b>3.5</b>	3.3	.17
		2	Rarely	12	16	169	15			
		3	Sometimes	16	23	373	31			
		4	Often	15	19	293	24			
		5	Very often	22	30	209	17			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	36	4			
Total				73	100	1,186	100			
<b>5. How much have each of the following helped you develop your academic goals and future plans?</b>										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD05a	1	Very little	8	11	117	9	<b>2.7</b>	2.8	-.07
		2	Some	22	29	306	27			
		3	Quite a bit	23	32	425	35			
		4	Very much	19	26	298	26			
		—	Not applicable	1	1	34	3			
		Total				73	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD05b	1	Very little	14	21	189	15	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	.02
		2	Some	12	15	330	29			
		3	Quite a bit	19	26	274	24			
		4	Very much	12	17	185	15			
		—	Not applicable	16	21	202	17			
		Total				73	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD05c	1	Very little	17	25	283	23	<b>2.2</b>	2.2	.04
		2	Some	17	21	334	30			
		3	Quite a bit	15	20	197	17			
		4	Very much	8	12	136	11			
		—	Not applicable	16	22	225	19			
		Total				73	100			
d. Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	AAD05d	1	Very little	20	29	268	22	<b>2.2</b>	2.3	-.02
		2	Some	16	21	287	26			
		3	Quite a bit	12	17	197	18			
		4	Very much	11	16	140	12			
		—	Not applicable	14	18	285	23			
		Total				73	100			
e. Website, catalog, or other published sources	AAD05e	1	Very little	13	19	258	21	<b>2.4</b>	2.2	.25
		2	Some	19	25	373	32			
		3	Quite a bit	14	19	206	18			
		4	Very much	12	17	116	10			
		—	Not applicable	15	20	224	19			
		Total				73	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD05f	1	Very little	18	26	302	25	<b>2.2</b>	2.1	.08
		2	Some	17	22	294	26			
		3	Quite a bit	13	17	178	15			
		4	Very much	9	13	118	9			
		—	Not applicable	16	22	287	25			
			Total	73	100	1,179	100			
g. Success or academic coach	AAD05g	1	Very little	17	24	271	22	<b>2.2</b>	2.2	.04
		2	Some	15	20	231	20			
		3	Quite a bit	10	13	164	15			
		4	Very much	9	13	126	9			
		—	Not applicable	22	29	385	33			
			Total	73	100	1,177	100			
h. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD05h	1	Very little	16	24	245	20	<b>2.3</b>	2.2	.01
		2	Some	11	13	279	23			
		3	Quite a bit	13	18	183	16			
		4	Very much	8	11	121	10			
		—	Not applicable	25	33	351	30			
			Total	73	100	1,179	100			
i. Friends or other students	AAD05i	1	Very little	9	13	124	12	<b>2.8</b>	2.6	.15
		2	Some	12	17	351	31			
		3	Quite a bit	30	40	385	30			
		4	Very much	18	24	258	21			
		—	Not applicable	4	6	61	6			
			Total	73	100	1,179	100			
j. Family members	AAD05j	1	Very little	4	6	95	9	<b>3.1</b>	2.9	.19
		2	Some	12	15	261	23			
		3	Quite a bit	28	39	388	32			
		4	Very much	26	36	386	32			
		—	Not applicable	3	4	45	4			
			Total	73	100	1,175	100			
k. Other, please specify:	AAD05k	1	Very little	0	0	1	2			
		2	Some	0	0	2	14			
		3	Quite a bit	0	0	3	5			
		4	Very much	0	0	14	32			
		—	Not applicable	2	100	20	47			
			Total	2	100	40	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 44 first-year student(s) and 74 senior(s). Responses are provided in your NSSE24 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		Carnegie Class		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
<b>1. During the current school year, how many times have you discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance with the following individuals?</b>										
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD01a	0	0	9	7	83	6	<b>2.5</b>	2.6	-.04
		1	1	18	17	262	16			
		2	2	27	23	351	24			
		3	3	22	20	291	19			
		4	4 or more	38	32	492	34			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	21	1			
			Total	116	100	1,500	100			
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD01b	0	0	40	33	522	34	<b>1.7</b>	1.6	.05
		1	1	15	14	245	17			
		2	2	17	15	193	13			
		3	3	12	13	181	11			
		4	4 or more	22	18	242	17			
		—	Not applicable	10	8	111	7			
			Total	116	100	1,494	100			
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD01c	0	0	42	36	555	37	<b>1.5</b>	1.5	-.01
		1	1	16	14	221	16			
		2	2	24	22	242	15			
		3	3	9	7	159	10			
		4	4 or more	19	16	233	16			
		—	Not applicable	6	6	90	6			
			Total	116	100	1,500	100			
d. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD01d	0	0	63	55	801	54	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	.00
		1	1	18	15	209	14			
		2	2	8	6	170	12			
		3	3	9	9	109	7			
		4	4 or more	8	7	96	6			
		—	Not applicable	10	8	114	7			
			Total	116	100	1,499	100			
e. Success or academic coach	AAD01e	0	0	85	76	984	66	<b>0.4</b>	0.6 *	-0.22
		1	1	4	4	145	10			
		2	2	1	1	81	6			
		3	3	4	3	66	4			
		4	4 or more	5	4	88	6			
		—	Not applicable	15	13	133	9			
			Total	114	100	1,497	100			
f. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD01f	0	0	69	60	915	61	<b>1.0</b>	0.9	.09
		1	1	4	4	119	8			
		2	2	7	5	98	6			
		3	3	6	6	93	7			
		4	4 or more	17	14	137	9			
		—	Not applicable	13	11	137	9			
			Total	116	100	1,499	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
g. Other, please specify:	AAD01g	0	0	8	48	47	33			
		1	1	0	0	2	1			
		2	2	1	10	8	8			
		3	3	1	10	6	4			
		4	4 or more	0	0	30	22			
		—	Not applicable	5	32	51	31			
			Total	15	100	144	100			
<b>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?<sup>j</sup></b>										
	AAD02		No	0	0	2	5			
			Yes	4	100	34	86			
			Unsure	0	0	4	9			
			Total	4	100	40	100			
<b>3. Thinking about academic advising, how much have people and resources at your institution done the following?</b>										
a. Been available when needed	AAD03a	1	Very little	7	6	97	7	<b>3.1</b>	3.0	.13
		2	Some	24	22	317	21			
		3	Quite a bit	33	27	578	38			
		4	Very much	49	43	484	32			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	21	2			
			Total	115	100	1,497	100			
b. Provided prompt and accurate information	AAD03b	1	Very little	6	5	102	7	<b>3.1</b>	3.0 *	.21
		2	Some	21	18	332	22			
		3	Quite a bit	38	32	569	39			
		4	Very much	46	43	472	32			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	13	1			
			Total	113	100	1,488	100			
c. Provided information about learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success skills, etc.)	AAD03c	1	Very little	15	12	163	11	<b>3.0</b>	2.8	.18
		2	Some	21	20	351	23			
		3	Quite a bit	31	25	502	34			
		4	Very much	43	40	388	26			
		—	Not applicable	5	4	86	6			
			Total	115	100	1,490	100			
d. Notified you of important policies and deadlines	AAD03d	1	Very little	10	9	156	10	<b>3.0</b>	2.8	.17
		2	Some	23	19	324	22			
		3	Quite a bit	37	32	557	38			
		4	Very much	42	38	427	28			
		—	Not applicable	3	2	29	2			
			Total	115	100	1,493	100			
e. Reached out to you about your academic progress or performance	AAD03e	1	Very little	26	20	361	25	<b>2.7</b>	2.4 **	.26
		2	Some	22	21	393	27			
		3	Quite a bit	26	22	370	23			
		4	Very much	35	32	308	20			
		—	Not applicable	6	5	58	4			
			Total	115	100	1,490	100			
f. Followed up with you regarding something they recommended	AAD03f	1	Very little	23	19	327	22	<b>2.8</b>	2.5 **	.27
		2	Some	21	16	353	24			
		3	Quite a bit	26	25	370	25			
		4	Very much	35	33	308	21			
		—	Not applicable	8	8	128	8			
			Total	113	100	1,486	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
g. Asked questions about your educational background and needs	AAD03g	1	Very little	28	23	421	28	2.7	2.3 **	.29
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		4	Very much	33	31	281	19			
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			Total	115	100	1,489	100			
h. Actively listened to your concerns	AAD03h	1	Very little	16	14	161	11	3.0	2.8	.15
		2	Some	19	15	330	22			
		3	Quite a bit	30	26	486	33			
		4	Very much	45	41	417	28			
		—	Not applicable	4	3	93	6			
			Total	114	100	1,487	100			
i. Respected your identities and cultures	AAD03i	1	Very little	9	7	64	4	3.3	3.2	.13
		2	Some	8	6	175	12			
		3	Quite a bit	31	28	458	30			
		4	Very much	52	48	551	37			
		—	Not applicable	14	11	238	17			
			Total	114	100	1,486	100			
j. Cared about your overall well-being	AAD03j	1	Very little	12	10	136	9	3.2	2.9 *	.25
		2	Some	18	14	302	20			
		3	Quite a bit	26	21	475	32			
		4	Very much	55	51	480	32			
		—	Not applicable	4	3	95	7			
			Total	115	100	1,488	100			
<b>4. Thinking about academic advising, about how often did someone at your institution discuss the following with you?</b>										
a. Your academic goals and future plans	AAD04a	1	Never	7	6	72	5	3.9	3.6 *	.25
		2	Rarely	8	7	186	13			
		3	Sometimes	23	19	408	28			
		4	Often	33	29	423	28			
		5	Very often	40	38	375	26			
		—	Not applicable	2	2	19	1			
	Total	113	100	1,483	100					
b. How your major or expected major relates to your goals and future plans	AAD04b	1	Never	10	8	100	6	3.8	3.6 *	.21
		2	Rarely	9	7	180	13			
		3	Sometimes	18	16	342	24			
		4	Often	30	26	419	28			
		5	Very often	43	40	405	28			
		—	Not applicable	3	2	31	2			
	Total	113	100	1,477	100					
c. Special opportunities (study abroad, internship, service-learning, research, etc.)	AAD04c	1	Never	22	17	263	17	3.3	2.9 *	.25
		2	Rarely	10	8	286	20			
		3	Sometimes	32	28	320	21			
		4	Often	12	12	262	17			
		5	Very often	28	28	217	15			
		—	Not applicable	10	7	134	10			
	Total	114	100	1,482	100					

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				UofSC Aiken		Carnegie Class		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class		
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>	
d. Participation in co-curricular activities (organizations or clubs, performing arts, sports, etc.)	AAD04d	1	Never	23	20	312	21	<b>2.9</b>	2.8	.10	
		2	Rarely	22	19	275	18				
		3	Sometimes	24	21	299	20				
		4	Often	9	8	228	16				
		5	Very often	22	22	194	13				
		—	Not applicable	13	10	171	12				
Total				113	100	1,479	100				
e. Resources for your well-being (health, counseling, financial guidance, etc.)	AAD04e	1	Never	14	11	242	17	<b>3.2</b>	2.9 *	△	.27
		2	Rarely	27	22	292	20				
		3	Sometimes	23	20	413	27				
		4	Often	15	15	255	17				
		5	Very often	27	25	191	13				
		—	Not applicable	8	6	88	6				
Total				114	100	1,481	100				
<b>5. How much have each of the following helped you develop your academic goals and future plans?</b>											
a. Academic advisor, faculty, or staff assigned to advise you	AAD05a	1	Very little	20	17	215	14	<b>2.9</b>	2.7	.15	
		2	Some	23	20	372	26				
		3	Quite a bit	24	22	463	31				
		4	Very much	45	41	395	27				
		—	Not applicable	1	1	33	2				
		Total				113	100				1,478
b. Academic advisor(s) available to any student	AAD05b	1	Very little	21	17	346	23	<b>2.6</b>	2.3	.20	
		2	Some	24	21	297	20				
		3	Quite a bit	11	11	272	19				
		4	Very much	26	24	223	15				
		—	Not applicable	30	28	338	23				
		Total				112	100				1,476
c. Faculty or instructor(s) <i>not</i> assigned to advise you	AAD05c	1	Very little	19	15	311	21	<b>2.7</b>	2.4 *	△	.29
		2	Some	22	19	346	23				
		3	Quite a bit	18	17	256	18				
		4	Very much	27	24	234	16				
		—	Not applicable	27	25	330	22				
		Total				113	100				
d. Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	AAD05d	1	Very little	14	12	323	21	<b>3.0</b>	2.4 ***	▲	.48
		2	Some	15	12	320	21				
		3	Quite a bit	27	25	312	22				
		4	Very much	37	33	247	18				
		—	Not applicable	20	18	272	18				
		Total				113	100				
e. Website, catalog, or other published sources	AAD05e	1	Very little	22	19	342	23	<b>2.5</b>	2.3 *	△	.28
		2	Some	22	19	391	27				
		3	Quite a bit	20	18	275	19				
		4	Very much	23	22	193	13				
		—	Not applicable	25	22	270	19				
		Total				112	100				

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				UofSC Aiken		Carnegie Class		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Student services staff (career services, academic support, Trio, etc.)	AAD05f	1	Very little	34	30	461	31	<b>2.2</b>	2.0	.17
		2	Some	12	11	296	19			
		3	Quite a bit	16	15	183	12			
		4	Very much	13	13	138	9			
		—	Not applicable	37	31	397	28			
			Total	112	100	1,475	100			
g. Success or academic coach	AAD05g	1	Very little	29	25	412	27	<b>2.1</b>	2.0	.14
		2	Some	7	8	205	14			
		3	Quite a bit	10	9	129	8			
		4	Very much	12	12	123	9			
		—	Not applicable	55	47	603	42			
			Total	113	100	1,472	100			
h. Peer advisor or mentor	AAD05h	1	Very little	25	21	352	22	<b>2.4</b>	2.1	.24
		2	Some	9	9	204	14			
		3	Quite a bit	13	12	154	11			
		4	Very much	18	16	138	9			
		—	Not applicable	48	42	620	43			
			Total	113	100	1,468	100			
i. Friends or other students	AAD05i	1	Very little	9	9	199	14	<b>2.9</b>	2.6 *	.22
		2	Some	33	28	339	23			
		3	Quite a bit	19	17	428	28			
		4	Very much	36	34	326	21			
		—	Not applicable	17	12	177	13			
			Total	114	100	1,469	100			
j. Family members	AAD05j	1	Very little	12	11	196	15	<b>2.9</b>	2.7	.14
		2	Some	27	24	317	23			
		3	Quite a bit	25	22	410	27			
		4	Very much	41	36	442	28			
		—	Not applicable	9	7	101	7			
			Total	114	100	1,466	100			
k. Other, please specify:	AAD05k	1	Very little	0	0	2	4			
		2	Some	0	0	1	1			
		3	Quite a bit	0	0	2	5			
		4	Very much	2	29	18	35			
		—	Not applicable	6	71	38	56			
			Total	8	100	61	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 44 first-year student(s) and 74 senior(s). Responses are provided in your NSSE24 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 <sup>f</sup>		Standard deviation <sup>g</sup>		DF <sup>h</sup>	Sig. <sup>i</sup>	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
	UofSC Aiken	UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class			
AAD01a	72	2.38	2.70	.135	.035	1.14	1.15	1,136	.021	-.28
AAD01b	72	1.61	1.80	.168	.045	1.42	1.43	1,096	.271	-.13
AAD01c	68	1.19	1.41	.161	.045	1.33	1.41	1,070	.229	-.15
AAD01d	70	0.98	1.11	.144	.042	1.20	1.33	81	.391	-.10
AAD01e	69	0.82	0.98	.147	.043	1.22	1.36	1,069	.347	-.12
AAD01f	67	1.05	1.22	.163	.046	1.34	1.44	1,071	.351	-.12
AAD03a	73	3.14	3.04	.089	.025	.76	.82	1,122	.305	.12
AAD03b	72	3.03	3.01	.094	.025	.80	.80	1,119	.855	.02
AAD03c	73	3.23	3.04	.093	.026	.79	.83	1,115	.062	.23
AAD03d	73	3.19	2.94	.094	.027	.80	.89	1,122	.017	.29
AAD03e	71	2.71	2.46	.123	.032	1.04	1.02	1,094	.049	.24
AAD03f	71	2.62	2.55	.130	.031	1.10	.99	1,073	.548	.07
AAD03g	70	2.57	2.43	.132	.032	1.10	1.02	1,074	.261	.14
AAD03h	69	2.90	2.86	.123	.028	1.02	.89	75	.715	.05
AAD03i	67	3.16	3.24	.102	.026	.84	.80	1,014	.425	-.10
AAD03j	73	2.94	3.04	.117	.027	1.00	.87	80	.440	-.11
AAD04a	72	3.78	3.62	.131	.032	1.11	1.03	1,116	.221	.15
AAD04b	70	3.93	3.63	.122	.033	1.03	1.07	1,106	.026	.27
AAD04c	71	3.20	3.05	.154	.039	1.29	1.25	1,084	.331	.12
AAD04d	71	3.04	3.06	.178	.039	1.50	1.24	77	.931	-.01
AAD04e	71	3.47	3.26	.158	.037	1.33	1.18	78	.205	.17
AAD05a	72	2.74	2.81	.116	.029	.99	.94	1,099	.588	-.07
AAD05b	57	2.49	2.47	.147	.034	1.11	.99	930	.887	.02
AAD05c	57	2.24	2.20	.142	.034	1.07	1.00	909	.762	.04
AAD05d	60	2.23	2.26	.146	.036	1.13	1.03	872	.855	-.02
AAD05e	58	2.44	2.20	.142	.033	1.08	.96	63	.104	.25
AAD05f	57	2.20	2.12	.144	.036	1.09	1.01	851	.574	.08
AAD05g	52	2.22	2.18	.155	.039	1.12	1.04	753	.775	.04
AAD05h	49	2.25	2.24	.162	.038	1.13	1.02	786	.940	.01
AAD05i	68	2.79	2.64	.119	.031	.98	.97	1,061	.227	.15
AAD05j	70	3.09	2.91	.106	.030	.89	.97	1,078	.134	.19

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## Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error <sup>f</sup>		Standard deviation <sup>g</sup>		DF <sup>h</sup>	Sig. <sup>i</sup>	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
		UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class	UofSC Aiken	Carnegie Class			
AAD01a	116	2.54	2.59	.121	.036	1.30	1.27	1,337	.673	-.04
AAD01b	108	1.65	1.58	.149	.045	1.55	1.53	1,253	.626	.05
AAD01c	111	1.49	1.51	.140	.044	1.48	1.51	1,273	.919	-.01
AAD01d	108	0.90	0.91	.128	.038	1.33	1.28	1,256	.982	.00
AAD01e	101	0.37	0.63	.103	.036	1.04	1.19	125	.018	-.22
AAD01f	105	0.99	0.85	.151	.041	1.55	1.39	120	.397	.09
AAD03a	115	3.10	2.98	.089	.026	.95	.91	1,329	.175	.13
AAD03b	112	3.14	2.95	.085	.026	.91	.91	1,327	.035	.21
AAD03c	112	2.96	2.79	.099	.029	1.05	.98	1,269	.076	.18
AAD03d	114	3.01	2.84	.091	.027	.97	.95	1,325	.078	.17
AAD03e	111	2.69	2.41	.110	.032	1.15	1.09	1,287	.010	.26
AAD03f	105	2.78	2.48	.111	.032	1.14	1.09	1,229	.009	.27
AAD03g	112	2.67	2.34	.110	.033	1.16	1.11	1,261	.003	.29
AAD03h	111	2.98	2.83	.103	.029	1.08	.99	1,259	.119	.15
AAD03i	103	3.31	3.19	.091	.027	.92	.87	1,122	.204	.13
AAD03j	113	3.18	2.94	.097	.028	1.03	.96	1,259	.010	.25
AAD04a	112	3.87	3.58	.112	.033	1.18	1.14	1,319	.012	.25
AAD04b	111	3.84	3.59	.121	.035	1.28	1.21	1,301	.035	.21
AAD04c	107	3.29	2.94	.140	.041	1.45	1.35	1,209	.012	.25
AAD04d	102	2.93	2.79	.146	.042	1.47	1.37	1,167	.322	.10
AAD04e	109	3.23	2.87	.133	.038	1.39	1.28	126	.012	.27
AAD05a	114	2.88	2.72	.106	.030	1.13	1.02	131	.162	.15
AAD05b	82	2.57	2.35	.130	.036	1.18	1.10	1,016	.086	.20
AAD05c	87	2.68	2.37	.121	.035	1.13	1.08	1,037	.011	.29
AAD05d	95	2.97	2.44	.110	.035	1.07	1.10	113	.000	.48
AAD05e	89	2.55	2.26	.121	.033	1.14	1.04	101	.023	.28
AAD05f	78	2.17	1.99	.135	.036	1.19	1.05	88	.206	.17
AAD05g	61	2.14	1.98	.158	.042	1.23	1.10	68	.331	.14
AAD05h	66	2.39	2.13	.154	.043	1.25	1.11	75	.096	.24
AAD05i	101	2.87	2.65	.104	.032	1.05	1.02	1,152	.035	.22
AAD05j	108	2.89	2.74	.102	.032	1.06	1.06	1,228	.154	.14

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## 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 Ns 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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Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to item wording and your institutional context. You may not see all of these symbols in your report.