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Survey of New Students

1. Introduction

Welcome, \$ {m://FirstName}!

Thank you for participating in the Northwestern Survey of New Students. This questionnaire consists of a set of linked sections that ask about what you expect from college, how you see yourself as a student, and where you think you are heading. We then ask a few questions about the admissions process you just went through and a series of background questions about you, your family, and your high school experiences.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Please be assured that the data will be treated as confidential, and the results of any research or analysis using the data will be presented in a way that individual respondents cannot be identified. If data from this survey are used for academic research, the same rules of confidentiality and

reporting apply.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems while taking the survey, please contact Paul Schatz at nusurvey@northwestern.edu.

2. Expectations for College

Your College Goals

How important is it that Northwestern provide you with the following?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Essential
A broad liberal arts education	0	0	0	0
Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce	0	0	0	0
Contact with individuals whose backgrounds (e.g., race, socioeconomic status, nationality, sexual orientation) are different from your own	0	0	0	0
Opportunities to discover and pursue your intellectual passion	0	0	0	0
Experiences that help you develop and clarify a personal code of values or ethics	0	0	0	0
Skills for lifelong learning	0	0	0	0
A global perspective	0	0	0	0
Deep expertise in a specific discipline or area of study	0	0	0	0
Experiences that help you explore your spiritual growth	0	0	0	0

Your Academic Interests

v	
"I'm not sure."	
major? If you aren't leaning in any direction yet, ju	ust select
As of right now, in which area are you most likely	ιο

Please list your planned major area(s) in this space.	

(Regarding the major listed above) How confident are you that this will be the right major for you?

Not confident at	Slightly	Somewhat	Confident	Very confident
all/ Don't know	confident	confident		
enough yet	0	0	0	0

Your Expectations for College

How interested are you in doing the following during your undergraduate years at Northwestern?

	Not at all interested	Slightly interested	Somewhat interested	Very interest
Getting a job to help pay for college expenses	0	0	0	0
Doing community service, as part of a course (e.g., service learning)	0	0	0	0
Volunteering or community service, not as part of a course	0	0	0	0
Studying abroad	0	0	0	0
Transferring to another institution	0	0	0	0
Working with a professor on a research project	0	0	0	0
Doing independent study (self-designed credit courses)	0	0	0	0
Having an internship	0	0	0	0
Joining a student club or organization	0	0	0	0
Participating in ROTC or the National Guard	0	0	0	0
Joining a fraternity or sorority	0	0	0	0
Starting a business	0	0	0	0
Having a leadership role in student government, a club, organization, or team	0	0	0	0
Learning to speak and write in a new language	0	0	0	0
Cooperative Engineering Education Program (Co-op)	0	0	0	0

3. Preparation for College

Preparation for College

You will face a number of new situations, both social and academic, in the coming year. How well prepared do you feel you are to...

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
Succeed academically at Northwestern?	0	0	0	0
Get along socially at Northwestern?	0	0	0	0

How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following during your first year at Northwestern?

	Unprepared	prepared	Quite well prepared	very well prepared
Live away from home	0	0	0	0
Select the courses you will take	0	0	0	0
Ask for help when you need it	0	0	0	0
Find a group that you feel part of	0	0	0	0
Manage your time effectively	0	0	0	0

How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following while at Northwestern?

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
Write clearly and effectively	0	0	0	0
Communicate well orally	0	0	0	0
Use quantitative tools (e.g., statistics, graphs)	0	0	0	0
Create original ideas and solutions	0	0	0	0
Resolve interpersonal conflicts constructively	0	0	0	0
Function effectively as a member of a team	0	0	0	0
Take a leadership role	0	0	0	0
Learn on your own	0	0	0	0
Relate well to people of different races, nations, and religions	0	0	0	0

Preparation for College

How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following while at Northwestern?

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
Understand the significance of art, music, literature, and drama	0	0	0	0
Think critically	0	0	0	0
Understand the process of science and experimentation	0	0	0	0
Read or speak a foreign language	0	0	0	0
Place current problems in historical/cultural /philosophical perspective	0	0	0	0
Function independently, without supervision	0	0	0	0
Plan and execute complex projects	0	0	0	0
Develop or clarify a personal code of values or ethics	0	0	0	0
Conduct scholarly research	0	0	0	0
Evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	0	0	0	0
Identify moral and ethical issues	0	0	0	0
Understand yourself: abilities,	\sim			\sim

interests, iimitations, personality	U	U	O	U
Understand the complexity of social problems	0	0	0	0
Develop global awareness	0	0	0	0

4. You as a Student

You as a Student

Tell us how well each of the following statements describes you as a student.

	Not at all	Somewhat	Quite well	Very well
I prefer courses that arouse my curiosity, even if they are difficult.	0	0	0	0
I am willing to work hard in a course to learn the material, even if it won't lead to a higher grade.	0	0	0	0
I often take time to follow up on interesting things that are mentioned in class.	0	0	0	0
When I am frustrated, I believe someone will help me.	0	0	0	0
While facing a challenge, I don't give up easily.	0	0	0	0
I will persistently pursue my dreams to the end.	0	0	0	0
I am aware of the care and support of those around me.	0	0	0	0
People often give me good advice to help me succeed.	0	0	0	0

5. Choosing a College

Choosing a College

How were you admitted to Northwestern?

Early action/early decision Through regular admission As a transfer student

To how many colleges or universities did you apply, counting Northwestern?



To how many colleges were you admitted, counting Northwestern?



Among the colleges that you applied to, how would you rank Northwestern?

First choice	Second choice	Third choice	Less than third
0	0	0	choice

Did you take a test prep class?

6	Yes, the SAT	Yes, the ACT	Yes, for bo th tests
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How many times did you take the SAT and ACT?

	Did not				4 or more	
	take	1 time	2 times	3 times	times	
SAT	0	0	0	0	0	
ACT	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	

When you applied to Northwestern, did you submit your test scores for consideration

	Did not submit scores with	Submitted scores with
	application	application
SAT	0	0
ACT	0	0

Did Northwestern request your test scores once you were admitted?



Please tell us your highest scores on each test.

ACT Composite	~

As you made plans for college and prepared applications, how helpful were advice and assistance from each of the following? Please note if a resource was not available to you.

	Did not use	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very helpful	Resource not available
High school counselors who specialized in college admissions	0	0	0	0	0
Other high school counselors or teachers	0	0	0	0	0
Your classmates and friends	0	0	0	0	0
Your parents or guardians	0	\circ	0	0	0
Counselors working/volunteering at a community-based organization like the Y or Upward Bound	0	0	0	0	0
Private admissions advisors or counselors (paid for by you or your family)	0	0	0	0	0

6. Paying for College

Paying for College

Did you receive financial aid from Northwestern?



Did you receive a Pell Grant for this year?



Will you personally take out any student loans to help finance your first year in college?



As you discussed your college choices with your family, did your parents/guardians ever express to you concerns about paying for college?



As of right now, how concerned are you about your family's ability to pay for your college education?

Not at all A little Quite a bit A great deal

7. After College

After College

Do you currently intend to pursue a graduate or
professional degree after you complete your bachelor's
degree?

Yes Not same yet

Which degrees, if any, do you plan to pursue in the future? Mark all that you expect to pursue.

☐ Master's degree in an academic field (e.g., MA, MS)
☐ Master's degree in business (MBA)
Other professional Master's (e.g., MSW, MPH, MEd)
☐ Law degree (e.g., JD, LLB)
☐ Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM)
☐ PhD
Professional or other doctorate (e.g., EdD, PsyD)
Some other degree
☐ Still unsure

How important is each of the following to you as you think about your own life and future?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Esse
Raising a family	0	0	0	(
Doing work that is in accordance with your philosophy or religion	0	0	0	C
Participating in religious activities	0	0	0	(
Doing creative and expressive work	0	0	0	(
Expressing yourself artistically	\circ	0	0	(
Being a leader in your community	0	0	0	(
	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Esse
Participating in politics or community affairs	0	0	0	(
Working for social and political change	0	0	0	(
Volunteering	0	0	0	(
Being well-off financially	0	0	0	(
Being successful in a business of your own	0	0	0	(
Having managerial responsibility	0	0	0	(
	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Esse
Learning about other cultures and nations	0	0	0	C

Getting to know people from diverse backgrounds	0	\circ	\circ	C
Living or working abroad	0	0	0	C
Traveling abroad	0	0	0	C
Contributing to science and innovation	0	0	0	C
Being a leader in your field	0	0	0	\subset

8. Your High School

Your High School

For the rest of this survey, we'll be asking you to tell us about your background, beginning with a few things about your high school.

What kind of h	nigh school did y	ou attend?	
	school blic schools		
	escribes your acc Baccalaureate (I	•	•
IB was not offered at my school.	IB was offered at my school, but I did not pa rti cipate.	courses/exams	I completed a full IE Diploma.
Was your high	n school in the Ur	nited States?	

How many Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or exams did you take in high school?

Not offered	None	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-15	More than
at my high						15
school	0	0	0	0	0	0

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your high school:

	Disagree strongly	Disagree somewhat	Agree somewhat	Agree strongly	
My high school offered a good mix of advanced classes.	0	0	0	0	
I would have taken more advanced classes if my school had offered them.	0	0	0	0	
I would have taken more science and math classes if my school had offered them.	0	0	0	0	

What language did teachers in your high school use in class (excluding foreign language classes)?

Entirely/mostly English A mix of English and other Entirely/mostly
language(s) language(s) other than

English

9. High School Experiences (Academic)

Your High School Experiences

During your last year of high school, about how often did you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Get excited by a class	0	0	0	0
Participate in class discussions	0	0	0	0
Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class	0	0	0	0
Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues	0	0	0	0
Revise a paper two or more times before handing it in	0	0	0	0
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Perform volunteer work not for a class or graduation requirement	0	0	0	0
Have a serious conversation with an individual from a background different from yours (e.g., politically, religiously, economically, ethnically)	0	0	0	0
Apply ideas from a class to other courses and interests	0	0	0	0
Feel challenged by a class	0	0	0	0
Prepare for class with an informal study group	0	0	0	0
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Reconsider your position on a topic after evaluating the arguments of others	0	0	0	0
Use a computer to analyze data (statistics, forecasting, etc.)	0	0	0	0

teacher	0	0	0	0
Work on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	0	0	0	0
Make a presentation in class	0	0	0	0

10. High School Experiences (Other)

More about Your High School Experiences

We'd like to know if you did any of the following during your high school years. Some of these may not have been for a class or other school requirement.

While you were in high school did you... Mark all that apply.
Write a long (e.g., 15 pages or more) research paper that combined information from many sources
Perform community service as part of a class or graduation requirement
Take a class for college credit (not necessarily at Northwestern) at a local college or university
Complete an online college class
Do an internship
Become fluent in a language other than English
Participate actively in a religious or spiritual community

While in hi	gh school did	d you: Mark c	all that apply.	
Have a leade	ership role in a st	udent group, clul	b, or team	
Have a leade school)	ership role in a co	mmunity group,	club, or team (o	utside of
Participate in meetings, etc	'.	voting (campaiç	gn, volunteer, atte	end public
☐ Play one or n	nore varsity spor	ts		
Did you wo	ork for pay du	uring your se	nior year of h	nigh
school?				
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	w many hour school year:	•	ork in a typicc	ıl week
1-5 h ours	6-10 -b ours	11-15 - 0-urs	16-20 - 50-urs	21+ / hours

During your <u>last year of high school</u>, about how often did you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Feel overwhelmed by all you had to do	0	0	0	0	0
Feel very sad	0	0	0	0	0
Feel so depressed it was difficult to function	0	0	0	0	0
Stay up all night to finish an academic assignment or prepare for an exam	0	0	0	0	0
Feel out of place or that you just didn't fit in at your school	0	0	0	0	0
Find a balance between schoolwork and other aspects of your life	0	0	0	0	0
Feel overwhelming anxiety	0	0	0	0	0
Feel excessive pressure to succeed from your parents/guardians	0	0	0	0	0
Feel excessive pressure to compete with peers	0	0	0	0	0

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following problems?

			Over	Nearly
	Not at	Several	half the	every
	all	Days	days	day
Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	0	0	0
Feeling afraid that something awful might happen	0	0	0	0
Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	0	0	0	0

Please try to describe how the Coronavirus pandemic affected you. Mark all that apply to you:

	Yes	No
I, my family, or my friends were directly affected: people got sick	0	0
I personally know at least one person who died from complications from COVID-19	0	0
Because of where I live, the impacts of the crisis have seemed distant	0	0
I remain very worried about COVID-19	0	0

11. Your Background

Your Background

What year did you graduate from high school?

2021 or earlier

As of now, how many members of your class at Northwestern have you talked with in person?

Nøŋe







Morethan 5

How many of these people did you personally know prior to being admitted?

Nøŋe



203

105

Morethan 5

Seek psychological counseling

Use disability services and

accommodations

Do you have any of the	e followin	g disabili [.]	ties or m	edical
conditions?				
☐ Learning Disability or ADHD				
☐ Sensory, chronic medical or p	hysical disc	ability		
☐ Chronic mental health condit	ion			
Other disability or chronic me	dical condi	tion (please	specify)	
None of the above				
While you are an unde	ergradua:	te at Nort	hwesteri	n, what's
the chance that you wi	II do the	following	? Your b	est guess
is fine.				
		Very little	Some	Very good
	No chance	chance	chance	chance

What is	your	gend	ler?
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remale	Male	ransgenaer	I identify as:
0	0	0	0
What is your se	exual orientat	tion?	
Straight		O Queer	
O Gay/lesbian		O Unsure	
Bisexual		I identify as:	
0		0	
Are you attendi	ing college oi	n a foreign stude	ent Visa?

What is	your rac	e or ethr	nic group	? Mark a	ll that ap _l	oly.
☐ America	ın Indian or	Alaskan Nat	tive 🗌 H	ispanic or La	ıtino	
Asian			1 1	ative Hawaii lander	an or Other	Pacific
☐ Black or	African Am	erican	□ W	/hite		
_			,	/our Asiar ·laborate.	n heritage	e in
Chinese	Indian	Other	Korean	Southeast Asian	Japanese	Other
0	0	South A sig n	0	ASIGN	0	0
Use the	following	g list to d	escribe y	our Hispo	anic	
backgro	ound in r	nore deta	ail or use	the spac	e to elab	orate.
Mexico	nr	Puerto Ricc	nk	Cuban	0	ther
0		0		0		0

Were both of	your parents	born in the	United States?
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Yes Note ure

How would you describe the racial composition of the neighborhood you lived in during high school?

All or nearly all Mostly white Half white and Mostly people All or nearly all white half people of of color people of color

How would you describe the racial composition of the neighborhood you lived in during high school?

All or nearly all Mostly people Half white and Mostly white All or nearly all people of color of color half people of white

Your Background

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Military Reserves, or National Guard?



Is English your native/first language?



What language did students in your high school speak to one another outside of class?

Entirely English	Mostly English	A mix of English and	Mostly/entirely
		other languages	language(s) other
0	0	0	than En glish

At home, what language(s) does your family speak?

Entirely English Mostly English A mix of English and Mostly/entirely other languages language(s) other

O than English

Which religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition do you practice or identify with?

0	Buddhist	\circ	Muslim
0	Protestant	0	Some other religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition (please specify)
0	Roman Catholic	0	Spiritual but do not identify with a religious tradition or group (please specify)
0	Other Christian traditions (Orthodox, LDS, etc.) (please specify)	0	Atheist
	Hindu		Other (please specify)
0	Tilliad	0	Ctrici (piedoc specify)
\bigcirc	Jewish	\bigcirc	None

Lutheran

Please use this space to tell us which specific Protestant denomination, if any, you identify with. We list only denominations typically chosen by many students; use the space provided to elaborate.

O Baptist	Methodist	O UCC/Congregational
O Church of Christ	O Presbyterian	O Non- or inter- denominational
Episcopalian	Seventh Day Adventist	Other denomination (please specify)

Please use this space to tell us more about how you practice Judaism. We list some major terms Jewish students use to describe themselves; use the space provided to elaborate.

0	Orthodox	O Reform
0	Conservative	O Non-Practicing/Secular
0	Reconstructionist	O Something Else

How would you describe your political views?

Very	Conservative	eModerate/Middle-L	iberal	Very	Something	Haven't
conservative	9	of-the-road		Liberal	else	thought
						that
						much
0	0	0	0	0	0	about it

How would you describe your political views?

Very	Liberal	Moderate/Middle-0	Conservative	e Very	Something	Haven't
Liberal		of-the-road		conservative	else	thought
						that
						much
0	0	\circ	0	0	0	about it

12. Your Parents

Your Parents

of your parents?	
O No high school diploma	
O High school diploma or equivalent	
O Post-secondary school other than college	
O Some college or associate's degree	
O Bachelor's degree	
O Graduate or professional degree	
O Unsure/Don't know	
Did any of your parents attend Northwestern? that apply.)	(Mark all
Yes, for undergraduate Yes, for graduate studies	No

What is the highest level of education completed by any

Please give us your best estimate of the total before-tax income of your parent(s) and/or stepparents. If you have a parent who does not live with you, but will help pay for college, include his or her income as well. Your best guess is fine.

- O Less than \$25,000
- O \$25,000-\$49,999
- O \$50,000-\$74,999
- O \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- **O** \$150,000-\$199,999
- O \$200,000-\$249,999
- O \$250,000-\$499,999
- O \$500,000 or more

Locals

How important was each of the following reasons in your decision to attend Northwestern?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important
My parent(s) or a relative wanted me to attend Northwestern	0	0	0
My teacher advised me to attend Northwestern	0	0	0
Northwestern has a very good academic reputation	0	0	0
Northwestern has a good reputation for its social activities	0	0	0
The cost of attending Northwestern	0	0	0
My high school counselor or a private college counselor advised me to attend Northwestern	0	0	0
Northwestern graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools	0	0	0
Northwestern graduates get good jobs	0	0	0
National and global university rankings	0	0	0
A visit to campus	0	0	0

13. Comments

Last Section: Your Comments
What are you most looking forward to in your first year at Northwestern?
What worries you the most?
Do you have other comments you'd like to share?

This is the last page of the survey. If you wish to review your responses, please use the

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