2020 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 <u>p-schatz@northwestern.edu</u>.

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2. Expectations for College

Your College Goals

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

	Essential	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not important at all
A broad liberal arts education	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
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	\circ
Experiences that help you develop and clarify a personal code of values or ethics	0	\bigcirc	\circ	0
Skills for lifelong learning	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
A global perspective	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Deep expertise in a specific discipline or area of study	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

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Your Academic Interests

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

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

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

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Your Expectations for College

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

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

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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...

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

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

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

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

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

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Preparation for College

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

	Very well prepared	Quite well prepared	Somewho prepared
Understand the significance of art, music, literature, and drama	0	0	0
Think critically	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Understand the process of science and experimentation	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Read or speak a foreign language	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Place current problems in historical/cultural /philosophical perspective	\circ	0	\bigcirc
Function independently, without supervision	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Plan and execute complex projects	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Conduct scholarly research	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	\circ	0	0
Identify moral and ethical issues	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Understand yourself: abilities, interests, limitations, personality	\circ	0	0
Understand the complexity of social problems	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Develop global awareness			

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4. You as a Student

You as a Student

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

	Very well	Quite well	Somewhat	N c c
I prefer courses that arouse my curiosity, even if they are difficult.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	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	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	(
I often take time to follow up on interesting things that are mentioned in class.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	(
When I am frustrated, I believe someone will help me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	(
While facing a challenge, I don't give up easily.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	(
I will persistently pursue my dreams to the end.	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	(
I am aware of the care and support of those around me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	(
People often give me good advice to help me succeed.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		(

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5. Choosing a College

Choosing a College

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 choice

Did you take a test prep class?

Yes, the SAT Yes, the ACT Yes, for both tests

How many times did you take the SAT and ACT?

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

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.

	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not helpful	Did not use	Resource not available
High school counselors who specialized in college admissions	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
Other high school counselors or teachers	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Your classmates and friends	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Your parents or guardians	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
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)	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

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6. Paying for College

Paying for College

Did you receive financial aid from Northwestern?





Do not know

Did you receive a Pell Grant for this year?





Do not know

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





Do not know

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?

A great deal Quite a bit A little Not at all

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7. After College

After College

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

degree? Not sure yet 40 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?

	Essential	Very Important	Somewhat important	im;
Raising a family	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Doing work that is in accordance with your philosophy or religion	0	0	\circ	
Participating in religious activities	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Doing creative and expressive work	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Expressing yourself artistically	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Being a leader in your community	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
	Essential	Very Important	Somewhat important	imį
Participating in politics or community affairs	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Working for social and political change	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Volunteering	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Being well-off financially	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Being successful in a business of your own	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Having managerial responsibility	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
	Essential	Very Important	Somewhat important	imį
Learning about other cultures and nations	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
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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 hig	gh school did y	ou attend?	
Public - charter so Public - magnet so Public - other public - other public - religious Private - independent	chool school olic schools	al school (non-rel	
O Home school			
Other			
Which best desc International Ba	•	•	•
	IB was offered at	I took some IB	I completed a full
,	my school, but I id not participate.	courses/exams /certificates.	IB Diploma.
Was your high s			
Yes	5	8	49

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

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

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

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly
My high school offered a good mix of advanced classes.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	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 Entirely/mostly other language(s) language(s) other than

English

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9. High School Experiences (Academic)

Your High School Experiences

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

	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Rarel
Get excited by a class	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Participate in class discussions	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class	0	0	\circ	\circ
Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Revise a paper two or more times before handing it in	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Rarel
Perform volunteer work not for a class or graduation requirement	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
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	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Feel challenged by a class	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Prepare for class with an informal study group	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Rarel
Reconsider your position on a topic after evaluating the arguments of others	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ
Use a computer to analyze data (statistics, forecasting, etc.)	0	\bigcirc	\circ	0

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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

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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
While in high school did you: Mark all that apply.
Have a leadership role in a student group, club, or team
☐ Have a leadership role in a community group, club, or team (outside of school)
 Participate in politics beyond voting (campaign, volunteer, attend public meetings, etc.)
Play one or more varsity sports

Did you work for pay during your senior year of high school?



About how many hours did you work in a typical week during the school year?

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

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

11. Your Background

Your Background

What year	did you	graduate	from	high	school?
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2020 2019 2018 or earlier

Do you have any siblings?



Have any of your siblings been full-time college students, either now or in the past?



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

None 2-3 4-5 More than 5

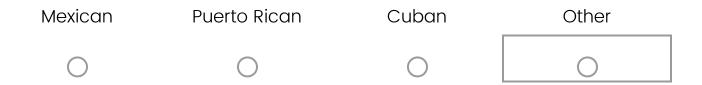
How many of these people did you personally know prior					
to being adm	nitted?				
None	Ф	2-3	4-5	Morethan 5	
Do you have	any of the	following	disabilities	or medical	
conditions?					
 Learning Disability or ADHD Sensory, chronic medical or physical disability Chronic mental health condition Other disability or chronic medical condition (please specify) 					
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None of the above					
What is your	gender?				
Female	Male	Tr	ansgender	I identify as:	
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what is your sexual orientati	on?
StraightGay/lesbianBisexual	QueerUnsureI identify as:
Are you attending college or Yes	n a foreign student Visa?
What is your race or ethnic (group? Mark all that apply.
American Indian or Alaskan Native	e 🔲 Hispanic or Latino
Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ Black or African American	☐ White

Use the following list to describe your Asian heritage in more detail or use the space to elaborate.

Chinese	Indian	Other	Korean	Southeast	Japanese	Other
		South		Asian	Ī	
		Asign				

Use the following list to describe your Hispanic background in more detail or use the space to elaborate.



Were both of your parents born in the United States?

Yes Not sure

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
\bigcirc		color		\bigcirc

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
		cetor		

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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	Mostly/entirely
		and other	language(s) other
\circ		languages	than English

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

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

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

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

How would you describe your political views?

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12. Your Parents

Your Parents

What is the highest	level of education co	ompleted by any
of your parents?		
O No high school diplom	na	
O High school diploma o	or equivalent	
O Post-secondary school	ol other than college	
O Some college or asso	ciate's degree	
O Bachelor's degree		
O Graduate or professio	nal degree	
O Unsure/Don't know		
		,
Did any of your par	ents attend Northwe	stern? (Mark all
that apply.)		
Yes, for undergraduate	Yes, for graduate studies	No
st ud ies		

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

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Locals

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

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

13. Comments

Last Section: Your Comments

Do you have other comments you'd like to share?	

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