
NSSE 2016 Topical Module Report

Academic Advising

American University of Beirut

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About This Topical Module

This module examines students' experiences with academic advising, including frequency, accessibility, and types of information provided. It also asks students to identify their primary source of advice. The module complements a question on the core survey about the quality of students' interactions with academic advisors. Complementary FSSE set available.

Comparison Group

This section summarizes how this module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'AUB Compared to All' column of this report.

Group label	AUB Compared to All
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How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (all module participants).
Group description	Default comparison group

AUB Compared to All (N=307)

Adrian College (Adrian, MI)	Brevard College (Brevard, NC)
Alabama A&M University (Normal, AL)	Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, VA)
Alberta College of Art + Design (Calgary, AB)	Briercrest College and Seminary (Caronport, SK)*
Algoma University (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)	Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA)
Allegheny College (Meadeville, PA)*	Burman University (Lacombe, AB)
American Public University System (Charles Town, WV)	California Baptist University (Riverside, CA)*
Ashford University (San Diego, CA)	California State University San Marcos (San Marcos, CA)
Ashland University (Ashland, OH)*	California State University-Dominguez Hills (Carson, CA)*
Auburn University at Montgomery (Montgomery, AL)	California State University, East Bay (Hayward, CA)
Augusta University (Augusta, GA)	California State University, Fresno (Fresno, CA)*
Aurora University (Aurora, IL)*	California State University, Northridge (Northridge, CA)*
Ave Maria University (Ave Maria, FL)*	Canisius College (Buffalo, NY)
Bacone College (Muskogee, OK)	Cape Breton University (Sydney, NS)
Baker University (Baldwin City, KS)	Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)
Ball State University (Muncie, IN)*	Cardinal Stritch University (Milwaukee, WI)*
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (Memphis, TN)*	Catawba College (Salisbury, NC)
Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY)	Catholic University of America, The (Washington, DC)
Bay Path University (Longmeadow, MA)*	Cedarville University (Cedarville, OH)
Benedictine University (Lisle, IL)*	Centenary College of Louisiana (Shreveport, LA)
Berklee College of Music (Boston, MA)*	Centre College (Danville, KY)
Berry College (Mount Berry, GA)	Chowan University (Murfreesboro, NC)
Binghamton University (State University of New York) (Binghamton, NY)	Claflin University (Orangeburg, SC)
Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)	Clarke University (Dubuque, IA)
Bishop's University (Sherbrooke, QC)*	Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)
Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD)	Clemson University (Clemson, SC)
Boise State University (Boise, ID)*	College of Saint Elizabeth (Morristown, NJ)
Boston University (Boston, MA)	College of Saint Rose, The (Albany, NY)*
Brandon University (Brandon, MB)*	Colorado College (Colorado Springs, CO)*
Brenau University (Gainesville, GA)	Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)
Brescia University College (London, ON)	Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)*

AUB Compared to All (N=307), continued

Connecticut College (New London, CT)	Kentucky Wesleyan College (Owensboro, KY)
Culver-Stockton College (Canton, MO)*	Kettering University (Flint, MI)*
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College (New York, NY)*	King's University, The (Edmonton, AB)
CUNY Medgar Evers College (Brooklyn, NY)	Lebanon Valley College (Annville, PA)
CUNY York College (Jamaica, NY)*	Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA)*
Dakota State University (Madison, SD)	Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)
Defiance College (Defiance, OH)	Lewis & Clark College (Portland, OR)
Delta State University (Cleveland, MS)	LIM College (New York, NY)*
DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)*	Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)
Dixie State University (Saint George, UT)	Long Island University - Brooklyn (Brooklyn, NY)*
Doane University (Crete, NE)	Long Island University - Post (Brookville, NY)*
Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)	Lynchburg College (Lynchburg, VA)
Earlham College (Richmond, IN)*	MacMurray College (Jacksonville, IL)*
East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)	Madonna University (Livonia, MI)
East Texas Baptist University (Marshall, TX)	Maranatha Baptist University (Watertown, WI)*
Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)	Marian University (Indianapolis, IN)*
Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)	Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)*
Eastern Oregon University (La Grande, OR)*	Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
Emerson College (Boston, MA)*	McNeese State University (Lake Charles, LA)
Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)	Miami University-Hamilton (Hamilton, OH)*
Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)*	Miami University-Middletown (Middletown, OH)*
Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)	Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)
Florida International University (Miami, FL)	MidAmerica Nazarene University (Olathe, KS)*
Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland, FL)*	Middle Georgia State University (Macon, GA)
Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA)*	Millikin University (Decatur, IL)*
Franklin Pierce University (Rindge, NH)	Millsaps College (Jackson, MS)
Furman University (Greenville, SC)	Minnesota State University Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)*
Georgia Gwinnett College (Lawrenceville, GA)*	Minnesota State University, Mankato (Mankato, MN)*
Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)	Minot State University (Minot, ND)*
Goshen College (Goshen, IN)*	Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO)
Graceland University-Lamoni (Lamoni, IA)*	Missouri Western State University (Saint Joseph, MO)
Greenville College (Greenville, IL)*	Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)
Grove City College (Grove City, PA)	Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Butte, MT)*
Gwynedd Mercy University (Gwynedd Valley, PA)*	Montclair State University (Montclair, NJ)*
Hampshire College (Amherst, MA)	Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD)*
Hardin-Simmons University (Abilene, TX)*	Morningside College (Sioux City, IA)*
Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY)	Mount Mercy University (Cedar Rapids, IA)
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, AR)	Mount Royal University (Calgary, AB)
Heritage University (Toppenish, WA)	Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, NY)
Hilbert College (Hamburg, NY)*	Mount St. Joseph University (Cincinnati, OH)*
Hood College (Frederick, MD)*	New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL)
Hope College (Holland, MI)	New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)*
Houston Baptist University (Houston, TX)*	New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark, NJ)
Howard University (Washington, DC)*	New Mexico Highlands University (Las Vegas, NM)
Huron University College (London, ON)*	North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (Greensboro, NC)
Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, IL)	Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago, IL)
Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)	Norwich University (Northfield, VT)
Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)*	Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)
Indiana University Kokomo (Kokomo, IN)*	Ohio Northern University (Ada, OH)
Indiana University Northwest (Gary, IN)*	Ohio State University at Newark, The (Newark, OH)
Indiana University South Bend (South Bend, IN)*	Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)
Indiana University Southeast (New Albany, IN)*	Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN)*	Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)
Iona College (New Rochelle, NY)	Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)
Jackson State University (Jackson, MS)*	Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, OH)
Jarvis Christian College (Hawkins, TX)	Oklahoma Christian University (Edmond, OK)
Keene State College (Keene, NH)	Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK)*
Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY)*	Olivet College (Olivet, MI)

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AUB Compared to All (N=307), continued

Olivet Nazarene University (Bourbonnais, IL)*	University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks, AK)
Oregon Institute of Technology (Klamath Falls, OR)*	University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)
Pace University (New York, NY)	University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)
Pfeiffer University (Misenheimer, NC)	University of Baltimore (Baltimore, MD)
Pitzer College (Claremont, CA)	University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR)*
Point Park University (Pittsburgh, PA)*	University of Great Falls (Great Falls, MT)
Queens University of Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)	University of Hawai'i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)
Quest University Canada (Squamish, BC)	University of Houston (Houston, TX)
Quinnipiac University (Hamden, CT)*	University of Houston-Downtown (Houston, TX)
Roanoke College (Salem, VA)*	University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)*
Robert Morris University (Moon Township, PA)	University of Idaho (Moscow, ID)*
Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)*	University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL)*
Rockford University (Rockford, IL)	University of Illinois Springfield (Springfield, IL)
Rocky Mountain College (Billings, MT)*	University of Maine at Presque Isle (Presque Isle, ME)
Rollins College (Winter Park, FL)	University of Mary (Bismarck, ND)
Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)	University of Mary Washington (Fredericksburg, VA)
Saint Andrews University (Laurinburg, NC)	University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)
Saint Anselm College (Manchester, NH)*	University of Memphis (Memphis, TN)
Saint Martin's University (Lacey, WA)*	University of Miami (Coral Gables, FL)*
Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)	University of Michigan-Dearborn (Dearborn, MI)*
Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL)	University of Michigan-Flint (Flint, MI)
Salem State University (Salem, MA)	University of Minnesota Duluth (Duluth, MN)
Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)	University of Minnesota-Crookston (Crookston, MN)
Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV)	University of Missouri-Kansas City (Kansas City, MO)
Siena College (Loudonville, NY)*	University of Missouri-St. Louis (Saint Louis, MO)*
South Dakota State University (Brookings, SD)	University of Mount Olive (Mount Olive, NC)*
Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau, MO)*	University of Mount Union (Alliance, OH)
Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT)*	University of Nebraska at Kearney (Kearney, NE)
Southern Illinois Univ Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)*	University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE)
Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)	University of New Brunswick (Fredericton, NB)
Southern University and A&M College (Baton Rouge, LA)*	University of New Brunswick - Saint John Campus (Saint John, NB)
Southern Virginia University (Buena Vista, VA)*	University of New England (Biddeford, ME)
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)*	University of New Haven (West Haven, CT)
Southwestern Adventist University (Keene, TX)*	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford, OK)	University of North Georgia (Dahlonega, GA)
Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)	University of North Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX)
Spring Arbor University (Spring Arbor, MI)	University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, IA)
St. Edward's University (Austin, TX)*	University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)*
St. Francis College (Brooklyn Heights, NY)	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Johnstown, PA)*
St. Joseph's College, New York (Brooklyn, NY)*	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus (Rio Piedras, PR)*
Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)*	University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)
Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Chickasha, OK)
SUNY-Buffalo State College (Buffalo, NY)*	University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD)
Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)*	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)*
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)*	University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, IN)
Texas Lutheran University (Seguin, TX)*	University of Southern Maine (Portland, ME)
Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)*	University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)
Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX)	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, The (Chattanooga, TN)
Trine University (Angola, IN)	University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)*	University of Texas at Dallas, The (Richardson, TX)
Truman State University (Kirksville, MO)	University of Texas at San Antonio, The (San Antonio, TX)
Tyndale University College (Toronto, ON)	University of the District of Columbia (Washington, DC)*
Union College (Schenectady, NY)*	University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC)
Union University (Jackson, TN)*	University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA)
University of Akron (Akron, OH)*	University of Toledo (Toledo, OH)*
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (Whitewater, WI)
University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)	Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, OH)
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage, AK)	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (Flushing, NY)

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Waldorf University (Forest City, IA)
Washington & Jefferson College (Washington, PA)*
Washington College (Chestertown, MD)
Wayland Baptist University (Plainview, TX)
Wayne State College (Wayne, NE)*
Wayne State University (Detroit, MI)*
Weber State University (Ogden, UT)
Wentworth Institute of Technology (Boston, MA)
Western Carolina University (Cullowhee, NC)*
Westminster College (Salt Lake City, UT)
Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)*
Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)*
William Peace University (Raleigh, NC)
Wisconsin Lutheran College (Milwaukee, WI)*
Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)

*2015 participant

First-Year Students

Frequency Distributions ^a								Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				AUB		AUB Compared to All		AUB	AUB Compared to All	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year, about how many times have you and an academic advisor discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance?										
	ADV01	0	0	22	18	4,764	8	1.8	2.3 ***	-.40
		1	1	32	27	13,689	22			
		2	2	34	28	19,527	31			
		3	3	23	19	12,869	21			
		4	4	6	5	5,692	9			
		5	5	1	1	2,129	3			
		6	6 or more	2	2	3,363	5			
		Total		120	100	62,033	100			
2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?										
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	1	Very little	18	15	4,630	7	2.8	3.0 *	-.21
		2	Some	21	18	11,950	19			
		3	Quite a bit	38	32	20,881	34			
		4	Very much	34	29	20,814	34			
		—	Not applicable	8	7	3,780	6			
		Total		119	100	62,055	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	20	17	4,608	7	2.7	3.0 ***	-.37
		2	Some	26	22	11,482	19			
		3	Quite a bit	33	28	19,805	32			
		4	Very much	30	26	21,857	35			
		—	Not applicable	8	7	4,168	7			
		Total		117	100	61,920	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	36	31	7,790	13	2.4	2.8 ***	-.43
		2	Some	19	16	12,985	21			
		3	Quite a bit	27	23	18,084	29			
		4	Very much	25	21	18,767	30			
		—	Not applicable	10	9	4,259	7			
		Total		117	100	61,885	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	31	26	7,652	12	2.4	2.8 **	-.34
		2	Some	20	17	13,829	22			
		3	Quite a bit	29	25	18,030	29			
		4	Very much	24	20	17,233	28			
		—	Not applicable	14	12	5,044	8			
		Total		118	100	61,788	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	32	27	8,826	14	2.2	2.7 ***	-.50
		2	Some	29	25	13,540	22			
		3	Quite a bit	17	14	17,047	28			
		4	Very much	18	15	17,038	28			
		—	Not applicable	22	19	5,457	9			
		Total		118	100	61,908	100			

First-Year Students

Frequency Distributions ^a								Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				AUB		AUB Compared to All		AUB	AUB Compared to All	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	29	25	6,921	11	2.4	2.9 ***	-.48
		2	Some	31	27	12,825	21			
		3	Quite a bit	23	20	18,918	31			
		4	Very much	24	21	19,701	32			
		—	Not applicable	9	8	3,487	6			
		Total	116	100	61,852	100				
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	39	33	9,167	15	2.1	2.7 ***	-.50
		2	Some	26	22	12,210	20			
		3	Quite a bit	20	17	13,684	22			
		4	Very much	17	14	15,017	24			
		—	Not applicable	16	14	11,706	19			
		Total	118	100	61,784	100				
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	40	34	11,798	19	2.1	2.5 ***	-.43
		2	Some	14	12	12,733	21			
		3	Quite a bit	20	17	13,005	21			
		4	Very much	13	11	13,317	22			
		—	Not applicable	30	26	10,919	18			
		Total	117	100	61,772	100				
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	35	30	12,392	20	2.2	2.5 **	-.35
		2	Some	19	16	14,207	23			
		3	Quite a bit	17	15	13,430	22			
		4	Very much	16	14	14,311	23			
		—	Not applicable	30	26	7,313	12			
		Total	117	100	61,653	100				
3. During the current school year, how often have your academic advisors reached out to you about your academic progress or performance?										
ADV04_15	1	Never	73	63	23,291	38	1.6	1.9 ***	-.36	
	2	Sometimes	21	18	23,507	38				
	3	Often	14	12	10,842	18				
	4	Very often	7	6	4,266	7				
	Total	115	100	61,906	100					
4. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one.)										
ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	12	11	21,628	35				
	—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	6	5	5,152	8				
	—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	8	7	5,688	9				
	—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	3	3	2,048	3				
	—	Website, catalog, or other published sources	7	6	2,622	4				
	—	Friends or other students	43	38	9,876	16				
	—	Family members	24	21	10,939	18				
	—	Other, please specify:	0	0	1,040	2				
	—	I did not seek academic advice this year	11	10	2,951	5				
	Total	114	100	61,944	100					

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

Seniors

Frequency Distributions ^a								Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				AUB		AUB Compared to All		AUB	AUB Compared to All	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year, about how many times have you and an academic advisor discussed your academic interests, course selections, or academic performance?										
	ADV01	0	0	19	23	10,542	13	2.0	2.4	-.19
		1	1	17	21	18,916	24			
		2	2	19	23	20,349	25			
		3	3	14	17	12,186	15			
		4	4	4	5	6,755	8			
		5	5	1	1	2,942	4			
		6	6 or more	8	10	8,745	11			
		Total		82	100	80,435	100			
2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?										
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	1	Very little	13	16	7,722	10	2.8	3.0	-.17
		2	Some	13	16	14,756	18			
		3	Quite a bit	20	25	23,934	30			
		4	Very much	26	33	29,030	36			
		—	Not applicable	8	10	5,076	6			
		Total		80	100	80,518	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	16	20	7,641	10	2.8	3.0	-.25
		2	Some	10	13	14,233	18			
		3	Quite a bit	17	21	22,329	28			
		4	Very much	25	31	29,696	37			
		—	Not applicable	12	15	6,469	8			
		Total		80	100	80,368	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	21	27	12,950	16	2.4	2.8 *	-.32
		2	Some	11	14	15,872	20			
		3	Quite a bit	15	19	20,346	25			
		4	Very much	16	21	24,533	31			
		—	Not applicable	15	19	6,600	8			
		Total		78	100	80,301	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	23	29	13,338	17	2.4	2.7 *	-.29
		2	Some	13	16	16,734	21			
		3	Quite a bit	13	16	18,668	23			
		4	Very much	17	21	21,190	26			
		—	Not applicable	14	18	10,193	13			
		Total		80	100	80,123	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	35	44	18,328	23	1.9	2.5 ***	-.47
		2	Some	8	10	16,726	21			
		3	Quite a bit	6	8	14,869	19			
		4	Very much	12	15	16,891	21			
		—	Not applicable	18	23	13,496	17			
		Total		79	100	80,310	100			

Seniors

Frequency Distributions ^a								Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				AUB		AUB Compared to All		AUB	AUB Compared to All	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	27	34	12,742	16	2.3	2.8 **	-.43
		2	Some	10	13	16,145	20			
		3	Quite a bit	12	15	20,489	26			
		4	Very much	17	22	23,865	30			
		—	Not applicable	13	16	7,024	9			
			Total	79	100	80,265	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	27	35	14,005	17	2.1	2.6 ***	-.47
		2	Some	11	14	13,202	16			
		3	Quite a bit	5	6	14,645	18			
		4	Very much	14	18	19,664	25			
		—	Not applicable	21	27	18,660	23			
			Total	78	100	80,176	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	36	46	17,968	22	1.9	2.5 ***	-.54
		2	Some	10	13	13,524	17			
		3	Quite a bit	4	5	13,868	17			
		4	Very much	12	15	18,045	23			
		—	Not applicable	17	22	16,698	21			
			Total	79	100	80,103	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	33	42	18,698	23	2.0	2.5 ***	-.45
		2	Some	11	14	15,850	20			
		3	Quite a bit	10	13	14,700	18			
		4	Very much	12	15	21,128	26			
		—	Not applicable	13	16	9,612	12			
			Total	79	100	79,988	100			
3. During the current school year, how often have your academic advisors reached out to you about your academic progress or performance?										
	ADV04_15	1	Never	49	61	34,252	43	1.7	1.9 *	-.22
		2	Sometimes	16	20	27,317	34			
		3	Often	7	9	12,669	16			
		4	Very often	8	10	6,174	8			
			Total	80	100	80,412	100			
4. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one.)										
	ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	12	15	26,668	33			
		—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	1	1	6,788	8			
		—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	10	13	14,359	18			
		—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	2	3	5,652	7			
		—	Website, catalog, or other published sources	3	4	4,089	5			
		—	Friends or other students	29	36	8,759	11			
		—	Family members	13	16	6,868	9			
		—	Other, please specify:	1	1	1,939	2			
		—	I did not seek academic advice this year	9	11	5,328	7			
			Total	80	100	80,450	100			

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

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First-Year Students

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	AUB	AUB	AUB Compared to All	AUB	AUB Compared to All	AUB	AUB Compared to All	Comparisons with: AUB Compared to All		
ADV01	120	1.75	2.34	.12	.01	1.30	1.47	62,151	.000	-.40
ADV02a	111	2.79	2.99	.10	.00	1.05	0.94	110	.048	-.21
ADV02b	109	2.67	3.02	.10	.00	1.07	0.95	108	.001	-.37
ADV02c	107	2.38	2.83	.11	.00	1.18	1.03	106	.000	-.43
ADV02d	104	2.44	2.79	.11	.00	1.15	1.02	103	.003	-.34
ADV02e	96	2.22	2.75	.11	.00	1.11	1.05	56,545	.000	-.50
ADV02f	107	2.39	2.88	.11	.00	1.11	1.01	106	.000	-.48
ADV02g	102	2.15	2.69	.11	.00	1.11	1.09	50,178	.000	-.50
ADV02h	87	2.07	2.55	.12	.00	1.14	1.11	50,938	.000	-.43
ADV02i	87	2.16	2.55	.12	.00	1.15	1.11	54,425	.001	-.35
ADV04_15	115	1.61	1.94	.09	.00	0.92	0.91	62,019	.000	-.36

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Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	AUB	AUB	AUB Compared to All	AUB	AUB Compared to All	AUB	AUB Compared to All	Comparisons with: AUB Compared to All		
ADV01	82	2.02	2.37	.20	.01	1.79	1.78	80,515	.082	-.19
ADV02a	72	2.82	2.98	.13	.00	1.12	0.99	71	.214	-.17
ADV02b	68	2.75	3.00	.14	.00	1.19	1.00	67	.085	-.25
ADV02c	63	2.41	2.77	.15	.00	1.20	1.09	62	.023	-.32
ADV02d	66	2.36	2.68	.15	.00	1.21	1.10	65	.036	-.29
ADV02e	61	1.92	2.45	.16	.00	1.22	1.14	66,873	.000	-.47
ADV02f	66	2.29	2.76	.15	.00	1.25	1.09	65	.003	-.43
ADV02g	57	2.11	2.65	.17	.00	1.25	1.15	61,571	.000	-.47
ADV02h	62	1.87	2.50	.15	.00	1.19	1.18	63,465	.000	-.54
ADV02i	66	2.02	2.54	.15	.00	1.18	1.17	70,440	.000	-.45
ADV04_15	80	1.68	1.89	.11	.00	1.00	0.94	80,490	.045	-.22

Endnotes

- a. Due to nonstandard sampling or response issues, all counts and percentages are unweighted. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
- b. Due to nonstandard sampling or response issues, all statistics are unweighted. 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. Due to nonstandard sampling or response issues, all statistics are unweighted. 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 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."
- l. This was a new item in 2016, comparison group results do not include 2015 institutions. May not apply to all modules.

Key to symbols:

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

Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to item wording and your institutional context.