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# **NSSE 2016 Topical Module Report**

## **Academic Advising**

University of Rhode Island

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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 'Academic Advising' column of this report.

Group label	Academic Advising
Date submitted	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (all module participants) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

## Academic Advising (N=306)

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 (Carleton Place, SK)*
Algoma University (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)	Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA)
Allegheny College (Meadville, 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)  
Brescia University College (London, ON)

Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)  
Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)\*

\*2015 participant



## Academic Advising (N=306), continued

Connecticut College (New London, CT)  
 Culver-Stockton College (Canton, MO)\*  
 CUNY Bernard M Baruch College (New York, NY)\*  
 CUNY Medgar Evers College (Brooklyn, NY)  
 CUNY York College (Jamaica, NY)\*  
 Dakota State University (Madison, SD)  
 Defiance College (Defiance, OH)  
 Delta State University (Cleveland, MS)  
 DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)\*  
 Dixie State University (Saint George, UT)  
 Doane University (Crete, NE)  
 Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)  
 Earlham College (Richmond, IN)\*  
 East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)  
 East Texas Baptist University (Marshall, TX)  
 Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)  
 Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)  
 Eastern Oregon University (La Grande, OR)\*  
 Emerson College (Boston, MA)\*  
 Fairmont State University (Fairmont, WV)  
 Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)\*  
 Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)  
 Florida International University (Miami, FL)  
 Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland, FL)\*  
 Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA)\*  
 Franklin Pierce University (Rindge, NH)  
 Furman University (Greenville, SC)  
 Georgia Gwinnett College (Lawrenceville, GA)\*  
 Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)  
 Goshen College (Goshen, IN)\*  
 Graceland University-Lamoni (Lamoni, IA)\*  
 Greenville College (Greenville, IL)\*  
 Grove City College (Grove City, PA)  
 Gwynedd Mercy University (Gwynedd Valley, PA)\*  
 Hampshire College (Amherst, MA)  
 Hardin-Simmons University (Abilene, TX)\*  
 Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY)  
 Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, AR)  
 Heritage University (Toppenish, WA)  
 Hilbert College (Hamburg, NY)\*  
 Hood College (Frederick, MD)\*  
 Hope College (Holland, MI)  
 Houston Baptist University (Houston, TX)\*  
 Howard University (Washington, DC)\*  
 Huron University College (London, ON)\*  
 Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, IL)  
 Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)  
 Indiana University Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)\*  
 Indiana University Kokomo (Kokomo, IN)\*  
 Indiana University Northwest (Gary, IN)\*  
 Indiana University South Bend (South Bend, IN)\*  
 Indiana University Southeast (New Albany, IN)\*  
 Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN)\*  
 Iona College (New Rochelle, NY)  
 Jackson State University (Jackson, MS)\*  
 Jarvis Christian College (Hawkins, TX)  
 Keene State College (Keene, NH)  
 Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY)\*

Kentucky Wesleyan College (Owensboro, KY)  
 Kettering University (Flint, MI)\*  
 King's University, The (Edmonton, AB)  
 Lebanon Valley College (Annville, PA)  
 Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA)\*  
 Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)  
 Lewis & Clark College (Portland, OR)  
 LIM College (New York, NY)\*  
 Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)  
 Long Island University - Brooklyn (Brooklyn, NY)\*  
 Long Island University - Post (Brookville, NY)\*  
 Lynchburg College (Lynchburg, VA)  
 MacMurray College (Jacksonville, IL)\*  
 Madonna University (Livonia, MI)  
 Maranatha Baptist University (Watertown, WI)\*  
 Marian University (Indianapolis, IN)\*  
 Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)\*  
 Marshall University (Huntington, WV)  
 McNeese State University (Lake Charles, LA)  
 Miami University-Hamilton (Hamilton, OH)\*  
 Miami University-Middletown (Middletown, OH)\*  
 Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)  
 MidAmerica Nazarene University (Olathe, KS)\*  
 Middle Georgia State University (Macon, GA)  
 Millikin University (Decatur, IL)\*  
 Millsaps College (Jackson, MS)  
 Minnesota State University Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)\*  
 Minnesota State University, Mankato (Mankato, MN)\*  
 Minot State University (Minot, ND)\*  
 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO)  
 Missouri Western State University (Saint Joseph, MO)  
 Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)  
 Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Butte, MT)\*  
 Montclair State University (Montclair, NJ)\*  
 Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD)\*  
 Morningside College (Sioux City, IA)\*  
 Mount Mercy University (Cedar Rapids, IA)  
 Mount Royal University (Calgary, AB)  
 Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, NY)  
 Mount St. Joseph University (Cincinnati, OH)\*  
 New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL)  
 New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)\*  
 New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark, NJ)  
 New Mexico Highlands University (Las Vegas, NM)  
 North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (Greensboro, NC)  
 Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago, IL)  
 Norwich University (Northfield, VT)  
 Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)  
 Ohio Northern University (Ada, OH)  
 Ohio State University at Newark, The (Newark, OH)  
 Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)  
 Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)  
 Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)  
 Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)  
 Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, OH)  
 Oklahoma Christian University (Edmond, OK)  
 Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK)\*  
 Olivet College (Olivet, MI)



## Academic Advising (N=306), 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 Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Chickasha, OK)
Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)	University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD)
SUNY-Buffalo State College (Buffalo, NY)*	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)*
Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)*	University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, IN)
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)*	University of Southern Maine (Portland, ME)
Texas Lutheran University (Seguin, TX)*	University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)
Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)*	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, The (Chattanooga, TN)
Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX)	University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
Trine University (Angola, IN)	University of Texas at Dallas, The (Richardson, TX)
Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)*	University of Texas at San Antonio, The (San Antonio, TX)
Truman State University (Kirksville, MO)	University of the District of Columbia (Washington, DC)*
Tyndale University College (Toronto, ON)	University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC)
Union College (Schenectady, NY)*	University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA)
Union University (Jackson, TN)*	University of Toledo (Toledo, OH)*
University of Akron (Akron, OH)*	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (Whitewater, WI)
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)	Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, OH)
University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (Flushing, NY)
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage, AK)	Waldorf University (Forest City, IA)
*2015 participant	



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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)



## First-Year Students

				Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				URI		Academic Advising		URI	Academic Advising	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
<b>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?</b>										
	ADV01	0	0	41	7	4,722	9	<b>2.4</b>	2.3	.06
		1	1	160	24	13,528	22			
		2	2	202	31	19,324	31			
		3	3	129	20	12,734	20			
		4	4	50	8	5,642	9			
		5	5	20	3	2,109	3			
		6	6 or more	53	8	3,310	5			
		Total		655	100	61,369	100			
<b>2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?</b>										
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	1	Very little	63	10	4,567	8	<b>2.7</b>	3.0 ***	-.26
		2	Some	182	28	11,766	19			
		3	Quite a bit	244	37	20,634	33			
		4	Very much	143	22	20,668	33			
		—	Not applicable	24	4	3,755	7			
		Total		656	100	61,390	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	72	11	4,536	8	<b>2.8</b>	3.0 ***	-.26
		2	Some	159	24	11,322	18			
		3	Quite a bit	232	36	19,570	32			
		4	Very much	162	25	21,691	35			
		—	Not applicable	30	5	4,137	8			
		Total		655	100	61,256	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	96	14	7,694	12	<b>2.6</b>	2.8 ***	-.19
		2	Some	181	28	12,802	20			
		3	Quite a bit	198	30	17,884	29			
		4	Very much	147	23	18,616	30			
		—	Not applicable	31	5	4,227	8			
		Total		653	100	61,223	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	95	14	7,556	12	<b>2.7</b>	2.8 ***	-.14
		2	Some	176	27	13,652	22			
		3	Quite a bit	204	31	17,824	29			
		4	Very much	146	22	17,083	28			
		—	Not applicable	32	5	5,011	9			
		Total		653	100	61,126	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	87	13	8,739	14	<b>2.7</b>	2.8	-.02
		2	Some	148	23	13,387	21			
		3	Quite a bit	230	35	16,817	27			
		4	Very much	150	23	16,885	27			
		—	Not applicable	38	6	5,418	10			
		Total		653	100	61,246	100			

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



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## Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons

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#### First-Year Students

				Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				URI		Academic Advising		URI	Academic Advising	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	81	12	6,840	11	2.8	2.9 **	-.11
		2	Some	155	23	12,668	20			
		3	Quite a bit	225	34	18,690	30			
		4	Very much	168	26	19,530	32			
		—	Not applicable	24	4	3,462	7			
		Total	653	100	61,190	100				
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	132	20	9,035	15	2.5	2.7 ***	-.20
		2	Some	154	24	12,055	19			
		3	Quite a bit	158	24	13,523	22			
		4	Very much	117	18	14,897	24			
		—	Not applicable	90	14	11,614	20			
		Total	651	100	61,124	100				
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	134	20	11,664	19	2.4	2.5 **	-.12
		2	Some	174	27	12,556	20			
		3	Quite a bit	152	23	12,853	21			
		4	Very much	105	16	13,209	21			
		—	Not applicable	92	14	10,824	19			
		Total	657	100	61,106	100				
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	177	27	12,214	20	2.3	2.5 ***	-.20
		2	Some	172	26	14,032	23			
		3	Quite a bit	140	21	13,289	21			
		4	Very much	114	17	14,196	23			
		—	Not applicable	54	8	7,256	13			
		Total	657	100	60,987	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	315	48	22,972	38	1.8	1.9 ***	-.20
		2	Sometimes	219	33	23,284	37			
		3	Often	89	14	10,753	18			
		4	Very often	33	5	4,232	7			
		Total	656	100	61,241	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	212	32	21,413	35			
		—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	49	7	5,101	9			
		—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	52	8	5,634	9			
		—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	10	1	2,038	4			
		—	Website, catalog, or other published sources	33	5	2,589	4			
		—	Friends or other students	126	20	9,750	16			
		—	Family members	123	19	10,815	17			
		—	Other, please specify:	23	3	1,017	2			
		—	I did not seek academic advice this year	26	4	2,924	6			

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## First-Year Students

				Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				URI		Academic Advising		URI		Academic Advising
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
Total				654	100	61,281	100			

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## Seniors

				Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				URI		Academic Advising		URI	Academic Advising	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
<b>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?</b>										
	ADV01	0 0		76	11	10,463	14	<b>2.2</b>	2.3	-.03
		1 1		199	28	18,716	24			
		2 2		203	29	20,144	26			
		3 3		92	13	12,091	15			
		4 4		44	6	6,710	8			
		5 5		33	5	2,909	3			
		6 6 or more		58	8	8,687	10			
		Total		705	100	79,720	100			
<b>2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?</b>										
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	1 Very little		113	15	7,608	10	<b>2.7</b>	3.0 ***	-.28
		2 Some		175	25	14,579	19			
		3 Quite a bit		222	32	23,709	29			
		4 Very much		171	24	28,856	35			
		— Not applicable		25	3	5,050	7			
		Total		706	100	79,802	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1 Very little		105	14	7,536	10	<b>2.7</b>	3.0 ***	-.31
		2 Some		192	27	14,038	18			
		3 Quite a bit		207	31	22,119	28			
		4 Very much		169	24	29,524	36			
		— Not applicable		33	5	6,435	9			
		Total		706	100	79,652	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1 Very little		151	21	12,798	16	<b>2.6</b>	2.8 ***	-.18
		2 Some		170	24	15,700	20			
		3 Quite a bit		184	27	20,160	25			
		4 Very much		164	24	24,366	30			
		— Not applicable		34	5	6,564	9			
		Total		703	100	79,588	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1 Very little		171	23	13,167	17	<b>2.4</b>	2.7 ***	-.25
		2 Some		182	26	16,548	21			
		3 Quite a bit		168	25	18,497	23			
		4 Very much		123	18	21,065	26			
		— Not applicable		59	8	10,133	13			
		Total		703	100	79,410	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1 Very little		193	26	18,134	23	<b>2.3</b>	2.4 ***	-.16
		2 Some		193	28	16,531	20			
		3 Quite a bit		150	22	14,717	18			
		4 Very much		93	14	16,796	21			
		— Not applicable		75	10	13,418	17			
		Total		704	100	79,596	100			



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## Seniors

				Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
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Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	143	20	12,598	17	2.5	2.7 ***	-.21
		2	Some	192	28	15,952	20			
		3	Quite a bit	186	26	20,299	25			
		4	Very much	140	21	23,722	29			
		—	Not applicable	40	6	6,983	9			
		Total	701	100	79,554	100				
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	175	24	13,830	18	2.3	2.6 ***	-.25
		2	Some	166	24	13,034	16			
		3	Quite a bit	142	21	14,501	18			
		4	Very much	105	16	19,557	23			
		—	Not applicable	112	16	18,544	24			
		Total	700	100	79,466	100				
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	190	26	17,775	23	2.3	2.5 **	-.12
		2	Some	168	24	13,354	17			
		3	Quite a bit	131	19	13,736	17			
		4	Very much	127	19	17,916	22			
		—	Not applicable	86	12	16,610	22			
		Total	702	100	79,391	100				
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	211	30	18,486	25	2.3	2.5 ***	-.14
		2	Some	170	25	15,676	19			
		3	Quite a bit	144	21	14,554	18			
		4	Very much	138	20	20,988	25			
		—	Not applicable	37	5	9,574	13			
		Total	700	100	79,278	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	379	53	33,868	44	1.7	1.9 ***	-.16
		2	Sometimes	201	29	27,114	33			
		3	Often	84	12	12,583	15			
		4	Very often	36	6	6,137	7			
		Total	700	100	79,702	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	190	28	26,475	33			
		—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	51	7	6,735	9			
		—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	159	22	14,198	17			
		—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	17	2	5,635	8			
		—	Website, catalog, or other published sources	43	7	4,046	5			
		—	Friends or other students	98	14	8,659	11			
		—	Family members	68	9	6,800	8			
		—	Other, please specify:	38	6	1,901	2			
		—	I did not seek academic advice this year	35	5	5,292	7			

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



## Seniors

				Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				URI		Academic Advising		URI		Academic Advising
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
Total				699	100	79,741	100			



### 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>
	URI	URI	Academic Advising	URI	Academic Advising	URI	Academic Advising	Comparisons with: Academic Advising		
ADV01	656	2.38	2.29	.06	.01	1.55	1.49	86,427	.135	.06
ADV02a	633	2.74	2.98	.04	.00	0.92	0.95	80,487	.000	-.26
ADV02b	626	2.77	3.02	.04	.00	0.96	0.95	634	.000	-.26
ADV02c	623	2.64	2.84	.04	.00	1.00	1.03	79,570	.000	-.19
ADV02d	621	2.65	2.80	.04	.00	1.00	1.02	78,315	.000	-.14
ADV02e	616	2.73	2.75	.04	.00	0.98	1.05	626	.541	-.02
ADV02f	629	2.77	2.88	.04	.00	0.99	1.01	80,498	.007	-.11
ADV02g	562	2.47	2.69	.04	.00	1.07	1.09	68,837	.000	-.20
ADV02h	565	2.41	2.54	.04	.00	1.04	1.11	575	.002	-.12
ADV02i	604	2.32	2.54	.04	.00	1.08	1.11	613	.000	-.20
ADV04_15	657	1.76	1.94	.03	.00	0.87	0.92	86,237	.000	-.20



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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>
	URI	URI	Academic Advising	URI	Academic Advising	URI	Academic Advising	Comparisons with: Academic Advising		
ADV01	705	2.24	2.28	.06	.01	1.67	1.75	714	.475	-.03
ADV02a	682	2.68	2.96	.04	.00	1.02	1.00	690	.000	-.28
ADV02b	675	2.67	2.98	.04	.00	1.01	1.01	683	.000	-.31
ADV02c	670	2.56	2.76	.04	.00	1.08	1.09	99,400	.000	-.18
ADV02d	646	2.40	2.68	.04	.00	1.07	1.10	94,509	.000	-.25
ADV02e	633	2.26	2.44	.04	.00	1.04	1.14	643	.000	-.16
ADV02f	663	2.51	2.73	.04	.00	1.05	1.10	98,589	.000	-.21
ADV02g	590	2.33	2.61	.04	.00	1.08	1.15	598	.000	-.25
ADV02h	618	2.34	2.48	.04	.00	1.12	1.18	627	.002	-.12
ADV02i	663	2.33	2.49	.04	.00	1.12	1.18	672	.000	-.14
ADV04_15	701	1.71	1.86	.03	.00	0.89	0.93	108,951	.000	-.16



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