



NSSE 2014 Topical Module

Academic Advising

University of South Carolina Columbia

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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	6/13/14
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (all module participants).
Group description	Default comparison group

'Academic Advising' institutions (N=384)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (Tifton, GA)	Briar Cliff University (Sioux City, IA)
Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)	Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)
Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)*	Brigham Young University-Idaho (Rexburg, ID)
Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)*	Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA)
Alaska Pacific University (Anchorage, AK)	Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)
Alberta College of Art + Design (Calgary, AB)	California Baptist University (Riverside, CA)*
Albion College (Albion, MI)	California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo (San Luis Obispo, CA)
Alma College (Alma, MI)	California State University San Marcos (San Marcos, CA)
Alvernia University (Reading, PA)*	California State University-Chico (Chico, CA)
Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI)*	California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)
Anna Maria College (Paxton, MA)	California State University, Monterey Bay (Seaside, CA)
Austin College (Sherman, TX)	California State University, Northridge (Northridge, CA)*
Baker University (Baldwin City, KS)*	California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)*
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (Memphis, TN)*	Cameron University (Lawton, OK)
Bard College at Simon's Rock (Great Barrington, MA)	Campbell University Inc. (Buies Creek, NC)*
Baylor University (Waco, TX)*	Cape Breton University (Sydney, NS)
Belmont University (Nashville, TN)	Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)
Berkeley College (West Paterson, NJ)	Cardinal Stritch University (Milwaukee, WI)*
Berkeley College (New York, NY)	Carroll University (Waukesha, WI)
Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN)*	Carson-Newman University (Jefferson City, TN)*
Binghamton University (State University of New York) (Binghamton, NY)	Cedarville University (Cedarville, OH)
Biola University (La Mirada, CA)*	Centenary College of Louisiana (Shreveport, LA)
Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)*	Central College (Pella, IA)*
Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD)	Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)*
Bluefield College (Bluefield, VA)	Centre College (Danville, KY)
Boston University (Boston, MA)	Chowan University (Murfreesboro, NC)
Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH)*	Christopher Newport University (Newport News, VA)
Brandon University (Brandon, MB)*	Claflin University (Orangeburg, SC)*
Brenau University (Gainesville, GA)	Clarke University (Dubuque, IA)
Brescia University College (London, ON)	Coastal Carolina University (Conway, SC)

'Academic Advising' institutions (N=384), continued

Coker College (Hartsville, SC)	Iowa Wesleyan College (Mount Pleasant, IA)*
Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)	Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY)*
Columbia Southern University (Orange Beach, AL)*	John Brown University (Siloam Springs, AR)
Columbus College of Art and Design (Columbus, OH)	John Carroll University (Cleveland, OH)
Concordia University (Montreal, QC)	Judson College (Marion, AL)*
Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL)	Judson University (Elgin, IL)
Concordia University College of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)	Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)*
Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)*	Kaplan University (Davenport, IA)*
Concordia University Texas (Austin, TX)	Kean University (Union, NJ)*
Connecticut College (New London, CT)	Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)
Culver-Stockton College (Canton, MO)*	Kettering University (Flint, MI)*
CUNY Herbert H. Lehman College (Bronx, NY)	King's University College at Western University (London, ON)
CUNY Hunter College (New York, NY)	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)*
CUNY Medgar Evers College (Brooklyn, NY)	La Roche College (Pittsburgh, PA)*
Dakota State University (Madison, SD)	Lake Superior State University (Sault Ste Marie, MI)
Denison University (Granville, OH)	Laurentian University/Université Laurentienne (Sudbury, ON)
Dillard University (New Orleans, LA)	Lawrence Technological University (Southfield, MI)
Dixie State College of Utah (Saint George, UT)*	Lees-McRae College (Banner Elk, NC)*
Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)	Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)
Drew University (Madison, NJ)	LIM College (New York, NY)*
East Central University (Ada, OK)*	Limestone College (Gaffney, SC)*
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)*	Lindenwood University (Saint Charles, MO)
East Texas Baptist University (Marshall, TX)	Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)
Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, IL)*	Loras College (Dubuque, IA)
Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, KY)	Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)
Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)	Lynchburg College (Lynchburg, VA)
Eureka College (Eureka, IL)	Macalester College (Saint Paul, MN)
Fairfield University (Fairfield, CT)	Madonna University (Livonia, MI)
Farmingdale State College (Farmingdale, NY)	Maharishi University of Management (Fairfield, IA)
Ferris State University (Grand Rapids, MI)	Manhattan College (Bronx, NY)
Flagler College (Saint Augustine, FL)	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)*
Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL)	Marian University (Fond Du Lac, WI)*
Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)*	Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)
Florida International University (Miami, FL)	Marlboro College (Marlboro, VT)*
Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO)	Mars Hill University (Mars Hill, NC)*
Fort Valley State University (Fort Valley, GA)	Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
Francis Marion University (Florence, SC)	Martin Methodist College (Pulaski, TN)*
Franklin College (Franklin, IN)*	Marymount University (Arlington, VA)*
Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)	McGill University (Montreal, QC)
Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)	McKendree University (Lebanon, IL)
Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)*	McNeese State University (Lake Charles, LA)
Goshen College (Goshen, IN)*	Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's, NL)
Greensboro College (Greensboro, NC)	Menlo College (Atherton, CA)*
Hampden-Sydney College (Hampden-Sydney, VA)	Mercer University (Macon, GA)*
Hanover College (Hanover, IN)	Mercy College (Dobbs Ferry, NY)
Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY)	Methodist College (Peoria, IL)*
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, AR)	Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)*
Heritage University (Toppenish, WA)	Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN)
Hiram College (Hiram, OH)*	Midland University (Fremont, NE)
Hope College (Holland, MI)	Midway College (Midway, KY)
Houston Baptist University (Houston, TX)*	Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX)
Howard University (Washington, DC)	Milligan College (Milligan College, TN)*
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)*	Millikin University (Decatur, IL)*
Huron University College (London, ON)*	Millsaps College (Jackson, MS)
Huston-Tillotson University (Austin, TX)	Minnesota State University Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)*
Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL)	Minnesota State University-Mankato (Mankato, MN)*
Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)*	Minot State University (Minot, ND)*
Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, IN)*	Missouri University of Science & Technology (Rolla, MO)*

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Missouri Valley College (Marshall, MO)	Robert Morris University (Moon Township, PA)
Missouri Western State University (Saint Joseph, MO)*	Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)*
Mitchell College (New London, CT)	Rocky Mountain College (Billings, MT)
Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)*	Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)*
Montana State University-Bozeman (Bozeman, MT)	Saint Anselm College (Manchester, NH)*
Morehead State University (Morehead, KY)	Saint John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)
Morningside College (Sioux City, IA)*	Saint Joseph's College (Rensselaer, IN)
Mount Allison University (Sackville, NB)	Saint Joseph's College of Maine (Standish, ME)
Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, NY)	Saint Leo University (Saint Leo, FL)*
Mount St. Vincent University (Halifax, NS)	Saint Mary's University (Halifax, NS)
Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA)	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)*
National American University-Rapid City (Rapid City, SD)*	Saint Thomas University (Miami Gardens, FL)*
Nazareth College (Rochester, NY)*	Salem State University (Salem, MA)
Neumann University (Aston, PA)*	Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)*
New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)*	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (Socorro, NM)*	School of Visual Arts (New York, NY)
Newbury College-Brookline (Brookline, MA)	Schreiner University (Kerrville, TX)*
Newman University (Wichita, KS)	Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)
Nipissing University (North Bay, ON)	Sewanee: The University of the South (Sewanee, TN)
Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)	Shawnee State University (Portsmouth, OH)*
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (Greensboro, NC)	Simpson College (Indianola, IA)
North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)*
North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)	Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL)
North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)*	Southern Illinois Univ Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)*
Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago, IL)	Southern Oregon University (Ashland, OR)
Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Alva, OK)	Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, MO)
Northwestern State University of Louisiana (Natchitoches, LA)	Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)*
Northwood University--Michigan Campus (Midland, MI)*	Southwestern College (Winfield, KS)
Northwood University--TX Campus (Cedar Hill, TX)*	Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX)
Northwood University-Florida Campus (West Palm Beach, FL)*	Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)*
Norwich University (Northfield, VT)*	St. Francis College (Brooklyn Heights, NY)
Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL)	St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)*
Oakland University (Rochester Hills, MI)	State University of New York at New Paltz (New Paltz, NY)
Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)*	Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)*
Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)*	Stetson University (DeLand, FL)
Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)*	Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)
Ohio University (Athens, OH)	SUNY at Purchase College (Purchase, NY)
Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, OH)*	SUNY College at Oswego (Oswego, NY)
Oklahoma Christian University (Edmond, OK)	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill (Cobleskill, NY)
Oklahoma City University (Oklahoma City, OK)	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse, NY)
Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)*	SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica-Rome (Utica, NY)
Otterbein University (Westerville, OH)	SUNY Maritime College (Bronx, NY)
Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA)	Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)*
Pacific University (Forest Grove, OR)	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)*
Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)*	Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*
Point Loma Nazarene University (San Diego, CA)	Texas State University (San Marcos, TX)
Point Park University (Pittsburgh, PA)*	Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)*
Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX)	The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)
Presbyterian College (Clinton, SC)	The College at Brockport, SUNY (Brockport, NY)
Prescott College (Prescott, AZ)	The College of Idaho (Caldwell, ID)
Providence College (Providence, RI)	The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (Saint Joseph, MN)*
Purdue University-Calumet Campus (Hammond, IN)*	The Lincoln University (Lincoln University, PA)*
Queens University of Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)	The New School (New York, NY)*
Quest University Canada (Squamish, BC)	The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)*
Ramapo College of New Jersey (Mahwah, NJ)	The Ohio State University at Newark (Newark, OH)*
Rhode Island School of Design (Providence, RI)	The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (Galloway, NJ)
Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)	The State University of New York at Geneseo (Geneseo, NY)
Ringling College of Art and Design (Sarasota, FL)	The University at Albany, SUNY (Albany, NY)

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The University of Findlay (Findlay, OH)	University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD)
The University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, MB)	University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, IN)*
The University of Tennessee Martin (Martin, TN)	University of Southern Maine (Portland, ME)
The University of Texas at Brownsville (Brownsville, TX)	University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC)*
The University of Texas at El Paso (El Paso, TX)	University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)*
The University of Winnipeg (Winnipeg, MB)	University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)
Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops, BC)	University of Victoria (Victoria, BC)
Trent University (Peterborough, ON)	University of Windsor (Windsor, ON)
Trine University (Angola, IN)*	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (Eau Claire, WI)
Tyndale University College and Seminary (Toronto, ON)	University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Kenosha, WI)
Union College (NE) (Lincoln, NE)*	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (Stevens Point, WI)
United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)	University of Wisconsin-Superior (Superior, WI)
Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa (Ottawa, ON)	Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, OH)
University of Advancing Technology (Tempe, AZ)	Valparaiso University (Valparaiso, IN)
University of Akron (Akron, OH)*	Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (Flushing, NY)*
University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)	Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)
University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks, AK)*	Walsh University (North Canton, OH)
University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)*	Washburn University (Topeka, KS)
University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)*	Weber State University (Ogden, UT)*
University of Arkansas at Monticello (Monticello, AR)	Wentworth Institute of Technology (Boston, MA)
University of Bridgeport (Bridgeport, CT)	West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV)*
University of Calgary (Calgary, AB)	Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI)*
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)*	Western State Colorado University (Gunnison, CO)
University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO)*	Western University (London, ON)
University of Colorado Denver (Denver, CO)*	Wheelock College (Boston, MA)
University of Evansville (Evansville, IN)	Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)*
University of Hawai'i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)	Wilberforce University (Wilberforce, OH)*
University of Houston (Houston, TX)	Wilmington University (New Castle, DE)*
University of Houston-Downtown (Houston, TX)*	Wilson College (Chambersburg, PA)
University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)*	Wisconsin Lutheran College (Milwaukee, WI)*
University of Illinois Springfield (Springfield, IL)	Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)
University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN)	York University (Toronto, ON)
University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, AB)	Youngstown State University (Youngstown, OH)*
University of Louisiana Monroe (Monroe, LA)	
University of Maine at Fort Kent (Fort Kent, ME)	
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (North Dartmouth, MA)	
University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)	
University of Memphis (Memphis, TN)	
University of Michigan-Dearborn (Dearborn, MI)	
University of Mississippi (University, MS)	
University of Missouri-St. Louis (Saint Louis, MO)*	
University of Montana (Missoula, MT)*	
University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE)*	
University of Nevada, Reno (Reno, NV)*	
University of New Brunswick - Saint John Campus (Saint John, NB)*	
University of New England (Biddeford, ME)	
University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)	
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)	
University of North Carolina at Pembroke (Pembroke, NC)	
University of North Texas (Denton, TX)*	
University of Puerto Rico at Cayey (Cayey, PR)*	
University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)	
University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)*	
University of Saint Mary (Leavenworth, KS)	
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Chickasha, OK)	
University of South Alabama (Mobile, AL)	
University of South Carolina-Beaufort (Bluffton, SC)*	

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First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				USC		Academic Advising		USC	Academic Advising	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
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	14	5	12,514	14	2.1	2.1	-.01
		1	1	65	26	21,071	24			
		2	2	104	41	25,370	28			
		3	3	43	16	15,993	18			
		4	4	12	5	7,366	8			
		5	5	5	2	2,866	3			
		6	6 or more	10	3	4,718	5			
			Total	253	100	89,898	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	36	14	6,801	8	2.7	3.0 ***	-.25
		2	Some	61	25	16,486	18			
		3	Quite a bit	78	31	27,957	31			
		4	Very much	69	27	29,168	32			
		—	Not applicable	9	3	9,584	11			
			Total	253	100	89,996	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	40	15	6,724	8	2.7	3.0 ***	-.30
		2	Some	61	25	16,004	18			
		3	Quite a bit	72	30	26,642	30			
		4	Very much	70	27	29,656	33			
		—	Not applicable	9	3	10,802	12			
			Total	252	100	89,828	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	54	22	11,278	13	2.6	2.8 **	-.20
		2	Some	50	20	17,537	19			
		3	Quite a bit	73	29	24,662	27			
		4	Very much	66	25	25,614	29			
		—	Not applicable	11	4	10,588	12			
			Total	254	100	89,679	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	53	21	10,975	12	2.5	2.8 ***	-.24
		2	Some	63	25	18,911	21			
		3	Quite a bit	65	27	24,404	27			
		4	Very much	57	22	23,343	26			
		—	Not applicable	14	5	11,857	13			
			Total	252	100	89,490	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	57	22	13,357	15	2.5	2.7 **	-.20
		2	Some	62	25	18,670	21			
		3	Quite a bit	60	24	22,634	25			
		4	Very much	56	22	22,382	25			
		—	Not applicable	19	7	12,709	14			
			Total	254	100	89,752	100			

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				USC		Academic Advising		USC	Academic Advising	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	42	16	10,421	12	2.7	2.8 *	-0.14 ▽
		2	Some	63	25	17,918	20			
		3	Quite a bit	69	28	25,378	28			
		4	Very much	71	28	26,591	30			
		—	Not applicable	7	3	9,409	10			
		Total		252	100	89,717	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	73	28	13,544	15	2.3	2.6 ***	-0.27 ▽
		2	Some	50	21	16,291	18			
		3	Quite a bit	47	19	18,117	20			
		4	Very much	50	20	19,615	22			
		—	Not applicable	33	13	22,007	25			
		Total		253	100	89,574	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	70	27	16,940	19	2.4	2.5	-0.08
		2	Some	45	18	16,880	19			
		3	Quite a bit	56	23	16,994	19			
		4	Very much	53	21	17,398	20			
		—	Not applicable	30	11	21,300	24			
		Total		254	100	89,512	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	71	27	18,288	21	2.4	2.5	-0.11
		2	Some	61	24	18,979	21			
		3	Quite a bit	51	20	17,155	19			
		4	Very much	52	21	18,723	21			
		—	Not applicable	18	7	16,248	18			
		Total		253	100	89,393	100			

3. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one)

Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%
ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	92	36	25,971	29
	—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	21	9	8,315	10
	—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	32	12	8,535	9
	—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	4	2	2,805	3
	—	Web site, catalog, or other published sources	11	4	4,985	6
	—	Friends or other students	45	18	14,953	16
	—	Family members	37	14	17,226	18
	—	Other, please specify:	4	2	1,647	2
	—	I did not seek academic advice this year	8	4	5,504	6
	Total			254	100	89,941

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

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				USC		Academic Advising		USC	Academic Advising	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
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	27	7	17,720	15	2.3	2.3	.01
		1	1	120	28	28,810	24			
		2	2	144	32	29,580	25			
		3	3	57	14	17,646	14			
		4	4	44	10	10,019	8			
		5	5	15	3	4,117	3			
		6	6 or more	29	6	12,855	10			
			Total	436	100	120,747	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	36	8	11,371	10	2.9	3.0	-.08
		2	Some	115	27	22,277	19			
		3	Quite a bit	135	31	35,223	29			
		4	Very much	137	31	42,273	34			
		—	Not applicable	16	3	9,798	8			
			Total	439	100	120,942	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	41	9	11,869	10	2.8	3.0 *	-0.11 ▽
		2	Some	113	26	21,331	18			
		3	Quite a bit	132	30	32,972	27			
		4	Very much	130	30	42,349	34			
		—	Not applicable	23	5	12,174	10			
			Total	439	100	120,695	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	68	15	20,236	17	2.7	2.7	-.04
		2	Some	110	25	23,582	19			
		3	Quite a bit	122	29	29,797	24			
		4	Very much	115	25	34,542	29			
		—	Not applicable	22	5	12,442	10			
			Total	437	100	120,599	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	74	17	20,476	17	2.6	2.6	-.06
		2	Some	114	27	24,989	21			
		3	Quite a bit	103	25	27,184	22			
		4	Very much	99	22	29,460	25			
		—	Not applicable	45	10	18,208	15			
			Total	435	100	120,317	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	128	29	28,593	24	2.2	2.4 **	-0.14 ▽
		2	Some	94	22	24,341	20			
		3	Quite a bit	74	17	21,002	17			
		4	Very much	72	16	23,038	19			
		—	Not applicable	68	15	23,691	20			
			Total	436	100	120,665	100			

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				USC		Academic Advising		USC	Academic Advising	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	65	15	20,030	17	2.6	2.7	-.05
		2	Some	128	29	24,484	20			
		3	Quite a bit	117	27	29,564	24			
		4	Very much	110	25	33,333	27			
		—	Not applicable	18	4	13,177	11			
		Total		438	100	120,588	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	87	20	21,762	19	2.4	2.6 *	-0.11
		2	Some	93	22	19,292	16			
		3	Quite a bit	78	18	21,137	17			
		4	Very much	84	19	27,192	22			
		—	Not applicable	94	21	30,952	26			
		Total		436	100	120,335	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	100	23	27,252	23	2.5	2.4	.03
		2	Some	85	20	19,969	16			
		3	Quite a bit	92	21	19,902	16			
		4	Very much	94	22	25,124	20			
		—	Not applicable	65	15	28,034	24			
		Total		436	100	120,281	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	114	26	28,943	25	2.4	2.5	-.04
		2	Some	106	25	23,176	19			
		3	Quite a bit	82	19	20,987	17			
		4	Very much	103	23	29,634	24			
		—	Not applicable	32	7	17,453	15			
		Total		437	100	120,193	100			

3. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one)

Variable name	Response options	Count	%	Count	%
ADV03	— Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	127	29	35,604	29
	— Academic advisor(s) available to any student	41	9	11,035	10
	— Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	80	18	23,577	19
	— Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	10	2	6,823	6
	— Web site, catalog, or other published sources	29	6	7,075	6
	— Friends or other students	64	15	14,163	12
	— Family members	66	15	11,522	9
	— Other, please specify:	6	2	3,043	3
	— I did not seek academic advice this year	14	3	8,055	7
	Total		437	100	120,897

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

First-Year Students

Variable name	N		Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	USC	Academic Advising	USC	Academic Advising	USC	Academic Advising	USC	Academic Advising			
ADV01	256	2.10	2.11	.08	.01	1.26	1.54	261	.833	-.01	
ADV02a	248	2.74	2.98	.06	.01	1.02	0.96	250	.000	-.25	
ADV02b	247	2.71	3.00	.07	.01	1.04	0.96	249	.000	-.30	
ADV02c	247	2.61	2.82	.07	.01	1.11	1.04	249	.004	-.20	
ADV02d	243	2.53	2.78	.07	.01	1.08	1.03	245	.000	-.24	
ADV02e	240	2.49	2.70	.07	.01	1.09	1.07	29,533	.002	-.20	
ADV02f	248	2.70	2.85	.07	.01	1.06	1.03	30,774	.024	-.14	
ADV02g	224	2.35	2.65	.08	.01	1.15	1.10	25,920	.000	-.27	
ADV02h	228	2.43	2.52	.08	.01	1.15	1.12	26,143	.255	-.08	
ADV02i	238	2.37	2.50	.07	.01	1.13	1.13	28,028	.090	-.11	

Seniors

Variable name	N	Mean		Standard error ^f		Standard deviation ^g		DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	Effect size ^d
	USC	USC	Academic Advising	USC	Academic Advising	USC	Academic Advising			
ADV01	434	2.28	2.26	.07	.01	1.52	1.77	446	.732	.01
ADV02a	423	2.87	2.95	.05	.01	0.96	1.00	37,268	.085	-.08
ADV02b	417	2.84	2.96	.05	.01	0.98	1.02	36,408	.020	-.11
ADV02c	414	2.68	2.73	.05	.01	1.04	1.10	424	.347	-.04
ADV02d	389	2.57	2.64	.05	.01	1.05	1.10	34,342	.245	-.06
ADV02e	368	2.23	2.39	.06	.01	1.12	1.14	32,613	.008	-.14
ADV02f	418	2.64	2.69	.05	.01	1.03	1.10	429	.313	-.05
ADV02g	342	2.45	2.58	.06	.01	1.11	1.16	350	.029	-.11
ADV02h	371	2.48	2.45	.06	.01	1.14	1.18	380	.529	.03
ADV02i	404	2.42	2.47	.06	.01	1.14	1.18	414	.405	-.04

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Endnotes

- a. Column percentages are weighted by gender 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 gender 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*.
- e. Statistics are weighted by gender 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. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the comparison group is due to chance.

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.