

NSSE 2006 Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>  
American Association of Universities Data Exchange  
University of Colorado at Boulder

			First-Year Students				Seniors				
			CU Boulder		AAUDE		CU Boulder		AAUDE		
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
	Variable	Response Options									
1.	Consider the size of the <b>lower-division</b> classes you've taken at this university – have they generally been:	AAU0601	Far larger than you'd like	132	22%	656	13%	262	44%	1383	24%
			Somewhat larger	227	39%	1574	31%	212	35%	1976	37%
			OK in size	227	38%	2802	54%	125	21%	1887	37%
			Smaller than you'd like	5	1%	27	1%	1	0%	17	0%
			Not applicable/have taken no lower-division courses here	1	0%	66	1%	3	0%	108	2%
			Total	592	100%	5125	100%	603	100%	5371	100%
2.	Consider the size of the <b>upper-division</b> classes you've taken at this university – have they generally been:	AAU0602	Far larger than you'd like	8	1%	206	4%	46	8%	256	5%
			Somewhat larger	37	6%	752	14%	112	19%	757	14%
			OK in size	202	35%	2825	57%	436	72%	4203	78%
			Smaller than you'd like	1	0%	61	1%	8	1%	129	2%
			Not applicable/have taken no upper-division courses here	344	58%	1267	24%	1	0%	24	0%
		Total	592	100%	5111	100%	603	100%	5369	100%	
3.	How would you rate the quality of instruction in <b>lower-division</b> courses?	AAU0603	Poor	27	5%	210	4%	58	10%	439	8%
			Fair	129	22%	1257	25%	231	38%	2002	37%
			Good	349	59%	2901	58%	280	47%	2440	47%
			Excellent	85	14%	655	13%	31	5%	360	7%
			Not applicable/have taken no lower-division courses here	0	0%	17	0%	0	0%	11	0%
		Total	590	100%	5040	100%	600	100%	5252	100%	
4.	How would you rate the quality of instruction in <b>upper-division</b> courses?	AAU0604	Poor	4	2%	61	2%	10	2%	88	2%
			Fair	28	11%	580	15%	48	8%	585	11%
			Good	130	52%	2200	56%	312	52%	2695	50%
			Excellent	68	28%	865	23%	232	38%	1970	37%
			Not applicable/have taken no upper-division courses here	19	8%	144	4%	0	0%	1	0%
		Total	249	100%	3850	100%	602	100%	5339	100%	
5.	Would you say that the courses you need to take for your <b>major</b> have been available:	AAU0605	Hardly ever	23	4%	208	4%	22	4%	159	3%
			Some of the time	86	14%	886	18%	103	17%	956	18%
			Most of the time	217	37%	1941	38%	277	47%	2300	43%
			Always or nearly always	224	38%	1499	29%	200	33%	1936	36%
			Not applicable (haven't tried to take any yet)	40	7%	551	11%	0	0%	8	0%
		Total	590	100%	5085	100%	602	100%	5359	100%	
6.	Would you say that the courses you need to take for your <b>general education requirements</b> have been available:	AAU0606	Hardly ever	19	3%	162	3%	10	2%	147	3%
			Some of the time	134	23%	1132	22%	135	22%	1013	19%
			Most of the time	267	45%	2150	42%	302	50%	2449	45%
			Always or nearly always	156	27%	1586	31%	146	24%	1619	31%
			Not applicable (haven't tried to take any yet)	14	2%	58	1%	10	2%	131	2%
		Total	590	100%	5088	100%	603	100%	5359	100%	

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7.	How would you rate the academic quality of this university <b>in general</b> ?	AAU0607	Poor	6	1%	49	1%	13	2%	79	2%
			Fair	55	10%	332	7%	90	15%	544	10%
			Good	345	58%	2690	50%	366	60%	3027	55%
			Excellent	183	31%	2012	42%	133	22%	1697	34%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5083</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5347</b>	<b>100%</b>
8.	How would you rate the academic quality of your <b>major program</b> ?	AAU0608	Poor	8	1%	43	1%	16	3%	142	3%
			Fair	43	7%	304	6%	64	11%	591	11%
			Good	254	43%	1974	38%	264	44%	2203	41%
			Excellent	229	39%	2113	42%	258	42%	2408	46%
			No major yet	55	9%	643	13%	0	0%	3	0%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5077</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5347</b>	<b>100%</b>
9.	How would you rate the quality of academic advising you have received from your college or department at this university?	AAU0609	Poor	69	11%	468	9%	130	22%	817	14%
			Fair	158	27%	1164	23%	168	28%	1404	26%
			Good	243	42%	2036	40%	205	34%	1914	37%
			Excellent	102	17%	1208	24%	99	16%	1159	22%
			Not applicable	17	3%	205	4%	0	0%	55	1%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5081</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5349</b>	<b>100%</b>
10.	How would you rate this university's responsiveness to student academic problems?	AAU0610	Poor	55	9%	336	7%	107	18%	705	13%
			Fair	173	29%	1345	26%	219	36%	1646	30%
			Good	227	39%	2176	42%	178	30%	1905	35%
			Excellent	64	11%	652	14%	23	4%	416	8%
			Not applicable	70	12%	570	11%	75	12%	680	13%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5079</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5352</b>	<b>100%</b>
11.	During the past year, from what source did you receive <b>most</b> of your academic advising?	AAU0611	Advisors in your college or department	261	45%	2564	53%	267	45%	2694	52%
			Instructors or staff members not formally assigned as an advisor	59	10%	505	9%	113	19%	878	16%
			Online registration and degree tracking system	44	8%	288	6%	107	18%	829	14%
			Undergraduate catalog or other publications	42	7%	364	7%	42	7%	342	7%
			Friends or Family	168	28%	1187	22%	59	9%	496	9%
			Not applicable	13	2%	172	4%	13	2%	110	2%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5080</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5349</b>	<b>100%</b>
12.	The advisor(s) in your college or department is(are) available when you need to see her/him(them).	AAU0612	Strongly disagree	33	6%	142	3%	65	11%	241	4%
			Disagree	77	13%	456	9%	152	25%	689	12%
			Agree	343	59%	2985	59%	294	49%	3034	58%
			Strongly agree	95	16%	1039	21%	87	15%	1200	24%
			Not applicable	38	6%	429	8%	3	1%	165	3%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5051</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5329</b>	<b>100%</b>

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13.	The information you've received from academic advisors has been accurate and up to date.	AAU0613	Strongly disagree	14	2%	105	2%	43	7%	248	4%
			Disagree	40	6%	403	8%	78	13%	727	13%
			Agree	352	60%	2916	57%	358	59%	2827	54%
			Strongly agree	138	24%	1272	26%	113	19%	1327	25%
			Not applicable	42	7%	352	7%	8	1%	193	3%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5048</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5322</b>	<b>100%</b>
14.	At this university students have to run around from one place to another to get the information or approvals they need.	AAU0614	Strongly disagree	17	3%	140	3%	21	3%	166	3%
			Disagree	130	23%	1182	24%	137	23%	1160	21%
			Agree	269	45%	2129	42%	259	43%	2225	42%
			Strongly agree	91	15%	867	18%	152	25%	1511	29%
			Not applicable	80	14%	730	14%	31	5%	267	5%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5048</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5329</b>	<b>100%</b>
15.	I expect to complete a bachelor's degree:	AAU0615	I may well not complete a bachelor's degree	6	1%	57	1%	1	0%	21	0%
			At another college or university	35	6%	234	5%	0	0%	23	0%
			At this university in more than 5 years total	6	1%	100	2%	65	11%	514	10%
			At this university in more than 4 years but within 5 years total	177	30%	1401	27%	212	36%	1736	32%
			At this university in a total of 4 years or less	363	62%	3247	65%	317	52%	3022	56%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5039</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5316</b>	<b>100%</b>
16.	Within one year of ending your undergraduate studies, which do you plan to do?	AAU0616	Attend graduate or professional school	172	30%	1672	34%	157	26%	1439	27%
			Be employed (including self- and part-time employment)	146	25%	1474	28%	251	43%	2747	52%
			Attend graduate/professional school and be employed at the same time	113	19%	774	15%	87	14%	564	11%
			Take time off, have/raise a family, relax, travel, etc.	21	4%	94	2%	37	6%	172	3%
			I am not at all sure what I will be doing	134	23%	1024	20%	69	11%	399	7%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5038</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5321</b>	<b>100%</b>
17.	From the list below, choose <b>one</b> item that best describes the <b>biggest obstacle</b> to your academic progress.	AAU0617	Money, work obligations, finances	194	33%	1623	31%	237	39%	2041	38%
			Family obligations	17	3%	168	3%	29	5%	253	5%
			Difficulties getting the courses you need	33	6%	358	7%	31	5%	288	6%
			Lack of good academic advising	39	7%	281	6%	56	9%	413	7%
			Lack of personal motivation	152	27%	1251	25%	95	17%	826	16%
			I have no real obstacles	150	26%	1347	27%	150	25%	1480	28%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5028</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5301</b>	<b>100%</b>
18.	What is your primary reason for working for pay (either on- or off-campus)?	AAU0618	To gain knowledge/skills	40	7%	293	6%	74	13%	644	13%
			To earn money for basic expenses	211	35%	1847	36%	308	51%	2798	52%
			To earn extra spending money	103	18%	779	16%	111	19%	871	16%
			For something to do	3	1%	44	1%	5	1%	65	1%
			I don't work for pay	230	39%	2063	41%	101	17%	929	18%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5026</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5307</b>	<b>100%</b>

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19.	While attending this university how often have you been challenged to do the very best you can?	AAU0619	Never	7	1%	43	1%	5	1%	28	1%
			Seldom	50	9%	301	6%	69	12%	369	7%
			Some of the time	248	42%	1923	38%	298	50%	2490	47%
			Most of the time	282	48%	2764	56%	229	38%	2425	46%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5031</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5312</b>	<b>100%</b>
20.	Most of the time, professors in my courses make it clear what they expect me to learn.	AAU0620	Strongly disagree	7	1%	47	1%	4	1%	41	1%
			Disagree	61	10%	454	9%	55	10%	398	8%
			Agree	330	56%	3113	61%	376	63%	3292	61%
			Strongly agree	188	32%	1423	29%	165	27%	1585	30%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5037</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5316</b>	<b>100%</b>

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