

### **Transition to the Major Module**

*This optional module asks respondents about their experiences in selecting a major. It is appropriate for students who have not yet declared a major as well as those who have declared a major. Because many institutions report student attrition at this point in college, this information may be useful to help campuses investigate difficulty at this important transition stage.*

**1. In thinking about declaring a major, how helpful were the following?**

*(Responses: Very Helpful, Somewhat Helpful, Not Very Helpful, Not Helpful at all, Did not Use/Do)*

- Taking a variety of classes from different programs/majors
- Exploring how a major leads to specific career options
- Finding a supportive faculty member in the major
- Talking to an upperclass student in the major
- Figuring out my career plans
- Talking to a counselor/academic advisor
- Finding a major that has a welcoming environment

**2. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

*(Responses: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)*

- There are too many steps to declare a major here
- I think it does not matter what my major is, only that I obtain a degree
- The availability of jobs is an important consideration for me in choosing a major
- I do not know what I want to do in life
- Regardless of my choice of major, the skills I gain in college will be applicable to any future career
- I think my major should be closely linked to my intended career
- I will be/was unable to get into my first-choice major
- I do not know enough about majors to choose
- I feel pressure from my parents/guardians to pursue a particular major
- Information distributed on majors is useful
- It is important that I find my major interesting, regardless of how “practical” it is
- This campus has many events/activities to help students choose a major
- The current economy has led me to question my major choice
- I am likely to pursue my major at another institution

**3. Have you officially declared your major?**

- Yes
- No

**IF MAJOR IS NOT DECLARED, THEN STUDENT IS FINISHED WITH THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.**

**3a. In thinking about your primary major, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:**

*(Responses: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)*

- I had expected to get better grades than the grades I have earned so far
- Faculty are approachable
- I feel confident I will succeed
- I have a peer support network among students
- The faculty and staff demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity
- There is a sense of competition between students
- There is high quality teaching
- Faculty are interested in my development as a student
- My parents/guardians are supportive of my choice of major
- I am considering changing my major in the future

**3b. How many times have you changed your major (either officially or unofficially) since entering this college?**

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five or more

**IF STUDENT ANSWERS NONE, THEN STUDENT IS FINISHED WITH THIS SECTION, OTHERWISE GOES ON TO NEXT QUESTION**

**3b1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:**

*(Responses: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)*

- Courses in my previous major were too difficult
- My previous major was not a good fit for me
- Students were too competitive in my previous major
- I was not able to take the courses I needed in my previous major
- My academic interests have changed
- My career goals have changed
- Courses in my previous major required too much time
- Course materials were too expensive in my previous major
- I expect to earn better grades in my current major than in my previous major