Transfer Student Survey Questions

**Target Audience:** Recently enrolled transfer students at your institution (ideally, within first semester/year of transfer)

**Demographic Information**

1. What is your gender?
	* Male
	* Female
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
2. Are you White, Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or some other race?
	* White
	* Black or African-American
	* American Indian or Alaskan Native
	* Asian
	* Native Hawaiian or other Pacific islander
	* From multiple races
	* Some other race (please specify): [open text box]
3. Which category below includes your age?
	* 17 or younger
	* 18-20
	* 21-24
	* 25-29
	* 30-39
	* 40-49
	* 50-59
	* 60 or older
4. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?
	* Part-time Employed, working 1-20 hours per week
	* Part-time Employed, working 21-39 hours per week
	* Full-time Employed, working 40 or more hours per week
	* Not employed, looking for work
	* Not employed, NOT looking for work

**Educational History**

1. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?
	* Less than high school degree
	* High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)
	* Some college but no degree
	* Technical Certificate or Credential
	* Associate degree
	* Bachelor degree
2. What year did you graduate from high school? [open textbox or dropdown with years]
	* I did not graduate
	* Year dropdown
3. What year did you first enroll in college? [open textbox or dropdown with years]
4. What is the total number of institutions you attended before enrolling at XXInstitutionXX?
	* 1
	* 2
	* 3
	* 4
	* 5+
5. What type of school did you previously attended? [multi-select]
	* 2-year community college, junior college, or technical college
		+ [LOGIC-If selected] – Please list school(s): [open textbox]
	* 4-year public/state college or university
		+ [LOGIC-If selected] – Please list school(s): [open textbox]
	* 4-year private college or university
		+ [LOGIC-If selected] – Please list school(s): [open textbox]
6. Have you earned any degree, certificate, or other credential?
	* Yes
		+ [LOGIC-If selected] – Please list here: [open textbox]
	* No
7. Have you taken classes every term since first starting college?
	* Yes
	* No
8. Are you currently enrolled at XXInstitutionXX as a full-time or part-time student?
	* Full-time student (12 credits or more/semester)
	* Part-time student (Fewer than 12 credits/semester)

**Transfer Motivations**

1. When did you first think you wanted to transfer to XXInstitutionXX while at your last/previous college?
	* I always intended to transfer
	* Before I started classes
	* Within a few weeks on campus
	* During the first semester
	* After finishing the first semester and receiving grades
	* After my first year of college
	* During my second year of college
	* After my second year of college
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
2. Did you originally apply to XXInstitutionXX for your freshman year of college?
	* Yes
		+ [LOGIC: If selected] – What happened?
			- I needed to attend a less expensive school
			- I didn’t get in
			- I was wait-listed
			- I didn’t think I was ready
			- My family suggested I start somewhere else
			- My high school counselor recommended I start somewhere else
			- Other (please specify): [open textbox]
	* No
3. Why did you leave your previous school? [Multi-select]
	* Financial reasons
	* I needed a bachelor’s degree
	* I wanted to change careers
	* I wanted to be closer to home
	* I wanted to be farther away from home
	* Previous school didn’t have many students like me
	* I wanted to attend a school my friends attend
	* My family thought this school would be better for me
	* My friends thought I would like this school better
	* I didn’t like the location of my previous school
	* I didn’t like the weather at my previous school
	* I didn’t like the atmosphere/culture on campus at my previous school
	* I didn’t like my roommate(s)
	* I didn’t find any clubs or organizations to join
	* I didn’t like my classes
	* I didn’t do well in my classes
	* My classes were too easy for me
	* I was interested in a specific study abroad program offered this school
	* I wasn’t admitted to the academic program I wanted at my previous school
	* I didn’t like the requirements for my major at my previous school
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
4. [LOGIC – If financial reasons selected] *–* You indicated financial reasons for your decision to transfer. Did any of the following impact your decision?
	* Tuition increase
	* Loss of financial aid/not enough financial aid
	* Loss of scholarship/not enough scholarship dollars
	* The potential for more financial aid at this school
	* The potential for more scholarships at this school
	* My parents’/guardians’ financial situation changed
	* My personal financial situation changed
	* I saved enough money to transfer to this school
	* My employer is paying for me to continue my education
	* I went to a 2-year school to save money
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
5. Why did you select XXInstitutionXX over other schools where you applied? [multi-select]
	* Distance from home
	* More/better financial aid
	* Lower overall costs
	* Number of credits that would transfer
	* Ease of transfer process/application
	* Better academic reputation
	* Better fit
	* More/better opportunities after college
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]

**Transfer Experience / Process**

1. What resources did you use to identify your transfer school options? (Check all that apply.)
	* School websites
	* General websites about colleges (e.g., College Board, Peterson’s, Naviance)
	* College guidebooks
	* Online research
	* Virtual tour or virtual meeting
	* On-campus tour or visit
	* An event for prospective transfer students
	* Independent college counselors
	* Advisor at previous school
	* My parents
	* My high school counselor
	* My friends at those schools
	* Letters I received from schools when I was in high school
	* Emails I received from schools when I was in high school
	* Letters I received from colleges after I was enrolled in college
	* Emails I received from colleges after I was enrolled in college
	* I contacted the schools (please specify how you contacted schools): [open textbox]
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
2. At your previous school, who was most helpful during your transfer process? [multi-select]
	* Advisor
	* Faculty member
	* Academic support staff (e.g., tutor, mentor)
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
3. At XXInstitutionXX, who was most helpful during your transfer process? (Select up to two.)
	* Advisors
	* Faculty member
	* Academic support staff (e.g., tutors, mentor)
	* Other (please specify): [open textbox]
4. Was anything about your transfer experience surprising or challenging? Please provide as much detail as possible. [open text box]
5. Would you encourage others to follow the same transfer path you did?
	* Yes
		+ Why? [open textbox]
	* No
		+ Why not? [open textbox]

**Transfer Credit**

1. How many credits did you transfer into XXInstitutionXX? [drop down box]
	* None
	* 1-10
	* 11-20
	* 21-30
	* 31-40
	* 41-50
	* 51-60
	* 61-70
	* 71-80
	* 81 or more
2. When did you find out how many credits would transfer to XXInstitutionXX?
	* Before I applied
	* After I applied, but before I was admitted
	* After I was admitted
	* After I registered
	* After classes started
	* After my first semester
	* I don’t remember/can’t say
3. How did the number of credits that transferred compare with your expectations?
	* I was able to transfer more than expected
	* I was able to transfer less than expected
	* I was able to transfer about what I expected
4. How many of your transfer credits were applied to degree requirements (major or general education)?
	* Less than 25%
	* 25-50%
	* 51-75%
	* 76-99%
	* 100%
	* I don’t remember/can’t say
5. Did the schools you considered for transfer tell you how long it would take you to complete a 4-year degree?
	* All did
	* Most did
	* Some did
	* Few did
	* None did
6. Did XXInstitutionXX?
7. How did you explore the question of transferring credits? (Check all that apply.)
	* Talked to counselor/staff at my previous school
	* Talked to counselor/staff at the transfer school
	* Talked to my high school counselor
	* Checked transfer guides or agreements between my previous school and the transfer school
	* Checked the transfer school’s website
	* Other (please specify) [open textbox]
8. Did you select specific classes at your previous school to ensure they would transfer to another school?
	* Yes, for all classes
	* Yes, for most classes
	* Yes, for some classes
	* No