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# **NSSE 2014 Topical Module**

## **Academic Advising**

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

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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)*	Clafin 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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## 'Academic Advising' institutions (N=384), continued

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 Carolina-Beaufort (Bluffton, SC)*
The University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, MB)	University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD)
The University of Tennessee Martin (Martin, TN)	University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, IN)*
The University of Texas at Brownsville (Brownsville, TX)	University of Southern Maine (Portland, ME)
The University of Texas at El Paso (El Paso, TX)	University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC)*
The University of Winnipeg (Winnipeg, MB)	University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)*
Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops, BC)	University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)
Trent University (Peterborough, ON)	University of Victoria (Victoria, BC)
Trine University (Angola, IN)*	University of Windsor (Windsor, ON)
Tyndale University College and Seminary (Toronto, ON)	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (Eau Claire, WI)
Union College (NE) (Lincoln, NE)*	University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Kenosha, 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 Columbia (Columbia, SC)	

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## First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				UW-Stevens Point		Academic Advising		UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
<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	28	6	12,500	14	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	.00
		1	1	148	29	20,988	24			
		2	2	164	32	25,310	29			
		3	3	114	22	15,922	18			
		4	4	35	7	7,343	8			
		5	5	16	3	2,855	3			
		6	6 or more	11	2	4,717	5			
			Total	516	100	89,635	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	40	8	6,797	8	<b>2.9</b>	3.0	-.04
		2	Some	104	20	16,443	18			
		3	Quite a bit	190	37	27,845	31			
		4	Very much	159	30	29,078	32			
		—	Not applicable	24	5	9,569	11			
			Total	517	100	89,732	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	39	8	6,725	8	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	.00
		2	Some	96	19	15,969	18			
		3	Quite a bit	176	35	26,538	30			
		4	Very much	178	34	29,548	33			
		—	Not applicable	28	6	10,783	12			
			Total	517	100	89,563	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	53	10	11,279	13	<b>2.9</b>	2.8 **	.12
		2	Some	86	17	17,501	19			
		3	Quite a bit	183	36	24,552	27			
		4	Very much	166	32	25,514	29			
		—	Not applicable	28	6	10,571	12			
			Total	516	100	89,417	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	60	12	10,968	12	<b>2.8</b>	2.8	.03
		2	Some	107	21	18,867	21			
		3	Quite a bit	178	34	24,291	27			
		4	Very much	139	27	23,261	26			
		—	Not applicable	32	7	11,839	13			
			Total	516	100	89,226	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	58	11	13,356	15	<b>2.8</b>	2.7 **	.13
		2	Some	120	23	18,612	21			
		3	Quite a bit	157	30	22,537	25			
		4	Very much	152	30	22,286	25			
		—	Not applicable	31	6	12,697	14			
			Total	518	100	89,488	100			

## First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				UW-Stevens Point		Academic Advising		UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	46	9	10,417	12	<b>3.0</b>	2.8 **	.13
		2	Some	88	18	17,893	20			
		3	Quite a bit	192	37	25,255	28			
		4	Very much	173	33	26,489	30			
		—	Not applicable	18	4	9,398	10			
			Total	517	100	89,452	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	78	15	13,539	15	<b>2.7</b>	2.6	.06
		2	Some	89	18	16,252	18			
		3	Quite a bit	134	26	18,030	20			
		4	Very much	128	24	19,537	22			
		—	Not applicable	86	17	21,954	24			
			Total	515	100	89,312	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	80	16	16,930	19	<b>2.6</b>	2.5 *	.11
		2	Some	112	22	16,813	19			
		3	Quite a bit	131	25	16,919	19			
		4	Very much	119	23	17,332	20			
		—	Not applicable	73	14	21,257	24			
			Total	515	100	89,251	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	83	16	18,276	21	<b>2.7</b>	2.5 **	.14
		2	Some	123	25	18,917	21			
		3	Quite a bit	134	26	17,072	19			
		4	Very much	134	25	18,641	21			
		—	Not applicable	40	8	16,226	18			
			Total	514	100	89,132	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 <sup>c</sup>	Response options	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising
			Count	%
ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	206	39
	—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	36	7
	—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	45	9
	—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	16	3
	—	Web site, catalog, or other published sources	15	3
	—	Friends or other students	92	18
	—	Family members	87	17
	—	Other, please specify:	5	1
	—	I did not seek academic advice this year	15	3
		Total	517	100

\*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 <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				UW-Stevens Point		Academic Advising		UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
<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	46	6	17,701	15	<b>2.6</b>	2.3 ***	.18
		1	1	210	25	28,720	24			
		2	2	248	30	29,476	25			
		3	3	111	13	17,592	14			
		4	4	87	11	9,976	8			
		5	5	36	4	4,096	3			
		6	6 or more	97	12	12,787	10			
			Total	835	100	120,348	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	65	7	11,342	10	<b>3.1</b>	3.0 ***	.12
		2	Some	155	18	22,237	19			
		3	Quite a bit	270	32	35,088	29			
		4	Very much	329	40	42,081	34			
		—	Not applicable	17	2	9,797	8			
			Total	836	100	120,545	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	74	9	11,836	10	<b>3.1</b>	3.0 ***	.15
		2	Some	127	15	21,317	18			
		3	Quite a bit	258	31	32,846	27			
		4	Very much	350	42	42,129	34			
		—	Not applicable	26	3	12,171	10			
			Total	835	100	120,299	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	118	14	20,186	17	<b>2.9</b>	2.7 ***	.13
		2	Some	165	19	23,527	19			
		3	Quite a bit	236	29	29,683	25			
		4	Very much	285	35	34,372	29			
		—	Not applicable	30	4	12,434	10			
			Total	834	100	120,202	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	143	17	20,407	17	<b>2.7</b>	2.6 *	.09
		2	Some	168	20	24,935	21			
		3	Quite a bit	220	27	27,067	22			
		4	Very much	234	29	29,325	25			
		—	Not applicable	66	8	18,187	15			
			Total	831	100	119,921	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	184	21	28,537	24	<b>2.5</b>	2.4 ***	.13
		2	Some	174	21	24,261	20			
		3	Quite a bit	194	23	20,882	17			
		4	Very much	185	23	22,925	19			
		—	Not applicable	99	12	23,660	20			
			Total	836	100	120,265	100			

## Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				UW-Stevens Point		Academic Advising		UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	104	12	19,991	17	<b>2.9</b>	2.7 ***	.22
		2	Some	150	17	24,462	20			
		3	Quite a bit	265	32	29,416	24			
		4	Very much	287	35	33,156	27			
		—	Not applicable	29	3	13,166	11			
		Total		835	100	120,191	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	134	15	21,715	19	<b>2.8</b>	2.6 ***	.18
		2	Some	142	17	19,243	16			
		3	Quite a bit	165	20	21,050	17			
		4	Very much	247	30	27,029	22			
		—	Not applicable	144	18	30,902	26			
		Total		832	100	119,939	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	155	18	27,197	23	<b>2.7</b>	2.4 ***	.25
		2	Some	148	17	19,906	17			
		3	Quite a bit	190	23	19,804	16			
		4	Very much	248	30	24,970	20			
		—	Not applicable	93	11	28,006	24			
		Total		834	100	119,883	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	142	17	28,915	25	<b>2.8</b>	2.5 ***	.29
		2	Some	174	20	23,108	19			
		3	Quite a bit	190	23	20,879	17			
		4	Very much	293	36	29,444	24			
		—	Not applicable	33	4	17,452	15			
		Total		832	100	119,798	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 <sup>c</sup>	Response options	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising
ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	344	42
	—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	52	6
	—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	157	18
	—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	59	7
	—	Web site, catalog, or other published sources	28	3
	—	Friends or other students	85	10
	—	Family members	58	7
	—	Other, please specify:	16	2
	—	I did not seek academic advice this year	36	4
	Total			835

\*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 <sup>f</sup>		Standard deviation <sup>g</sup>		DF <sup>h</sup>	Sig. <sup>i</sup>	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising			
ADV01	513	2.11	2.12	.06	.00	1.27	1.54	517	.945	.00	
ADV02a	488	2.98	2.94	.04	.00	0.92	0.96	131,377	.373	-.04	
ADV02b	485	3.00	3.00	.04	.00	0.94	0.96	129,248	.956	.00	
ADV02c	484	2.81	2.94	.04	.00	0.98	1.04	487	.005	.12	
ADV02d	479	2.77	2.81	.05	.00	0.99	1.03	482	.453	.03	
ADV02e	483	2.70	2.84	.05	.00	1.00	1.07	486	.003	.13	
ADV02f	494	2.85	2.98	.04	.00	0.94	1.03	498	.002	.13	
ADV02g	427	2.64	2.71	.05	.00	1.08	1.10	110,494	.195	.06	
ADV02h	439	2.51	2.64	.05	.00	1.06	1.12	442	.015	.11	
ADV02i	471	2.50	2.66	.05	.00	1.07	1.13	474	.001	.14	

## Seniors

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>
	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising	UW-Stevens Point	Academic Advising			
ADV01	832	2.58	2.26	.06	.00	1.72	1.77	163,091	.000	.18	
ADV02a	815	3.07	2.95	.03	.00	0.95	1.00	824	.000	.12	
ADV02b	804	3.11	2.96	.03	.00	0.97	1.02	813	.000	.15	
ADV02c	801	2.87	2.72	.04	.00	1.05	1.10	810	.000	.13	
ADV02d	759	2.73	2.64	.04	.00	1.09	1.10	138,185	.017	.09	
ADV02e	734	2.54	2.39	.04	.00	1.11	1.14	131,228	.001	.13	
ADV02f	803	2.93	2.69	.04	.00	1.02	1.10	812	.000	.22	
ADV02g	682	2.78	2.58	.04	.00	1.13	1.16	690	.000	.18	
ADV02h	736	2.74	2.44	.04	.00	1.13	1.18	744	.000	.25	
ADV02i	796	2.81	2.47	.04	.00	1.12	1.18	805	.000	.29	

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

## 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 Ns 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.