



NSSE 2013

Academic Advising Module

Dalton State College

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This module examines students' experiences with academic advising, including frequency of use, accessibility, information provided, and primary source of advice.

Academic Advising Comparison Group

This section summarizes how your Academic Advising 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	Not applicable; comparison group not customized.
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution did not customize this comparison group; the default group (all module participants) was used.
Group description	Default comparison group

'Academic Advising' institutions (N=233)

Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)	Central College (Pella, IA)
Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)	Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)
Alaska Pacific University (Anchorage, AK)	Central Methodist University (Fayette, MO)
Alberta College of Art + Design (Calgary, AB)	Centre College (Danville, KY)
Alvernia University (Reading, PA)	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Cheyney, PA)
Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI)	Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, The (Charleston, SC)
Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)	Clafflin University (Orangeburg, SC)
Augsburg College (Minneapolis, MN)	Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Clarion, PA)
Bacone College (Muskogee, OK)	Coastal Carolina University (Conway, SC)
Baker University (Baldwin City, KS)	College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, The (Saint Joseph, MN)
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (Memphis, TN)	Colorado School of Mines (Golden, CO)
Baylor University (Waco, TX)	Columbia Southern University (Orange Beach, AL)
Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN)	Concordia University (Montreal, QC)
Biola University (La Mirada, CA)	Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA)
Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)	Concordia University Texas (Austin, TX)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)	Culver-Stockton College (Canton, MO)
Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH)	CUNY Herbert H. Lehman College (Bronx, NY)
Brandon University (Brandon, MB)	CUNY Medgar Evers College (Brooklyn, NY)
Brescia University College (London, ON)	Davis & Elkins College (Elkins, WV)
Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)	Dickinson State University (Dickinson, ND)
California Baptist University (Riverside, CA)	Dixie State College of Utah (Saint George, UT)
California State University, Northridge (Northridge, CA)	East Central University (Ada, OK)
California State University, San Bernardino (San Bernardino, CA)	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (East Stroudsburg, PA)
California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)	Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, IL)
Campbell University Inc. (Buies Creek, NC)	Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, KY)
Cape Breton University (Sydney, NS)	Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti, MI)
Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (Edinboro, PA)
Cardinal Stritch University (Milwaukee, WI)	Eureka College (Eureka, IL)
Carson-Newman University (Jefferson City, TN)	Faulkner University (Montgomery, AL)
Catholic University of America, The (Washington, DC)	Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)

'Academic Advising' institutions (N=233), continued

Francis Marion University (Florence, SC)
Franklin College (Franklin, IN)
Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)
Goshen College (Goshen, IN)
Goucher College (Baltimore, MD)
Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY)
Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, CA)
Hiram College (Hiram, OH)
Houston Baptist University (Houston, TX)
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)
Huron University College (London, ON)
Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL)
Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)
Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, IN)
Iona College (New Rochelle, NY)
Iowa Wesleyan College (Mount Pleasant, IA)
Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY)
Judson College (Marion, AL)
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)
Kaplan University (Davenport, IA)
Kean University (Union, NJ)
Kentucky Wesleyan College (Owensboro, KY)
Kettering University (Flint, MI)
King's University College at the University of Western Ontario (London, ON)
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Kutztown, PA)
La Roche College (Pittsburgh, PA)
Lake Superior State University (Sault Ste Marie, MI)
Lees-McRae College (Banner Elk, NC)
LIM College (New York, NY)
Limestone College (Gaffney, SC)
Lincoln Memorial University (Harrogate, TN)
Lincoln University, The (Lincoln University, PA)
Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)
Lock Haven University (Lock Haven, PA)
Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (Mansfield, PA)
Marian University (Fond Du Lac, WI)
Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)
Marlboro College (Marlboro, VT)
Mars Hill University (Mars Hill, NC)
Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
Martin Methodist College (Pulaski, TN)
Marymount University (Arlington, VA)
Menlo College (Atherton, CA)
Mercer University (Macon, GA)
Merrimack College (North Andover, MA)
Methodist College (Peoria, IL)
Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)
Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Millersville, PA)
Milligan College (Milligan College, TN)
Millikin University (Decatur, IL)
Millsaps College (Jackson, MS)
Minnesota State University Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)
Minnesota State University-Mankato (Mankato, MN)
Minot State University (Minot, ND)
Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS)
Missouri University of Science & Technology (Rolla, MO)
Missouri Western State University (Saint Joseph, MO)
Montana State University Billings (Billings, MT)
Morningside College (Sioux City, IA)
National American University-Rapid City (Rapid City, SD)
Nazareth College (Rochester, NY)
Neumann University (Aston, PA)
New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (Socorro, NM)
New School, The (New York, NY)
North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)
Northwood University--Michigan Campus (Midland, MI)
Northwood University--TX Campus (Cedar Hill, TX)
Northwood University-Florida Campus (West Palm Beach, FL)
Norwich University (Northfield, VT)
Ohio State University at Newark, The (Newark, OH)
Ohio State University-Lima Campus (Lima, OH)
Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus (Mansfield, OH)
Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)
Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, OH)
Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)
Park University (Parkville, MO)
Pitzer College (Claremont, CA)
Plymouth State University (Plymouth, NH)
Point Park University (Pittsburgh, PA)
Purdue University-Calumet Campus (Hammond, IN)
Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA)
Roanoke College (Salem, VA)
Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)
Rocky Mountain College (Billings, MT)
Roger Williams University (Bristol, RI)
Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ)
Saint Anselm College (Manchester, NH)
Saint John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)
Saint Joseph's College (Rensselaer, IN)
Saint Leo University (Saint Leo, FL)
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)
Saint Thomas University (Miami Gardens, FL)
Salem State University (Salem, MA)
Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)
School of Visual Arts (New York, NY)
Schreiner University (Kerrville, TX)
Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)
Sewanee: The University of the South (Sewanee, TN)
Shawnee State University (Portsmouth, OH)
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Shippensburg, PA)
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Slippery Rock, PA)
Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL)
Southern Illinois Univ Edwardsville (Edwardsville, IL)
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN)
Southwestern Adventist University (Keene, TX)
Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)
St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)
State University of New York at Potsdam, The (Potsdam, NY)
Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)
Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, PA)
Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)

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Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)
Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)
Texas State University (San Marcos, TX)
Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)
Trine University (Angola, IN)
Tyndale University College and Seminary (Toronto, ON)
Union College (NE) (Lincoln, NE)
University of Advancing Technology (Tempe, AZ)
University of Akron (Akron, OH)
University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)
University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks, AK)
University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)
University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, AR)
University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)
University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO)
University of Colorado Denver (Denver, CO)
University of Findlay, The (Findlay, OH)
University of Hawai'i at Hilo (Hilo, HI)
University of Houston (Houston, TX)
University of Houston-Downtown (Houston, TX)
University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)
University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN)
University of Massachusetts Lowell (Lowell, MA)
University of Minnesota-Crookston (Crookston, MN)
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 North Texas (Denton, TX)
University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, IA)
University of Pikeville (Pikeville, KY)
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford (Bradford, PA)
University of Puerto Rico at Cayey (Cayey, PR)
University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)
University of South Carolina-Beaufort (Bluffton, SC)
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, IN)
University of Tennessee Martin, The (Martin, TN)
University of Texas at Arlington, The (Arlington, TX)
University of Texas at Brownsville, The (Brownsville, TX)
University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC)
University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (Whitewater, WI)
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (Flushing, NY)
Virginia Intermont College (Bristol, VA)
Washington Adventist University (Takoma Park, MD)
Weber State University (Ogden, UT)
Wentworth Institute of Technology (Boston, MA)
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester, PA)
West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV)
Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI)
Westminster College (Salt Lake City, UT)
Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)
Wilberforce University (Wilberforce, OH)
Wilmington University (New Castle, DE)
Wisconsin Lutheran College (Milwaukee, WI)
Youngstown State University (Youngstown, OH)

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Dalton State		Academic Advising		Dalton State	Academic Advising	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
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		11	24	4,634	10	1.9	2.2	-.22
		1 1		4	9	11,262	24			
		2 2		18	47	14,454	30			
		3 3		2	6	9,055	19			
		4 4		2	8	4,055	8			
		5 5		0	0	1,540	3			
		6 6 or more		3	6	2,698	5			
		Total		40	100	47,698	100			
2. During the current school year, to what extent have your academic advisors done the following?										
a. Been available when needed	ADV02a	1 1	Very little	6	15	3,777	8	2.7	3.0	-.25
		2 2	Some	8	23	8,765	18			
		3 3	Quite a bit	8	22	15,211	32			
		4 4	Very much	13	30	16,333	34			
		—	Not applicable	5	10	3,645	8			
		Total		40	100	47,731	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1 1	Very little	4	11	3,712	8	3.1	3.0	.10
		2 2	Some	5	13	8,563	18			
		3 3	Quite a bit	7	18	14,525	31			
		4 4	Very much	17	45	16,820	35			
		—	Not applicable	6	12	4,019	9			
		Total		39	100	47,639	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1 1	Very little	7	19	6,381	14	2.9	2.8	.05
		2 2	Some	7	17	9,273	19			
		3 3	Quite a bit	5	11	13,459	28			
		4 4	Very much	16	43	14,317	30			
		—	Not applicable	5	10	4,116	9			
		Total		40	100	47,546	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1 1	Very little	7	17	6,121	13	2.9	2.8	.09
		2 2	Some	5	15	10,094	21			
		3 3	Quite a bit	8	17	13,264	28			
		4 4	Very much	14	39	13,197	28			
		—	Not applicable	6	12	4,828	11			
		Total		40	100	47,504	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1 1	Very little	7	16	7,448	16	2.9	2.7	.22
		2 2	Some	4	11	9,981	21			
		3 3	Quite a bit	7	17	12,264	26			
		4 4	Very much	15	39	12,558	26			
		—	Not applicable	7	16	5,366	12			
		Total		40	100	47,617	100			

First-Year Students

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				Dalton State		Academic Advising		Dalton State	Academic Advising	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	5	13	5,613	12	2.9	2.9	.05
		2	Some	7	17	9,456	20			
		3	Quite a bit	9	22	13,821	29			
		4	Very much	13	36	15,168	32			
		—	Not applicable	6	12	3,517	8			
		Total		40	100	47,575	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	6	17	7,448	16	2.8	2.7	.16
		2	Some	4	11	8,685	18			
		3	Quite a bit	7	15	9,782	21			
		4	Very much	12	33	11,197	23			
		—	Not applicable	11	24	10,422	22			
		Total		40	100	47,534	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	5	14	9,457	20	2.8	2.5	.27
		2	Some	5	14	8,923	19			
		3	Quite a bit	5	9	9,196	20			
		4	Very much	11	31	9,821	20			
		—	Not applicable	12	32	10,079	22			
		Total		38	100	47,476	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	6	13	10,020	21	2.8	2.5	.24
		2	Some	6	16	10,334	21			
		3	Quite a bit	7	18	9,653	20			
		4	Very much	10	26	10,661	22			
		—	Not applicable	11	27	6,752	15			
		Total		40	100	47,420	100			
3. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one)										
	ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	13	36	15,846	32			
		—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	2	5	4,327	10			
		—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	2	5	4,665	9			
		—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	0	0	1,141	3			
		—	Web site, catalog, or other published sources	0	0	2,222	5			
		—	Friends or other students	6	12	7,246	15			
		—	Family members	7	20	8,467	17			
		—	Other, please specify:	2	5	1,253	3			
		—	I did not seek academic advice this year	8	16	2,545	6			
		Total		40	100	47,712	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Dalton State		Academic Advising		Dalton State	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	8	19	9,250	14	2.5	2.3	.10
		1	1	10	25	16,990	24			
		2	2	5	12	18,106	26			
		3	3	8	19	10,811	15			
		4	4	2	5	5,939	8			
		5	5	1	2	2,424	3			
		6	6 or more	7	18	7,722	10			
			Total	41	100	71,242	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	5	11	6,762	10	3.0	3.0	.04
		2	Some	8	20	12,968	19			
		3	Quite a bit	9	22	20,977	29			
		4	Very much	18	44	25,950	35			
		—	Not applicable	1	3	4,653	7			
			Total	41	100	71,310	100			
b. Listened closely to your concerns and questions	ADV02b	1	Very little	6	14	7,037	10	3.0	3.0	-.01
		2	Some	6	15	12,431	18			
		3	Quite a bit	10	24	19,523	27			
		4	Very much	16	40	26,198	36			
		—	Not applicable	3	7	5,938	9			
			Total	41	100	71,127	100			
c. Informed you of important deadlines	ADV02c	1	Very little	10	24	12,151	17	2.7	2.7	-.05
		2	Some	7	17	13,656	19			
		3	Quite a bit	7	17	17,632	25			
		4	Very much	15	37	21,498	30			
		—	Not applicable	2	5	6,152	9			
			Total	41	100	71,089	100			
d. Helped you understand academic rules and policies	ADV02d	1	Very little	10	24	12,298	17	2.7	2.7	.00
		2	Some	8	20	14,512	20			
		3	Quite a bit	5	12	16,150	23			
		4	Very much	15	37	18,369	26			
		—	Not applicable	3	8	9,610	14			
			Total	41	100	70,939	100			
e. Informed you of academic support options (tutoring, study groups, help with writing, etc.)	ADV02e	1	Very little	12	29	17,045	24	2.4	2.4	-.01
		2	Some	7	16	14,108	20			
		3	Quite a bit	5	13	12,515	18			
		4	Very much	10	25	14,358	20			
		—	Not applicable	7	17	13,103	18			
			Total	41	100	71,129	100			

Seniors

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				Dalton State		Academic Advising		Dalton State	Academic Advising	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
f. Provided useful information about courses	ADV02f	1	Very little	8	20	11,925	17	2.7	2.7	.00
		2	Some	10	24	14,037	20			
		3	Quite a bit	5	13	17,690	24			
		4	Very much	15	38	20,935	29			
		—	Not applicable	2	5	6,482	9			
		Total		40	100	71,069	100			
g. Helped you when you had academic difficulties	ADV02g	1	Very little	8	18	12,928	19	2.9	2.6	.22
		2	Some	6	15	11,164	16			
		3	Quite a bit	3	8	12,343	17			
		4	Very much	16	40	16,903	23			
		—	Not applicable	8	20	17,637	25			
		Total		41	100	70,975	100			
h. Helped you get information on special opportunities (study abroad, internship, research projects, etc.)	ADV02h	1	Very little	12	29	16,363	24	2.4	2.4	-.07
		2	Some	7	17	11,471	16			
		3	Quite a bit	3	8	11,475	16			
		4	Very much	10	25	15,308	21			
		—	Not applicable	9	21	16,273	24			
		Total		41	100	70,890	100			
i. Discussed your career interests and post-graduation plans	ADV02i	1	Very little	16	38	17,442	26	2.4	2.5	-.09
		2	Some	6	14	13,496	19			
		3	Quite a bit	2	5	12,445	17			
		4	Very much	13	33	18,038	24			
		—	Not applicable	4	10	9,434	14			
		Total		41	100	70,855	100			
3. During the current school year, which of the following has been your primary source of advice regarding your academic plans? (Select one)										
	ADV03	—	Academic advisor(s) assigned to you	12	31	23,367	32			
		—	Academic advisor(s) available to any student	2	5	6,428	10			
		—	Faculty or staff not formally assigned as an advisor	14	33	13,553	18			
		—	Online advising system (degree progress report, etc.)	0	0	3,795	6			
		—	Web site, catalog, or other published sources	1	2	3,893	6			
		—	Friends or other students	4	10	7,205	10			
		—	Family members	4	10	5,917	8			
		—	Other, please specify:	2	5	2,568	4			
		—	I did not seek academic advice this year	2	4	4,543	7			
			Total	41	100	71,269	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)

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.