
NSSE 2017

Student Comments

Northern Michigan University

At the end of the survey, students are invited to openly share comments about their learning experiences. Institutions had the option to select one of four open-ended prompts. Your students were given the following:

What one change would you most like to see implemented that would improve the educational experience at this institution, and what one thing should not be changed?

For information about the other response prompts, visit nsse.indiana.edu/html/customization_options.cfm

Important:

- Confidential student responses to this question appear on the following pages. Because student comments are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS data file. For this reason, please use discretion when using, storing, and disseminating the SPSS file.
- These comments appear exactly as the students entered them and **may not be suitable for distribution without prior review**. Faculty members, administrators, or other students may be mentioned by name, and comments were not edited for grammar, offensive language, excessive length, or otherwise questionable content.
- Comments are sorted by class, enrollment status, and sex. Information for these variables was provided by your institution.

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see a change in class sizes. I think students benefit from smaller class sizes. I wouldn't change the amount of courses offered. The selection is enormous and it's so amazing.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I'd like to add more hands-on learning experiences. I wouldn't want to change the class sizes
First-year	Full-time	Female	To incorporate more real world examples, such as attending talks, bvranching out in the community, or seeing what we are talking out in the real world.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Some of the programs have a lot of "busy-work" and classes that are 2 hours, do not need to be 2 hours. Northern Michigan University should not change the way they handle situations in politics and the amount of support they provide.
First-year	Full-time	Female	To be changed: more interdisciplinary learning. Not be changed: keep up the freshman fellowship program.
First-year	Full-time	Female	It would be nice to receive more information/events about social/cultural issues especially with the current political stance in the country. However, I do think the University does a fairly well job with this. I like that when something major happens (like a recent executive order) the school is quick to let the students know that they are safe, they will be protected, and they will be cared for.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Honestly theres not much that needs to be improved or changed at this campus.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Maybe more opportunities for things like national competitions within our intended majors. The chance to travel and network while still learning important concepts would be nice. I wouldn't change the way advisers our teachers within your program.
First-year	Full-time	Female	do not force students live on campus keep the good attitude
First-year	Full-time	Female	I believe this institution is great, and I don't see any changes that should be made.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing that should be changed is adding more majors, some people do not know what they want to be when the come here and once they decide they have to change colleges. One thing to not change is the size of the campus, it feel very friendly here.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I believe that students whom are in the criminal justice or judicial process field should be trained on domestic violence awareness and the effects it has on a child. Co occurence of child abuse from domestic violence relationships is not taken as seriously as it should it the court systems. Most think that domestic violence does not effect a child, or do not put into consideration that the father uses the child to have power and control over the mother, and it hurts the child. Nobody ever talks about co-occurence that results from domestic violence and it needs to be taught because child abuse is becoming an epidemic. One thing I would not change is the professors. Every professor I've had this year so far has been willing to take time to help me with my studies, or provide resources to help me.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Removal of the Housing Requirement. Larger greek life.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Lifting of 2 year dorm requirements and quality of education (ie professors)
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would love to see another language added to the language department. I understand that French, Spanish and German are more popular but it might attract future students if NMU offered Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Arabic. I would not want NMU to take away the tutoring center. It is really nice to know that if i am struggling with an assignment I would be able to get help.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Professors that actually teach and not just from the book would be better.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I don't think that it's the institutions fault that some professors think it's okay to talk about politics irrelevantly. I have had many professors as well as students who have collectively talked down on other political parties. I have felt personally offended in class before, but I've never said anything because in those situations I am the minority. I do believe that political discussion can be important and educational when relevant to the class I am taking. I understand that this political backlash is not a strictly NMU problem, but I do feel like all voices should feel valued and respected on campus by students and staff. Class sizes should remain relatively small because I like when professors know my name. It feels more personable and easier for me to reach out in class if I need to.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see better lab equipment purchased for the laboratories. But they should not change the layout of Jamrich, it's really nice to study there.

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First-year	Full-time	Female	I think we should have more classes offered both in the winter and the fall. Many classes are only offered at one time or another. One thing that should not be changed is the class size. I love the class sizes here. They are not too small or too large.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing that should be changed is financial aid, so that people struggling can actually still enjoy college instead of just working in all their free time. One thing that should not be changed is the class sizes.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing i would change is how much we have to pay for on campus housing. One thing i wouldn't change is how many people go here because there would be way too many people here if we increased the amount of people.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Have smaller classrooms for individuals with anxiety disorders. Great staffing.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing I would like to see changed is the way the RA's treat the people in their hall. I had a bad experience with my RA and now she is not friendly or nice to my roommate and I like she is with everyone else in our hall. One thing I would not change is the classes offered. I think NMU has a great selection of classes to choose from depending on what Major you are going into.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see passionate teachers and better faculty staff in all departments including financial aid, advisers, etc. The cost is way too high for out of state students and I understand why the retention rate is so high.
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>One thing I would change is the required courses. I think that some courses are definitely not needed for majors or even related. These courses take up valuable time and money since they have nothing to do with the majors of students and doesn't give them information that they'll truly need in the future. (I would also like to see a fashion/textile program in the art department.)</p> <p>One thing that should not be changed is the fact that art students get Macs. This is very helpful for all of the art projects we have to do and has all the programs we need to do them.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	Better Professors
First-year	Full-time	Female	Professors instructed review sessions themselves for students
First-year	Full-time	Female	I know it's a professor choice, but I think I would like if they made videos of their lecture. I would use this to study for tests and work, along with still going to the actual class. I know the issue of not coming to class could occur, but with that it could be a code system and you need the code to watch it. Which to get it you could go to class and get it or email the professor.
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>More diversity.</p> <p>Keep small class sizes</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would change the admission requirements. There needs to be a stricter admissions policy. Almost anyone can get in here and it's sad that's they way the school is perceived. I wouldn't change how hard the schooling here is. You have kids that fail and kids that pass. You will have that anywhere.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I felt that my UN 100 class was a waste of 2 hours. I understand that it was created to help people transition into college but I took and intro to athletic training and sports science class that helped me immensely, way more than the UN class did.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see more touting for all subjects and classes. I would like to keep the professors and academic team the same, they are all great help!
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>I would like to see an LGBTQ+ center on campus that would provide information and help to students within the LGBTQ+ community, including but not limited to information on transgender identities and transitioning, a counselor devoted to LGBTQ youth, workshops on issues within the LGBTQ community, and overall support of LGBTQ youth including those of color.</p> <p>I would not change the staff at northern, they care for their students and want us to do well.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	Encouraging more bonding between different groups of students, and making academic success more of a goal.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Instructors for certain courses. Departments should do surveys and in class visits more than they do
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think my institute is doing a great job.

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First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>Many teachers are very very willing to go out of their way and make themselves available for students who wish to seek their help. (keep that up!)</p> <p>It would be nice if all teachers would take advantage of their email. I've had an early class cancelled a few times, and my teacher never emailed us or let any of us know. We all waited around for 20 minutes before a faculty member told us they received an email from him.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	I do not have any specific ideas for change. I like my professors and the school.
First-year	Full-time	Female	idk
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>I have a lot to say, so you're going to get A LOT MORE than one thing that should change and one thing that should stay the same. Sorry.</p> <p>~More opportunities to be enrolled in popular classes; there was only ONE Gender Studies class offered, and even with 17+ people on the waiting list, no second class was added.</p> <p>~If the university needs to get rid of instructors/profs./associate profs/adjunct profs, they should know which ones students LIKE and FIGHT to keep the popular ones</p> <p>~ACAC NEEDS to change. Just re-vamp the whole thing.</p> <p>~The library needs more outlets.</p> <p>~The classrooms/lecture halls need to actually be big enough for the amount of students in the class.</p> <p>~</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	If there was more campus-wide structure to academics, that would be helpful, rather than letting professors do whatever they want. I wouldn't change where resources are located.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The health center is abysmal and unacceptable. I have gone several times for different medical problems (sprained ankle, Mono), waited DAYS for an appointment when I needed immediate treatment, and received NO HELP... I and others have had to resort to going off campus or back to hometowns because THE HEALTH CENTER OFFERS NO HELP.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think that if we had less Liberal studies requirements it would make our experience a lot better because for the first year or even two years we are barley in the classes that have to do with our career and that is what we are here for is to learn and get the skills we need for our careers. I don not understand why I am paying for so many classes that have nothing to do with my career. The one thing that I think should never be changed is the opportunity to have free tutoring and the writing center along with TA's for the math and science classes. Those programs help students so much when there are larger classes.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing that I would change, would be the financial assistance have the rules and regulations more clearly stated. I would not change the environment which is felt around campus.
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>I think animals should be brought in more often for the students.</p> <p>I think our sense of community and kinship should never change.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	A new library would improve the educational experience. Other than that I think things are okay the way they are.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like there to be a more open door policy with the professors, so I could maintain a better relationship with them.
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>One thing to be changed: FYE (First Year Experience) that all freshmen have to take. It seems like a waste of credit hours and money. It is a good concept but many of the classes aren't run to accommodate the freshmen in that specific major, let alone undeclared.</p> <p>One thing to keep: The idea of blocking students so that they are taking courses with others from their major. I'm not sure if that goes along with FYE, but I like seeing familiar faces and befriending people with the same interests as me.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think we should not have attendance in class. We are in college if we pay for it and don't show up then that is our problem. I like how helpful people are.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One change I would like to see implemented is more help financially. I know every student at this university is worried or should be worried about the cost of tuition. One thing that should not be changed is free tutoring and free counselling
First-year	Full-time	Female	Don't change tutoring services, do encourage study groups more

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First-year	Full-time	Female	I would change the liberal studies needed and not change the difficulty
First-year	Full-time	Female	I'd like to see more programs celebrating all sorts of diversity and educating students about them. There are a lot of very close-minded young people in this area. Even minorities. The multicultural center needs to stay and continue to offer free snacks and printing. It has been a huge help to students all over campus and picking up some things about diversity while in the office is a great boon.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing I think should change is the awareness of other cultures and beliefs. Don't change the fact that NMU supports all gender, sexes, and disabilities.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Less grad students teaching classes Accessibility to professors
First-year	Full-time	Female	NA
First-year	Full-time	Female	There needs to be more seating and places to study in Jamrich and the LRC. The library system does not need to be changed, One Search is incredible.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think that it should not be required to live in the dorms, I find a home environment much easier for me to focus in when studying and is an easier place to relax in my downtime. I find myself at friends and family homes in Marquette more often than not when trying to do either of these things. I think they should keep all of the learning and tutoring resources available.
First-year	Full-time	Female	More class time offerings. lecture material
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have been very satisfied with all of my experiences at NMU. Financial Aid is awesome, as are my instructors. The only problem I have encountered is with the Book Store, which recently was taken over by Barnes and Nobles. My problem was not being able to get the books for my class until the Friday before class started. Hopefully, they will be on track for next semester.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Provide more aid
First-year	Full-time	Female	A change I would like to see is maybe having events better advertised. However, there is nothing that sticks out to me that would not change. I think everything is fine just as it is from my experience.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Change how much we have to pay for our living space, also more study areas.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see more of an outreach to get involved in groups or clubs and I think that the teachers methods are all great and do a good job of trying to effectively reach every student.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Offer more programs. I might have to leave because they do not have what I want at the moment.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think that we should have more class evaluations that are anonymous, but other than that I love it.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing changed is the ability for the MERC to reach out to the campus more when they host events (i.e. posters), what shouldn't changed is all the different topics the MERC encourages students to become knowledgeable and understanding about.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see the off campus life improved. I would not change how safe the campus is and feels.
First-year	Full-time	Female	People talk about excepting people who are questioning gender and have disabilities but when the white christian girl gets bullied no one cares. Even teachers are against Christians. Tolerance extends to ALL groups not just the loud ones! You succeed on having enough places to sit and study though.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The teachers should be evaluated more often because some may need improvement. The closeness of the campus and the many social activities that go on should not be changed.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see more love for the arts community, sports tend to dominate. I love the freedom and openness we have. We can dress to express ourselves and I love all the open buildings where we can study in a place we feel comfortable.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think the university does a perfect job.
First-year	Full-time	Female	i think there should be more opportunities to meet new people. I like the friendliness of people and staff and small class sizes
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing that should change is the communication between advisers for when students switch majors or are thinking about switching majors. One thing that shouldn't change is the professors insisting to use them as the #1 resource for help.
First-year	Full-time	Female	making sure the professors are at their office hours and keeping the torturing center the same with good hours

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First-year	Full-time	Male	<p>The facility are very nice and should not change</p> <p>The thing that should change is the mandatory housing rule for 2 years. This rule should change because the dorm life is not the most comfortable for most kids. Also there are many places to live out side of campus property. If students have an opportunity to live off campus they should be able to, to enhance there college experience.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Male	<p>I believe that, if possible, less homework should be assigned, and an emphasis on in class work should be put in place. When I'm not in school (in class) I don't want to be doing schoolwork. I attend classes to be taught by a professor, and I don't want to have to teach myself/learn outside of the classroom too much. If I was interested in learning course material on my own time (outside of class), I would be taking online courses or something of the like, rather than paying for a professor to teach me. I realize that to some extent, some homework is necessary, but homework should not be a "norm."</p> <p>I like how many classes are small (cap of around 30), because this leads to more interaction between the professor and the students, and this seems to be a better learning environment, at least for complex topics, than a large classroom setting.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Male	I think it would help if we didn't have to pay to print papers off.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The open and overall great effort put forward by the staff and faculty to help students achieve and learn in their course should not not be changed. One thing to change maybe the use of more hands on programs.
First-year	Full-time	Male	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Male	none
First-year	Full-time	Male	Stop with all the liberal garbage getting thrown at every student. I don't care how much my English teacher loves Hillary Clinton and do not appreciate a teacher crying the day after an election. I also do not think it is appropriate to be constantly told by a professor that because a person is a straight, white, Christian, male that they are a terrible person and must be responsible for what is wrong with the world. This university is so strongly focused on whether or not someone is white or black, gay or straight, religious or non-religious, it is just crazy to me.
First-year	Full-time	Male	One thing that should be changed is the fact freshmen get a "general" advisor even if they have a declared major. One thing that should not change is friendliness of the instructors and how willing they are to help.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Change- Make the food at the MP better Not change- Do not tear down Halverson
First-year	Full-time	Male	we need moe trails dude
First-year	Full-time	Male	One thing i would like to see is NMU joining the Midwestern Student exchange program. one thing that should not change is the teacher friendliness.
First-year	Full-time	Male	One thing that I would most like to see implemented is a revision of some courses that are required. One thing i would not change is the amount of help offered on campus.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I feel like in order to better provide students with resources needed to succeed, when there is an early school closing that services such as the pc help desk and the library stay open for normal hours.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I'd like to see more money put into the football program. NMU will not have a winning season until more money is put into it. It's been proven that successful football programs attract more students, so why not have a winning team AND more students?
First-year	Full-time	Male	A priority towards academics from the administration, passion from faculty, student participation in sporting events. One thing I would not want changed is the size or feel of the campus.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Nothing. I enjoy this campus and the local area.
First-year	Full-time	Male	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Male	More group work projects and easier to get a task in your field like a lab position for work experience and such
First-year	Full-time	Male	Fix the walking path between Meyland and the MP so that there isn't constantly a giant puddle in the middle.

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First-year	Full-time	Male	I think the school should somehow recruit more diverse student population. EX: more blacks Asian Hispanic etc. The school should not change their marketing attempt.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I think the max credit should be raised back to normal because I know a lot of people who need more credits but can only take four classes at a time event though they need more. I like how you have on campus jobs where people can make money if they can't get to other places to get a job.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Possibly change some of the food in the MP. More variety and more options throughout the week. Do not change the fact that tutoring is always free! It can be very helpful!
First-year	Full-time	Male	Let students move out after one year in the dorms and also assist more with freshman registering for classes.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The school of business should not have the CIS or IA majors take so many business courses. We hardly get exposure to security/information systems in general, with approximately 8-10 classes. This puts much more pressure on the individual to self teach themselves, adding much more of a workload to the student.
First-year	Full-time	Male	One thing that should be changed: Require professors and other instructors to be more organized with their classes. One thing that should not be changed: The number of opportunities that this University provides for students to pursue their dreams.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Everything is good here
First-year	Full-time	Male	There needs to be more parking available for students. one thing that should not be changed is the food at the den.
First-year	Full-time	Male	.
First-year	Full-time	Male	More school spirit for sports. Keep the small number of incoming freshman
First-year	Full-time	Male	not really anything comes to mind that could change, the new dorms will be awesome. I would definitely keep the out doors feeling of the school, that drew me and and makes me want to stay.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I would like to see white males valued more than they are. This school cares about "everybody" unless you are a white conservative male.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The travel ban in my personal opinion should be represented. The sports should not change.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I would want to change majors and have emails sent to people telling them about majors and how you can get one and the job outlook
First-year	Not full-time	Female	More activities that don't require you to be a member of a sport & the number of diverse groups, well maybe add more but don't decrease
First-year	Not full-time	Female	With technology advancing, most of our tests and assignments are done on Educat. Submitting tests and assignments on Educat doesn't leave a lot of room for feedback. One of my greatest struggles after taking a test is not being able understand what I've done wrong, and what questions I've answered incorrectly. I think my personal success rate would be higher if I were able to learn from my own mistakes rather than making that same mistake multiple times due to not being aware that I'm doing it incorrectly. There are many areas on campus to sit and study between classes. As a commuter, I've found this to be extremely helpful. I am able to get a lot of my work done when I have a good environment to work in. I would not change that.
First-year	Not full-time	Female	I believe that we should have a few more groups supporting LGBTQ people. I also believe that the atmosphere here is generally really welcoming - more so than I've seen anywhere else.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	fund baseball.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	Lower tuition it's outragesly expensive
First-year	Not full-time	Male	Drop UN100. It is redundant and not necessary. People in the same "block" are going to have the same classes. It is wasteful to make a student pay money for two credit hours that do not academically make sense. It is more of a socialize with people with similar majors. Not just my class, but across the board. Keep the quality staff. I have had next to no problems with any staff to include residence staff, custodial staff, instructors/professors, academic advisers, and other staff across campus.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	Lower the cost if tuition. Change the layout of the campus. Lastly offer just a finance degree.

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First-year	Not full-time	Male	Transferring from another school you can tell the difference between here and there. I transferred from UW-Stevens Point. I think one thing you should consider is a Midwest exchange. At Point that made it cheaper for me and it would draw in more students within the mid west, mostly Wisconsin and Illinois. Another thing that I noticed is the Point was very connected. I am not a genius but getting more people to participate can bring the school together. I do not have specific examples but it would defiantly bring more income and growth. I think having each department set up a 4 year plan for the major would be important. The students do a lot of the planning and setting up there plan year by year. Having a set schedule would make classes open up and make the students go through school more organized.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I don't think anything needs to be changed.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>One change I would like to see implemented that would improve the educational experience at this institution is: more personable faculty/staff in all departments. While most of my professors in the education have been willing to help and approachable, I have interacted with other faculty and staff who are rude and unapproachable.</p> <p>One thing that should not be changed at this institution is the community involvement. The students and the surrounding community work together often and have a positive experience.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	More student involvement in faculty research. Less restriction on credits
Senior	Full-time	Female	The focus of Native American studies at this university is exceptional!
Senior	Full-time	Female	newer classrooms in most academic buildings
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like to see more hands on experience in the science classes. I would like to see more courses that take you out and do more or have demonstrations that do not require the student to have an outgoing personality. Having to seek out and pursue opportunities is hard for shy, new students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like a biological writing course to be implemented to take instead of EN 211. That would be very helpful.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think one thing that should be changed is the maximum amount of credits taken before being charged. There are people the need to take 17-18 credits so they can graduate on time but money is always an issue here. Its hard, as a student, to have to cough up more money for a good education. As well as paying for online classes.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Courses offered more often so that students don't have to spend extra time at college (ie. over 4 years)
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am a non traditional student who commutes, has a family and works full time. However I'd like to speak to higher education in general. We need to change the way our college graduates are straddled with staggering debt. It makes no sense that they fill out a FAFSA based on their parents salary and pay it back based on their salary. I'm not sure how we do it, but the cost of higher education and the way students are freely given loans which they poorly manage is an area I'd like to see improved upon. If we could have forums throughout the school year on how to apply for financial aid what the difference is between aid and a loan and why you should not accept what you don't need, then perhaps NMU can be an agent of change here. This in my opinion is fundamental to our creating a successful academic environment.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I liked most of my classes but I think there needs to be a reform in how some professors teach. Lectures are very cost-effective but I generally do not learn anything. If there were more focus on educating interactively, I think you'd see a rise in average grades.</p> <p>I think Northern's Commitment to the U.P. and the environment is what makes it so great. Without the wilderness that surrounds NMU, it would just be another, run of the mill, university. For students who attend decades from now, I hope they get the same outdoor experiences I was able to. The ORC, outdoor classes and activity-driven community really lead me to be the nature enthusiast I am now.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>What should not change is keeping the students in the dorms until they are of Junior status and keep the three day orientation. I think that is one of the most successful ways Northern obtains a close knit campus community.</p> <p>I would change the way the programs are being faded out due to budget cuts. As an EDUCATIONAL institution, the first thing to get cut when enrollment dropped appeared to be programatic cuts across the board. To me, since this is what we are paying for, educational cuts should be the very last thing on the list. At the end of the day the quality of our programs are going to keep students here, not necessarily the quality of our dorms, our logo, etc. Although I think these things are important, in times of financial struggle I find it puzzling to see that we are spending money in other places when I am hearing about the way departments are having to lose faculty, programs are being faded out and classes are being cancelled.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More classes based on application of knowledge rather than just memorizing. Do not change the diversity of classes offered.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More diversity among students
Senior	Full-time	Female	Don't keep cutting classes. Phase them out, sure, but I'm having to drop my second major because no classes are available to take.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Introducing advocate training to students that would like to learn. In the sense of social justice issues, advocate training for inclusion, provided to all interested students, not just to training sessions for resident advisers. The staff at the university are amazing. Everyone I have worked with in Hedgcock are dedicated to their jobs. The counselors in admissions, the advisors in ACAC, the personnel in Housing and Residence Life that help build and foster community life at Northern. The staff at Center for Student Enrichment works tirelessly to provide our students engagement and opportunities for growth outside of the classroom. This enriches the students education immensely.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	There should be a greater emphasis on diversity in all classes.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Northern Michigan University needs to seriously consider not cutting so much! More students leave NMU due to staff cuts than are imagined. It's so disappointing that prof. that truly bring quality education to students are being pushed out due to funding cuts, and the like. Also, the phrase "Fearless Minds" is awful and represents nothing about NMU. (just an added tid bit I wanted to add)
Senior	Full-time	Female	24 HOUR LIBRARY SPACE NO MORE BARELY OPEN ON WEEKENDS SHIT
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would honestly say I would implement a policy where professors have to make their own lessons/their own power points. It really frustrates me that I have paid thousands of dollars for professors to basically just read me a slide that I could have bought on my own and learned independently.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like to see an Office of Sustainability implemented on campus that allowed students to intern there for credit. This is more than one, but I would also like to see a more effective mechanism implemented to more effectively facilitate communication between the students and the administration; this would be a lot healthier for our institution as a whole, especially with recent frustrations around the budget. The student services and community events are really important and serve as an amazing way for NMU to bond around what is important - this should always be a priority.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Make education more affordable and accessible to everyone. Higher education is an experience that I have been blessed to have. Many others never get the chance.</p> <p>Students should not be charged more to live in the new dorm. Regardless of the fact that this does not affect me since I will be graduating, it is absolutely important not to seperate people on economic class....this would definitely do that.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	One thing I would like to see change is the services provided. The people who work in the offices are rude maybe put in a policy for more polite individuals. The Chemistry program really shouldn't be changed all the professors are quite amazing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	8am classes should be changed. Most either drop or don't show up unless it's an exam.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I am fairly liberal, but have friends that are more conservative. My conservative friends do feel that their thoughts/ideas are not accepted as much as more left-leaning perspectives on campus. It would be nice to see that ALL political positions are given equal respect and understanding. We need to peacefully coexist and open our minds.
Senior	Full-time	Female	FUND ACADEMIA NOT SPORTS!
Senior	Full-time	Female	The school library should open before noon on sunday. The student activity emails should continue. That is often the only way I know what is going on on campus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	More adjenct teachers they just really bring the real world to the class room. And I really liked how helpful the student sevece center is
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would encourage all students to volunteer, and I would not want to change the experience of living on campus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Classes that do not have enough people to run, but are required for graduation should run since this may hold people back from graduation. The instructors at this institution have all been excellent and supportive and opportunities for research and other academic opportunities are plentiful for undergraduates which is amazing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like to see the number of credits allowed to change to 18 again because some students are not going to graduate on time with 16 credits a semester. Something that shouldn't be changed is the laptops offered to students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	To make students more active in their whole college experience. To demand a lot of effort from them and to push them to get involved.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I feel that, even students who are not full time should be able to get the laptop built into their tuition so that every student has the chance to succeed. Not all students may be able to afford to be full-time but still need to reside on campus, they should still have available resources as much as the full time students do. one thing that should not be changed is the all campus tutoring program.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Not requiring students to live in dorms for two years would greatly improve the experience at NMU. Also, professors should not interject their own beliefs/agendas into their lectures. College should be a time for young adults to piece together their own thoughts and beliefs.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Stricter regulations and harsher penalties for those found guilty of committing assault on campus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Advising and support for people of color merging students together for learning groups. The ability to have dialogue on campus about diverse issues.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Accepting and embracing diversity more across campus
Senior	Full-time	Female	Better integration of diversity of students and international relations. Can't think of anything that should not be changed.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The teachers care so much about the students here. Allow teachers to have the freedom to invest the time into students. I think having more special topics classes would be extremely beneficial. Having a 1-2 credit seminar class every semester to talk about new developments in the field will allow NMU students to continue to be at the forefront of new and exciting research and development.
Senior	Full-time	Female	A better evaluation on professor is needed in some areas in the biology and chemistry department. A thing to not change is the lessons needed for classes.
Senior	Full-time	Female	A change I would like to see is spending less on new buildings and facilities and more spending on our professors and classes. What I would not like to see changed is the faculty currently working here. I have met extremely few faculty members who are not doing their best work with the students here. I have learned a lot from all of them.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The change: go back to Northern Naturally, or change the focus of the university to something environmentally-minded. Don't change: the culture of UP life on campus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Fire Professor Terry Delpier Nursing Dept
Senior	Full-time	Female	Less emphasis on athletics and more on academics. We need more funding for education.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Allocate more money to programs instead of appearance. I have nothing to say about what shouldn't be changed.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Multi- sectional equal representation of all individuals on campus, and more education on privalage. I wouldn't change the work ethic that's already been shown by those who are pushing for change.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I'm lucky that the staff in the education department have been helpful, because, from my experience as well as from my friends' experiences, academic advisers tend to lack a lottttt of information. I never talk to my adviser, because I can find better information by going straight to my department. There are a lot of nuances when it comes to required courses, financial aid, etc., and advisers often don't have complete answers, and may not even know who to direct the student to. Perhaps there could be some kind of handbook for advisers, or some kind of training? Perhaps "training" that is different for each department so to better help students in those particular programs? Not sure... Other than that, my experience with both professors and other university faculty have been very positive.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More access to mental health services, stronger emphasis on advising within specific majors, more access to free or low cost healthcare
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like to see funding go towards education, and not the aesthetics of the University. I would love to have a library, where it stimulates studying, where it is comfortable, and also open 24 hours and before noon on the weekends. Budget cuts have had a negative impact on my education. I would like to see Northern put more money into undergraduate research, lab equipment, and travel funds for those who wish to present their research as conferences. If I knew somebody considering going to Northern, I would talk to them about how political our school is becoming, and that Northern's mission is about the looks rather than functionality. I highly value the education I have received from the biology department, however, I cannot wait to leave this university and go somewhere that values education. Also, putting a credit load on students directly hurts science programs, as some classes are five credits. If I would have known this I would have planned ahead to counter this. On top of additional fees for going over 16 credits, I have to pay more for higher level classes, and because they are science classes, there is also a lab fee for each class. This doesn't even include the extra \$200 in fees for an online class when I thought my tuition covered "on-campus infrastructure" because I am already learning on campus... If I had to the option to choose my undergraduate college over again, I would ONLY go to Northern because of the biology faculty. Other than that, I would not advise someone to go here. My motto for the university has been "If an idea sounds too logical, practical, and convenient, then Northern will not do it."
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>NMU /desperately/ needs a dedicated LGBT resource center-- the existing "Multicultural Resource Center" is poor at its job and is directed by a person with inappropriate personal grudges against students and student-led diversity groups. This particular respondent has found themselves giving medical/mental health advice to other members of our LGBT club, because students did not know where to turn for questions. The MERC's resources are incredibly outdated.</p> <p>NMU has an excellent non-discrimination policy with regards to gender/gender identity/sexual orientation-- despite the lack of institutional support LGBT students receive, it is good to know that we are protected against overt violence/discrimination.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	All too often it seemed, Northern Michigan University would not properly address the concerns of its own students when it came to issues of free speech, inclusion, diversity, and inclusion. One topic in particular which raised my concern was how the university approached conversations surrounding mental health. All of the efforts put forth to advocate for mental health came only after a strong and prolonged backlash from the student body. It was quite disappointed to see that Northern appeared to only care about protecting their own interests and not about student safety.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I wish that our health center had more funding. People who are suicidal need somewhere to go, and the health center isn't accessible, maybe put additional resources around campus. Look into depressed and suicidal students please.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Softball team
			Marketing Strategy class
Senior	Full-time	Female	n/a

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I think we need more cultural diversity but I would not get rid of the multitude of student organization opportunities we have.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Stop focusing so much on exams and focus on group based learning, focus on learning the materials instead of just trying to squeeze as much as you physically can into one course for exam weeks. Rework the Physiology major. One thing unchanged would be to always keep the disability services in the syllabus. I think that seeing that paragraph in every course helps students to feel like they are able to get help no matter where they stand.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Bringing the credit limit back up to 18 credits!
Senior	Full-time	Female	Change: Better advertisement of research opportunities Keep: Research opportunities with faculty
Senior	Full-time	Female	Start educating about career possibilities in a freshman class, and inform students on what they need to do to obtain those jobs. Don't lay everything on us senior year and say "you should have done all of this." Make a better sense of community, seriously. Make it mandatory to be in a student group of some sorts, encourage students go to the sporting events.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I like having student TA's for larger lecture classes that I can talk to more easily. I think it's a great opportunity for students to get teaching experience and for those taking the class to feel comfortable asking questions.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Biology majors not having class on fridays should become a thing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Don't push political agendas on students Keep being enthusiastic in what you teach
Senior	Full-time	Female	Advisers could be more willing to reach out and offer help NMU is very open to all different kinds of people and it makes it a very welcoming environment
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like to see some new staff members that are more "hands on" and get really into their teaching, instead of just reading information off of Powerpoint slides. One thing that shouldn't change is how the Chemistry professors (names not disclosed) teach their courses. I learned so much and how to critically study for their exams and it has helped me tremendously throughout college.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Not canceling upper-level classes would be great. NMU should not change their commitment to providing all students, regardless of background, with the opportunity to receive an education.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Something that should not be changed is the professors of the Earth, Environmental, and Geographical Sciences Department. Their support and knowledge have given me confidence to pursue personal goals and careers within my field of study.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I feel that my institution needs to focus more on helping students with anxiety or mental problems like depression or have other stress relieving activities for students. They need to focus more on physical activities as well.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Taking all students into consideration regardless of who they are/what they believe/what issues they have. I would like to see more resources for those with mental illness.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like more transparency between the administration and the students. Students should be actively involved with decision making. Administration in addition should be more willing to hear from students without punishment.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The introduction of more diversity The close-knit community.
Senior	Full-time	Female	As previously stated, support the professors! Pay them more and don't fire adjuncts. What shouldn't be changed: Northern's small community feel
Senior	Full-time	Female	We need an LGBT center. Get rid of the MERC and Shirley Brozzo. Create a safe space for LGBT people where they can access information.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Please stop the idea of closing classes before everyone has signed up for them. What I mean is when you sign up for a class it should not be shut down if not enough people sign up within the first few days. Even one of my counselors was very shocked at how quick classes got cut, for not everyone had registered yet (foreign exchange, early graduated high school students, students who decide to return to school, part-time students, and so many more). It was wrong and almost selfish, for classes and professors are being cut to save money for the new overly expensive buildings, some we do not even need (or do not need to be so extravagant).

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Senior	Full-time	Female	One thing that should be implemented is listening to the students' opinions. I can speak for all physiology students when I say we do not like ecology and we do not want to take the class or participate in the lab. The professors should stay the same. The science professors at NMU are awesome and truly care about their students' education.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More 24 hour study buildings.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Please take what students say about their professors and courses seriously. If all the evaluations say that Professor X has no teaching skills, take it seriously. Provide more professional development. In some classes students are paying to learn nothing because their instructor does not actually teach, they rely on the textbook for everything.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The professors need to stop forcing their views on other students. They also need to stop putting down and humiliating the students that disagree with their views. The college as a whole also has a huge problem with this.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Drop the binary gender options on forms and whatnot.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>One change I would like to see is overall better information for incoming students, especially transfer students. When I transferred, I had no idea what help might be available to me in terms of assistance for being a first-generation, low-income student. It is difficult to find information, and I was unable to utilize any help that I may have qualified for. I am still not certain what assistance may be at this institution that could have helped me. Information needs to be easily accessible and thorough.</p> <p>One thing that should not be changed is the support for student athletes. Northern takes pride in its athletes and offers a lot of assistance, especially scholarships, for them.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	Currently, NMU should change the variety of new fees implemented with taking an online class. Since the school is a laptop university, students shouldn't be charged extra to learn with the tools they have been given. I would not change the diversity of majors offered. In fact I implore NMU to invest more in their majors.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>One thing that would help improve the education experience here at NMU would be to reevaluate the professors. Some are very knowledgeable but cannot teach a subject making it very difficult for the students to actually learn something.</p> <p>One thing i wouldnt change would be the education department. The classes and field experience are very beneficial.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	Have more opportunities to link students with future employers. As a soon to be graduate I have had little help in finding a career.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>In order to improve the educational experience at this institution, I believe professors should be properly taught how to run a classroom. In my four years, I have had one or two professors that seemed to barely care about their position at this university, which makes the students less likely to learn the course material.</p> <p>One thing not to change would be the advisement centers and writing center on campus.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Northern should have a policy in place where instructors should be more educated then current students. One of the instructors for the surgical technology program has an associate's degree, possibly only a certificate, and I am a student graduate with a bachelor's. I feel that Northern did not help me succeed outside of the classroom, and transfer into the career world. The surgical technology program needs a lot of help. Very unorganized and frustrating to be apart of. The instructors for the CLS program are awesome, very organized, and helpful. I was disappointed several times with the Northern laptop policy and computers. The writing center could also use some work, went there several times with a decrease in writing grades, and false information in regards to citation work on important research papers. I believe that there are many helpful and approachable professors at this institution. I also feel strongly that student-athletes do not seem appreciated or respected at this university. NMU may be the only university who does not allow student-athletes first priority in scheduling, when they are contributing to the income of the university in addition to paying regular student fees. As a freshman, I was discouraged from being a student athlete from freshman instructors. Overall, I truly enjoyed my time at NMU, but the university should focus more on their student body, then their physical appearance of their college.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I would encourage teachers to reach out to students more and see how they are feeling with the workload they receive not only in the class they teach, but also the other classes the student is in. I know that a lot of times I feel like I'm absolutely drowning in school work and I'm often too stressed out to confront a teacher about it. The teachers in the communication department are very open, friendly, kind people. I am so happy to have the opportunity to learn from them. They should never change and be appreciated more.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Offer more classes about different topics in various majors. The school shouldn't change it's current general studies program
Senior	Full-time	Female	We have the technology in many of our classes and buildings to use but we don't. For example the TV's in the rooms in jamrich. Old buildings such as TFA need to be remodeled. The learning experience going from a spacious lecture hall in jamrich to a prison like room in TFA is completely different. I think if NMU markets the large classrooms and learning experience they should embody that 100%, not just for half of your day. I wouldn't change the type of professors employed. I feel like their ability to carry on small talk and teach in a smaller classroom is what makes the learning experience so different from large university's.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Don't up tuition and not let students know until it's too late to switch classes. They shouldn't change the laptop system.
Senior	Full-time	Female	One thing the institution should change is becoming more involved in the community around Marquette. I feel like my classes rarely touched on the impact we could have in our community and did not encourage us to become involved and learn from real world experience. One thing I would not change is how they have a wide variety of courses and majors/minors to pick from, I think it is good to have these options.
Senior	Full-time	Female	One thing that I would change is, having more office hours for professors. One thing that I wouldn't change is the classroom size.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I would like there to be an option available other than online classes that would fulfill a degree requirement. I do not like online classes and have had to take more than one because it was the only option. Having an HP activity should not be removed.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I cannot think of anything that needs improvement.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The institution needs to start caring about student input from all students. For starters, they need to eliminate their policy impacting those with serious mental disorders. The administration is forcing people that are different to not discuss their problems. Also, the administration is wasting its money on things the students do not need. We want the money we are paying to go towards professors and improving our education, not towards aesthetics. This institution will fail because of the administration, not because of the education.
Senior	Full-time	Female	One thing I'd like to change is the way academic advising is set up. It would be awesome for students to meet up with their academic advisors on a more personal level and maybe find an advisor who can help them outside of their department of study. One thing that shouldn't be changed is Fall Fest. Fall Fest is a great event that informs all students about activities & clubs they can get involved with.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More emphasis on the importance of the technical and applied sciences. Should not change the amount of hands on experience students receive through lab classes.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The relationship between professors and students is amazing, this should not change. However, I wish there were more ways to change who was the head of your department.
Senior	Full-time	Female	change: provide more opportunities for networking, given the distance from many other large institutions networking is difficult but incredibly important don't change: emphasis on student success and experience
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think that NMU's academic departments should be expanded. NMU should stop cutting classes. I know of many people who have transferred from NMU because their classes or department was cut significantly. There should be an expansion of classrooms, teachers, and classes offered. I believe more people would stay if NMU focused more on academics, versus expanding other facets of campus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	LRC could definitely use remodeling of the offices! I would not change the webmail services.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Being a school that sells itself as a school for "outdoorsy types" it should sponsor outdoors activities and try to get students outside doing activities. Perhaps paying for students to go hiking/snowboarding/camping somewhere. So many students cannot afford to visit beautiful places in the UP and by the school sponsoring that, it would be an amazing selling feature as well as great opportunity for the students!
Senior	Full-time	Female	Support services for single parents: daycare/play date groups, on campus/near Marquette paid real work experience, parent support groups, ect. Green space/green works expansion: outside dining, outside seating for schoolwork, nature walkways, gardens, hoop houses, energy efficient buildings, composting, recycling, large trees/shaded seating, ect.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The amount of diversity in regards to race, as well as more female science faculty (specifically physics and chemistry departments). NMU does a fantastic job of creating little communities for freshman with the way the residence halls are set up in "houses". Most of my friends at larger universities have said that they would have appreciated something like that.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I like our Superior Edge program. Northern Michigan University runs that program really well. I would like to see communication between the administration and students improve. Too often they don't take what students have to say into account, and I feel like that is one of the main reasons for our decrease in enrollment.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think Northern does a great job of advertising their diversity and talking about their diversity, yet the location of the university is in a very minimally diverse area. I think Northern could offer more diverse classes taught by better educated or more diverse faculty, especially the courses included in the liberal studies requirements. Northern should not change all of their study abroad opportunities and their international studies office, because they are great opportunities for students to experience diversity in other areas of the world during college.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think NMU should have some big even just like Tech has winter carnival. I know we have winter fest and homecoming, but it is not very inclusive or interesting for off campus and older students. It would be fun to have competitions between Majors such as the ED program, nursing, and the other studies such as industrial tech and such. This would also bring the groups together to bond. The events would have to be a range of interests and hobbies so that it is fair.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More diverse population in the ORLM program
Senior	Full-time	Female	Stop cutting courses but getting more and more things for the athletic programs. I came her to receive an education, not watch our sports teams get more and more resources that they don't need. Also, Jamrich was going to be 24 hours but then wasn't. It should be 24 hours because there is no other place in town that is and it was promised to be when originally built.
Senior	Full-time	Female	One thing that should change is not firing a professor that basically a whole student body had agreed was influential in their education and was a very good professor. The University should listen to the students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I definitely think there needs to be more options for liberal studies courses. Not necessarily different courses, but more time slots. Same for science courses. Every semester I find myself with three or so classes I'm required to take and they're all offered at the exact same time with no other time slots available, so I'm stuck with only being able to take one class, and then having to pay for another semester in the future just to take one course. I also don't like the new waitlist for courses. The old way was so much more convenient. Being able to bring an add card to a professor was a lot less stressful than not knowing if you'll be able to graduate or not.
Senior	Full-time	Female	More club involvement. Unaware of all the different choices or how to even get involved.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Stop stigmatizing mental health disabilities. Stop punishing students who need help.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The institution needs to stop spending so much money on new buildings/renovations. I understand it is important to update facilities in an effort to boost enrollment number, but if that means cutting courses and highly trained professors than forget it. The institutions main priority should be focused on providing a higher level education to the students and for the students. New and flashy accommodations should be second priority.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>It is a graduation requirement of the Clinical Lab Science (CLS) program to participate in a clinical internship, thereby fulfilling the requirements to earn a Medical Lab Technician (MLT) certificate (2-year program). A senior clinical internship is also required, if one wishes to pursue a 4-year degree and/or specialize in a particular branch of clinical science. These internships are unpaid, and it would be most beneficial to students if these practicums were paid experiences, as room, board, and travel expenses are expected to be paid by the student; it is not entirely up to the university, however it should strive to make as many of these internships as possible paid experiences.</p> <p>The requirement that an internship be completed for graduation, either from the 2-year or from the 4-year CLS programs should not be changed.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Improving the job satisfaction of the professors. Happy professors want to teach.</p> <p>More students is always a better thing for the university, but too large can take away from the experience.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	not thing
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>One thing that needs to be changed on this campus is the rewarding of high academic achievement with a scholarship. It appears that scholarships are weighted heavily on one's ethnicity and gender rather than achievement. I have been attending NMU for two years and have maintained a 4.0 throughout the entire period yet have been unable to receive any type of scholarship. Success is much more important than what nationality or ethnicity someone is. Success matters in the real world, thus, should be emphasized.</p> <p>The one great thing about this campus is the instructors. They are all extraordinarily knowledgeable and focused on the success of their students. It is one of the only highlights of this university. More money and resources need to go towards students and the teachers as opposed to sports teams and other areas. Funding is being cut to all academic departments, yet a half-million dollar scoreboard was erected at the Berry Event Center. The university needs to sort out its priorities.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Give more money to the Athletic training program. They are always high caliber students due to the admissions process into the program. We have to work with bare minimum. Other programs have too much money. Keep all current majors.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The one thing I would like to change is incorporating more of a community based learning setting or at least provide more real life situational problems while incorporating the community. The one thing I wouldn't want to see changed is the tutoring center and writing center. It could be improved by gathering as much people as possible in order for them to receive the attention they need. Some people get left behind in groups and clubs because they might need receive the information or are only limited to the people they know. Having a universal tutoring center where people can meet together and learn together while helping each other would be very beneficial.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I love attending college @ NMU, I would love to see more outdoor activities within the Environmental concentration of classes. I wouldn't change anything to the Environmental studies program, I would just add what I already mentioned.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I want to see the student health services expanded to include real opportunities and resources for improving mental health. At the moment they are next to useless.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>What should be changed: value the students instead of your paycheck.</p> <p>What should not be changed: the network of faculty/professors/TA's that do everything they can to help students understand, pursue, and achieve everything they can. As well as the diversity of the classes offered.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>They need to provide Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering classes along with the current MET and EET classes. I had many friends that wanted to choose NMU, but they didn't come here because NMU didn't offer these two programs. The total number of my friends that would've come here totaled 12, and that's just my friends alone. Apparently NMU doesn't care about increasing enrollment. I've told so many professors about this and in my 5 years here, I haven't seen any changes.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Change the way some of the classes are graded based on opinions, and keep the way people are able to express themselves on campus.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Northern should further its interdisciplinary programs. The world increasingly draws on a variety of professionals to accomplish tasks and tackle problems and Northern should do more to reflect that. Northern definitely should keep advertising its numerous programs and does a good job of letting its students know what's out there.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Go back to NMUs outdoorsy roots. People come here to enjoy nature and be outside while attending college. Northern Naturally was way better. I would acquire more professors like Alec Lindsay and Dr. Leonard. They teach practical, real world science.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Teachers should actively seek out employers to discuss what traits/skills they are looking for in college graduates and then stress those traits/skills in class. The university is too profit-focused. i.e. the bookstore is not helpful for students. Professors are often very qualified to be teaching.
Senior	Full-time	Male	A good change would be having less Adjunct Instructors and more full time faculty members. Northern should continue its support of the Multicultural Education Resource Center and the Academic Career Advisement Center, both have been quite valuable in my time at northern.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I would like to see a building open 24 hours a day 7 days a week that is available for students who would like to utilize the building to study for classes, practice presentations, etc.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Change the grassy area between Jamrich Hall and The Seaborg Center's parking lot into student parking. Never change University policy of free counseling services for any student.
Senior	Full-time	Male	More research papers. Lower Tuition costs. Don't remove liberal arts requirements. I think taking a wide variety of classes is enormously beneficial

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The amount, and quality, of the grad students and professors should not change. We have great grad students teaching many of the science labs, and they are both proficient at teaching the material as well as showing, and sharing, their enthusiasm for their subject matter. You can see that they care about what they are showing us in the lab, and that they think it matters. They want you to care about it too, and they want you to be successful. The professors do the same. They share their expertise and enthusiasm for their subject, and the students feed off of that to work hard in their learning. We want to do well because our instructors want us to do well. Add in the abundant resources, the LRC, the various tutoring services, and this promotes a positive learning environment that makes students think about what they want to do, because they see that other fields are special too.</p> <p>In contrast, the thing I feel should change is the availability of “future planning resources.” Our advisors are professors first, advisors second, and that’s fine. That’s what I want in my professors. But some of them don’t know how to help us plan. They don’t know what post-undergraduate programs are best suited for our needs and interests. They don’t know the process we have to go through to be admitted as well as someone dedicated to the task may be. I didn’t understand what the GRE was or why it was important for a longer time than I’d care to admit. I still don’t understand how to pursue research opportunities outside of being notified about one or asking professors. There are research programs at other universities that accept non-resident students, and I have to pursue those in order to get that research experience that will put me over the top in getting into grad schools. We have a writing lab, we have ACAC, but I didn’t find out that they can help in these regards until later than many of my peers, because I was not advised so. What I want to change is an emphasis in preparing students for their future, whatever that may be. We have a pre-professional advisor that oversees a large amount of students of varying backgrounds, varying needs, varying goals. That’s a tough thing, but for many of those different pre-professional programs, they have similar requisites and expectations of applicants. But for graduate programs, I don’t have a designated person that I know to go ask about just graduate school. I have my advisor for my major, but that’s it. That person may exist and I don’t know, and that’s an issue in itself. We need to understand, by reaching out and asking on a more regular basis, what our students’ goals are and how best to help them achieve those goals. That’s an emphasis, a change in emphasis, that I would like to see.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	More evaluations of professors, more random sit-ins. Some of the professors are terrible and often come to class with no plan and regularly just "wing it." They should continue with small classroom sizes, one of the more attractive benefits of this university.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Please refer to previous written response.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Bring back the 18 credit ceiling so we can continue taking more class, and stop trying to distance the school from nature. I came to NMU for the nature and for "Northern Naturally", but now that's gone, we've destroyed the academic hill, and I hear the new dorms are being called "The Woods". We already have woods!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Reduce the cost of college tuition. Redo the required coursework of a major.
Senior	Full-time	Male	No cap on credits. This allows students to take a diverse amount of classes without breaking their budget or time spent at the university. The university should also stop focusing so much on sports and more on the clubs and organizations that are present. The university should not change or get rid of the sustainability committee. Finally, we should pay the administration less. A \$20,000 bonus on top of a 2% raise for the President is silly when only \$14,000 is given to travel funding for all students(i think sports included) for the whole of the academic year.
Senior	Full-time	Male	A priority of educational funding taking precedent over other endeavors which occur in an attempt to mimic larger universities and their financial practices.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Instead of allocating money to new buildings, put it towards professors and education programs. Continue giving support to our science program, I feel that it is almost last to be recognized now in comparison to other majors.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I don't know.
Senior	Full-time	Male	STOP TRYING TO MAKE A SMALL SCHOOL, LIKE NORTHERN, FEEL LIKE A BIGGER SCHOOL. GET STUDENTS INVOLVED WITH BIG CHANGES. ABSOLUTELY NO ONE LIKES "FEARLESS MINDS", "NORTHERN NATURALLY" WAS PERFECT FOR THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO ACTUALLY LOOK TO ATTEND HERE.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Provide more information about facilities on campus that are available to students.

