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# NSSE 2018

## Student Comments

### Northern Michigan University

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This report displays confidential comments your students provided in response to up to three open-ended questions. Two such questions appear in Topical Modules (Civic Engagement; First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions) and the third appears at the end of the survey (after any module or consortium questions). Thus, this file contains up to three tabs containing student comments. Each tab contains the wording of the corresponding question.

Comments are sorted by class, enrollment status, and sex. Information for these variables was provided by your institution.

#### Identified Data Also Provided

Because student comments are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS data file named "NSSE18 Student Comments (NMU).sav".

#### Important

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. For this reason, please use discretion when using, storing, and disseminating this report and the Student Comments data file.

Institutions had the option to select one of four comment prompts to be given at the end of the survey (including after all module and consortium questions). 130 first-year students and 249 seniors responded to 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?**

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Response
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see the the academic office get straight what courses are needed for specific degrees. And along those lines have a little compassion for the people who feel confused about what direction to take. Students are more than a number on your computer screen.. they're at NMU with a purpose. Feel free to help them..
First-year	Full-time	Female	A change that could be implemented more to improve the educational experience is talking more about sexual misconduct and assault, and I think having workshops or events that happen as often as sport events do would help more of the student body to take sexual misconduct and assault more seriously and understand more about the topic but also from survivors. One thing that should not be changed is how well the institution and its clubs advertise events or new opportunities for students to get involved in more.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The stigma towards students seeking mental Heath help
First-year	Full-time	Female	Something to be implemented; on campus parking, the encouragement for school spirit and more student activities and involvement, helping students to understand the actuality of job opportunities with certain degrees, and more professional mentoring (specifically with community members who would be willing to speak with someone who is interested in their line of work).  Something to not be changed; the inclusion of other restaurants to catcash.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think that commuting students should have a little more leeway when they are commuting from other towns. It was very ruff having to commute from Munising during bad weather because my classes only allowed so many absences. One thing I wouldn't change would be the approach ability of teachers at the school.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Change certain requirements, keep the organization available
First-year	Full-time	Female	Health Care should be cost of stuff. Don't charge a ridiculous amount. Causes us without insurance to stress. Don't change dining dollars
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see more collective involvement, and therefore a greater sense of community on this campus. It would be nice to get to know more people (a variety of people at that), and to feel welcomed and like I am part of a community, rather than just "going to school" here.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I don't think there has been anything that I have run into thus far in my education at this institution that I feel needs to be changed. I have enjoyed all aspects of this institution as of now.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I love Northern Michigan University. I chose to come here because of the friendly atmosphere, well laid out campus and the delicious food. I don think there are many changes to be made, but if I had to change something it would be the parking. There is simply not enough parking in some areas more than other. For instance, I live in Spalding Hall. I don't get out of work til 12:30am and by the time I get back every single parking spot around is full. Sure I can walk from the Public Safety lot but its below freezing temperatures, dark and snowing outside. Instead I just park where I'm not supposed to and take the ticket. I don't think it should have to be this way.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to implement better RA's to make the floor a more close-knit community.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like to see more cultural diversity events for the students. Like mixers or even just doing more events in the area to encourage students to go out and talk to other students. But they should definitely keep their student support system in place.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I think the university could do better to not be silent about sexual harassment/ rape on campus. I know multiple women who have been victims of sexual assault and NMU could not care less about them. In all of these cases the University would not help the young ladies, they wouldn't let trials happen because the 'didn't want to disrupt his [the rapist's] learning experience'.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I want there to be a more accessible way for students within the same classes to reach out to one another to do more group work/studying for classes. I like that we have professors who are very willing to make hours to meet with you.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One thing that should be changed is more tutors available for a larger array of classes for students. One thing that I wouldn't change is the academic advisers position. They are super helpful

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First-year	Full-time	Female	Change: Put more tissue boxes in the Art and Design building during the winter semester.  Don't change: I'm liking personally the various speakers and events we have around the NMU campus