

# Using Your BCSSE Older Student Advising Report

The *BCSSE Older Student Advising Report* identifies the activities and experiences the student expects from the upcoming academic year. Reviewing these results can focus advising discussions with your students on ways to enhance their undergraduate experience and help them achieve success at your institution.

Name	First Name Last Name
Student ID	123456
Advisor	First Name Last Name
Expected Major	Psychology
First Generation	No
High School Graduation Year	2016
Institution choice	First
Expect to graduate from this institution	Yes

**Legend**

- + = Doing well
- ✓ = Probably doing well
- ! = May need assistance

**Legend.** Indicates how a student compares to all students at your institution who completed BCSSE. "Doing well" indicates higher than average for this item. "Probably doing well" indicates about average, while "May need assistance" indicates below average.

Student Entering Characteristics	Notes
Military service	No
Years expected to complete bachelor's degree	3
Expects to take at least one course from another college	No
Expected hours per week providing care for dependents	6-10

**Commitment to the institution.** Look for indications that the student's level of commitment is low. Was your campus the student's first choice, second, or third? Does the student anticipate graduating there?

Academic Integration	Notes
Expected difficulty learning course material	!
Expected difficulty managing time	!
Expected difficulty getting help with school work	+
Prepared - Write clearly and effectively	+
Feel prepared - Analyze numerical and statistical information	!
Stress transitioning back to being a student	Yes
Ask instructors for help when struggling with courses	✓
Find additional information when don't understand course material	✓
Expected grades	B+
Expected hours per week studying	16-20

**Entering Characteristics.** Understanding the prior experiences of entering students is essential for meaningful and effective advising. Was the student in the military? How many years do they expect it will take to complete their degree? Are they planning to be co-enrolled at another institution?

Social Integration	Notes
Expected participation in co-curricular activities	+
Expected difficulty making new friends	+
Importance to interact with diverse students	+
Importance to be socially involved	+
Number of close friends attending this institution	1
Living on campus*	Yes

**Academic Integration.** Understanding their expected difficulties and feeling prepared, these items provide an excellent opportunity to help students set realistic goals or to discuss ways to utilize campus resources that will contribute to a successful academic year. Also, note the expectation for grades and hours studying. Are they aligned with their expected academic difficulty and feeling prepared? This can be another excellent opportunity to discuss how to find and utilize resources that will contribute to a successful academic year.

Finances	Notes
Expected difficulty paying college or university expenses	+
Stress meeting basic needs or college expenses	No
Financial support from family*	Yes
Student Loans*	Yes
Expected hours per week working on- or off-campus	11-15

**Finances.** Many students experience financial difficulties. It is well-understood that financial stress undermines student success and persistence. These items provide an advisor important information about financial campus resources the student may need, as well as discussing time management strategies for this students who expect to work many hours.

**Social Integration.** These items provide an important opportunity to consider the student's expectations and importance to be socially involved and make new friends. Particularly important is to identify students who may become socially isolated due to their expected difficulty making new friends, along with very few or no friends also attending the institution. Advisors can provide recommendations for socially isolated students.