



Second-Year Student Assessment Conversation Starters

Developmental – Strength Based

Academic Confidence:

What classes have been most rewarding to you? Were you surprised?

What classes are most challenging to you? Were you surprised?

What courses/areas would you like to take in the future?

What are your areas of greatest academic confidence?

How will you successfully navigate those areas that represent the greatest challenge to you?

Commitment to College:

1. What has been most rewarding to you about your college experience so far?
2. How will you use these positive experiences to shape your future experiences?
3. Are you concerned about obstacles that could interfere with you completing your degree? How will you overcome these?
4. Are your goals for completing college the same as when you began the term/year? If not, how have they changed?

Engaged Learning:

5. What class(es) do you most look forward to? Why?
6. How do your classes benefit you as a person?
7. Describe how one or more of your classes challenge your thinking outside class.
8. How are you able to apply information from your class(es) in your daily life?

Leadership:

9. Describe your most memorable leadership experience.
10. Moving forward, what role does leadership play in your career and life plans?
11. How are you balancing your leadership role in college or your community with academics?
12. How will you contribute to the future leadership of your generation?

Transition:

13. How has college met your expectations?
14. What experiences have given you the greatest opportunities for growth?
15. What new transitions you're facing?
16. What is your personal strategy for successfully balancing academics, work and personal life?

Family Support:

- 17. Describe your support network – your advocates and your “go to” individuals for advice and guidance.
- 18. How is your family “experiencing college” so far?
- 19. What role did your family’s influence play in your decision to go to college?
- 20. How has your family’s influence impacted your college experience?
- 21. Moving forward, how do you see the role of your family in your overall college experience?

Financial Security:

- 22. Are you finding college to be more or less expensive than you thought?
- 23. Have you been able to adapt to any changes in your college budget?
- 24. What strategy have you identified for seeking help with questions about personal finances?
- 25. 4. (If working) How compatible is work (on/off campus) with your class schedule and/or completion plan?

Academic and Career Planning:

- 26. What intrigues you most about your major/minor areas?
- 27. What career advice from campus resources, family and friends, and others has been most helpful to you?
- 28. What additional information would you find helpful as you explore your career goals?
- 29. What are the next steps in your career-decision process?