

NSSE 2024

Student Comments

West Texas A&M University

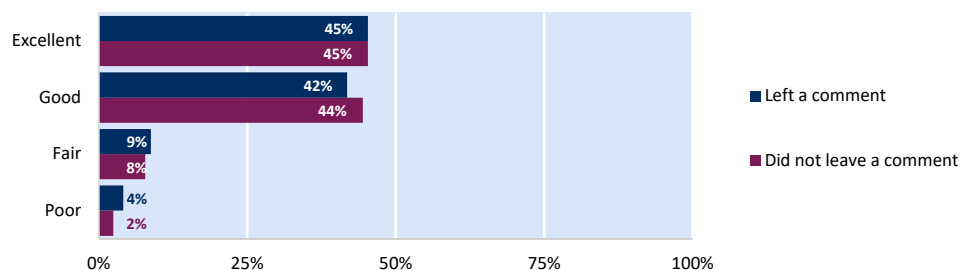
This report displays confidential comments your students provided in response to up to three open-ended questions. Questions appear in the following Topical Modules: Academic Advising, Career and Workforce Preparation, Civic Engagement, Experiences with Online Learning, First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions, HIP Quality, and Mental Health and Well-Being) and the survey ended with one final question (NSSE provided four options, or your institution could customize this prompt). This file contains separate tabs for each source, as appropriate, with end-of-survey (EoS) comments further divided into tabs for first-year and senior students. Each tab contains the wording of the corresponding question.

Module comments are sorted by class and major. End-of-survey comments are sorted by overall satisfaction and major. Your Student Comments data file contains additional background and social identity variables.

How Satisfied Were Student Commenters with Their Educational Experience?

Figure 1 displays your students' responses to the item "How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?" (variable name *evalexp*) by whether they left an end-of-survey comment. These results indicate whether students who provided a comment were more or less satisfied than those who left no comment. Student-level responses to this item are included in the End-of-Survey (EoS) tabs under the heading "Response to *evalexp*."

Figure 1. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution? (*evalexp*)



Identified Data Also Provided

Because the comments are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS datafile named "NSSE24 Student Comments (WTAMU).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.

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End-of-Survey: First-Year Students

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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), or provide their own prompt. 72 first-year students responded to the following:

What one thing should not be changed?

Response to <i>evalexp</i>	Major	Comment
Excellent	English (language and literature)	I like the structure and how safe I feel on campus, whether that be with faculty or with the campus security.
Excellent	English (language and literature)	The inclusion of all types of students and awareness of students and their past and ongoing experiences.
Excellent	Agriculture	The faculty is amazing and the opportunities that are being given to us or offered help me tremendously.
Excellent	Other agriculture and natural resources	Faculty should continue making students feel welcome.
Excellent	Other biological sciences	The helpfulness with advising.
Excellent	Psychology	N/A
Excellent	Psychology	Probably how small most of the classes are makes it feel intimate and like you learn a lot more than larger classes.
Excellent	Accounting	There is a lot of help and tutoring available and all profesores are friendly and helpful.
Excellent	Other communications	The family atmosphere most teachers have
Excellent	Other communications	faculty-student relationships
Excellent	Other communications	Community of campus
Excellent	Other communications	The Ag. Department is amazing.
Excellent	Elementary, middle school education	The overall culture and values of the school.
Excellent	Other education	everything with the ag department
Excellent	Other education	Keep all the support going!!! Best college ever
Excellent	Other education	I have nothing to suggest at this time.
Excellent	Electrical or electronic engineering	Nothing
Excellent	Mechanical engineering	The classroom sizes are perfect, just big enough to meet new people and to engage without feeling like you are the only one answering questions, but also just small enough for the teacher to learn your name and to develop that student-teacher relationship.
Excellent	Dentistry	The location of the class . Easy access
Excellent	Health science	nothing
Excellent	Health science	Student participation.
Excellent	Kinesiology	The environment
Excellent	Nursing	n/a
Excellent	Nursing	I love that the nursing program is in Amarillo. I believe it has created many new opportunities for faculty and students within the program. I also believe the new technology has the ability to flourish in the new location. We are much closer to the hospitals being in Amarillo.
Excellent	Nursing	Nothing
Excellent	Veterinary science	The staff. They are awesome!
Excellent	Veterinary science	Having Friday with typically no school should not be changed.
Good	Arts, fine and applied	The way how staff faculty and advising is always there ready to assist. That is one thing that doesn't need change.
Good	Other fine and performing arts	Hospitality
Good	Biology (general)	Taking more than one major
Good	Agriculture	I appreciate my faculty encouraging me to use tutoring services and the counseling services

Good	Environmental science/studies	The demeanor of the instructors is very positive and helpful.
Good	Other biological sciences	The sense of community on campus.
Good	Other biological sciences	n/a
Good	Other biological sciences	The tutoring help is great
Good	Other biological sciences	The hospitality and readily open resources for the students to use whether that be through tutoring or through community based organizations.
Good	Physics	The scenery.
Good	Economics	N/A
Good	Political science	The event variety. The wide variety of opportunities are amazing.
Good	Business administration	The resources available.
Good	Business administration	The helping hands and tutoring centers have been great
Good	Marketing	N/A
Good	Other communications	N/A
Good	Early childhood education	NA
Good	Early childhood education	The schools emphasis on tutoring programs and academic help. They do a great job of letting us know what resources there are.
Good	Music or art education	The attitude of the professors and how they care for the students is amazing.
Good	Music or art education	none
Good	Music or art education	I'm not too passionate on anything just absolutely not being changed.
Good	Other education	The family environment. WT without a doubt exceeds what I was expecting when going to college. The people here genuinely love this school and will support it (teams, music/art, etc.) Do not change the fun aspect WT has to offer.
Good	Mechanical engineering	The events they host like ones with guest speakers and the fairs they have.
Good	Mechanical engineering	N/A
Good	Kinesiology	the friendly environment
Good	Kinesiology	The school spirit should not change, even though our football team isn't the best maybe having some more things to do during football season it would help so much.
Good	Medicine	N/a
Good	Nursing	Tuition
Good	Nursing	N/A
Good	Nursing	Everything else. Really enjoy this campus!
Good	Nursing	The size of the classes. Having a smaller class size helps me learn because I don't feel bad about asking questions.
Good	Speech therapy	Athletic Atmosphere
Good	Veterinary science	Having professors who are willing to be of help to the student gives off the feeling of them wanting to help and not just annoyed they are there.
Good	Veterinary science	The agricultural professors are very knowledgeable.
Good	Veterinary science	students that do not have a sticker to park in the designated student parking areas should be towed.
Good	Veterinary science	meta majors for housing or academic grouping
Good	Veterinary science	some of the clubs
Good	Law	The Buff Connect Portal and everything it leads to.
Good	Parks, recreation, leisure studies, sports mgmt.	Flexibility and availability of online classes.
Fair	Agriculture	The activities
Fair	Other biological sciences	Accessibility to online resources (assignments, student planning, etc.) at all times via the internet.
Fair	Computer science (including cyber security)	The support systems for academics IE the writing center and chemistry and physics help labs are wonderful tools that have helped me countless times in just my one year here.
Fair	Kinesiology	How the same majors are in the same dorm.
Fair	General studies	Our school beliefs. We shouldn't change our beliefs because some students feel uncomfortable.
Fair	Undecided, undeclared	Are president

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End-of-Survey: First-Year Students

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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), or provide their own prompt. 82 first-year students responded to the following:

What one change would most improve the educational experience at this institution?

Response to <i>evalexp</i>	Major	Comment
Excellent	English (language and literature)	I would say the career opportunities. I am unsure of what I want to do with my degree, however, the jobs I am looking at are not reflected at the university. There is no one I can talk to to ask about my specific career path.
Excellent	Agriculture	I think that professors could hold more SI sessions every week.
Excellent	Agriculture	One thing that I would change to most improve the educational experience at this institution would be offering help to students so they could better learn the material.
Excellent	Agriculture	I think they should allow students to move off campus after their first year as it greatly lowers cost.
Excellent	Other agriculture and natural resources	Require all core classes or advanced level classes to have either teaching assistants or student instructors.
Excellent	Other biological sciences	N/A
Excellent	Psychology	I would not make any changes, my educational experience at this institution has been nothing short of amazing. I love it here.
Excellent	Psychology	Understand the current demographic of the student body to cater the events to better suit them rather than just push what in general would be a fun idea. Also, building a stronger community would improve the education experience the most, a lot of the time everyone is so far apart that it's hard to interact with people outside of your college.
Excellent	Accounting	Different teaching styles
Excellent	Accounting	add more web based classes to be available for winter or summer
Excellent	Other communications	I think the only thing I would change is the cost of books for courses that do not need a book.
Excellent	Other communications	less hour-long lectures
Excellent	Other communications	Better Advisors
Excellent	Other communications	More parking. I hate having to go anywhere because there is no parking. This can affect studying and extra-curriculars.
Excellent	Other communications	I would change the food that the on-campus living has. Its very disapointing
Excellent	Elementary, middle school education	I would have more clubs catered toward specific majors.
Excellent	Other education	My institution is great and I do not have anything to list for improvement at this time.
Excellent	Electrical or electronic engineering	Nothing
Excellent	Mechanical engineering	There are some professors here that I don't think really have a passion for teaching, which can be difficult at times as a student to learn from them. One thing I would change is to focus on hiring teachers who actually have a passion for teaching.
Excellent	Dentistry	More modern technology
Excellent	Health science	No change necessary.
Excellent	Health science	More practice handouts within in the class when applicable.
Excellent	Kinesiology	Not to have to pay so much to learn and to keep the rec center open longer
Excellent	Nursing	n/a
Excellent	Nursing	Some of the courses do not enforce some expectations as much as they should. A couple of professors are allowing students to turn in work very late and give many opportunities to turn in late work. I believe, pre-nursing classes especially, should follow the expectations as the actual nursing classes do to give students a glimpse into the program and the expectations they will have to meet for the program.
Excellent	Nursing	Nothing
Excellent	Veterinary science	The only thing I would change would be the Gen Chem 1 and 2 labs. They are not organized well since a staff member left and it would be helpful for the faculty and students to get help at organizing the labs where they are working and educational.

Excellent	Veterinary science	Giving more opportunities for people to feel more connected with a group of people
Excellent	Veterinary science	Having more knowledgeable TAs in labs would improve comprehension.
Excellent	Veterinary science	Make course materials free for students as in textbooks and solution manuals.
Good	Arts, fine and applied	Couses that introduce college to students should push out the resouces offered more. Inform student mee about them
Good	Other fine and performing arts	Activities
Good	Biology (general)	Having students work on helping in class with there Major
Good	Environmental science/studies	The advisors before they become within my major are often vague and don't seem to be interested in helping newer students with planning schedules.
Good	Other agriculture and natural resources	Professors in the NSB building being as effective and encouraging as the AG building professors.
Good	Other biological sciences	I would ask for more hands-on experiences for students, and having relevant guests for different majors to be able to demonstrate the necessary skills for careers you're interested in.
Good	Other biological sciences	n/a
Good	Other biological sciences	Nothing at all
Good	Other biological sciences	Help with time management and lessen the idea of memorizing subjects and evaluate the students true knowledge of the subject.
Good	Other biological sciences	Hands-on learning
Good	Computer science (including cyber security)	More professors.
Good	Physics	Better communication.
Good	Economics	N/A
Good	Political science	There are a lot of events that I miss due to class scheduling for classes that meet late and end late.
Good	Business administration	Make class more engaging.
Good	Business administration	Please evaluate all of your professors, I've had a few that do seem capable to teach anymore due to age and other issues
Good	Marketing	N/A
Good	Other communications	Respect name and pronouns, I am tired of seeing my deadname when my preferred name is plastered over all the things that this institution allows me to change. Genuinely would make my experience better
Good	Early childhood education	Smaller classes or just being able to know the professor on a better level.
Good	Early childhood education	Have more engaging class that students are excited or more willing to attend.
Good	Music or art education	More efficient financial organization. Many student along with myself have had incorrect scholarship awards amounts in their accounts and it has not been fixed. This brings a lot of stress to students as we are paying more than we are supposed to and have to come up with extra money to pay our school as we are not being awarded the amount we were promised.
Good	Music or art education	none
Good	Music or art education	More easily accessible help for mental health? In person visits are sometimes stressful.
Good	Other education	More SI study sessions by professors or TAs before exams/quizzes.
Good	Mechanical engineering	Finding a better method to announce events or other which will happen. Maybe have calendars posted or email.
Good	Mechanical engineering	N/A
Good	Kinesiology	Better communication between students and faculty.
Good	Kinesiology	They should change the meta majors because I believe that it's not important to have in this college. I believe that it doesn't really help at all, especially if you have a fall out with someone in your department and you see them in the same hall as them it's gonna be so awkward and weird. So I think having no meta would definitely help a lot of people.
Good	Medicine	More visiting professionals
Good	Nursing	More financial option to help pay for thing
Good	Nursing	N/A
Good	Nursing	I'm not sure if there's a life skills class, but there's quite a lot of people who don't know how to do basic things like sewing, cooking, cleaning, how to change a tire, ect. Not sure if it's possible but I think a life skills class could be beneficial.
Good	Nursing	If every teacher had a exam review before tests to narrow down the amount of information to study before a test.

Good	Speech therapy	Providing more hours that tutoring is available, or more options for students who are working.
Good	Veterinary science	Make it more of a big deal to have good student-teacher interactions.
Good	Veterinary science	Not being required to live on campus for two years.
Good	Veterinary science	Examine the curriculums required for specific majors and adjust classes to meet the requirements while focusing on topics that are more relevant for that specific major. Have observations of professor during lectures to confirm relevant topics are being taught in accordance to the syllabus.
Good	Veterinary science	Not educational but the housing rules are outrageous and need to be review and have more ways to be independent educationally group projects need t be allotted more class time as college students we dont have time to constantly work around many different schedules.
Good	Veterinary science	Rennovate some of the older buildings
Good	Other health professions	Being able to move off campus after living in the dorm for one year
Good	Law	I would talk to the Professors about their approachability because most of them are intimidating and unapproachable.
Good	Family and consumer studies	Have more information about different topics like housing, payments, etc. Be able to actually get help when you need it. Not student help at the Hub but see an actual university faculty.
Fair	Biology (general)	Just help more introverted students
Fair	Agriculture	Make more friends here
Fair	Other biological sciences	I think accessibility to different learning methods for all students in a particular class would help. I also think having the preferred name and pronouns on file for a student should be visible to faculty and staff before and more prominently than their legal name, for me and students like me, this makes me feel much more comfortable and makes the faculty and staff I need to talk to for advice in my academics and career much more approachable.
Fair	Computer science (including cyber security)	Having a more diverse culture less centered on WASPs especially Baptists; although not particularly advertised this institution basically acts as a public Baptist university; which I was not aware of before coming here.
Fair	Finance	Better on-line instruction and engagement. My current professors are basically uninvolved with no feedback or opportunities for engagement and endless assignments
Fair	Mechanical engineering	Faculty not judging students based of their background
Fair	Kinesiology	I'm not sure.
Fair	General studies	having some type of financial change. Students would be able to study better without the stress of making financial payments.
Fair	Undecided, undeclared	If I got the chance to improve the educational experience at this institution would be firing the TA for Human Anatomy and Physiology I, she is useless and makes people feel dumb she is very bad at helping student and I am not the only one that complains about her.
Poor	Nursing	Telling professors to actually engage with their students, teaching us things we need, offering more leniency when it comes to assignments and classes. Some professors I've had were amazing others rather us come to class and read from a google slide, when I could do that and teach myself at my dorm. Some are there for a paycheck not to educate us. We need beginner classes for more difficult majors that way we have some clue or idea when getting deeper into our college career instead of going into our majors clueless, I also think more educational scholarships should be offered to students espicslly our low incomes one. And students should receive recognition for succeeding in school as well as offering extra credit, or makeup assignments yes sometimes accountability needs to be held but us as students have lives, and face rel world problems. I was in the hospital with my mother submitting an essay..

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End-of-Survey: Seniors

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What one thing should not be changed?

Response to <i>evalexp</i>	Major	Comment
Excellent	Biology (general)	My professors were the best part of my education. Entry single individual was knowledgeable and showed interest in my education. They have my gratitude and admiration.
Excellent	Agriculture	How we do not have class on Fridays.
Excellent	Agriculture	I think the university or at least the Ag department is doing a fantastic job at setting their students up for success. I haven't had much experience with the rest of the university but it seems like they care about all the students and want the best for them.
Excellent	Psychology	The culture of our institution should not be changed. We have so many people who want to help and also have excitement for what they do. As long as we continue to have people like this working here we can continue to trend the way we are.
Excellent	Psychology	How lectures were structured.
Excellent	Accounting	The resources provided to students
Excellent	Accounting	The community, the support, the care of the professors.
Excellent	Accounting	No recommendations
Excellent	Business administration	The advisors. 10 out of 10!!!!
Excellent	Finance	The information given out by advising services is helpful for students. Keep it up.
Excellent	Finance	online education
Excellent	Other business	The online program is wonderful. It allows flexibility in the course of the week for working students like myself. I appreciate the response time from professors and find everyone to be supportive to ensure as a an online student I am successful.
Excellent	Communications (general)	How caring the professors are.
Excellent	Other communications	The career-learning courses that prepare you for writing a resume, interviewing, etc.
Excellent	Early childhood education	The availability and support given by professors. Faculty is amazing at this school and they invest a lot of time and effort into helping their students succeed!
Excellent	Civil engineering	The professors are great in my field of study.
Excellent	Civil engineering	The small town feel of the university and emphasis on community. That is what makes the university so great. If we lost this to try and be like other colleges, we would lose what gives us our identity.
Excellent	Electrical or electronic engineering	Nothing should be changed, the program is on a good trajectory.
Excellent	Mechanical engineering	Love and kindness of everyone here
Excellent	Health science	N/A
Excellent	Health science	N/A
Excellent	Health science	The Christian, Panhandle, Texas values of West Texas A&M University.
Excellent	Health science	The diverse culture, how much the staff cares about the students and their success.
Excellent	Health science	The support for students
Excellent	Kinesiology	Offering research in the SES department.
Excellent	Kinesiology	Career fairs, I believe they are the best thing available, especially since you can really get more information from those. Or the education ones, I know either last semester or sometime prior, there were graduate schools that had showed up and told us about their DPT programs or their chiropractic programs. That was very helpful since there was one school that informed me more about OT.
Excellent	Kinesiology	Clean up the campus grounds and provide more sidewalks. There are too many sidewalks which you have to walk around or out of the way to get where you need to go. Also, they're not kept up well and many are in need of repair.
Excellent	Nursing	n/a

Excellent	Nursing	easy interaction between staff and students
Excellent	Nursing	One thing that should not change is the communication the institution has with its student about events, activities, organizations, etc.
Excellent	Nursing	The staff :)
Excellent	Speech therapy	I love the way the professors communicate with and interact with students.
Excellent	Speech therapy	Personalibility of professors in my major
Excellent	Veterinary science	Nothing should be changed.
Excellent	Veterinary science	The welcoming environment.
Excellent	Criminal justice	n/a
Excellent	Criminal justice	I wouldn't change anything, I communicate with people when there is a need and every department I've reached out to has been extremely helpful.
Excellent	Public safety and emergency management	Continuing to accept the firefighter tuition waiver
Excellent	Public safety and emergency management	N/A
Excellent	Social work	The variety of majors and degree plans offered by WTAMU should remain the same. I believe there is an option for most everyone offered by this university.
Excellent	Social work	Not sure
Excellent	Computer information systems	Remote courses.
Excellent	Computer information systems	Wonderful staff
Excellent	Computer information systems	Most of my professors have been very helpful, there teaching styles reach many different strategies. I've retained so much knowledge and have no complaints on 90% of the professors I have had.
Excellent	General studies	Everyone involved in this institution is amazing and so helpful. Its like your own cheerleading section, celebrating your small wins
Excellent	Liberal arts and sciences	Availability of online courses
Excellent	Multi, Interdisciplinary studies	n/a
Good	Music	The online registration system is really nice in my opinion and I would hate to see it changed to something worse or more confusing.
Good	Biology (general)	The exam drop policy
Good	Biology (general)	Na
Good	Biochemistry or biophysics	I believe the groups and communities at this institution shouldn't be changed. Although I've never seeked to join anything and it's also not a controversial thing to say these shouldn't be changed, I believe it's good for people to get involved. Just reinforcing the fact that those who get involved with organizations is a good thing and should be heavily valued. :)
Good	Other agriculture and natural resources	The style of the classes and how they are taught.
Good	Psychology	Not sure.
Good	Business administration	The focus on agriculture and the small campus vibe. I like getting the same teachers multiple times in a row, seeing the same faces in my classes, and so on.
Good	Business administration	The different events that happen every day
Good	Business administration	Everything can always improve.
Good	Finance	Na
Good	Other communications	I am not sure. We should always be looking to improve on everything as time moves forward
Good	Other communications	WT is very affordable and many of the faculty and staff members are incredibly passionate about educating and helping students. I appreciate the diversity of WT at the faculty and staff levels, and that WT does its best to keep tuition costs low for students compared to other 4-year institutions.
Good	Early childhood education	President Dr. Wendler and the morals he stands for.
Good	Social studies education	The community here is really amazing. I think WT puts a lot of effort into creating a community that is focused on relationships and growth.
Good	Civil engineering	The engineering professors, and how personable they are.
Good	Other engineering	All the good help
Good	Healthcare administration and policy	Remote learning

Good	Kinesiology	N/a
Good	Kinesiology	Small class size and intrapersonal relationships with students
Good	Nursing	N/A
Good	Nursing	Resources available to students
Good	Veterinary science	N/A
Good	Criminal justice	Cost of tuition
Good	Public safety and emergency management	Keep a fully online platform for users like me doing a full-time career while getting educated.
Good	Social work	no
Good	Computer information systems	The ability to help by tutoring for free.
Good	General studies	Education on Demand.
Good	Liberal arts and sciences	Reaching out to students
Fair	Biology (general)	Mom-Thursday class schedule
Fair	Other biological sciences	Matlack
Fair	Business administration	The class sizes.
Fair	Education (general)	the amount of diverse clubs and social events happening on campus. It gives students a place to make friends and get social on campus in a fun and safe manner.
Fair	Mechanical engineering	N/A
Fair	Health science	The pride of the school
Fair	Veterinary science	The affordable pricing for education.
Poor	Arts, fine and applied	Printmaking course. Screenprinting changed my life.
Poor	Psychology	Advertisement for community events.
Poor	Psychology	N/A
Poor	Business administration	The website is nice. The police department ticket guy seems like a nice guy, he should get a raise.
Poor	Marketing	The campus grounds are pretty.
Poor	Special education	I have no comment at this time.
		The calendar I enjoyed using mine on Blackboard

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End-of-Survey: Seniors

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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), or provide their own prompt. 102 senior students responded to the following:

What one change would most improve the educational experience at this institution?

Response to <i>evalexp</i>	Major	Comment
Excellent	Biology (general)	More funding for the chemistry department.
Excellent	Agriculture	SI's in all classes.
Excellent	Agriculture	I feel as though reflecting upon course evaluations would need to be improved.
Excellent	Economics	Offer more classes
Excellent	Psychology	better resources
Excellent	Psychology	Just being able to have more people to talk to within the counseling field to learn more about it.
Excellent	Psychology	Hands on experience.
Excellent	Accounting	Constantly reminding students about resources within their reach!
Excellent	Accounting	Practical application of the accounting theories and logic learned. Perhaps walkthrough tutorials of the most general tax, audit, and accounting softwares.
Excellent	Accounting	None
Excellent	Business administration	Nothing. Everyone has been wonderful. I was worried about the school being so far away but I feel like I am right at home.
Excellent	Finance	I would make sure there are more electives related to each major available for students who are looking to study specific areas.
Excellent	Finance	All courses are excellent, and I like the way they provided online its more comfortable with people like mi that can go to the campus, some of the instructors are so friendly and are always willing to help you know matter what. WT is a great institution and with a lot of affordable prices as well.
Excellent	Communications (general)	Making sure to communicate regularly with students who are in online classes.
Excellent	Other communications	Lots of times it feels like certain professors have favorites and if you're not one of the favorites they don't really care to speak with you. I would change this because for some students it feels like those professors are unapproachable.
Excellent	Early childhood education	NA
Excellent	Civil engineering	Courses being offered all throughout the year, not just spring or fall.
Excellent	Civil engineering	More job-related coursework. For example, engineering software that is discipline specific and required, not just recommended.
Excellent	Electrical or electronic engineering	More students in the electrical engineering program
Excellent	Mechanical engineering	More community involvement wiht other students
Excellent	Health science	The amount of hours that were transferred on my transcript effected my gpa so I would've tried to know more about how gpa works.
Excellent	Health science	N/A
Excellent	Health science	Most classes pile on the work all at the same time.
Excellent	Health science	I really just think getting rid of some of the teachers. Like the ten year teachers are normally the ones I hear the most about or have experienced how terrible their classes are.
Excellent	Health science	Maybe being open minded
Excellent	Kinesiology	Offer more clinical experiences for the SES department.
Excellent	Kinesiology	Maybe more classes that are designated to specific careers. I am unsure if there is a pre-pt degree or anything, but maybe that could be something, or pre-ot, that way it really prepares you for OTD or DPT when graduating.
Excellent	Kinesiology	I can't think of anything. This college experience has been exceptional.
Excellent	Nursing	n/a

Excellent	Nursing	timely grading of work completed so I know what to correct in my discussion board writing and citations and not have already completed several weeks the same way before the first one is critiqued.
Excellent	Nursing	One thing that I think would help improve educational experience would be to celebrate success, like awards or recognition for student's hard work.
Excellent	Nursing	lower the costs.
Excellent	Speech therapy	More real world connections to the career we are training to have.
Excellent	Speech therapy	Na
Excellent	Veterinary science	N/A
Excellent	Veterinary science	Have advisors that are slightly easier to reach.
Excellent	Criminal justice	nothing, it was awesome
Excellent	Criminal justice	I wouldn't change a thing, I've had great experiences with my professors and all of the faculty when I've had a need.
Excellent	Public safety and emergency management	Being able to take the courses for the public administration minor.
Excellent	Public safety and emergency management	None
Excellent	Public safety and emergency management	N/A
Excellent	Social work	A greater variety of online courses would be great, especially for those of us that have chosen a social work and psychology major. Also more readily available information about the process of finding employment post-graduation.
Excellent	Social work	Not sure
Excellent	Computer information systems	I may have just skimmed over it, but I don't believe I have ever really received help with what I will do after my graduation.
Excellent	Computer information systems	Remote students get emails about on campus activities and we can't take of em.
Excellent	Computer information systems	More availability of CIS courses
Excellent	General studies	More guest speakers
Excellent	General studies	As an online student, I would like to see more examples of papers written well and papers written poorly to help me with my own writing out of nowhere.
Excellent	General studies	Continue to increase availability of online learning
Excellent	Liberal arts and sciences	Availability of more online courses for people that cannot attend in person classes.
Excellent	Multi, Interdisciplinary studies	Emphasis on sports and fine arts productions.
Good	Arts, fine and applied	Having more teachers for my major not just the same ones so we'd do different projects and have different points of view and with that more of a chance to even different electives to at least try a class once and not having to miss out on not being able to take a class due to not having enough teachers to do it that semester.
Good	Music	More parking availability. I'm always having to fight for a parking spot or having to park off campus just to get to class on time because there's not enough parking spots for students.
Good	Biology (general)	If there was better diversity, it's hard to feel welcomed when no one in your class looks like you
Good	Biology (general)	tutoring for higher advanced levelled courses, and more parking
Good	Biology (general)	Na

Good	Biochemistry or biophysics	Again, as already asked: I was asked by my college what they could improve on. This was my answer. I believe our institution is great in many aspects, but I wish there were a few changes. Some students do not socialize well, including myself, even when we are in a class of many like-minded peers. Disregarding students who do not want/care to socialize, I think there should be more of a push to have students interacting with each other because not only do we improve through discussing different ideas with each other which introduces further understanding and critical thinking. We can form bonds, learn how to effectively work and treat others, and generally become better individuals. Additionally, and more importantly, I think faculty should have their students learning themselves. For example: In my organic chemistry 1 course, the labs were honestly mundane but super important for students going into any scientific field to understand (i.e. dilutions, measurements, working with chemical/equipment safely and the reasoning why, sterility). Instead of the instructor showing how to perform each step exactly by the book and requiring memorization by describing the process, I think having the students "struggle" to perform the lab themselves actually requires the students to both think about the problem and come up with solutions themselves (of course to an extent, like the instructor should be there to tentatively help those who are stuck/confused by walking the student through for the student to understand what's happening and why it's important, like how what they're doing correlates to the real world). Students don't actually understand how subjects, topics, or methods work unless they are the ones to figure it out. An instructor shouldn't conduct and provide everything for the student, the student should be encouraged by the teacher for the students themselves to understand. The only way students learn is by having the students find out themselves that the things they are learning actually works and how it is useful. Otherwise it's just memorization for the sake of memorization, and that only leads to students having to relearn everything later on in life. Even if they do need to relearn it, in this way they will have more powerful memories of how they themselves previously solved their own questions. This is how to get students motivated, by having them solving relevant problems posed by instructors as if the students are the ones first discovering the solution. TLDR: I believe students would overall improve if they were tasked to work together more. Most teachers only display information and tests which of the students absorb the information
Good	Other agriculture and natural resources	The transfer student advising could be made more easy and help them adapt to a new school.
Good	Psychology	Not sure.
Good	Sociology	I like WT, I would like easier and better access to know about more opportunities!
Good	Business administration	Take an effort to be welcoming to LGBT+ individuals. All this college has done is be openly hostile to them.
Good	Business administration	Everything is good
Good	Business administration	Focus more on what comes after graduation, the very next step. Not "When you are a manager..." There is no place that I have found that will hire you in a leadership/management role right after graduation.
Good	Finance	Na
Good	Other communications	Enforcing all teachers to post video lectures
Good	Other communications	I worked full-time to put myself through college. I could not have afforded to attend a different University because I live with my parents in Amarillo. WT was my only option for my bachelor's degree. I don't feel welcome or safe on this campus with Dr. Wendler as the President. His frequent conservative preaching and denial of students' rights to expression make me, other queer students, and students of color feel unwelcome at WT. If I could afford a different institution, I would have left last year. The stress President Wendler has inflicted upon me due to my identity negatively impacted my educational wellbeing.
Good	Early childhood education	The Education Department: consistency and clarity.
Good	Social studies education	How advising changes are handled is really rough. I have had four advisors since starting at WT and a lot of these switches were made without my knowledge or really even giving a heads up. This created a lot of issues when planning for classes for my degree as we had to substitute some classes which wasn't conveyed to new advisors. I just think there should be more of a heads up.
Good	Civil engineering	I believe that one change that would have improved my educational experience, would be not having to worry or deal with the stress of having the president of the university cancel a legal student event because the president does not personally agree with the events values.
Good	Other engineering	More hands on or more videos

Good	Healthcare administration and policy	More clarity on syllabus from the chem dept, for non chem majors
Good	Kinesiology	More money for the athletic and access to the cafe for student athletes
Good	Kinesiology	None
Good	Nursing	N/A
Good	Veterinary science	A little more focus on learning in bits rather than bulky exams.
Good	Criminal justice	Treating the whole person and not just the student aspect
Good	Public safety and emergency management	I would love more feedback from instructors on the writing assignments I turn in. The only indicator I have to tell me I've done well, is my grade.
Good	Public safety and emergency management	Keep expanding the catalogue in the online platform for more education like a pre-licensure BSN program.
Good	Public safety and emergency management	Learning more about these careers than just what a book can teach. Getting real knowledge in these fields is important.
Good	Social work	no
Good	Social work	I think that more liberal minded orgs should be encouraged. So many of the orgs are Christian based, but most of the students I hang out with are not religious. I wish it did not feel like secular orgs were being sidelined.
Good	Computer information systems	I think more test and exercises to help us learn more to get us better prepared for our career
Good	General studies	More scholarships for working parents.
Good	Liberal arts and sciences	N/A
Good	Other, not listed	All digital books. Purchasing and carrying around paper books is cumbersome and not feasible in most cases. Digital is far superior for access and availability.
Fair	Biology (general)	More activities on campus
Fair	Other biological sciences	Consistency
Fair	Mathematics	More individual projects in 3000-4000 level STEM courses. Builds resume, confidence in applications, and a desire to learn. Pure theory / paper application is uninteresting without results.
Fair	Business administration	Better teachers.
Fair	Education (general)	advisors being more knowledgeable
Fair	Mechanical engineering	N/A
Fair	Health science	The amount of inclusion for web based learners
Fair	Veterinary science	Hiring more professors that care more about the students than they do their own agendas.
Poor	Arts, fine and applied	Professors that are not white passing. Literally look at the fine arts statistics. ALSO MONEY. FUND US.
Poor	Psychology	Cutting back some of the costs, specifically textbooks. More parking especially for commuters. Helping students to feel safe and telling students about apps such as SafeZone. Faculty being aware of issues, especially in the world today. No student can work for free, especially with how expensive everything is. More importantly, students who commute should not have to pay for services such as the gym or the added fees onto their statement. Those who don't live on campus should have a say in what they want to pay for.
Poor	Psychology	Better faculty and resources or opportunities to learn information on how to do more in school and after graduation.
Poor	Business administration	The online program needs to be fleshed out like the in person program.
Poor	Marketing	Fire Dr. Byrd from the psychology department. His fail rate is astronomical and expects his students to preform at a PhD level.
Poor	Special education	A course on navigating the online course system. I would have taken that prior to my transfer.
Poor	Other education	EVALUATE YOUR PROFESSORS
	Business administration	Online courses should have more recorded lecture material. Too many online courses simply consist of reading material and regurgitating it for tests. Having recorded lectures enhance the overall impact of the material being discussed.
		more online examples for classes

NSSE 2024 Student Comments

Career & Workforce Preparation Topical Module

West Texas A&M University

23 first-year and 65 senior students responded to the following question in the Career and Workforce Preparation module:

Is there anything this institution could do better to help students develop their career plans or gain work-related skills (such as coursework, resources, etc.)? Please describe.

Class	Major	Comment
First-year	Arts, fine and applied	<p>The best option that I can see to help influence students into using the other resources provided for them is if courses that involve in introducing students to college began pushing out what resources the student do have. Since most students are unaware of what is provided. I myself was not even aware that we had career success coaching.</p> <p>That's all I can see be that could use some help, as for everything else in my opinion there is nothing else that needs to be changed or fixed.</p> <p>Thank you and have a nice day.</p>
First-year	Agriculture	On campus living , they are hard to work with and do not understand what we need on campus
First-year	Other biological sciences	I think having more social clubs and experiences to diversify student participation throughout their years on campus. This campus is fairly quiet and the events they have are low-budget and not worth attending other than the plays.
First-year	Other biological sciences	n/a
First-year	Other biological sciences	I feel like the institution could help students better manage their time. It is quite hard to go from high school to college and be good at managing your time. That being said the courses that I have taken put a lot of emphasis on memorizing and learning the coursework in such little time it makes it even harder to manage your time.
First-year	Computer science (including cyber security)	Provide for more information about careers in class discussions.
First-year	Economics	N/A
First-year	Other communications	Nothing to do with career.
		But respect people chosen names and pronouns, Im tired of seeing my deadname when i have my preferred name plastered over my profiles that this institution allows.
First-year	Music or art education	I believe the school of music has a great amount of recourses
First-year	Other education	I think better relations between students and teachers.
First-year	Mechanical engineering	More Clep options. Much of the coursework I'm taking I already learned in Tech School while in the military. Being able to CLEP a course such as AC/DC Circuits would cut my time to graduate in half.
First-year	Health science	No changes Necessary.
First-year	Health science	They could offer pamphlets on specific careers to give further ideas of what you might want to do with that specific degree.
First-year	Kinesiology	Na
First-year	Kinesiology	Maybe getting more clinical experience for athletic trainer. But everything here is really good and I've enjoyed it so much.
First-year	Kinesiology	Not required books. Most classes will have you buy a book that you don't even need.
First-year	Medicine	Better train some teachers
First-year	Nursing	working with students in their career choice and explains their effective options, giving them more of an understanding of what they need to do to be successful I. Their career, and giving small courses that actually involve their career like for nursing it's be easier to have small nursing classes before going to clinicals clueless and I have heard this from numerous students, as well as giving us professors who actually care about teaching us instead of earning a paycheck!
First-year	Nursing	Make clubs designed to help succeed in upper level classes, tutoring is not enough take it's more welcoming if a group is put together that's dedicated to the same goal
First-year	Nursing	N/A

First-year	Veterinary science	In my opinion no. My advisor has been so lovely and helpful. She is very supportive of any academic decisions I have made, which I think is so nice. It lets me know I'm thinking on the right track and I have stuff under control.
First-year	Veterinary science	They should only require us to live on campus for one year instead of two years. There is no point to living in a tiny room with another human while trying to study and live. I have no issues with my roommate but it would still be nice to have my own personal space and be able to cook food that I actually want to eat.
First-year	Veterinary science	more career related meetings or check ups. have more detail meetings with advisors or other career related higher ups
Senior	Arts, fine and applied	More internships like do a google form and the match us with people. Doesn't have to be field related. Just more and more resources. Everything feels like a secret. Put it all out there. Do more free shadowing and interships from students to learn. Would love to work in advising but don't know how. Cater to those who might be dropping out. Advertise alumni resources. After 90 credits we should be able to spend the last 30 in our planned profession and not taking freshman classes we couldn't get into our first year. Make grad school better for art students.
Senior	Arts, fine and applied	Having more spots for when it comes to internships on campus
Senior	Biology (general)	Not put tests the Monday after spring break
Senior	Agriculture	N/A
Senior	Agriculture	I do not have any recommendations
Senior	Biochemistry or biophysics	Again, as already asked: I was asked by my college what they could improve on. This was my answer.

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TLDR: I believe students would overall improve if they were tasked to work together more. Most teachers only display information and tests which of the students absorb the information

Senior	Botany	No
Senior	Other biological sciences	Make the students of all backgrounds a priority, not just the straight white rich ones
Senior	Psychology	Nope.
Senior	Psychology	n/a
Senior	Psychology	Help students to know about paid internships as most are unpaid. This also goes for faculty, some don't understand we have to work for money and not for free. Some of us have bills to pay.
Senior	Psychology	none

Senior	Psychology	Advertise better or create more programs or something to help students with their future no matter where they are academically. I feel as though only the ones who have gone above and beyond or are doing the absolute most in college are getting resources. The ones who are doing their best or not at that level don't get the same treatment as others.
Senior	Psychology	N/A
Senior	Psychology	Provide more options to working students. It was easy to do things if you didn't have this but I work 20 hours a week and don't have these same opportunities to connections.
Senior	Sociology	Have more workshops to help gain more knowledge!
Senior	Accounting	WTAMU provides great resources already.
Senior	Accounting	No
Senior	Accounting	More club meetings or events
Senior	Accounting	Professors should include more real world problems in their lectures and speak more about their past experiences in their field of study. These conversations will allow students to gain a better understanding of the real world and the different expectations.
Senior	Business administration	We need consistent faculty and staff. Online needs more love and attention. It is clear and obvious that online students are not a priority here. Before the advisor I had now, I had an incredibly bad time with advising services, I wanted to never come back to this place again. But because you MUST take a certain number of hours to get a degree I would be losing years of work to transfer to Texas Tech.

As previously mentioned, I don't know what happened to the caring, and loving staff I had at the beginning, such as Trevor Watkins and Dr. Gurlich. But the people I have now aren't even a shadow of the quality of those two men.

My Business calc teacher so frequently got things wrong in her lecture, I had to hire an outside teacher to teach me calculus so I could pass her class. We would watch her videos together and she would make corrections to Mrs. Timmons videos.

There nothing you could pay for in this world that would be less accommodating , or less organized.

Senior	Business administration	Advertise services to distance learners more
Senior	Business administration	I think connect with them more.
Senior	Business administration	Bring in business owners of all levels and fields.
Senior	Finance	No
Senior	Marketing	Events for students on campus. There is zero social life here unless you are in a sorority or fraternity. This is a problem because it only allows students from higher income backgrounds to have a "college experience".
Senior	Communications (general)	I think that there are a lot of opportunities I wouldn't have known about if instructors hadn't used them in their coursework. There are so many certifications you can earn online for free while you are a student. So, maybe making sure to promote those opportunities to students! I had the opportunity because of my instructor, but I'm not sure how many instructors at the school are aware of the opportunity.
Senior	Other communications	Create better sources for distance learners who don't have access to local campus support
Senior	Other communications	n/a
Senior	Early childhood education	Set up a meeting with graduating students and discuss their plans for after college and offer advice on how to improve their resume and search for jobs.
Senior	Social studies education	I think more resources should be available.

Senior	Special education	<p>First and foremost a system training course prior to starting classes would have been very beneficial due to the fact I was new to the online formatting of WTAMU. Being a transfer student from an easy-to-navigate system, Caused a struggle with the email/messaging system, everything seemed to overlap. Seeing the messages in the email but was not able to find the message in the course.</p> <p>Unfortunately, during my enrollment at WTAMU, there were personal issues that came about and limited my time to be able to put more focus when struggles arised. It would have helped to have a person that would be their contact person to help them when understanding breaks down. Instead of reaching a different person from different departments someone that understands and can be a contact for new students.</p> <p>A suggestion would be a type of tutoring or mentoring program over the phone for online students. Especially for students who are unable to commute to campus, or able to call during the day, maybe an after-hours hotline with someone to help with the system when questions arise. I am saying this because I have two jobs and am limited on time during your normal hours to call and be put on hold or have to call or talk to several different people. Also if I needed to call more than once I was not always able to talk to the same person and would have to explain what I needed help with.</p>
Senior	Civil engineering	More hands on projects for civil engineers, visiting work sites or engineering firms.
Senior	Civil engineering	For engineers, it would be helpful if we could get more experience using computer programs. AutoCAD is at the beginning of the year, and once it is done, many students forget what they learned. Additionally, a lot of us do not know how to use discipline-specific programs like SkyCiv and Revit. Again, a home economics class would be very helpful. There are clubs on campus that help with this, but if it is not required, most students (myself included) will not attend. Many graduates enter the real world without knowing how to pay taxes, navigate insurance, and pay basic bills.
Senior	Electrical or electronic engineering	Investing more in the electrical engineering program with research opportunities, field trips, career fairs, events, and the IEEE club involvement.
Senior	Mechanical engineering	n/a
Senior	Other engineering	No
Senior	Health science	N/A
Senior	Health science	N/A
Senior	Health science	Integrate campus organization opportunities through the classroom. Build campus organizations related to majors.
Senior	Health science	No
Senior	Healthcare administration and policy	n/a
Senior	Kinesiology	N/a
Senior	Kinesiology	Definitely provide more career fairs, maybe have designated fields such as a clinical one that could include nursing/PT/OT/cardiology and such. Or career fairs that pertain to other fields, that was just an example that related to me.
Senior	Kinesiology	I don't think so, I have been given a great opportunity at WTAMU
Senior	Nursing	n/a
Senior	Nursing	na
Senior	Nursing	N/A
Senior	Nursing	n/a
Senior	Nursing	na
Senior	Speech therapy	no
Senior	Veterinary science	N/A
Senior	Veterinary science	N/A
Senior	Veterinary science	I think that the university could offer more courses or clinics on these topics.
Senior	Criminal justice	I think overall it was a great experience. Maybe have advisors reach out to students just to confirm if they know how to register themselves for classes, however it was a great experience
Senior	Criminal justice	no
Senior	Criminal justice	No, this institution has been great in my experience.
Senior	Public safety and emergency management	N/A
Senior	Public safety and emergency management	No

Senior	Social work	no
Senior	Social work	More information about career options based on each degree would be nice. Also, for those of us that need to complete internships, provide greater information about local opportunities and paid vs non-paid ones.
Senior	Computer information systems	I think this institution is well organized. I love the online programs and the professors are always willing to help me if I need them to. I feel like these programs that this institution offer are very detailed and are a great tool for helping to further my career.
Senior	General studies	Nothing at this time.
Senior	Liberal arts and sciences	Provide some financial assistance
Senior	Multi, Interdisciplinary studies	N/A

NSSE 2024 Student Comments

First-Year Experiences & Senior Transitions Topical Module

West Texas A&M University

97 senior students responded to the following question in the Senior Transitions module:

Is there anything your institution could have done better to prepare you for your career or further education? Please describe.

Class	Major	Comment
Senior	Arts, fine and applied	Better advisors (the only good one is the general one who isn't a professor). Better materials, art kids get nothing and or building is sad. Music kids and art kids can't share the same building. Not dual credit friendly school; I had 70. Unnecessary tuition fees. MORE ELECTIVES. make switching majors easier for art. Better food. Better housing. Educate students on how to clean up after themselves. More opportunities for art students. Make fundraising better and stop limiting us. What is wrong with raffles??? Actually give me career resources or make us have a class where we work for someone. More access for students with undiagnosed adhd and other mental health issues. More areas to hangout in. Make the library resources more knowable and accessible. Let the buildings be 24/7 at least in mary moody. We have projects to complete.
Senior	Arts, fine and applied	More opportunities for internships at campus for my major
Senior	Arts, fine and applied	Probably not? Maybe more on how to market myself.
Senior	Biology (general)	Dental programs or to get certified as an assistant.
Senior	Agriculture	No
Senior	Agriculture	Given more hands on activities
Senior	Agriculture	I don't not have any recommendations.
Senior	Biochemistry or biophysics	I believe our institution is great in many aspects, but I wish there were a few changes. Some students do not socialize well, including myself, even when we are in a class of many like-minded peers. Disregarding students who do not want/care to socialize, I think there should be more of a push to have students interacting with each other because not only do we improve through discussing different ideas with each other which introduces further understanding and critical thinking. We can form bonds, learn how to effectively work and treat others, and generally become better individuals. Additionally, and more importantly, I think faculty should have their students learning themselves. For example: In my organic chemistry 1 course, the labs were honestly mundane but super important for students going into any scientific field to understand (i.e. dilutions, measurements, working with chemical/equipment safely and the reasoning why, sterility). Instead of the TA/professor showing how to perform each step exactly by the book and requiring memorization by describing the process, I think having the students figure out how perform the lab themselves actually makes the students both think about the problem and come up with solutions themselves (of course to an extent, like the instructor should be there to tentatively help those who are stuck/confused by walking the student through for the student to understand what's happening and why it's important, like how what they're doing correlates to the real world). Students don't actually understand how subjects, topics, or methods work unless they are the ones to figure it out. An instructor shouldn't conduct and provide everything for the student, the student should be encouraged by the teacher for themselves to understand. The only way students learn is by having the students find out themselves that the things they are learning actually works and how it is useful. Otherwise it's just memorization for the sake of memorization, and that only leads to students having to relearn everything later on in life. Even if they do need to relearn it, in this way they will have more powerful memories of how they themselves previously solved their own questions. This is how to get students motivated, by having them solving relevant problems posed by instructors as if the students are the ones first discovering the solution.
Senior	Biochemistry or biophysics	They could have structured the classes in favor of careers instead of being independent from one another. I had 1 professor, Prof Paula Schlegel, in my undergrad degree that taught her course alongside the career expectations. Not only did I learn the required content, but also how it applies to my future career. None of my other classes were like that.
Senior	Botany	No
Senior	Other agriculture and natural resources	Limit the amount of classes we take that have nothing to do with my major such as music.
Senior	Other agriculture and natural resources	To help the transfer student adapt and make sure everything transfers smoothly.
Senior	Other biological sciences	The department has been very inconsistent, so my education has suffered for it.
Senior	Chemistry	The library needs to have extended weekend hours

Senior	Mathematics	In mathematics courses, far more applications beyond word problems. Small-medium projects that allow the student to utilize their course work in a tangible way.
Senior	Psychology	Prepared us better for graduate school and had a more hands-on assistance in improving acceptance odds.
Senior	Psychology	I don't know what else is needed. Entrepreneurial skills would have been nice.
Senior	Psychology	n/a
Senior	Psychology	Cheaper textbooks or no textbooks at all, valuing students safety and having drills related to students safety (fire safety, active shooter, tornado, etc). I do not feel safe on this campus nor valued. I feel like another body who pays a crap ton for no preventative measures to be taken.
Senior	Psychology	none
Senior	Psychology	I wish that the school provided more resources and information on the program that I am in (psychology). I feel as though there is not enough going on for the people that are in this major. I feel very lost and maybe even misguided. I do not feel prepared for my future.
Senior	Psychology	Within the Psychology Department, we could use more professors discussing the clinical route. The majority/all are more concerned about going into research, and none seem like a huge advocate for being a counselor or therapist. It makes it hard to connect with them and get the proper help to pursue our goals.
Senior	Psychology	Stress the importance of networking more. Or giving more networking opportunities for first gen individuals.
Senior	Sociology	Make access to organizations easier to understand and easier to join!
		As a freshman, I had no idea of all the opportunities available!
Senior	Other social sciences	no
Senior	Accounting	WTAMU gave me an overall great experience. I wouldn't change a thing. This was the best school I've attended.
Senior	Accounting	Now
Senior	Accounting	As a transfer student the transcript evaluation was very slow and cumbersome
Senior	Business administration	Stop using Cengage as a crutch to teach accounting. It sucks and it is not an accurate representation of real life accounting. There has to be a better way to teach accounting that doesn't rely on that stupid platform. Try excel macros or something! I would have kept up with my accounting major if the college didn't over-rely on Cengage.
Senior	Business administration	They could have retained more of the quality professors from the beginning of my time here. The university as a whole seems more inclined to build new buildings than to care about the quality of degree being sold.
Senior	Business administration	I think the classes were good but I don't think I will use the information in the real world.
Senior	Business administration	Gaining meaningful employment. Options for employment in a related degree field. Starting and RUNNING a business (real applications, not hypothetical)
Senior	Finance	No
Senior	Management	There is definitely a gap between in-house lectures and online classes. I feel that it would be beneficial for online students to witness recordings of in-class instruction instead of just reading the material and regurgitating the information as best they can.
Senior	Marketing	Before going into the College of Business, I was in the College of Psychology and it's was horrible. The professors will not work with students and intentionally fail students who's values do not align with theirs.
Senior	Communications (general)	I think that my institution has done a good job of preparing me for my career.
Senior	Public relations and advertising	Give me more hands on real world work.
Senior	Other communications	Enforce more teacher to post video lectures
Senior	Other communications	More real-world hands-on projects.
Senior	Other communications	To be more considerate of outside factors that students may face. Life happens and there needs to be flexibility and accountability between students and faculty. I also feel that there could be more resources given to tutoring services. Services such as the university writing center are utilized heavily, and are encouraged to be utilized as such, but the service can not keep up with demand. This can turn students away from a quality resource that can make a huge impact.
Senior	Other communications	n/a
Senior	Other communications	I would have enjoyed more career and networking fairs that were related to the communication or fine arts fields. At most of the career EXPOs I attended, there was only one booth offering jobs in my field.
Senior	Education (general)	I wish there were more consistent and knowledgeable advisors. I feel like half the time when I ask my advisor something, they have to ask someone else, or are unsure.

Senior	Early childhood education	Every help along the way is good. I do not think of something that they haven't done for me.
Senior	Early childhood education	NA
Senior	Early childhood education	Yes, I was extremely disappointed in the education department. I would go to WT again in a heartbeat but I would never go through with the Education Department or recommend it to anyone. It left me more discouraged in the field then ever before. No one was supportive of me and they only cared for me as a student, never a person with real aspirations in life. There were so many turnovers in staff, I went through four different advisors and no one even told me my advisor switched until I called the only person willing to help me (testing coordinator). It was a complete disaster and I have left feeling very unprepared. Very disappointing.
Senior	Social studies education	Further preparation for behavioral skills and management skills would have been nice. The current course work is good, but very idealistic and the field experience opportunity has limited applications for most of the techniques currently taught. Alternative formats may be helpful.
Senior	Special education	<p>First and foremost a system training course prior to starting classes would have been very beneficial due to the fact I was new to the online formatting of WTAMU. Being a transfer student from an easy-to-navigate system, Caused a struggle with the email/messaging system, everything seemed to overlap. Seeing the messages in the email but was not able to find the message in the course.</p> <p>Unfortunately, during my enrollment at WTAMU, there were personal issues that came about and limited my time to be able to put more focus when struggles arised. It would have helped to have a person that would be their contact person to help them when understanding breaks down. Instead of reaching a different person from different departments someone that understands and can be a contact for new students.</p> <p>A suggestion would be a type of tutoring or mentoring program over the phone for online students. Especially for students who are unable to commute to campus, or able to call during the day, maybe an after-hours hotline with someone to help with the system when questions arise. I am saying this because I have two jobs and am limited on time during your normal hours to call and be put on hold or have to call or talk to several different people. Also if I needed to call more than once I was not always able to talk to the same person and would have to explain what I needed help with.</p>
Senior	Other education	N/A
Senior	Other education	Taking the evaluations of professors seriously. There are MANY professors that shouldn't have jobs anymore. Many are barely teaching anything are just getting away with all their students dropping out or failing. I pay a HORRIBLE amount of money for my education. The LEAST a professor should do is actually teach the course.
Senior	Civil engineering	A general course that teaches about taxes, credit, loans, and how to buy a car/house.
Senior	Civil engineering	A course in construction engineering would have been helpful for my degree. A required course in home economics or something of that nature would have better prepared me for things like mortgages, insurance, taxes, etc. I really do not know how to do any of those things.
Senior	Electrical or electronic engineering	Comprehensive tests only test the ability to cram information rather than giving the student resources learned to use notes taken over the course. open notes tests would give studetns the opportunity to critical think and use resources given to complete tests like every job oppurtunity gives a worker in a working setting.
Senior	Mechanical engineering	More classes related to FE exam as an option or even just meetings outside of school to study for it.
Senior	Mechanical engineering	N/A
Senior	Mechanical engineering	More end of college talk and resources
Senior	Other engineering	No
Senior	Health science	N/A
Senior	Health science	N/A
Senior	Health science	I believe more integration of knowledge of campus organizations through the class room.
Senior	Health science	Been more clear on graduation plans, had better communication and opportunities for students who are web based, and had teachers better equipped to teach web based classes.
Senior	Health science	No I think this organization is amazing if you are willing to step out and use the resources that it provides for you!!
Senior	Healthcare administration and policy	n/a
Senior	Kinesiology	No
Senior	Kinesiology	N/a

Senior	Kinesiology	Maybe include more things that have to do with occupational therapy since they tend to have more things available about physical therapy instead.
Senior	Kinesiology	N/A
Senior	Nursing	I love how the institution makes you feel home away from home.
Senior	Nursing	n/a
Senior	Nursing	More scholarships offers or opportunities
Senior	Nursing	satisfied
Senior	Nursing	N/A
Senior	Nursing	n/a
Senior	Nursing	na
Senior	Speech therapy	no
Senior	Veterinary science	N/A
Senior	Veterinary science	There is nothing I would change to prepare me.
Senior	Veterinary science	N/A
Senior	Veterinary science	I think that the institution could have done a better job at preparing me for life in general. Not just a future career, but things that every single adult has to do in order to make it in life.
Senior	Criminal justice	it was an amazing experience!
Senior	Criminal justice	I believe overall WTAMU has done an excellent job at preparing me for my career and furthering my education.
Senior	Public administration, policy	No
Senior	Public safety and emergency management	N/A
Senior	Public safety and emergency management	No
Senior	Public safety and emergency management	I believe assistance with internships would be good for the emergency management degree
Senior	Public safety and emergency management	No, everything was smooth from start to finish.
Senior	Social work	no
Senior	Social work	More information about internship and employment opportunities after I graduate and what I can do with each degree would be nice. Currently, I have no idea where to start looking for an internship or know what to expect when it comes to finding employment with a bachelors degree and ultimately a masters degree in social work.
Senior	Social work	Provide more mental health services during classes and provide tips for self-care
Senior	Social work	No
Senior	Computer information systems	I am unsure. I feel as though I did my own research into what my degree was about and went from there.
Senior	Computer information systems	Provide and online data structures and algorithms course
Senior	Computer information systems	I think the institution could have had more practice exercises but overall this institution has a wonderful program. I feel like I have learned a lot from taking these courses and the professors have been very helpful.
Senior	General studies	Information all students about internships before their senior year. I missed put on alot of jobs because noone told me about it.
Senior	General studies	I have nothing to add.
Senior	Liberal arts and sciences	N/A
Senior	Multi, Interdisciplinary studies	N/A