

West Texas A&M 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:

#### Please describe the most significant learning experience you have had so far at this institution.

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

#### Important:

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

# **NSSE 2017 Student Comments**

Class	Enrollment	Sex	Comments
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most valuable learning experience that I have had this year was my teachers personally helping me achieve good grades and help me learn all of the material thoroughly.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience was in my speech class. It really helped me prepare for a job and real life experiences. Plus the professpr was amazing.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Learning Music theory.
First-year	Full-time	Female	There has been nothing in particular that was significant in reference to my learning at this institution.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Lessons with professors
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience on this campus was the realization that even if you do poorly on one thing you can still work hard and pick yourself up. You can find help in the tutoring services.
First-year	Full-time	Female	This school year, I have been able to talk with so many other students whose views differ from my own. Getting to discuss different ideas with them has opened my mind to other ways of thinking. I feel like I am diversifying myself at WTAMU. I am amazed at how open many people are and how willing they are to talk about what they believe.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Being part of the honors program and having to do a research project and then present it during the Freshman Honors Seminar has probably been the most significant learning experience for me thus far. It was challenging and took a lot of effort but it was definitely worth the work. At the end of the day I was very proud to have accomplished my paper.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Being expected to have a high GPA. It pushes me to study more
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience was in my meat science class. We went to Tyson Fresh Meats to get a visual as well as hands on experience.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I like my learning experience here so far because the classes are small and professors can focus on specific students as far as helping them and learning things about them if needed.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have enjoyed being in a small classroom because it makes it more personal, so I get more out of the lecture. I also enjoy having different people from around the world because I am constantly learning new things from them and I am also in return teaching them things.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had would be a teacher who would not give instructions. In class she would have vague assistent then be angry when we the students asked questions. This was significant because it was at this point we recognized that asking questions would not help in the class.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Everything so far, if I'm being honest.
First-year	Full-time	Female	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Female	Probably would have been in my fundamentals of engineering when we did a lot of group projects that were fun and team building.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The different types of community have helped me learn so much more about everyone around me.
First-year	Full-time	Female	After my first semester, I have a better understanding of how to study to were it is easier for myself to comprehend and to fully grasp the meaning of the work. In high school I didn't have to study much for a test and now I understand I have to now.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Guest speakers in criminal justice intro class.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I am from a totally different part of the country so learning about the beef cattle industry in my Ag classes has really made an impact on possible careers
First-year	Full-time	Female	I volunteered with the Downtown Women's Center for a service learning project and had a great time learning and helping out.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Being at this institution and having to learn how to live on my own has been very interesting.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had so far at this institution has been in my Human Behaviors class with professor Holly Bellah and my Intro to Social Work class with professor Kristy Bartlett. In all my years of being in the education system, I've never learned as much as I have in these two classes. Not only did I thoroughly enjoy these classes, but whenever there was work to be assigned I was excited to do them. I enjoyed coming to class and participating in the group activities and discussions, and I never felt incompetent or shy to ask a question.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Class discussion
First-year	Full-time	Female	Honors seminar, writing a research paper encompassing different perspectives
First-year	Full-time	Female	My botany class
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First-year	Full-time	Female	Being involved with Anatomy and Physiology has taught me hard work even more than what I have already had.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The best learning experience I have had is with my professor Lina Hajje. I had her for algebra the first semester and now pre calculus this semester and she is very good at explaining when she is teaching and always gives several examples to do together and then try on our own and is just a very great teacher and you can tell she is very passionate and truly enjoys what she is doing.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I've learned that you've got to take the chances given to you no matter what other people might say or think. People around you may not like it because they aren't getting it, but you have to live your life and experience everything you can.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience at WT has been my Professional Psycholgy Methods class. PSYC 2272 with Dr. Rasco. The class has taught me more than I ever expected to learn.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Coming to this institution is one of the most priceless experiences for me. I got a chance to come here by the offered scholarship which is very valuable for me, as an international student. Living in a non-English environment, I could not really communicate with anyone, even with my classmates and professors at first. However, I am so lucky to meet a lot of professors as well as faculty staffs in tutored centers who are always there ready to listen to my concern. That is the reason why I never stop making efforts to study.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Joining a sorority has really taught me a lot about myself and others as well as leadership skills.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have encountered while being enrolled in this institution was his semester in my Python programming class. I found it really fun to learn about the different computer inputs you can use to get other out puts and how to develop a computer program.
First-year	Full-time	Female	For my philosophy of SES class we had to take part in a mentor interview. Here I had to interview someone I looked up to in order to help form my philosophy in coaching and life.
First-year	Full-time	Female	None
First-year	Full-time	Female	My speech class has taught me so much so far, despite the initial dread of it.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience would have to be my Animal Science class.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience for me so far, has been my SES class. I really enjoy it and have learned a lot from it!
First-year	Full-time	Female	I learned a lot about leadership skills and how to look at everyone's view point and come up with a conclusion.
First-year	Full-time	Female	This university has helped me learn to study, through friends and other resources. I've gained a new appreciation for spending time on material outside of class time.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Learning how to manage relations that are long distance?
First-year	Full-time	Female	My most significant learning experience has to be in History 2372. Dr. Crowley presents several different resources, reading articles, watching videos, a digital library, all covering the same material over a specific time period. I have learned a lot from these articles and digital libraries, it has made me more interested in history.
First-year	Full-time	Female	At this institution, the most significant learning experience I've had was preparing an assigned journalism piece that included brainstorming a topic, contacting interviewees and conducting interviews, writing, and rewriting the piece.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have learned that it is important for us as students to try our hardest, and strive for excellence. Working hard is something that we should feel forced to do but it should be something we strive for, and something we want to do. Yes, it might be hard and we might not want to do it, but if we grow up and realize that we are getting an education to change the world we should not complain. Something that I have learned is to not take college for granted. People all around the world might want to higher their education and can't and i am getting the chance to do that. So why not try my hardest its something that i am very blessed to do for myself to make me happy and hopefully to one day change the world.
First-year	Full-time	Female	discussing what the ta was doing that made it hard for us as students to understand and how to fix it
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience was when I pushed myself to my limit and knew that I was capable of a lot of things, not only academically but also in my personal life.

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First-year	Full-time	Female	The best learning experience I had was my health promotions class with Dr. Dirk Nelson because I could tell that he was excited about the class which made me excited to learn.
First-year	Full-time	Female	My most significant learning experience here at WT has honestly been going to class. My first semester being 500+ miles away from home i encountered some depression and lack of effort to do anything but stay in bed. However this semester i have gone to almost all of my classes and am passing them with A's and B's which is amazing compaired to my .9 GPA from last semester. Just learning all of the simple things has honestly helped me the most
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience that I have had has been the opportunity to student teach/observe classes at Eastridge Elementary.
First-year	Full-time	Female	learning what I can do with my degree and what different fields I can go into and how to get into them.
First-year	Full-time	Female	How to properly give a speech and clarifying my writing.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have been pushed to be better and to strive for my best work in all of my classes.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Dr. Brooks taught me so much about writing correctly in my English class. I am now more confident in my skills than when I started college.
First-year	Full-time	Female	That you can't just get by without studying you actually have to study and show up to class or you fall behind.
First-year	Full-time	Female	One of the most significant learning experience was when I did not understand the lesson at all and went to my instructor and they then re explained the whole lesson.
First-year	Full-time	Female	As an international student, the quality of education has more significance if you learn new topics in a different language. I think Im constantly learning
First-year	Full-time	Female	My interpersonal communications class has taught me to better interact with people I encounter and has helped me grow as a person and in maturity.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Organic Chemistry is probably the hardest course I've ever had. But on the positive side, I've grown a lot after that class and I've gained a new learning method for myself to conquer this course.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have greatly expanded my education at West Texas A&M and appreciate the help I have gotten from the tutors at the institution.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Learning to manage your time and complete all assignments on time and not have to rush.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I had to learn how to write a research paper, which I have never done, and I did decent on it.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Most of my classes have been about the same in learning significance, however, my Honors Seminar about East Asian culture and religion has been very educational even though it has absolutely nothing to do with my major.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had, is in my math class. My professor is Nicholas Moore, and he helps me understand math and I use to hate math, now I love it. He makes the classroom fun and interesting, and always helps when I need it.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience that I have had so far is going to East Ridge Elementary in Amarillo to observe kids with one of my classes. It was a very interesting experience and I hope to do it again someday.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I was blessed with the challenge of performing a lead role in a play my first semester of school. It challenged me time wise as well as improving my skills as a performer.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience would be group projects. They are fun and I love collaborating with other people's ideas to make a project better.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I learned a lot of new things about my culture in my Spanish class, which was very interesting.
First-year	Full-time	Female	In my animal science class last semester, I was able to work with livestock showing animals again. I felt comfortable in that element again due to the fact that I used to show animals back in high school. It was a good learning experience because I was able to help others that did not know how to show animals.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Learning that everyone's viewpoints are different and that can help you be open minded to ideas you have never thought of before.

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First-year	Full-time	Female	I have learned that teamwork is very important, whether it be in college or in the real world. Teamwork is important to be successful in anything you do, and it is necessary to communicate with other people to make sure you do the right thing.
First-year	Full-time	Female	idk
First-year	Full-time	Female	One of my professors Ms. Stravato taught me that you can be a very opinionated person but still be able to put that aside to hear another persons point of view and have an intelligent argument.
First-year	Full-time	Female	How to live with out others
First-year	Full-time	Female	I don't know
First-year	Full-time	Female	In certain classes when the material is understandable, explained well, ando intresting. Sometimes I do enjoy my classes particularly my history ones, though I don't score as well as I'd like.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would say that the most learning experience that I have had would be how to live life on my own. From living with my parents for my whole life, I have learned to get along on my own. I have learned to make my own decisions as I go on with my life. I've learned how to manage my time and definitley my money since my parents are not always around to help out when they can.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I wish I could say something more academic was the most significant learning experience, but Horsemanship with Amanda Love has been the best experience. She is awesome for giving her time to people who don't know much about horses or riding. I have learned a lot about myself and the horse I ride in the course. I look forward to it each week!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Here at WT I've learned that the faculty and staff provided are here to make our learning experience as well guided as possible. I love the tutoring center here and I wouldn't choose to go anywhere else.
First-year	Full-time	Female	My most significant learning experience from this institution has to be just learning how to be on my own. I have always depended on my parents for a lot of my life and being on my own for the first time has taught me how to grow up and take responsibility. I've learned to keep up with my own assignments and keep up with my life on my own. WT has definitely taught me how to branch out, join other organizations.
First-year	Full-time	Female	the most significant experience that I've had so far in this institution is learning how to study well so I can pass all of my classes and meeting new people.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Definitely when professors will use different learning styles.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had here is my beginning algebra professor Mr. Clewett. He made the class interesting and fun to learn math.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I love my Interpersonal Communications class. It is beyond anything I thought it would be. Just the way we communicate to people awes me and is very interesting to me. The wa my professor puts learning and interaction with our peers to help us learn is I think the most helpful.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant experience would have to be from my Fine Arts classes. I was tought so many things that I could not possibly have even imagined. I have expanded so much already and I know I have much more to learn, but it was such a spike that I had to make it the most significant.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Forensics has been thedited reason I love it here they are my family and they help me when I need it.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Since coming to college, I have experienced so much. I learned Zoology is insanely difficult, that I can't just eat Triscuits as a meal, that the parking is impossible on campus, and that I am meant to be at WT. So far at WT my biggest learning experience actually didn't come from one of my classes, but it came from the people around me. On October 4th of 2016, I received a phone call in the middle of a church service to inform me that my dad had suddenly passed away. Before that time I was never really one to depend on others or I would't hardly reach out for help even if I needed it. WT pushed me and taught me to be vulnerable. Everyone from my church friends to my professors poured out love and support onto me. I have people I can go to for bad days and friends that celebrate with me when I have really good ones. I have learned that I don't ever have to be alone in my journey in life. West Texas A&M has taught me there are so many good people left in the world that want me to succeed and want the best life possible for one another.

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First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have experienced at this institution was taking my freshman seminar class, a class I learned very much from and felt very comfortable with the professors and my classmates.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Learning things in my music courses not directly related to my instrument that have helped me improve in my major as a whole.
First-year	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience so far I have experienced at WTAMU has been working in groups. In high school we rarely did that, but in college, half of the assignments require participating in group projects. That has helped me become more social in an intellectual way, as well as learn to work with others to achieve the same goals.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Learning everything there is about the theatre and how it runs. I came to college not knowing anything about theatre, but knowing that technical theatre is what i really wanted to do. Professors and students have been kind, patient, and helpful with helping me learn more and more each day. Other students have invited me to theatre events and gatherings of organizations, and professors have asked about getting involved in productions and running shows.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I took Introduction to SES last semester with Mr. Casebolt and he really opened my eyes to the endless possibilities I will have with a degree in SES. I have always been dead set on Physical Therapy but now that he showed me how many other things I can also do, I know that I can always find something else to do with my degree if physical therapy isn't what I thought it was.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Mrs. Kooleys class has been the most informational and enjoyable experience for me so far. I love her teaching style and I can't wait to have her again!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Being able to continue my dream of becoming a musician and getting to work with very good teachers
First-year	Full-time	Female	Math1301 Mary Jane Cruz
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have learned to be more self- sufficient and think critically
First-year	Full-time	Female	I love working with a diverse group of students from people with a different upbringing than I may have had in multiple ways, whether it be financial, geographical or cultural.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I have learned, that even if I may not be doing as well as I was in high school that hard work does pay off. And I do not need to give up.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience so far was not even in the classroom. Before coming to college, I was very closed-minded to other people and their viewpoints. Coming to WT, I have found that everyone has an opinion and even though I might not agree with that particular opinion, I still accept their viewpoints and respect that for that certain person.
First-year	Full-time	Male	This may seem odd, but I have learned how to learn. Taking challenging courses has taught me how to study, take notes, and manage time.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I had to write a 12 page paper and it was the most stressful and involving thing I've ever done up until that point. Papers are now like baby work to me.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Learning about how to solve things that are outside my comfort zone.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Fraternity experience has helped me tremendously with almost everything school related
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience was volunteering in my speech class. It was the first hands on experience and let me actually get familiar with a certain problem, in this case the amount of animals that do not have a home and/or abandoned.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Getting my G.P.A. Up.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had so far is learning a lot about myself in psychology, I think by the end of the course I will be a better person for it and I think that is very significant.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Being able to have discussions with my advisors and professors on historical subjects which interest me.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Personal Leadership Growth within several organizations I have been actively involved with. Within my first year here at WT. I have been able to become involved and hold high leadership positions with Student Government, Residence Hall Association, Traditions Council, Leadership board along with others. I also have the opportunity to serve as a peer leader for the upcoming summer.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experienced I have learned from college is that you have to make time for your homework and your outside life of school. Work and school have to be varied in different hours and must be put in certain time. Studying also has changed because of so much material used and the learning process of all of your classes.

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First-year	Full-tille	Male	The biggest thing I've learned so far since being here at WTAMU is to not limit yourself to what you can and can't do. Education is the biggest thing and it's what they want you to be successful at. Take a risk. Be free. Don't be scared to fail.
First-year	Full-time	Male	My first semester I took an SES class with Mrs. Brown, and she really taught me things I thought I had already known. But I just knew the basis of them. She really did go out of her way to help me and other students, and for that I feel like that is the best learning experience I have had since I started here.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Th learning experience in WT is appreciable and the school staff including faculties, advisors and other resources are outstandingly helping me to keep up with my better grades and thrive for success in school.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Taking the CS-2336 class has been the rgreatest challenge yet for me.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Being a part of many ensembles at West Texas in the school of music has greatly changed me both as a player and a person.
First-year	Full-time	Male	My most significant learning experience here so far would be my history and political science classes. In high school you had to do a lot of memorization, work sheets, and reading big boring text books. Here, the information was orally taught to me which made it more enjoyable to learn. I learned the content, made A's, and never had to crack open a big text book in those classes.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I have learned I am capable of hard work with dedication and the resources provided to me. My fall semester was amazing, received all As by working hard, studying, and using faculty and other resources available to me (i.e. Math Lab)
First-year	Full-time	Male	Having to do with something in the field of meat science or animal science.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Since moving to WT I have really learned how to manage myself and my time better. This is all due to the fact that the faculty is great and very helpful.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Communications 1301 has taught me how to better understand how to communicate with people. Jeff Casebolt has pushed me to succeed in every class beside his.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The entirety of my Physics and Calculus classes have been very important and have been the focus of my life the whole year.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learniging experience I have encountered at WT would have to be the leadership summit. It thought me and others how to be the best leader we could be. It also thought me that there are many different types of leaders.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience that I have encountered up to this point is teaching myself persistence and drive. Basics are not fun, and typically irrelevant to what you wish to major in. These basics are classes that I have to motivate myself to accelerate in so that I can enjoy the benefits of taking the classes that are more major specific.
First-year	Full-time	Male	That there is much I still have to learn about the field of work I plan on entering in the future. Also that some of the curriculum of the College of Business places too much emphasis on large corporations and not enough on small local businesses.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Small classes help me get the opportunity to have a relationship with professors which I like.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Psychology has had a factor in everyday life for me. I can use the material learned in that class and apply it to almost anything I do in my daily routine.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had is participating in the discussion groups. These groups help me understand the view points of other students and allow me to explain my viewpoints to others. It has helped give me a better understanding of nearly all aspects of my schooling and most aspects of life.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Learning everything that has to do with music and learning how to further blossom socially.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Teaching skills
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant actually happened last night. I stayed up all night writing an essay and studying for chemistry. I am exhausted but I felt so accomplished and ended up retaining a lot more information than I feel I would have if I had waited until morning.
First-year	Full-time	Male	my most significant learning experience at WTAMU is that the classroom though excellent theoretical concept, and I'm loving the thing about Intramurals sport.
First-year	Full-time	Male	When I wrote my first ten page paper, it taught me to be more disciplined in my studies, but it also showed me how well I actually can write.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The incredible importance of studying.
First-year	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience that I had so far was learning about myself.

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First-year	Full-time	Male	I currently do not recall a significant learning experience at this institution. However, I am a full time student along with working full time which provides plenty of learning experiences.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Much like most college students, in away from my parents which has allowed me to build my own perspective of life, no longer actively influenced by my family. I've been able to find myself in my religious beliefs, morals, and principals since coming here, and I feel there's a great outlet here for me as a conservative Christian. As with any school, or any part of any town for that matter, there's a group that makes poor decisions, and as an outgoing person, I have the option of making poor decisions. I feel that this school actively encourages students to become the best they can be and the staff here are very supportive, especially he RA's who are always involved in our lives, and I find it easy to stick to my studies and be more involved in this community rather than go out and make poor decisions.
First-year	Full-time	Male	how to study
First-year	Full-time	Male	I've learned there are many differences between college and highschool. I had to learn to study and how to work efficiently on my own, however if I had trouble there was someone I could turn to here. I believe the most significant experience has been being independent and having to take responsibility.
First-year	Full-time	Male	How to pull women
First-year	Full-time	Male	Honestly, I'd have to say that the entire dance department in general has been phenomenal. I am new to this, but the teachers go at a pace where I can learn, but they still kick me in the butt to keep up. Frustrating at times, but I wouldn't have it any other way.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I learned how to orient myself in the overall WTAMU system ( social, academic, economic, etc.)
First-year	Full-time	Male	Introduction to Animal Science and the projects we did in that class were very eye opening to an entire sector of agriculture with which I wasn't familiar. I learned more in this course than I have in any other course I've taken. I think about things I learned in this course everyday, and I finished it months ago. I considered changing what I want to do when I graduate because of this course.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Mathematics has probably been the most significant learning experience because it trains us to think critically. When dealing with higher-level mathematics, there is often more than one way to solve a problem and the issue becomes deciding the optimal method of solving. Different methods must be quickly assessed and applied to solve the problem. Also, rather than making a person good with numbers, mathematics trains us to think on a higher plane and apply philosophical ideas to real-live problems. It helps the mind think philosophically.
First-year	Not full-time	Female	health and wellness in science class
First-year	Not full-time	Female	I started at this institution in August of 2016, this is only my second semester. I work full time and have a young child, so all of my coursework has been, and will continue to be, online. The most significant experience is having the opportunity to go back to school after taking a brief sabbatical and work on my degree in a way that fits my needs and allows me to continue to provide for my family.
First-year	Not full-time	Female	I have rediscovered a love for math and science, I find the science so fascinating how things work!
First-year	Not full-time	Female	being apart of a friendly open campus with so much to offer unlike my previous school
First-year	Not full-time	Male	When I was struggling at one point and about to drop out, I spoke to Professor Amy Hord who works in the Social Work department and she had a lot of positive and motivating things to say to me which made me change my mind and stick with the program. I just happened to be sitting next to the professor in the JBK and her talk was very inspiring. She is not from my program but wanted to help anyway.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	Just being around the vast intelligence found at this institution.
First-year	Not full-time	Male	Probably learning that I need to manage my time more. Netflix is a no go during the semester.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had so far is a very hands-on training to receive my hazwopper certification. This course was taught by a highly experienced instructor who gave us insight on techniques that can be used in the field in our future careers and provided a certificate that will be useful to future employers.
Senior	Full-time	Female	My equine business management class with Dr. Baker is teaching me extremely useful information that I can use after college.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	Working with groups can be hard work if everyone is not willing to give it 100%. As a member of a group everyone is responsible for the overall mood of the group. I was taught in Organizational Behavior that there are ways to change the mood of a group from bad to good. This semester it has helped me out tremendously.
Senior	Full-time	Female	WT has challenged and given me the opportunity to get out of my comfort zone. WT gives me the tools to be successful not just for my career but in everyday life.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at WTAMU is related to my clinical experiences at Northwest Texas Hospital and BSA Healthcare Systems. My instructors have prepared me very well for these. Further, they continually review and communicate with me about the situations I face each day and help me to progress in my understanding, analysis, decision-making and providing quality patient care.
Senior	Full-time	Female	As a first year Masters student, the classes I am currently enrolled in are providing the finishing touches on what is required within the graduate program. The in depth seminar classes are really helping me to better understand what exactly is required as a graduate student. They are helping me understand the importance of writing with a non-biased approach, and learning to use multiple sources to provide the 'complete picture' of any article, book, or academic journal when presenting worthy information. I would have to say that all of my classes at WTAMU provided me with what I would need to be successful in reaching my goal of receiving a Masters degree and beyond.
Senior	Full-time	Female	So far, the most significant learning experience would have to be my programming class. I have never had a technology class before, and this one taught me how to program a website in a month without me having any prior experience what so ever. I think that it was such an amazing experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The History Department is a great group of professors! I love learning all of their subjects!
Senior	Full-time	Female	My understanding of the art world and the multiple ways that you can paint or learn.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience is either Dr. Kazmaier's Herpetology or Conservation Biology classes. These were classes that I wasn't really excited to take, but once I did they changed my world. I plan on doing research this summer on Herpetology and going into grad school for Conservation.
Senior	Full-time	Female	In one of my economics classes, I learned that our tax dollars are not money the government actually uses, but instead money the government throws away to prevent inflation. This was a concept that turned my entire view of how money works in a macroeconomic situation on its head.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have was in a leadership development class. I learned things I was able to apply everyday, which has helped me with a promotion at work already. The capstone class, Strategic Management, has also been very significant. Learning how to run a business from all different points of view, and working together with classmates to achieve this has been a life-changing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at WT was during a Field Experiment in Dr. Thomas's class 4357 on dyslexia.
Senior	Full-time	Female	In one of my classes I have learned how to find a job in my field. This included certification, license, and resume writing.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The Bateman Team. This year I was selected as a member and it has prepared me the most for what I expect to do in my future career.
Senior	Full-time	Female	All of the discussions I have been assigned have all been beneficial for my current place of employment.
Senior	Full-time	Female	How to adequately communicate with a group of my peers and professors. I feel that these communication skills will benefit me greatly in the workplace.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Preparing for and taking a practice PPR was the most significant. Not only was this material crucial to my planned career goal, it also gave me the opportunity to meet other students with the same goal. We all had various reasons for pursuing a career in teaching, but we all had one goal in common. It was great to meet with other students who I had taken previous courses with but never met. It was a truly great experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant thing that lead to my success in my education, was the mentoring I received from my professor's. My professor's within my program, communication disorders, have a passion for expanding students knowledge within the our field and strive to ensure our success and prepare us for real world situations.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	My professor met with a few of us in the lab and worked a problem with us until we all understood. The open discussion was very helpful and I learned so much that day, it gave me hope for the semester.
Senior	Full-time	Female	In the structured literacy course learning how so many children are being taught but are still mostly illiterate because we are using a very flawed and horrible way of teaching kids to read and write.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I was on the 2016 National Student Advertising Competition team and I absolutely loved it. I learned so much and felt like it prepared me more than any of my courses did. I think that is how most job or career fields work though. We placed second at nationals and it was one of the most rewarding things I have experienced in college.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The social work conference every semester and the refugee simulation this semester at the social justice conference.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The ag department provides hands on learning which is beneficial to my learning style.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Ethics I think was the biggest challenge because so much of what I understood about ethics was not always correct. I kept thinking ethics could be situational, but there are so many perspectives, it really improved how I think about treating other people.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Learning about how worthless a teaching degree is, and being able to create a solid plan to get out of that field into something better. Also learning about the numerous ways that double-majoring is limited.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Dr. Terri Bingham's class (EPSY 3340) was the must insightful, educational, and enjoyable classroom experience I've ever had. Her method of teaching is engaging and effective.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Dr. Byrd experimental design. This class was more than just a lecturing class, and I feel better prepared to do research.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Being on the livestock judging team as well as being pushed to step out of my comfort zone has provided a significant learning experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	My advanced performance of Literature class allowed me to experience talents that I didn't know I had and utilize them in different ways. I also faced a lot of fears and anxieties that I had had in that class. I felt very accomplished.
Senior	Full-time	Female	All of my courses with WT have been very beneficial for me in my current position as a Director for Childress ISD. I have learned how to effectively communicate and manage my employees along with properly performing financial decisions for my area.
Senior	Full-time	Female	In Dr. Mac's class, Leadership Development. I've used the material covered in that course to help me become a better leader or to understand my leadership ways more clearly and been able to apply them to real-world use. The book that I am referring to is, 7 Habits of Highly Successful People, by Stephen Covey.
Senior	Full-time	Female	During my last semester applying the knowledge from my education thus far into an internship.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The way faculty and staff of the Nursing program care about each student
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have learned that it is good to go out of your comfort zone because you will end up a more cultured person.
Senior	Full-time	Female	During my time at WTAMU, my writing skills have greatly improved. I would say I have always been a good writer, but WT pushed me to be even better. I got a lot more comfortable speaking in front of people as well working in groups, due to the many presentations and group projects I was a part of. In my last year at WT I would say I have greatly improved in my interview and resume building skills, which helped me get into a great graduate program. Finally, I became more comfortable and passionate about reading, synthesizing, and explaining a variety of research articles. I now believe that research is such a big part of growing as an individual within any field.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The social work program is really great. I have learned so much from the professors. They are also there for you to help make your life better and make sure you succeed.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Student teaching, trainings, and conference at WT are one of the most significan learning experinces I had so far this semester. And mention the amount of classes that I took to reach my goal to become a teacher being at student at WT has been one of the most significant learning experiences in my life.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I feel the most significant learning experience is how everyone has one goal in mind and how no matter age everyone is very helpful. I really don't a certain experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Studying abroad has been the best thing. Not only does it help you learn for that course, but about history, culture, language, and so many other things!
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Senior	Full-time	Female	I learned how to conduct and carry out a research project. I had to work alongside faculty to create a proposal for research grant money, create a timeline, write a paper, and present an oral and poster presentation.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I had was in Rick Haasl's Stress Management and Leadership Courses. Those courses helped me view other people situations and figure out what makes people who they are. These courses also aided in my own self discovery, in reference to reducing my stress in my own life and realizing how much I can handle at once.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Through my sorority I've learned to lead and communicate better.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I learned the most in my political thought class. I learn a lot about philosophy obviously but also about the Chicago writing style.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The ability to do research that has been supported by two departments
Senior	Full-time	Female	Being able to actually use everything taught to me out in the Clinical Teaching experience. It has been an honor to have been under such a dynamically affective teacher at Eastridge(Ms.Kathleen Sledge). My professors have also played a vital role in all of my achievements.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at WT would be my courses in leadership. They have helped me to identify my core values and where I stand and in turn be a better leader.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The Rhetorical Criticism Class with Dr. Hanson really helped shape my writing abilities. I am confident in my writing abilities and feel prepared to begin the graduate studies program.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Study abroad with three beyond incredible professors Von Lintel, Drumheller, and Cain. Engaging in discussions with depth over topics that rarely arise in everyday conversations compelled me to discover more about the world around me. I owe my motivation for more knowledge to the three professors that conducted the course. They always had a piece of information about any topic that emerged! It was if I had three walking TED talks at my side. It was absolutely inspiring to be surrounded by mentors who are continuously expanding their own knowledge even in their established careers.
Senior	Full-time	Female	My student teaching experience has been the most significant learning experience, because I am actually getting the opportunity to practice everything I've learned in college and put it into action before I graduate.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It's hard to narrow it to one but any experience where my professors challenged my thinking or brought out my skills in an area I thought I was incapable.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Studying abroad in Italy.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Molecular cytogenetics with Dr. Ward has opened a new way of learning and becoming interactive in the classroom. I am loving his teaching style.
Senior	Full-time	Female	There were many group projects I had the opportunity to work with some amazing students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had was in the gender studies course. It was eye opening and I think more people need to realize that it isn't a course that's pushing you to 'be gay' or whatever people often think. It explores the spectrum of gender and everything behind it. I would love for more people to look at it with an open mind. It was a wonderful class and Dr. Von Lintel is a great professor.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Wt taught me who I am, and where I want to go in this life. WT also brought me my very bestfriend, sydney Wallace, who passed away this march in the fires. WT has my whole heart because of all of the opportunity given to me through it.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Being able to be in the field, in a high school, has taught me the most. Hands-on experience is vital.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I loved taking Ethics with Dr. Osei-Hwere
Senior	Full-time	Female	My major is Sports and Exercise Science. Personal trainer is something I want to do when I finish school. The most significant learning experience I had so far happened this semester when I had to write an 8 week exercise plan and program. I learned a lot about my future job. I worked with a client on dailiy basis and conformed to myself that this is what I want to do in life. After that assignment, I can say that I am ready to train other people and actually get payed for my knowledge and time.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Being on the equestrian team and apart of enactus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at this institution was nothing a class or book could teach me. My most valuable lessons were learned from pain and hurt and loss inflicted by life's circumstances and the people who dictated some of them.
Senior	Full-time	Female	i learned how to be confident with my accent

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I played soccer at WT for my first 2 years and that is how I met a lot of people. It made my experience a lot better because I met a lot of other athletes. Living in the dorms my first 2 years also contributed to my experience in a positive way even though it can be hard to live in a small room with someone, you are always on campus and around other students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	as a nursing student having the chance to go to the different hospitals and having the clinical experience and also being involved with the community has been a really good experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	I've enjoyed my time here so far. I'm getting a more in depth look on the Equine side of things and education.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Learning that sometimes the right thing to do for my academic career is not always the easiest course of action.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have learned a lot from my internship with the Randall County Sheriff's office that I could ever learn in a classroom.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Meat and carcass evaluation
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think that the one that most stands out had to do with the government class I took and I had to attend a local government meeting. I found it very interesting.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Student teaching.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I took a class called Great Books with Dr. Schaffer and it was very eye opening. We read a variety of books from all different cultures and religions and it was definitely a learning experience. It really helped me to understand different backgrounds and how people from other places and times can all experience ideas.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Learning to read and write music is and remains extremely challenging and rewarding. The School of Music at WT is impressive and the faculty and staff are very involved with the students. It is at the school of music where I learned to read and write music, sing with proper technique, and play piano and guitar.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Just learning different things in the criminal justice field.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant experience thus far, would have to be by Intermediate Accounting I & II classes. These two classes dug deep into the accounting world and showed us real life scenarios that we will be seeing in our futures. These classes were by far the toughest classes I have taken, but I feel more comfortable with my skills and more prepared for the workforce because of these two professors.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Observations
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have been challenged by my courses and learned a lot about the importance of communication from my major. Visiting geriatric patients at an assisted living facility as a project for one of my classes has taught me quite a bit about dementia and the effects of disordered communication.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I was able to do observation hours for my future career through my institution and I feel like that is the most valuable learning resource you can get. I'm such a hands on learner that getting the opportunity to put to action everything that I have been reading the past few years was amazing. I feel like being able to have first-hand experiences are so valuable when it comes to any learning situation.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I really enjoyed all of my classes with Dr. Baker. They were the most relevant classes geared toward my major, and the classes that I was the most engaged in.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience was when I took a psychology class that was based on our own thoughts, opinions, and experiences. This class helped me better understand myself and really helped me get through a difficult time in my life. I loved this class and would recommend it to everyone!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I enjoy learning about other views of political and law related issues.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had in this institution was during my two internships. I actually got some kind of hands on knowledge of what Ill be doing the rest of my life. I didnt get that in class
Senior	Full-time	Female	Student Teaching

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Senior	Full-time	Female	The best learning experience had to be Business Law with Dr. Kimbell. She had us do a group project. The project involved different cases that made us take the knowledge we learned earlier and put it into a real world application. Not only did it help us understand the material better, but it also helped us to learn how to work with people who don't always see things from the same perspective. It taught us how to compromise and listen to other perspectives without getting defensive. It forced us to explore multiple different outcomes and the effects of those outcomes.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Learning professional research methods (which were not typically offered at the community college I attended).
Senior	Full-time	Female	Learning to work with others and not attempt to "fix it " all myself. Here at WT, the instructors take the time out to show you that you can do anything. They give you confidence in yourself and your abilities as long as you are willing to do the work.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Being a student at WTAMU, the most significant learning experience I have had has been working on campus. The things I've done in the classroom have built a great foundation for me and I have learned more than I have ever imagined, but working on campus for orientation and other departments had made me a better leader. Becoming confident in my leadership abilities is a blessing from WTAMU that I might not have gotten anywhere else. Working for our institution has allowed me to find a passion for working in Higher Education as an Administrator, and that is one of the biggest learning experiences I have had.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Writing research papers utilizing both primary and several secondary sources, both digital and physical in nature, to suppor theises connecting human nature to various time periods and events in history.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Dr. Bingham's class has been the most significant experience I've had at WT. I feel like I learned so much from her. Also, clinical teaching was a great learning experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It was my psych-pharm class; my first that I took with Dr. De Butt. She was so enthusiastic and spoke of psychology with such knowledge and passion; it was enthralling. It was then that I decided that I wanted to take as many psychology classes that I could with the major I was in. I minored in psychology and plan to obtain my masters in school psychology in the near future.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience that I've had at this institution is using my skills to perform oral presentations in front of my colleagues. I've had to research, in depth, about major related coursework. It has taught me many lessons on how to use effective communication to reach people from all age categories.
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	in the nursing program, the clinical experience has been the most beneficial learning experience. by having that hands-on experience, knowledge first learned in the classroom was strengthened and understood better.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am an engineering major, the most significant experiences are those which I have learned how to apply course work with my engineering profession. I.e. How material properties can affect manufacturing of products.
Senior	Full-time	Female	My capstone project has been extremely valuable to me because I'm able to engage all of the skills (literary analysis, writing, research, to name a few) that the English department has helped me develop through my undergrad experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Took a strength and conditioning class and everything was hands one. It didn't matter what you planned on doing in your future, everything that was learned in this class was material that could be applied to everyday life. Since taking the class, I have had friends come to me and ask how to set up a workout program and the best lifts for certain movements.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have learned many real world examples and have had the opportunity to apply those into my education at WT. I love this campus and have enjoyed my entire journey at WT and would highly recommend this University to others.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Clinical in nursing gave me the most experience
Senior	Full-time	Male	My environmental sampling class has been very influential in giving me experience with real world skills necessary to succeed in the Environmental Science field.
Senior	Full-time	Male	That I'm not ready to grow up, and I still have a lot to learn
Senior	Full-time	Male	Networking and professors belief in myself.
Senior	Full-time	Male	How to try to work on your own before consulting the professor.
Senior	Full-time	Male	learning how to think for myself, and derive info from what i know is right, as well as what others say is right, using those pieces to formulate my own plans to be good plans

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Class with Rajan Alex
Senior	Full-time	Male	Most of my learning experiences come from myself with no help of the institution. The institution hasn't provided a significant learning experience.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Life in general
Senior	Full-time	Male	Studying abroad. My learning disability (ADHD), creates a heavy feedback requirement for me to successfully understand my progress. Expressing these needs does not prompt action from my professors. I couldn't possibly understand my academic worth unless I found huge success (like being the first in my family to study abroad) to make up for the lack of consistent feedback.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Just learning how to be a good teacher or coach.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Going through a business ethics course where we were faced with decided what was ethical among our peers, and being encouraged to share our own viewpoints while still cooperating with our peers.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Really enjoyed my Econ courses at WT. The 2 Econ professors with PhD's from Kansas were my favorites. Loved Money, Credit, and Banking & International Economics.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Not a single instance, but learning how to balance theoretical and practical applications into best practice behaviors for engineering designs and problem solving is the most significant piece of my education at WT.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Taking technical communication to better my writing when I become a probation officer.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I, a mechanical engineering major, worked with a computer science professor on an out of school finance project.
			It was very creative, involved lots of critical thinking, and is now used in a real world application.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I have had the opportunity to learn from a number of highly respected, and trained professors in their respected fields. I realize that may be broader than the question is asking for, but coming from my community college where this was not always the case I feel it is important. Prior to attending West Texas A&M, I had always been told to start at AC, it is cheaper. While the classes are cheaper, in some cases (not all) you got what you paid for. I have retained more information, and have had much greater interaction with my professors at WT than I have ever had previously.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I enjoy working in the many group projects. I wish there was more bonding in some classes with other students. Hard to speak up when you don't know anyone in the class.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Being involved with on campus organizations and with the McNair Research Program
Senior	Full-time	Male	It has helped me be able to step out of my comfort zone and be able to see who I am. It has helped me improve with time management a whole bunch. I have met many great people that have supported me and encouraged me throughout my time here. I am extremely thankful for this university and it holds a very special place in my heart. Go Buffs!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Volunteering and internship!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Dr. M. Reardon taught American History 1400-1890 in such a way that I actually considered changing my focus to also teach the subject. His knowledge of the American Revolution is above and beyond any other person I've met to date. Please make sure that he receives the proper amount of compensation, he is worth more than anyone other professor at WTAMU. As a disabled veteran (ETS date of June 2011) who happens to be turning 46 yrs of age in a little over a week, I've found that some of the professors of this institution have zero clue on what the real world is actually like. And for goodness sake, fix the parking issue. At least provide close parking that can be purchased by vertaerns who are less than 50% disability but still have mobility issues. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Sean M. Callahan Buff ID # 198731



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Senior	Full-time	Male	There has not been a significant "learning experience' that came in the classroom for me, but when Dr. Chase was my adviser, the amount of time we spent going over different things, not just class related. Just the times we spent talking and the care he really showed for me personally, was something that will stay with me forever. No matter the lengths we travel in this lifetime, somethings remain with you throughout your lifetime, and the way Dr. Charles Chase interacted with me and other students, will be something that will stick with me forever.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I've learned to be unafraid and to work hard for what I want. Faculty in my discipline have served as mentors for me in my growth and I'm grateful for the knowledge and wisdom they've shared with me.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Being apart of theatrical productions!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Would include my study abroad experiences in Germany and Jordan.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The realization that the college system sucks. Many curses are not needed. Self-learning is so much better and that is proven by the huge majority of rich people who did not attend college. College teaches you how to make other people money, not how to make your own. I seen a picture this year that in my opinion perfectly sums up college. The image showed two children playing and one child asked the other "so what do you want to be when you give up?" Meaning that no one truly wants to do anything that college offers. People go because it's safe and semi secure. College needs to be restructured. For example, the colleges make students pay \$1,000+ in books that they don't want and don't want to read, then the university buys them back for a fraction of the cost.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I have completed 2 courses taught by Dr. Stephen Karaganis. Neuroscience and Advanced Physiology. The challenge of the coursework was formidable, but the passionate teaching and relevant subject matter really reached me as a student and reminded me of why I want to pursue a career exploring the science of healthcare. The specific knowledge assisted me on my MCAT, where those kinds of challenging topics are often weaved into the exam, and the pace and nature of the course improved my time management skills as a student. He has been my favorite faculty member from the University, and I think he brought the best out of me as a student.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Learning how to effectively manage and lead others through group work in my principles of management class last semester.
Senior	Full-time	Male	All of my classes as an Ag Ed major have been amazing. But the best is teaching Methods and Managment with Dr. Williams. Getting to teach at Canyon High.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I've written more this semester than any semester previously. Extremely stressful moment, but I think it will prove
Senior	Full-time	Male	beneficial in my pursuit of the Master's Degree. The skills learned really do help in the real world to acquire a job. My interviewers liked that I was ready to be in the field, consequentially i received an internship offer.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Speaking with multiple academic advisors.
Senior	Full-time	Male	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Male	My microbiology class and lab and making/designing and performing my own experiment
Senior	Full-time	Male	In Professor Rahul Chauhan's Leadership Management course I learned about various leadership approaches which changed my life as a leader in the workplace and in all roles I play in life. One by one I analyzed and discussed each approach with my peers and also implemented them with my follower's group at my firm as I lead 20-80 agents at any one time. Utilizing the situational approach I was able to consistently lead my agents with varying levels of competence and commitment by using a combination of directive and supportive coaching and development to reach our aligned goal. This course changed my life and made me recognize not only how much I love being a leader but how successful I am in this role. My client was so impressed with my team's performance I was asked to lead a virtual conference and present my approach to leadership to two sister sites. This course is fundamental to business students and the curriculum Professor Chauhan created and presented should be the precedent for this institution.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The ability to read and review information presented. This allows for the retention of such information. It's been a real pleasure working with all the different professors and being part of their different teaching methods.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience that I've had is to be critical with time management. One course that I completed with an A I did not go to class I just studied the book.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had happened in Dr. Drumheller's Organizational Communication class. She had us each volunteer with a nonprofit organization, and while volunteering we were to critically evaluate and analyze the communication in the organization. Our final project was to write up and present a report. She left it open to us to do the work as we saw fit, and expected us to do it well. It was perhaps the most professional work I've ever done.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I walked onto the Men's basketball team my Junior year. This year was my third year to play and it has definitely been the most significant learning experience at WT. Opened up my eyes to numerous different cultures from my teammates as well as learning about different places from travel we would do throughout the season.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The faculty and at WTAMU are amazing. They go above and beyond to ensure that students learn to the best of their abilities.
Senior	Full-time	Male	the sizes of classrooms are small enough to encourage a good student-instructor rapport. instructors are always willing to help both during and not during office hours.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Helping with research.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I have learned about myself. Putting education aside, I have found who I am. I think that this is one of the most important things to learn. Throughout college I figured out what I wanted, how I learned best, and what my own views were.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Growth. WTAMU has help me change from a high school boy with little knowledge, into a man ready to take on any challenges the world throws at me.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The professional relationships with faculty members.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The thing I've learned most at West Texas A&M as I've continued media studies, is just how vast the media field is and that there's so much that you can do. It's helped me open my mind more and try other things that I at first wasn't too certain about, but in the end it helped me build more confidence in what I study and am working towards.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Your ability to build meaningful relationships will take you far
Senior	Full-time	Male	I have had the best experience at West Texas A&M University.
Senior	Full-time	Male	In two SES courses we discussed some principles that are necessary for good instruction. After discussing, we were to apply these principles in a actual setting. For example, a group of four would take the rest of the class through an activity applying the learned principles along the way. This created further comprehension of the material because students were not merely memorizing ideas, but rather putting the ideas into action. Further, I feel it provided me with experience in instructing a group of participants through and activity. In other words, it prepares me for my career in the future.
Senior	Full-time	Male	WT is a true institution of higher learning - there's no political indoctrination, no fear of sharing views and opinions from a "traditional" point of view, no social engineering BS. The professors and other students (at least online) are there to learn and share while remaining professional, courteous and adults. The professors I've had are terrific - they have tough expectations, but never unreasonable. They truly care. Kudos especially to Dr. Chauhan and Dr. Stravato. I'd also like to add that Ms. McCormick in advising is so very, very wonderful!
Senior	Full-time	Male	Tutors
Senior	Full-time	Male	If there was something significant I had learned during my time attending this institution I have long since forgotten it.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Dr. Blasers' soil irrigation and conservation class, presented a real world problem that we were tasked with finding a solution. The interesting thing is that the problem was already in a working condition, so you had to essentially provide solutions/amendments to a system that already worked. It was the sort of thing where if you fixed the problem too much you would end up breaking it. The task was a very complex matter that in the end provided me with a very different perspective on problem-solving solutions.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The WTAMU College of Business is the best thing that has ever happened to me. The staff is second to none from the Dean, to the lowest level work study. The College of Business encourages instructors to engage with students. Every faculty member I have met is genuinely concerned with the success of every student. The faculty are always willing to help students not only with issues concerning their education but also "life" issues. I am extremely proud and honored to be apart of such a great organization!
Senior	Not full-time	Female	With each class that I take I have learned something new and is beneficial for my career path. I have enjoyed taking online classes.

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	The Excel how to program introduced during a CDIM core course. Presented knowledge and skills that were immediately useful to my current job. Gained greater knowledge of advanced Excel uses that will be useful for future jobs.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	My nursing career has been more efficient now that I am taking nursing courses for my BSN. The nursing courses has helped me to critically think so that I can provide safe patient care.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Its a great learning institution! I love it!
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The Rogers Lead WT program gave us multiple ways to further our professional development by implementing service and leadership into our projects and also gave us networking experience.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had was writing a SMIF (Student-Manage Investment Fund) paper in my Investments class last semester.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The classes and field trips.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience has been during my conversations with academic advisors. They have helped me analyze thoroughly what I want to do as a career.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	There is not one experience in particular that stands out in my mind. All of my experiences combined have meant a lot to me and affected me deeply, both professionally and personally.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	When I took Dr. Bingham the first semester I was at WTAMU I had the best time. I looked forward to coming to her class. She taught with such enthusiasm that I I got excited about learning the things that she was teaching us. These were things that were relatively boring and I would have not grasped if not for her. I am thankful for her because these were things that were very important to my career.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I have learned to deal with stress and my family has learned how to be ignored. I take online classes because 1. I live 9 hours away and 2. to be able to manage work and classes. However, this semester, I have had to miss work in order to keep up with Dr. Hadley's class. So the most important thing that I learned is an A&M degree is just as good as UT, Walden, or Texas Tech. I was very excited to earn this degree but with one more class to go, I am just happy to survive without an ulcer.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had is through my education classes. I have taken multiple education classes that have taught me how to improve my teaching methods, organize a classroom, create classroom management, and even how to properly write or re-write lesson plans in order to accommodate for students of all learning types.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I enjoyed my ethnicity course the most. Opened my eyes to what people of other cultures have gone through to be an American.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The Buffteks. A club that takes web and mobile application design projects from the local community and develops them in a team environment. I spend the majority of every job interview I have talking about this club (and I've nailed every interview so far). We focus on developing projects front to back in teams of varying skill level to promote mentoring and improvement for all members. Not only are the projects great for resumes but give good experience that helps bridge the gap between course work and job experience.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The information I gathered from my criminal justice books and classes have helped me a lot in my decision making at my current job.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	It's hard to pinpoint an exact moment, my whole 4 years at WT have been amazing, I've learned a lot from my classes
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Learning about psychology and how the brain works because it controls everything we do or say. If one little thing is off it can cause problems or allow for new knowledge to be gained. The brain is fantastic and very intricate. It requires humans to constantly seek to do or not to do just because of the hormones and neurotransmitters that are being released. It can changes those off of previous experiences or imagined experiences.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Learning how to manage classes and working full time, and taking care of my family
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I have taken and understood statistics.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Hazwoper course and environmental law
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Statistical data
Senior	Not full-time	Female	A research paper on the effects of diet on cognition.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	My most significant learning experience so far in this institution has been through studies of poverty and those less fortunate who live in poverty, in taking both Social Work and Sociology classes.

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	When a guest speaker passed out a paper with the typical salaries for someone working in my field. I discovered it would take 22 years of working in music to make the starting salary of a software engineer. I realized that I really should have gotten a different degree.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Learning the aspects of society and being able to relate and emphasize my past, present, and future needs toward a position.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	No
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Just being able to do observations around the schools. Getting the gist of teaching in the community.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Hard work pays off even if you have been a single mom trying to complete your degree, it is possible. The teachers care and as long as they know you are willing to put in the work and effort, they are willing to assist you and help you along the way. I have learned to have my comfort zones pushed, think outside the box and excel.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I am the president of a student led organization. This has prepared me for my future career. I have learned how to be a better leader, how to network, built relationships in the Panhandle, developed relationships with many of my classmates, and I have had the opportunity to have more interaction with faculty. I have also improved my ability to research various resources while improving my speaking, writing, and reading skills. I am more confident and continue to grow as a person. My classes have complimented this experience.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had so far at this institution is student teaching
Senior	Not full-time	Female	My English capstone course has been the most significance because I receive more one-on-one time with my professor, which allows them to focus on my personal development.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Time-management with school and having two jobs as well as the internship I recently participated in.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I did like the discussion boards where I short answered and had to reply to others. I'm not the most social especially being an online student, but that helped me talk through viewpoints with other students.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	research writing, and APA
Senior	Not full-time	Female	We had to do a social experiment in one class last semester. I had to incorporate myself into a culture for several hours that I had never been involved in before. I spent the evening with the deaf community. It was a wonderful experience and even more revealing once I had to write about it. I definitely recommend this for most courses.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Student teaching
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Learning about history was good. I also enjoyed my Conflict Management course a lot.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I feel the relationships that I have built with the faculty and students will be the most valuable to my professional work. I have teachers in the music department that are willing to make my work specifically directed for what I want to do and do not involve much busy work.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The most learning experience that i have experienced at this institution is that you have to make time for school home work. If you don't put time and effort into your work you will fail your courses.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I have had a positive learning experience here at WTAMU
Senior	Not full-time	Male	My creative writing skills have improved over the past two years.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Courses in managing people and how people think
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Orientation into the National Society of Leadership and Success. The team-building is great, and it opens up more diversity than I get taking online classes.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The capstone course has been the most significant learning experience because it allows the student to contribute to his or her field of study using information and skills learned in other courses. It is great preparation for graduate-level work and gives the student the opportunity to solidify his or her studies.
	NT - C 11 - 1	Male	Being a distance learner the most significant experience has been group project related. This ]accurately reflects
Senior	Not full-time		my current career where we have several remote team members and coordinating efforts can be a challenge. Our instructor's recommendations about what kinds of technology to use to make facilitating the work easier have broad reaching implications. I have brought the skills and lessons learned from these assignments into my life at work.



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Senior	Not full-time	Male	Hard question! Working with different professors has opened my eye to how a professor with a bad rating can still turn out to be the most understanding professor. Another professor with good ratings turns out to treat you like they dislike you, yet you don't even know them. Even though our society thinks they can rate everything online, doesn't mean it is true. Perhaps, there is only certain people making all the comments and rating choices. It can also be a person doesn't bother unless they have had a moving experience, good or bad. My point is to never judge anything based on other's experiences, but solely on your own. Even then give it a second, third, or fourth try! Nothing is a for sure! Be open and just live!
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I have learned how to be a better supervisor and how to work within the emergency management umbrella more efficiently. Have learned something from all my classes that I could use right away in my everyday work life.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Completion of the Capstone project for the Emergency Management degree. It greatly expanded my ability to research and compile several different points of view to arrive at a concise final viewpoint.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I am an online student, so my experiences at this institution are limited; however, I have greatly enjoyed my learning experience at WTAMU.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had at this institution has been through my major courses that have been taught by Dr. Richard Kazmaier. He teaches each class with enthusiasm and passion and always pushes students to look at a situation from a different prospective. By far, the best class I have taken at WT was Conservation Biology. It is a very inspiring class and the way Dr. Kazmaier has designed it really opens your mind up to new ideas. It's a great course full of great reading material that was discussed as a class on a daily basis.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience that I've had college has to be the news production course I took my junior year. Hands on experience is far and away the most important thing any college student can obtain while attending college. Books and tests are great, but application is much more critical and important to future employers not to mention more valuable to the students as well.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The best thing I have learned is about current ethics, with the increased diversity of people and the smart way to address any issue.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Writing skills and test taking skills
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Organizational Behavior was a great class with a great instructor.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I haven't learned much.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The classes that I've been taking throughout the last two years, have all been related (intertwined) with each other- this reinforces the overall learning for the students'. Examples also include (involvement of the instructors): -One instructor will add the weeks chapter reading (from the textbook required) for the week; PDF or photo copy of the pages required to be read that week. This helps those students who are behind with purchasing books, or received them late and is quite helpfulAnother video tapes himself (explaining what needs to be read or what assignments are due) to give the students an example or a starting point on how to proceed on a project or paper -One instructor reminds all the students in his classes to "stay engaged", so as not to dwindle off or, start losing interest towards the end of the semester, also effective.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I can't say that I've had one that had any significance. My GPA tanked due to a horrible professor in a science class I had. Worst.Professor.Ever.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	There was more than one significant learning experience. Attending WTAMU was a great experience. Learning how to think was significant, and my experience with Dr. Humphreys in Programming 1 and MIS was significant.



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