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# NSSE 2015

## Student Comments

### West Texas A&M University

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The final page of the NSSE survey asked students to respond to the following question in an open text box:

*"If you have any additional comments or feedback that you'd like to share on the quality of your educational experience, please type them below."*

**Important:**

- Confidential student responses to this question appear on the following pages. Because student comments are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS data file. For this reason, please use discretion when using, storing, and disseminating the SPSS file.
- **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.**
- Comments are sorted by class, enrollment status, and gender. Information for these variables was provided by your institution.

Class	Enrollment	Gender	Comments
First-year	Full-time	Female	I put lower marks on things like my thoughts and skills in presentations and interpersonal things or global issues is because my entire 4 years of High School focused almost solely on these things.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I wish that my educational facility would have a better dining facility or at least another dining area that students can eat at. I also wish that the dining facility stay open on the weekends at the same times as during the week for those who live on campus and that the weekend food is not left over food from the weekday. I would also be pleased if, like other colleges, we are able to see that our food is being cooked and not stuff from Aramark. Thank you for reading this and considering my opinion; have a great day!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Please stop sending me emails about these surveys.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I LOVE WT!! GO BUFFS!!
First-year	Full-time	Male	So far my time at West Texas AMU has been great. There are great things going on here at WT and I am excited for my future here. I have been able to interact all kinds of people and it makes me happy to have that opportunity. I am able to engage in new ideas and see that this world is so much bigger than what it seems like in my hometown.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Educational experience could be prospering if more adequate living conditions on campus were available. The honor program hall, Conner Hall, needs air conditioning, for example. Seriously.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I would describe my overall experience at WTAMU as ok. While WT seems to be interested in my success as a student, I get the impression that they are much more concerned with their public image and their bottom line as an institution. WT's housing strict housing requirements have forced me to drop classes and become a part time student to avoid being required to live on campus. I feel like this has been entirely detrimental to my success as a student. I also feel uncomfortable with the overzealous campus police, in the sense that I feel like they are much more concerned with petty tickets (parking, etc.) than with real issues on campus.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I think the academic aspect of my university is appropriate with being at the college level, but involving/introducing possible stress relief opportunities that do not interfere with regular study/homework schedules, might aide in a better academic, and social performance in the majority of enrolled students.
First-year	Full-time	Male	:DDDDDD
Senior	Full-time	Female	It is very helpful for my educational experience that I can easily contact and connect with the professors and faculty at the university. They can help me with concerns that I have. That was something I was worried about as a freshmen but thankfully the faculty here are willing to help and are very kind and understanding.
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>After my first year, it seemed like the college as a whole stopped caring about what made the student body happy. All they care about is bringing in new students which is good, but you have to keep the ones you have happy as well. A lot of my friends left after our first year because they weren't pleased with the college as a whole.</p> <p>Lately everything has been under construction on campus and it has been a headache. I can't even go run on the track in the activity center because it has been closed for this semester and most of last semester as well. However, we are still paying to use it when we really can only use half of it most days.</p> <p>They also aren't doing anything to assure the safety of students living in dorms. There have been several reports of sexual assault in the dorms in the last month, but they are not willing to put up cameras at the entrances of these dorms.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	West Texas A&M has an amazing group of professors and an amazing Education program, but lacks a diverse student body.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am an online student, which is why I have not participated in events or had many reactions with other students.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I'm an online student so my campus activity will skew results.</p> <p>Can the professors make sure the correct books are listed prior to class starting? Also, make note if e-books will work for the course or if a "new" version is required. The cost of text books can be reduced if they look at economical alternative from a students position. I am out of state and have to order text books. There have been several issues with incorrect textbooks listed in mybuff, "new" versions required yet never used (the coursemate or online access code for the new text.)</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I've learnt a lot here in WT. It's been a wonderful educational experience here as an international student athlete.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>As a student that lived off-campus, it was hard to be involved in campus activities. Having the opportunity to join groups off-campus may have been a nice way to be involved without having to go to campus.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I have had a great experience here. The road to get to graduation is ridiculous and most students are in student debt when they finally get out. That is not just here at this school. This school needs to have better advisors I honestly have had only one great advisor. So many of them steer you into the wrong direction and put you in classes that don't count toward your degree or just stick you in one so they can fill it. It is wrong for someone to just "make up" a class because they feel like it and it be required. Also, several online class professors do not care if we pass or fail or if we even learn the material. I have had one online class that the professor actually cares and it is in my Education degree. The whole experience has been good but there are just some specific instances where you can see that the college process is all about money and not about students graduating and that is not just here it is everywhere. The faculty here are very caring and want you to learn and pass.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Overall, I would say that I have had a very positive educational experience. I would not trade it for anything. I know there are people that would kill to have to educational opportunities that I have had, and I am very blessed to be where I am and be doing the things I am doing.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I think there is a lot of growing to do at this school. Honestly, had I known that I would be in my last semester of school and still feel as though the education department and advising services were unable to help me, I would have left after my first semester. The only reason I figured out what state tests I need to pass to be highly certified and where to apply for them is through my own research and calling several outside sources. The department head and anyone else always pushed me aside because "we are not familiar with the special education program." There needs to be someone taking care of this section of the education department! A lot of us are being crammed into observation hours and many of us will have to take three or more courses DURING our student teaching because when we asked how to get our hours done, we were told "not to worry about it." Now we are being punished for it. This may only be happening in my field of study, but it does concern me. My little sister who wants to be a general education teacher asked me about the program. I suggested that she go to a junior college and wait to see if there are some major changes made in the next few years at my school. If changes are not made, I will tell her not to go unless she thinks she can figure out what classes to take, how to sign up for appropriate things, and how to get graduated on her own.</p> <p>The professors who are not part of advising are extremely helpful in what knowledge they do have. They are always seeking new information for us; however, most times it does not relate to the special education degree program. This cannot be helped, for they are not informed either.</p> <p>Something else that concerned me was I had one class that was offered on campus related directly to special education. Everything else was only offered online. I feel like I missed a huge part of my education because we were given written assignments to do that were repeated each semester in each class.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Most of the educators at this institution are phenomenal mentors, teachers, coaches, and advisors. There are always a few that are horrible. I have had them and will be sad to have to take them again for another course because they are the only professor available. Seriously, English should be taught by someone who's English is proficient. Special Ed programs should not be all online with the exception of two classes. I take several EC-6 Generalist classes.....why can't mine be in house? Why are their books the most outdated of all the text books and their field changes even more than the basic general education concepts do. My still asked question- is half this relevant or do I find out I could have done all this on my own.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I am a graduate student with an undergraduate degree in social sciences. These professors, along with my communication professors are VERY apt to here our opinions and discuss real issues on race, sexuality, and all other issues that cause differences between people. WT truly has the best faculty I have ever encountered! I am so proud to say that I am a graduate of WT and that I have had the honor to work with such wonderful professors and all the other staff we have on campus!
Senior	Full-time	Female	The Science building at this school is in worse physical condition than some meth labs. Large amounts of money have been spent on trivial aspects such as athletic locker rooms. I feel that by doing this, WT has announced "Athletics are more important to this school than science"-which is the reason that I do not enjoy attending this school. The only reason why I am attending this school is because it is the only institution that I can attend for free, which is sad. Students are supposed to be the products of a school, not customers. The students at WT are customers and the quality of their education reflects this. I am ashamed to go to this school.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The educational experience here at WTAMU, has been quite awful. 1: the staff/ faculty of the school does not take the students into consideration, they often screw over the students at every turn. the faculty do not taken in to account or work with though whom have special needs, I.E.. disabilities and so forth. The places for students to help them in certain areas of study are pointless. The school does not help or do they care for the students for which they have the responsibility to one, follow the regulations and bi-laws of the school. in order to meet the needs of the students. The school disrespected and harassed Veterans of the armed forces consistently. the faculty fails students when a student was given a essay assignment that based on a opinionated question. lack of funding for students whom seek to study aboard or conduct research projects. instead the school miss uses funds for other "PROJECTS" that do not the departments or students the money to help them gain knowledge or the research that the students want. the graduate program is a joke, for example most departments have a graduate program but it is all independent study. the school dose not offer or plan on opening up any graduate programs that would give a student the education that they are seeking and paying for. The schools "REC" fund is constantly raised for the school to spend it on things that students do not go to or use. half if not most of the schools activities are not known to the student body or cancelled. Faculty at the school play favorites with students, some have been know to sleep with students, the schools athletic department openly meets with students out side of class with out a school function and do so in a inappropriate manner. There is not on thing positive about this school. no good education is taught here, nothing that would show students how the real world operations or is. No skill or knowledge that can be taken away. they are been students that drop out be cause of the known- bad treatment they have been or had received from the schools faculty and staff members.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Liberate East Prussia!
Senior	Full-time	Male	As an adult white christian heterosexual male I felt there was no way for me to answer any of the societal/cultural questions without being stereotyped or discriminated against. I have no problem with other races, cultures, sexual orientations, or religions. However, I do feel like this survey is a shinning example of a tool designed to promote reverse discrimination. The sins of previous generations are not my sins.
Senior	Full-time	Male	As a student pursuing music education, none of my classes were ever electives. Every single one was required. To me this was kind of a blessing and a curse, with everybody else all over campus, perhaps excluding nursing majors, taking a bare minimum and being in college for college. I don't expect myself to understand difficult science or architecture, but I would appreciate it so much if the rest of my idiot college peers would at least try to understand that as a music major, my time is extremely vital. And when you say that "its only playing an instrument" it really is much more than that. It's history, theory, conducting, teaching students, and being a professional at your instrument, which you have to do everyday. So excuse me for taking a small stand for music education students, just give me some credit for busting my ass for four years and becoming a world champion at it in the process. Check out the 2014 Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps, you'll educate yourself.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	If I had known the quality of teachers and job training this college offered were so low, I would of made sure to go to a different college. There is the matter of MATH teachers who use their tenure as an excuse to be arrogant and non-caring of students needs. As a matter of fact, this professor makes it clear that you bug HIM. I can't believe the college would allow him to work there and call themselves an educational institution. I find it sad that being in Education the college says we have to know how to make lesson plans for going into the field, yet they have never once sat and shown us how to write one. They have mentioned it exists, but we have never been shown by one education professor how to write one. Furthermore, the priorities of this college seem to be more about money than about students, too many professors instead of accepting the times they are wrong accuse students of being liars and difficult. I have personally witnessed this on more than one occasion, and yet nothing was ever done to help the student. There are too many professors getting paid to do nothing at this college and we pay them between 3000 to 7000 dollars a semester. I should of went to a more prestigious college and not attended this particular one. I'll be glad when I get out of here because I won't have to worry about the next professor short-changing me.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I believe as a communication major, I am very well rounded on most of the topics that are talked about. Other majors might not be as well rounded on said topics.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I don't know if college has always been this easy, but I doubt it because the education taught here is a joke. I cannot comprehend how people fail classes aside from not participating. The students here would not have been able to pass the English class I had in 8th grade. We evidently need to do away with standardized testing before we drive ourselves back into the Stone Age. Students today seem ignorant, and have no work ethic. Why it takes people more than four years to finish befuddles me. I have had no issue graduating in two years, been accepted into four honor societies, and graduating with honors. All it cost me was effort and quite a few sleepless nights. The faculty is great for the most part, most consider me a peer. And the professors concur with my assessment that kids come out of school unprepared. Not only has teaching the test done a disservice to them, but also to our society and country. It is scary to think that someone from the standard age student here will ever be in the military, be an officer, or more importantly run this country. The students tend to expect the professors to give extensions. One professor was explaining how she was the only professor who expected students to turn in paperwork by the assigned time... at the Master's level. College has been turned into a joke, not everyone needs it, when the standards get lowered, it does not do anyone a favor. College is no more than greed now. The prices go up. Sure, they ask students what they think. When someone's parents are paying for it, of course they do not mind the price hike. The price of college has risen exponentially since the 1990s, the value of the dollar down. When the big picture is looked at, college is probably the worst investment to bet on. Too many people who should not have degrees do, leaving people with a PhD serving coffee at Starbucks. Would I be attending college here if the VA GI Bill was not paying for it? No. As far as I am concerned, It is a piece of paper that means nothing these days. It is filling a spot for a check mark, no different than what a high school diploma was twenty years ago. Many professors are are too busy pushing agendas to make people socialist democrats. Having people indoctrinating people with this sewage and preaching how bad whites are is killing the country. Reflecting on all the liberal filth I have heard spewed here just assured me that No, I would not attend college here.
Senior	Full-time	Male	meow
Senior	Full-time	Male	Tyler Gibson
Senior	Full-time	Male	I am an engineering major that transferred to TX from CA and had most of my degree complete. Some of these questions I answered the best I could but keep in mind I have only attended this university since August of last year.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My educational experience has been very decent overall. The professors are all accommodating. The comm. professors are above and beyond. It can be hard to attend events sometimes if its not part of a certain organization or club. What the students want needs to be taken into better consideration by the Chancellor, the board, and the President. Our college really needs some things, and the students need to be heard more as well. The university is very close to becoming great but needs some work.

Class	Enrollment	Gender	Comments
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I want to commend West Texas A&M and its professors for a wonderful degree program. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at WTAMU. My only wish is that I could have attended on campus rather than online only due to distance. I would have liked to have the opportunity to enjoy events and other opportunities such as sororities for women, the friendships forged during college and the events offered. Thank you all so much. I find I am regretting this being my last semester at WTAMU. I will be graduating this May at 50 years of age. This has indeed been the achievement of my life. Thank you!
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I am a distance education student. My classes have been in the online environment. The instructors have all been extremely helpful and patient with this type of learning, especially for older students that were used to sitting in the classroom.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I think it would be important if the advisors and other offices that have student interaction such as financial aid, registrar's office and business office were more in tune with student needs. Also, if those offices could return correspondence sent by the student.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	College tuition makes it very challenging to get a proper education required in today's job market. There are not enough grants and scholarships to cover the number of students trying to obtain a better education.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I am a single mother who works full time. I very rarely go to the campus.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	My two years at WT have been an awesome experience! Thank You!
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I am extremely pleased with the Social Work and Spanish programs at WT. My college experience has been wonderful due to the amazing students, professors and other staff at the University. I would like to thank the Social Work Program for giving me such amazing learning opportunities such as field work.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	West Texas A & M University is the best opportunity that has happened to me. It has helped me knowledge wise and to know that I can accomplish my goal of being a probation officer. I did this for my family and myself.  Thank you West Texas A & M Universtiy  Erica Flores
Senior	Not full-time	Female	In the years of my attendance at WT, I have he much trouble with the way classes are offered. I hope later on, class schedules and requirements are more flexible to adult students like me. I pay and hope that the university works more around adult's work schedule and more considerate of their duties to their families.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	none
Senior	Not full-time	Female	WTAMU is one of the best universities in Texas that are staffed with individuals who will do what it takes to help each student succeed.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	It was a fine college experience for what it was. I transferred from a CC and then got to experience being bashed by every professor. Not personally, but because of my ethnic, cultural, and sexual identity. It's just not cool or GOOD to be a white, heterosexual man.  I've taken it standing up and haven't cried, complained, or retaliated. What I do think is ironic and hypocritical is how we call one group of people bigots and then turn around and chastise people who were never involved in that bigotry simply because they possess the same pigment of skin and cultural identification. It's sad and there needs to be mutual awareness and understanding that all races, creeds, colors, and sexual orientations equally have something positive to contribute to society. It does not forgive the sins of the past, however, no one alive in my age group was a transgressor of those sins. We understand the atrocities committed by others, but we shouldn't be made to feel guilty about it.  I liked WT, if a friend lived in the panhandle and wanted an education I would recommend it.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I am an online student. It seems that some professors do not put much emphasis on online courses. Some professors only post lessons and exams and do not provide any feedback. Online exams are structured very different, such as some exams don't have a back button, thus one cannot review their answers before being submitted. Some exams that have an essay part, only have a window about the size of the one I am typing in right now...possibly smaller. Thus it makes it difficult to type an essay.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I'm good.



