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# NSSE 2019

## Student Comments

### Illinois State University

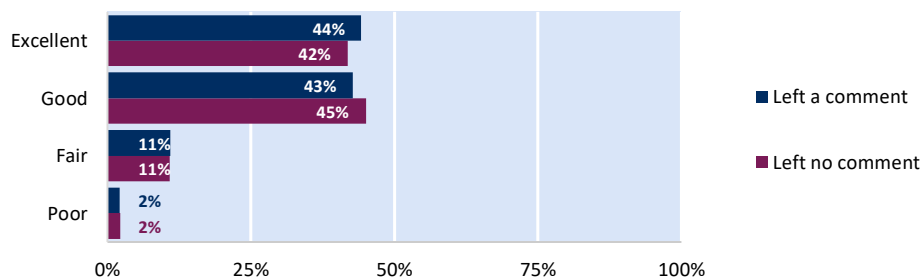
This report displays confidential comments your students provided in response to up to three open-ended questions. Two such questions appear in Topical Modules (Civic Engagement; First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions) and the third appears at the end of the survey (after any module or consortium questions). This file contains separate tabs for each source, as appropriate, with end-of-survey comments in separate tabs for first-year and senior students. Each tab contains the wording of the corresponding question.

Module comments are sorted by class, enrollment status, and sex. End-of-survey comments are sorted by overall satisfaction, enrollment status, and sex. Information for variables other than satisfaction was provided by your institution.

#### How Satisfied Were Student Commenters with Their Educational Experience?

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

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



#### Identified Data Also Provided

Because the comments are confidential, student identifiers are not given in this report but are provided in a separate SPSS data file named "NSSE19 Student Comments (ISU).sav".

#### Important

These comments appear exactly as the students entered them and **may not be suitable for distribution without prior review**. Faculty members, administrators, or other students may be mentioned by name, and comments were not edited for grammar, offensive language, excessive length, or otherwise questionable content. For this reason, please use discretion when using, storing, and disseminating this report and the Student Comments data file.



Institutions had the option to select one of four comment prompts to be given at the end of the survey (including after all module and consortium questions). 175 first-year students responded to the following:

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

Response to <i>evalexp</i>	Enrollment	Sex	Response
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had is to educate myself on everything I can and make good, lasting connections with people.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	n/a
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The feedback and constant encouragement from teachers and staff at this university has been the biggest impact on my education so far at this institution.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience is to take advantage of my resources.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Overall, I have let my curiosity of the medical field free. It makes me excited to be able to learn about things that will make me stand out from the crowd as a medical specialist. I enjoy my Anatomy and Physiology course the most because it is the core level of understanding how to treat people who are sick and injured.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Everyone has the same goal which is to get a college education and everyone is equal.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Working with WZND
Excellent	Full-time	Female	IDS Skills sets for college
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Since I'm a want to become a nurse it's important to take care of myself first before helping others.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	At a housing training session at the bone center, we were discussing education and people of different backgrounds and economic status, and we all were moved by a quote written on one of the boards.  "If you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live it's whole life believing it is stupid" -Albert Einstein.  Something ISU has taught me is that it's okay if you are not the best in math, or the best in English, because you don't have to be. You find what you love, Major in it, use your passion and love for what you are doing to push your educational goals and make a difference in the field and maybe even the world, and that's all that really matters.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had so far was when I got to attend my first teaching conference through the Illinois State University's Student Education Association club which is apart of the Illinois Education Association and the National Education Association. I was able to learn about several key topics that will be useful to know and apply when I am an elementary school teacher.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Sociology.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I learned about the dangers of categorizing and judging people based on their accent or dialect
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning to live on my own and learning to live with others. I've also learned a lot about what it takes to be an active student.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	i am in a sociology 106 class with dr richard sullivan and while that man is batshit crazy he's taught me more than i ever have about the world and how the top 1% holds all the power while we're stuck in an institution because we think it'll make us more money and get us into that top 1% in the long run. we will continue to give up our free time that we don't have much of to do work at home and to kiss the boots of our superiors just so we can make some green paper that doesn't really even have value.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning the dedication it takes to be a student and athlete. It has taught me how to organize, prioritize, and work hard every day.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	SOC 106 with Richard Sullivan has taught me a lot about the way the world works.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had was with the Health and Wellness program. I'm learning how to take care of my body by going to the gym regularly, eating more healthier, relaxing, and staying focused.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Taking an introductory level sociology course has been the most significant learning experience I have had. We discussed issues that made some people uncomfortable which I think is a good thing.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	again, math 130 taught me a lot. Not just math in general, but how to teach it.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have had the most learning is smaller class sizes.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being a student athlete in college
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I had a lot of issues last semester with exams and Wade Nichols was really nice and supportive and he helped me make up the exams i missed without making me feel judged
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Sociology 106 with Richard Sullivan
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The campus would have the most effect on me because that's what is closest to me. I'm involved here and I'm part of this group.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning to love and accept others for who they are has made a significant impact on my life within this short period of time here at Illinois State.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My COM 110 class with Jillian Joyce taught me how to feel comfortable and confident speaking in front of my peers and teachers as well as working in groups. I learned so much about myself and about communication skills.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I came from a small, whitewashed town so to be able to experience different cultures and people is such an amazing learning experience to me.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My ceramics class made me realize how much I love making pottery and it gave me something to look forward to everyday.

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Excellent	Full-time	Female	What I learned doesn't have to do with academics but with me socially. I learned that it's up to me to talk to people that are around me or I will be spending all my time alone.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Having all the professors care about you and your education and being there for you
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Second year German. Loved the perspective on history and the humanities.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience was at metcalf elementary school where I volunteer. This is most significant because I get to see what it really takes to be a teacher and do what I love a few times a week.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had here is learning to handle conflict with my roommate. I have never lived with anybody else like this before, and we are very different people. We had to figure out good communication skills to be able to get along for the entire year. We are friends now and aren't afraid to speak each other's minds to the other person because we have a mutual understanding.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant experience I've had hasn't been from any class I've participated in. Once you go to college, you realize that your standards should be high, but you shouldn't get your hopes up for something that may not happen. I believed that everything would be perfect and I'd be popular with everyone I met, but that wasn't the case. I thought that because I got almost all A's in high school without too much effort, college would be just as simple. Therefore, I learned that it's okay to have high standards for your life and what happens in it, but don't get your hopes up too high in case things don't go the way you planned.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being a nursing major, classes are not easy. I feel as if the courses unrelated to my major are fairly easy, whereas chemistry and microbiology have been the most challenging.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I learned how to deal with others different from me and have different views.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Just learning about the experiences of other people. People from all over come to this institution and their stories are important and should be heard. Everyone should be able to speak their mind without feeling like they will get attacked. Learning from other people has been the most significant.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The biggest learning experience that I have had at this institution so far, is learning how to manage your time! I didn't know it until now, but Calendar's are actually pretty helpful in college, and if you use it correctly, you will become more successful! This is a very true statement. I ended off my first semester with a 3.4 GPA, and I was in the marching band. I didn't go to any parties and I was working as hard as I could on my academics! I don't look back!
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I am a housing tour guide. I have learned how to be more comfortable with public speaking and adjusting to the behaviors of people I don't know.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	So many, but can't remember what it was.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Being in a fraternity was a nice experience but I won't have that for 5 years now since we are now booted.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I'm not sure
Excellent	Full-time	Male	My history 100 class because it labeled out all the expectations the department had
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Learning how to grow up and get ready for a changing world.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had so far at this institution is to be always on your feet, in other words, be active. This can be in many areas. Be highly active in your studies, sports, or socially. Having the best experience is to be active in all of those areas and Illinois State University allows me to do that. So far, I am doing reasonably good in my studies (4.0 gpa my first semester). I play soccer from time to time and basketball with friends which also plays a role socially.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I've learned here to accept myself, not be drawn to labels, and the world isn't such a bad place. I've become more positive and comfortable with myself than I have ever been before. I've surrounded myself with good people and I have been involved in a lot of organizations. Every time I go to class, the library, or the dining center, I always see someone I know and spark up conversations with them. I've always liked being around people, but being at Illinois State has multiplied that by times 10 at least. Also, I've come to love meeting new, interesting people. Some people might not have the same interests as you or look the same as you but I've become very observant and understand other people's lives because they're so different than how I've grown up and have had different life experiences!
Excellent	Full-time	Male	In my history and criminal justice class we talk a good amount about what is going on in the world and things you don't really learn about in highschool which is cool.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Being pushed to challenge the norm in my philosophy class
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have received so far has been from my communications teacher. Someone was giving a speech and whenever she messed up she would whisper to herself that she messed up. Not even two minutes into the speech and my teacher interrupted her and started talking about how when public speaking things are not as they seem to be. She went on about how most people right now may look like they're paying attention and some of them are, but some of them are just thinking about what they want to eat for lunch. This feeling that everyone is watching and judging you, they all feel that way about themselves too so they know not to do what they wouldn't want you to do to them.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience has been my politics class civics in the united States government. This class was an eye opener to the real world and how the government works on a normal basis.

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Excellent	Full-time	Male	Pledging Alpha Kappa Psi helped me develop a plethora of professional skills that I wouldn't have obtained without the organization's help.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Being able to be a UGTA has been remarkable and taught me how to work with others, as well as help people learn material better.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Voting in the election and seeing how important it is to vote and how involved the college-age demographic is to elections.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I have always been nervous in front of a large group of people. But after my first speech assignment in my Communications class that all went away. I had never spoke in front of a large class before and I was very nervous to. I practiced and practiced trying to memorize the whole speech to try not to miss a single word. When I started my speech I was talking very fast but once I realized I was talking too fast, I calmed myself down and slowed down my speech. After that, the speech went very well and I realized I could do it even though I doubted myself. The lesson I took away from this, is to never doubt yourself because when you do, the outcome for success is limited.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Insta career
Excellent	Full-time	Male	i prefer not to answer
Good	Full-time	Female	Geology with Paul M. He taught me soo much and it was very interested, he makes class fun and interactable even with a 300+ student lecture. He's awesome!
Good	Full-time	Female	I have learned that everyone here is equally important and that everyone's opinion matters.
Good	Full-time	Female	my first semester I had a teacher that noticed I was struggling and when she asked why she acted more as a friend and it meant a lot to me that she wasn't just my teacher. it showed that she cared
Good	Full-time	Female	In my sociology class we apply almost everything to the real world. In one of the classes we played a game called win as much as you can. My class is 300 students so my professor split us up into 6 groups and each group had to pick x or y, and depending what everyone else picked, your group either gained or lost points. Whoever ends up with the most points wins. The results of that game ended up with everyone receiving negative points. This really taught me that no matter what, people are gonna do things that only benefit themselves, but in the end you're really not gaining anything which was basically the whole point of the game, but it was something that really stuck with me.
Good	Full-time	Female	just by being on my own and not being with my family.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience was in my FCS 242 Drafting class. I have learned more about real world things than in any other class. This class is also for my major so it is useful to me unlike some GenEd classes I have taken.
Good	Full-time	Female	Majority of my professors are amazing! I'm learning quite a lot- I enjoy most of the courses I'm taking and cannot wait to see what is to come up next.
Good	Full-time	Female	My English class last semester taught me not only about English but about how to interact with other people whether it be in class or out of class.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had so far was learning about how cancer develops in my biology class. I always knew what cancer did and the treatments for it but I never knew how it came to be.
Good	Full-time	Female	My arts technology classes have advanced me in topics that i'm really interested in.
Good	Full-time	Female	I have learned that this institution over sells there parking passes and don't have enough parking spots for the amount of commuters and staff they have. Not having enough spots therefore has caused not only me and some of my other peers stress, anger, and panic because of the lack of a space. They ask then where am I supposed to park in a parking garage. For someone like me who has a green parking pass and pays \$91, I don't feel like paying more money to park in a parking garage. So getting to class over an hour in advance will at least make it possible for you to have a spot.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience in this institution is being able to adapt to a new environment and meet people from different backgrounds.
Good	Full-time	Female	Havent had any
Good	Full-time	Female	In my communications class, I was forced out of my comfort zone. I worked on public speaking, which is a skill I will use for the rest of my life.
Good	Full-time	Female	Learning more about business.
Good	Full-time	Female	My courses relating to my major, and helping me reach my goal of becoming a nurse.
Good	Full-time	Female	I don't understand what you mean
Good	Full-time	Female	The overall transition from high school to college has been significant.
Good	Full-time	Female	Just learning to live on my room and be an adult.
Good	Full-time	Female	Honors Alternative Spring Break working on cleaning the Mississippi River.

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Good	Full-time	Female	My favorite class that I took last semester was POL 106, not only was my professor engaging and presented the information in an understandable way but the information itself was fascinating to me. Politics are something I have been interested in for a while, and learning about political issues of the world is important nowadays. This course not only gave information about the structure and inner workings of government but also brought in current events and past events that are significant to the U.S, helping me understand why the government is the way it is and giving me ways I could possibly change injustices in the country by voting for politicians who share my values and ideals. I was always excited to go to this class and learn more about politics.
Good	Full-time	Female	In BSC 196, we discussed global warming and the professor seemed very passionate about it which made everyone in the class more interested. I think global warming is a very important topic that should be discussed more, especially in my biology classes, so I was happy to learn about it.
Good	Full-time	Female	I learned more about myself and my motivations.
Good	Full-time	Female	I have been really bad at math and thought that I was going to fail out but I went to the visor center and my tutor has helped me so much.
Good	Full-time	Female	when I was but on project success because it taught me that just because something is hard doesn't mean i cant do it and how much the university cares about me and wants me to do well
Good	Full-time	Female	Realizing the prof for black music should be fired based on her attitude and unprofessional behavior.
Good	Full-time	Female	My biggest learning experience is taking MAT 145 because it has helped me learn time management, find resources around campus that can help me, make new friends to help learn and study with and overall made me a better college student. This course waked me up and made me put effort in what I do everyday and know what time and effort can result in, in a positive way.
Good	Full-time	Female	Learning how to teach in a multicultural class
Good	Full-time	Female	Person first language in my SED classes. That's probably the most significant for my major
Good	Full-time	Female	being able to connect one on one with my teachers even in big lecture halls
Good	Full-time	Female	Learning to respect others of different races and gender identities
Good	Full-time	Female	At the beginning of the school year I attended a leadership program that allowed us to gain many valuable skills that can be used in many aspects. We were also able to establish friendships with in university and get to know people before even starting classes. We also got involved in the community by all going to the Midwest Food Bank together.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience is within my biology class. I feel as though we are fully encouraged to take any opinions or questions and address them in class. There was even an incident in which a stranger made his way into the classroom, yet instead of it impeding on our class we were able to consider what made us feel safe and were given the choice of what to do within the situation.
Good	Full-time	Female	Learning in
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience happened in my Honors Seminar class. We engaged in a significant amount of group discussion. Being able to talk about different topics with a very diverse group and be able to collaborate with them gave me a broader insight to what we discussed within the class.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had here would have to be in my CJS 102 class just learning about past and current social issues, and being able to evaluate them and come up with my own opinions on how I feel about them rather than being told how to feel.
Good	Full-time	Female	Learning what I want to do with my future.
Good	Full-time	Female	When i started taking classes that we're involved in my major, not only did i start connecting to other ideas, but i also just started to feel like this is where i was suppose to be. I've struggled with my classes in high school, so feeling like i belonged in a lecture hall with 200+ people just gave me the confidence to keep going.
Good	Full-time	Female	I have a professor this semester who is able to make the most mundane seeming topics come to life with the energy he brings to the lecture. I would call any lecture of his I go to a significant learning experience. I would recommend everyone take ANT-185 with Jim Stanlaw for their AMALI credit.
Good	Full-time	Female	I haven't had that break through moment yet.
Good	Full-time	Female	For my SED 205 class, we are assigned to volunteer five hours back to the special ed community. It has been nice to head into the community and see. who I will be teaching in the future.
Good	Full-time	Female	Honestly, I feel like my psychopathology 350 class has been a great learning experience for me. I'm learning so much about disorders that I didn't know about already.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning expirience I have had has happened in my Sociology 106 class that was led by Dr. Richard Sullivan because his lectures uncovered the sociological perspective which I had never heard of before. This class taught me how the world works around me as well as the idea that as long as I am learning something and making improvements as to who I am, a grade should not define what I learned in a class.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience has been in my CSD classes because of the faculty are welcoming and willing tom help and plus it is what my intended major is so learning something I want to do has been meaningful to
Good	Full-time	Female	My online special education class helped me better understand that community.

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Good	Full-time	Female	I've learned a lot of new concepts while attending Illinois State. I've also learned more in depth about general concepts I was taught in high school.
Good	Full-time	Female	I learned how immature college students can be. A lot of people misbehave in the dorms and it makes it difficult for the people who don't misbehave. It also makes it difficult for people to focus on their studies. Also, there's a lot of drama, most of it unnecessary. It's people taking bad about each other when the situation could have been resolved if the person would just talk to the other person.
Good	Full-time	Female	Being in my major classes
Good	Full-time	Female	My Communications 101 class is and forever will be the best class I have ever taken. My instructor, Bruce, was laid-back but also instilled expectations within us for his class. I learned an incredible amount of new information in that class that I still use to this day, and I wish I could take that class over again because I enjoyed it so much. I went into that class being terrified to speak in front of people but came out ready for another big group project to present.
Good	Full-time	Female	Haven't really had one yet
Good	Full-time	Female	no thank you
Good	Full-time	Female	loving my communication class
Good	Full-time	Female	My microbiology class has really pushed my learning experience to a whole new level.
Good	Full-time	Female	"Talking back talking black" John mcwhorter
Good	Full-time	Male	I think that reading Dr. Gabor Maté's "In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts" was likely the most significant learning experience so far. It helped me develop a much more nuanced view towards addiction and emotional distress, and that helped me become much more understanding towards a family member who was, at that time, on the brink of becoming an alcoholic.
Good	Full-time	Male	I have learned what I don't want through classes and what not
Good	Full-time	Male	I'm not having any sort of good time here but if y'all gonna maybe give me an iPad then yea ima bs my way thru this
Good	Full-time	Male	I learned about all different types of discrimination of blacks in the 1960s in history that I did not know about until I took the class
Good	Full-time	Male	I feel like I keep learning the same thing everyday. Everyday, I see people holding doors open for people and saying "Thank you". Overall, these experiences teach me to continue being respectful and help others in need.
Good	Full-time	Male	Economics
Good	Full-time	Male	Meeting with professors in their office hours, growing a personal connection with them and learning from them.
Good	Full-time	Male	In history class I learned more than I ever did in other classes
Good	Full-time	Male	How to manage being a full time student while also having to work to pay rent.
Good	Full-time	Male	Learning how to create a resume
Good	Full-time	Male	Math 120. She is a great teacher
Good	Full-time	Male	I think that the most significant learning experience I've had so far is my involvement in my fraternity. I'm learning how to grow as a young adult with a new group of brothers who are trying to accomplish the same thing as me. I have learned how to work better as a team and just overall how much easier it can be to be a fluid unit than trying to do everything on your own. I have made tons of life-long friends that I can count and rely on and it truly has been a great experience for me and if I could go back and do it over I 100% would choose the fraternity route again.
Good	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had at this institution is to learn how to live on my own. There has been ups and downs, but this experience has really helped me mature into the person I am today.
Good	Full-time	Male	My Ideal of Democracy class.
Good	Full-time	Male	Honestly, communication 110 really helped with my public speaking and threw me in the deep end which helped me.
Good	Full-time	Male	That is okay to speak up!
Good	Full-time	Male	I really liked my business class we learned a lot about economics and internships and it was a cool class
Good	Full-time	Male	I've learned how to listen better
Good	Full-time	Male	I have learned more about life than I ever have.
Good	Full-time	Male	Being able to be a student of Dr. Marinello, sitting in his rehearsals has been the best learning experience so far for me.
Good	Full-time	Male	So far I have had none waiting for more major classes
Good	Full-time	Male	The best learning experience that I would have had, would be when I had to interview a faculty member for my Psychology 111 class, and I really got to know one of the other faculty members, who I likely wouldn't have met until later on in my college career.
Good	Full-time	Male	Speech class - learning a structured and thoughtful way to present an idea to others



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Good	Full-time	Male	My KNR class with Ms. Schuster. I am becoming very informed about the history and issues that effect physical education
Good	Full-time	Male	test
Good	Full-time	Male	I've learned a lot about how the world works and views of other people. each subject has shown me a new way to see things. this experience has been life changing, but I still need a lot of work done.
Good	Full-time	Male	Dr. Fredstrom. He is a great professor and his lessons teach way more than just music.
Good	Full-time	Male	By far the moat significant learning experience I had would had to have been being apart of the Big Red Marching Machine this past semester. I have made plenty of new friends within and outside of my section. We all share a deep love for music and playing together. Also, I had never played a sousaphone before and my section was happy to help with tips and tricks as to how to do things.
Good	Full-time	Male	Army ROTC: learning to be an officer in the army and learning how to conduct myself professionally from my BUS classes
Good	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience is from my communications class. The instructor allowed me to express myself and voice my option in all aspects of the class.
Good	Full-time	Male	In Communications when I found myself gaining confidence in my speaking abilities.
Good	Full-time	Male	I very much value the ability to be immersed in a diverse community because I have always been in a very small community lacking diversity.
Good	Not full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience was probably taking Dr. Walsh's CJS class.
Fair	Full-time	Female	None
Fair	Full-time	Female	I learned that you just have to to keep up. It's hard to have a social and academic life but you have to keep going. Staying up late every night and struggling with classes will be worth it when you see yourself happy with your dream job in the years to come. You'll never forget about the pain you are in while at school (mental breakdowns, stress) but it will be worth it
Fair	Full-time	Female	None
Fair	Full-time	Female	Leadershape was a great learning expirience
Fair	Full-time	Female	I learned that going to a big school is not for me. I don't get the one on one I need. I just feel like a number here honestly
Fair	Full-time	Female	I feel as though my most significant learning moment this year was in my drawing class, learning to tap into emotions to express yourself more clearly though art.
Fair	Full-time	Female	Sociology class listening and understand other perspectives
Fair	Full-time	Female	I learned very quickly that there are teachers I do not care about your grade in our simply only there to get paid. I met with my biology teacher outside of class and it really showed me that the only person that I need to rely on is myself this was a great learning experience for me due to the fact that it really was a reality shock as to how some teachers really do not care about your ability to learn
Fair	Full-time	Female	I haven't had one specific learning experience that was the most significant.
Fair	Full-time	Female	I have not had a significant learning experience at this institution.
Fair	Full-time	Female	How to be on my own
Fair	Full-time	Male	With acting classes
Fair	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had so far has to be my Applied Calculus class. Not because of any of the material present in the class, but my professor doesn't actually teach or do her job, and when asked to do her job she gets mad, yells at students, and acts like a five year old child, making passive aggressive comments for the rest of the class duration. This has taught me that you can do something for 30 years straight, and be employed for that thing you are doing for those 30 years, and still be awful at it. Not only can you be awful at it, but you can keep your job doing it too, so long as that job is a teacher.
Fair	Full-time	Male	My on campus job really helps me with my progression into the IT world.
Fair	Full-time	Male	Participating in research has been my favorite experience because it is a taste of what I want to do for my career as a physicist and professor.
Fair	Full-time	Male	My business 100 class
Fair	Full-time	Male	I learned who I want to marry at this institution.
Fair	Full-time	Male	It just feels like high school 2.0
Fair	Full-time	Male	I was in POL 140 and I fell in love with the subject and am now perusing a poli-sci minor
Fair	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had was from what I learned in my thrive class with Ryan Gray. In this class, I was taught how to be a college student, as well as how to be a decent person in my own community.
Fair	Full-time	Male	learning a new programming language

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

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Fair	Full-time	Another	I don't really know. I guess my art classes were great learning experiences.
Fair	Not full-time	Female	None
Poor	Full-time	Female	I haven't really had one yet to be honest. This institution does not really push students to be the best they can be. They baby their students, bend the rules, and promote memorization rather than learning. We aren't taught to apply anything! So I really haven't learned anything here.
Poor	Full-time	Female	Idk
Poor	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience was taking criminal justice and becoming so much more knowledgeable on law and how to keep myself an informed citizen which is singlehandedly the most beneficial thing I've learned all
Poor	Full-time	Male	I have learned that to be completely happy you can't always try to make others happy .
Poor	Full-time	Male	My Math last semester was engaging, interesting, kept away from politics, fun, social and got a lot from it. Most other professors constantly insert political opinions into lessons taking away from the lesson. I did not pay tens of thousands of dollars to hear a biased opinion

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

Response to <i>evalexp</i>	Enrollment	Sex	Response
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Observing in the Taylor-eckelman hearing clinic
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My accounting courses are very relevant to my internship
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have learned that you have to follow your own path in life and don't let others (including professors) try and push you down the path that they followed or they think you should follow. You shouldn't feel pressured to do something you don't want to do, especially when it can be a big decision that will shape the rest of your life.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My experience did not involve the classroom, rather the office of Student Access and Accommodation. I was asked to tell my personal story of struggle, educational decisions, and purpose while having a disability. I never expected my essay to be chosen for a final book entry. At first, I did not want to further edit. It was too painful. With the encouragement of the office and editor, I bravely continued and learned more about myself. I hope my story will help students, educators, emergency personnel, and anyone who believes life cannot get any better.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have enjoyed working more closely with my instructors than I used to.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My most significant would have to be my internship it was with the McHenry County Sheriff's office and it allowed me to see what field I want to go into with my major.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	As I stated before about my professor and the professors in my major being great. But I think the friends that I have made during my time there have been a huge influence for me and helping me complete my education as we graduate Dec 2019. I am almost done and its great to see that on the horizon.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	- Learning about trends in recreation and why it's important to keep up with them  - Inclusion in recreation
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had so far at ISU is the clinical work that has to be completed in order to obtain a special education license. ISU is one of the most challenging yet best schools to attend for special education. ISU has provided me with professors that demonstrate professionalism, dedication, and support in order to make it the best learning experience for all.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have loved being involved at ISU. It has been an amazing experience these past four years. I have loved all my professors and they supported me through all of my courses to help pursue me to become the most proficient teacher and future educator I could ever be. I am so grateful for all my experiences and the people I have met these past four years. Thank you.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have learned that it is okay to speak up in class and participate. When I first started at the institution, I sat in the back and never raised my hand or participated in class. Eventually it was mandatory to be involved in class and then I learned that it was okay and fun to participate.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My practicum experience has been the most significant. I have learned how to work in my field effectively. I have hands on experience working in the real world with real clients. This majorly has taught me to think critically and apply my learning.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience has been through my clinical experiences in the Special Education Program. It has shaped me as an educator and prepared me to be a successful teacher, and prepared me in all aspects for my
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The clinical experience provided through the education program has been the most beneficial and rewarding experience I have had academically here.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My internship
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at Illinois State University has been through my capstone classes. In the Health Sciences department, our classes are very hands-on. We go out in the community and practice what we could potentially do in the "real world". I have gained so much experience that I actually feel confident in my abilities for future careers.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Andreas Fischer, my painting instructor, was the most significant part of my learning experience here at ISU. He made me look at painting, the world, and life in general in such a new and exciting way. I have become significantly more passionate about my craft and creating in general and I have him to thank tremendously for that.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I think the most significant learning experience I had at this institution was my first semester here when I took my first college psychology class. We had this huge paper due around midterms, and I FAILED it. I never failed anything! This really opened my eyes and made me realize how much harder I had to work in college than I did in high school.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My most meaningful learning experience has been my education classes, which have taught me so much about social and ethnic issues, best teaching practices, and how to interact with others.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My clinical placement in an infant daycare room. It was quite the learning experience about life in the day of a teacher of infants.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being able to lobby for Physical Education in the state, as well as attending MANY conferences
Excellent	Full-time	Female	the walk in 270 showing us our privilege
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The PDS internship has been an incredible experience.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning how to effectively teach a classroom.

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Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had was not with class material. It was with discussions with two professors, Mrs. Locke and GDubs. They both told me it is okay to not be okay. I needed to know this because sometimes it seems like such high pressure is out on everything and it doesn't need to be that way. I accept that now and realize that they were right. I am forever thankful for both of them more than anything.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have benefited very much from research and out of classroom experiences. Research courses and apprenticeships offer students studying sciences the opportunity to engage with real-life protocol for study and become accustomed to the formatting of scientific reports. This experience also cultivates the ability to effectively read academic and scientific reports that are frequently used as a material for study in a variety of courses. I also had wonderful internship experience that allowed me to observe the work I am interested in pursuing (counseling). From this experience, I was able to solidify my career interests; establish a professional contact in my field of interest; and get my feet wet. It is my belief that out of classroom experiences such as internships are a wonderful way for students to apply abstract classroom material to concrete real-world examples for a fuller, more useful understanding of what is being taught and learned.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Media ethics and law
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The honors program is great for providing these experiences.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have enjoyed the big learning community. I like how the departments are divided up.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning about diversity and inclusion was big for me to learn about in my MQM 221 class bc I'm from a small town of 2,000 and it is not a diverse town at all
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My clinical experiences and student teaching are most significant to me. Both of these experiences have given my real experience and insight into my career.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	TCH 219 with Dr. Beecher and going to Peoria High School. That was my most significant experience as it was the first time I had been in an urban setting and I enjoyed it so much that I even applied and interviewed for the STEP-UP program and switched my student teaching location to urban education. SPA 244 with Dr. Pancrazio was also a similar learning experience as we took a bus ride to Little Village to volunteer as translators. I wish I would've had more opportunities like this. Future teachers can really be taught something new by going on these trips and trying something new that may have never thought they would be a part of.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I've learned the skills I need to excel in a professional setting and the skills I need in my career field.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	How to be an effective educator - multiple clinical experiences and conversations with professors.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Watching tons of videos and movies about how corrupt the world we live in is.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I have learned that ISU was the right choice for me
Excellent	Full-time	Female	It's honestly a very difficult question to answer what has been the single most significant experience. As a nursing student, I have had hours of valuable hands-on learning in our simulation lab and clinical. During my senior clinicals, I have been able to function almost as a RN functions, which has had an incredible boost to my confidence and competence as a student nurse.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The teacher education program is my absolute favorite thing about ISU
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My field base and student teaching experiences have taught me a lot and helped me grow as a teacher and a person
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant experience has been within my business education classes - I love how small the classes are & how close and connected we always were, even with our professors. It was nice to not be in a lecture hall at a big university.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Having the tutors here to help me with a lot of my chemistry classes really saved my GPA.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	In the family and consumer science department I believe that all my classes are significant. They teach me about real world issues while learning how to be culturally sensitive and aware.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being able to go on the Leaders of Social Change trip and learning the social change model of leadership.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being in the accelerated nursing program has really pushed me into being the best student I can possibly be. I love every minute of it
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I feel like the social justice class I had was eye opening and allowed me to see through the lens of other cultures than my own.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	- Using my advisors, professors, and counselors as my resources to network, apply for an internship, take steps to succeed to be an intern and gain experiences and skills, and using their advice and insight to achieve my goal(s)
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My student teaching placement! I spent an entire year in a 6th grade classroom.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My most meaningful learning experience is from my internship. My MQM 354 class was another class that was very interesting and I took a lot away from.

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Excellent	Full-time	Female	My commitment to learning wakes me up each day with passion and drive that helps me expand my knowledge in the field of Speech-Language Pathology. Upon reflection I believe that the Fall 2018 semester demonstrates my sharp focus on expanding my educational experience by taking part in laryngeal cancer research. I gained valuable background knowledge that will better serve my community on life after their laryngectomy. For this 8-week course, my fellow research team and I collaboratively and individually analyzed many case studies that required analytical and critical thinking skills. This hands-on experience has developed my knowledge and readiness on how to assist patients along with their families in coping with physical and emotional changes. During this course I practiced analyzing different methods of communication after a laryngectomy such as Tracheoesophageal Speech and Electrolarynx.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Getting to be a senior clinician and taken on clients for communication impairments! Doing real life experience as a speech language pathologist!
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Performing undergraduate research is the most significant learning experience I have had so far at this institution.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	As a history Social Sciences major I was able to choose courses that discussed a variety of history and topics I was interested in, overall the learning experience was exploratory and beneficial for my growth as a historian. As for the Education part of my major, the teaching experience at U- High was really valuable to actually get into a classroom and have the opportunity to try teaching. This experience helped me grow as an educator and gave me the motivational push I needed to be able to build relationships with students and actually try teaching.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience that I have had with this institution was the opportunity to student abroad the summer going into my junior year.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I am currently in a microbial pathogens class and I think that this class is crucial for students who are planning to enter medicine as it is very applicable and Wade Nichols is an outstanding professor. He is very knowledgeable and experienced and makes the information very easy to retain and apply
Excellent	Full-time	Female	More than anything, this institution has taught me how to think. Though I have of course learned much content in the process, I now see the world through a new lens and feel much more capable of critical thinking and problem solving, especially in the area of my discipline.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Clinical experience in the classroom
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Education
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The opportunities that have opened doors for me that wouldn't have been possible if I didn't attend this school
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Working with students in my junior clinical block was an amazing experience. Coming back to school as an older student, I thought I was pretty set in who I was as a person, but I really experienced major personal and professional growth through that semester.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being in nursing, I feel like my education has been nothing but fantastic. The staff care about our experiences and education. I feel prepared to take on the hospital setting as an RN and would not have chosen to go elsewhere.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning to create a critical edition that will help me in my publishing career.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The CSD program works great with giving real world opportunities to practice the skills you learn in class.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Independent research with professors
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I am pursuing a 2nd BA. I already have a BA and a MA from two "prestigious" institutions, but neither of those even begin to compare to ISU in diversity.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning and understanding the importance of language and how it affects all aspects of human communication.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	In my sociology of the body class I have learned so much about other people who don't have the same sexual orientation as me.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had is the clinical experiences I participated in. These clinical experiences truly help to mold me into a better educator as I advanced into my student teaching experiences. Without these clinical experiences, I do not believe I would have been prepared properly for my student teaching and future career in the classroom.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	RSOs- they have helped me learn to be a leader
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had is when I got my first B in a class. I always held myself to such a high standard and was afraid to disappoint myself. Getting a B made me realize I do not always have to be "perfect", mistakes happen, life goes on, and you may even learn something from the "downs" in your life.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being welcoming to all working at the Rec
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience is my student teaching. I love my placement and it has impacted my life so much in so many ways. It has helped me decide what I want to teach and opened my eyes to new resources and ideas.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experiences that I have had were my clinical experiences teaching. They helped me practice teaching before I become a teacher myself. I started off in practicum (2 days a week), then field base (4 days a week), and then student teaching (5 days a week). The progression and experiences that I had during these clinicals are helping me become a better teacher.

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Excellent	Full-time	Female	In my KNR 164 class, part of our grade was to go out in the field and get observation hours. I did not know what I wanted to do in the future, then I took this class and observed an occupational therapists and that helped me pick my future career.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I was able to become incredibly involved in my department. I was able to complete research, be a TA multiple times, and be an ambassador for my department. These activities, along with others, helped me feel connected to the university.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Learning the importance of internships
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My junior year, I was able to participate in an alternative winter break trip in Costa Rica. Having the opportunity to leave the country to go see a culture that was vastly different from my own and that didn't speak any English was eye opening. I was able to learn so much about the culture while I was there and had an opportunity to volunteer and help, and make a visible impact was incredible. I learned more on that trip than I have in some of my classes.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Clinical assignments every semester at the hospital. Very hands on and you get to apply what you learn in class to the real world.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	My most significant learning experience has been field base for special education major. Field base challenges you to build the workload as a teacher and be in the classroom at the same time. I have grew and learned as a future educator.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Required internships to graduate have helped me learn what I actually want to do with my degree.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The content about the acceptance of and educational information regarding diverse cultures that was taught by Dr. Harpel in her policy class was outstanding!
Excellent	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I've had was having a professor go above and beyond to help me and make sure that I pass the class. This particular professor worked double time to continuously reteach me things that I was not understanding and also helping me learning study skills and how to prepare for exams.
Excellent	Full-time	Female	I was able to work on a case study for one of my classes that challenged my thinking
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Being an adult and getting prepared for my future career
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Awb
Excellent	Full-time	Female	Last year, I learned a lot of valuable information in my math and reading classes for early childhood education. I learned a variety of strategies for teaching children in these content areas.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Visiting construction sites talking with people in the field.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I am currently working with two other students on a 70 page analysis of a large retail company. Our research thus far has given me an in depth look at external and internal factors that affect America's marketplace.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I learned that the parking is terrible
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The teachers, at least in the school of music, are very focused on teaching to their students' individual paths. Every rehearsal and class contains important knowledge and practical experience for performers, educators, therapists, and band members alike.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	It's hard to pick just one. I'd say the actually small classes with 25 people where the professor encourages us to speak rather than preach to us their politically biased agenda. It forms a bond between the students and we can actually learn from each others perspectives.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	His290 and 390 and my capstone course his300. These classes have all been so valuable to me. His 290 and 390 are the course that have given me so much experience on how to teach history and the social sciences. Each of those two courses have given us instructions on how teaching history has no one right way. We need to have fun and be afraid to fail and reflect on those failures. We need to prepare ourselves for situations and be on our feet for those situations we were not ready for. His300 teaches us how to do history. Its a class that has taught me to be okay with not knowing what the end product will be like from the begining. The professor is always willing to guide us and has his class set up in a way where he is always by our side working with us on our research.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	My previous instructor Tina Thompson helped me determine my career path indirectly through a course. I learned that I wanted to foster a constructive and positive environment for others by becoming the manager I would like to have.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The entire two years I have spent here (as a transfer student) have been significant in teaching me the skills and knowledge base required to enter my field and be successful.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	How to become a good teacher
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I can't think of one that really stands out.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The possibility to accomadate myself into different organizations, be able to maintain a good environment either inside or outside classroom when talking about social, economic, or political issues.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Sociology courses helped me realize more nuanced ideas about things I did not notice before. Research methods allowed me to not be scammed by bad or unproven research and allowed me to critically look at data myself. CJS classes also helped me see different perspectives about issues.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Independent research with a professor.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	When I got accepted to Illinois State University, I thought anything was possible, the content instruction and people have reaffirmed this belief. Every moment spent at ISU has been the most significant experience in my education history.

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Excellent	Full-time	Male	Over summer I was the research assistant to the department chair of physics and we met for 1-4 hours a day 4-5 days a week for six weeks. In those meetings I learned computer coding, new levels of physics and math, and how research is conducted in the physics community.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Partaking in an independent study that allowed me to be mentor for a leadership course. I got hands on experience in leading and teaching some classes. As well as getting to do individual projects that helped me learn more about myself as leader and how my leadership came to be.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	I learned that the world is so much larger than I previously thought.(metaphorically)
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Being able to work with real clients to solve issues in their business.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Returning from the Marine Corps I immediately jumped right back into school. I was worried at first about adjusting to this new environment after being out of the classroom for over 5 years. However, thanks to my advisors I was able to get on track to complete a degree in art education, and every class I've been in so far has had an inviting environment that made transitioning very easy.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Learning more everyday on how to help my clients with therapeutic recreation.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Having the opportunity as a teaching assistant for multiple courses has been a very significant learning experience for me.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Studying abroad in New Zealand completely changed my perspective on life and made me so much more independent. It was one of the most challenging things I have ever done.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Most significant learning experiences come from professors teaching us about life and not about course content (of course that's still important, but their wise advice sticks with me every time and I wish they had the platform to share their intellect more often.)
Excellent	Full-time	Male	My class (TCH 110) with the service learning involved. I enjoy and am impacted by it every time
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I've had at this institution is that you have to take your time to execute the goals you want to achieve in life. Don't rush the things you want to achieve in life.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	joining RSOs like business Fraternities has been a significant learning experience for me
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Field experience by far. The amount of field experience ISU requires and the standard they hold for field experience is unbelievable. Really helps get students ready for their future.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	It was my opportunity to study abroad. I learned much about Italian culture, cuisine, their language, customs, laws, social norms, and their history. It was by far the greatest learning experience I have had while participating in an organization with this school. If we are discussing something specifically on campus, that would be my History 300 class. It is there where I learned how to be a better writer, and use all the schools that have been taught to me throughout college. Researching and writing about something that interested me greatly was by far the best academic experience I have ever had, and I was happy that I had the chance to use many passions in one large project.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	My teacher education classes and interactions with the agriculture instructors
Excellent	Full-time	Male	This is a very tough question because I have had so many wonderful learning experiences. While I have loved learning through the MQM department, I have been deeply impacted on a humanistic level through my education in the History department. I would attribute a lot of my perspective on the human condition, as well as my writing, reading, analytical, and critical thinking skills to my second major (history). However, my involvement with University Housing Services also opened up my mind, and I learned so many professional skills through my executive board role with ISU-SHRM.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Just all of my classes in general and the knowledge they have given me that will someday help me protect the environment and help keep it clean which is what I have always wanted to do
Excellent	Full-time	Male	There's a class called America's Promise where you go into the public schools and that is a combined class of public health and pediatrics. This was a unique experience that I had the opportunity to be in and it was well worth the experience gained.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had so far would be time management. For many this is the first time we are alone and responsible for ourselves. We have to adapt and get focused before we slip down a slippery slope that has our academics begin to suffer.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Alternative Spring Breaks service trips. Helping worse off communities better themselves or their environments.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Learning to get involved, maintain good grades while working will set anyone up for success. The more busy I was the better I preformed.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Taking courses taught by Dr. John Baldwins and Dr. Yusuf Sarfati.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Joining a social fraternity and learning how to live with a group of guys, while at the same time also learning to be true and open with myself and others
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Anything to do with broadcasting. That I'd what I want to do in life and I had no idea how to get there after I transferred from Community College. The program here at ISU is incredible and I feel a million times more prepared than ever to go into the world now.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Learning about film editing.

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Excellent	Full-time	Male	During my Spring semester of 2017, I finally had a class with a professor who was not Caucasian. To keep them anonymous, I'll call this person Dr. H. Dr. H and I were actually the same ethnic group and had the same beliefs and passions when it comes to teaching. I felt like I connected most with that professor. However, it is not just because of our cultures or ethnicity, but because Dr. H would always come to class with a strong positive attitude and modeled the type of teaching and energy they wanted us to have for our own students. Dr. H would always be for the students, as well. Dr. H understood that we are still college students. Dr. H would have high expectations for us while providing high support.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	My first programming class Prof. Fang spent countless hours with not just me but other students to ensure that they were all able to understand the material. This has inspired me to want to be a professor and assist others in learning new materials as I had when I first started at ISU
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Classroom discussions
Excellent	Full-time	Male	Gaining knowledge on the construction industry and being able to implement it in real life situations.
Excellent	Full-time	Male	When I learned how to take nursing tests. That opened the door to being able to understand nursing.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	All online ADN-BSN program
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	Learning how to effectively communicate through my communication courses.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	Getting involved with new people and groups. Going to activities that campus puts on
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	I've been at this institution for over 20 years for multiple degrees. The most significant? I have absolutely no idea.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	I would say going to class every single day and learning from my professors. My professors are amazing and are all very supportive and care about how their students do. I am majoring in Community Health Promotion and the professors that teach these classes have made my experience at ISU so amazing.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	Going to low income communities and be part of them. It is very important to be involved outside of school. Also, the professors in my department really care about the progress and needs of the students.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	In my last few courses here at ISU, I have gotten the opportunity to develop companies in the area and this has put my knowledge from past classes useful. It has given me a chance to use my knowledge from class and transfer to get experience in the real world.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	As part of a Public Health Leadership course, I had the opportunity to co-lead a committee group in efforts to pass Tobacco 21 policies in the McLean County area. As students, we emphasized that we were speaking on behalf of ourselves as constituents of the McLean County area and that we did not represent Illinois State University. All students in the course had the opportunity to opt out for another advocacy project to work on. Overall, I enjoyed the experience and I learned so much about public policy and what it takes to make one pass. We were able to talk to decision makers and provide them with important health information backing up why this policy would positively impact the community in the long term. I have also had the opportunity to go to the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield to advocate for P.E. being mandated 5 days a week in Illinois schools and also passing Tobacco 21 statewide. These experiences have been most meaningful to me because it has provided me the experience to go out into the real world and speak about real issues that I am passionate about, instead of just reading about doing it in a classroom. Being able to go to our state capitol and share with lawmakers my story of why I want a law to pass meant a lot because I not only got to share why I would want it passed but what kind of impact it would have on our state if it does or does not get passed by presenting data/research to back it up. This experience has stuck with me and has made me want to get more involved in my own community off campus. I have made connections with other people who I would have never connected with if I hadn't participated in something like this.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	Hands-on learning activities
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	My course ACC362 where I learned how to develop a new information system using agile Methodologies and the scrum framework. I learned alot about project devlopment and managing relationships with stakeholders and team members.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	I loved being in my English 296 class, because we spent a lot of time preparing resources for in class discussion, and I think when we took the time to read and prepare before class, and then discuss with our peers, we took in and retained a lot more information - whatever the topic may be. The discussions did not end in the classroom, either. We would discuss as friends, then, outside of class, and it has been enlightening. I love the ability to take my learning into my own hands, but collaborate with others on expanding those thoughts and opinions.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	I think discovering that there is a huge world out there, waiting for us. That we worked so hard the last few years bettering ourselves and getting our degrees to make something for ourselves. To change the world one day at a time, especially as educators. We have a voice, we need to use it.
Excellent	Not full-time	Female	Student organization experience and internship experience (work, class credit etc.) The opportunities have been endless and I am always busy, but a good kind of busy!
Excellent	Not full-time	Male	This entire experience has allowed me to pursue a dream of mine to fulfill my own pursuit of happiness so every bit of it has been a significant learning experience.
Excellent	Not full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had so far at this institution is the amount of commitment from my advisor, Ryan Gray, in helping me, as a non-traditional student, complete my pursuit of a bachelors degree. His support and his encouragement has made a world of a difference.



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Excellent	Not full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience so far has been in my capstone class. In just a few weeks I feel like my critical thinking skills have grown a significant amount. I think this class will greatly benefit me in my career after
Excellent	Not full-time	Male	Going on field trips to job sites to see actually how the construction process works.
Excellent	Not full-time	Male	FIL 355 - personality test and insurance operations simulation. Allows a student to interact with a real world simulation and see how ratios work. In most cases you're taught to memorize and drill a radio or equation in your head. So to control an actual simulation and use the ratios and see how they work was really a cool experience
Excellent	Not full-time	Male	None
Good	Full-time	Female	I have felt an overarching push to understand macro and micro impacts of globalization and capitalism in multiple of my classes. Making broad scale connections to local experiences is a skill I'll be able to utilize forever.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had are my clinical rotations throughout nursing school. They have given me real life practice and have helped me to prepare for my nursing career more than any lecture has.
Good	Full-time	Female	Student teaching in the PDS program has been amazing.
Good	Full-time	Female	As an agriculture major we get any opportunities to visit our ISU Research Farm. The most significant learning experience I have had is in my Swine management class. This takes place at the ISU Farm and it is very hands on. Our instructor does a fantastic job at explaining everything to us before hand in lecture, answering questions, and being right there to help us during the lab periods. I have learned a huge amount about swine by listening to the professor and his knowledge of the subject, and by being allowed to do hands on work with the animals. I would highly recommend this class continue and that every student on campus has the chance to visit our research farm.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at this institution has been that sometimes you have to rotate through multiple things to find what is best suited for you. I have gone through four majors previously before landing on English Education. This year, most of the peers that I started with are graduating, and it is a somewhat scary feeling to know that my "start" in the "real world" has been prolonged while my original peers begin the rest of their lives. However, I am so pleased with my new major and the learning experiences I endured that got me to my new major, that I am slowly becoming okay with prolonging my start date in the real world. I am pleased to attend an institution that supported me through all of my major changes, and am happy to finish out my time here in the English
Good	Full-time	Female	Chris Wellin has been the best professor by far at this institution and working with him has been the best experience I have had. Whether it be with my independent study or in his class room. I love the sociology department.
Good	Full-time	Female	I would say the way my professors and on-campus job faculty have helped me and invested me. The people I work with at the school of IT office have been very supportive for me. My HR professors have been as well. They are always available to help me with my studying and the material and are very interested in my experiences and my career goals. Dr. Tina Thompson has really been a huge support system in my college career which meant a lot to me because I am a transfer student. Other professors who have gone out of their way to help me when I reached out to them for help or assistance with class are Professor Joseph Trefzger and Dr. Devinat.
Good	Full-time	Female	The Power to the People retreat from Diversity Advocacy was easily one of the most powerful weekends of my life. Being an active member of Pride, SEMIS, ISReal Arts, and the Student Disability Network has completely shaped who I am.
Good	Full-time	Female	Visiting and observing schools with students of different socioeconomic backgrounds and demographics. As well as see students with disabilities learn in their specific classrooms.
Good	Full-time	Female	My experience studying abroad defined my educational experience. If I went back to my college decision, I would choose ISU again solely for the study abroad opportunities. This school allowed me to create my own educational plan and experience my craft in an international setting that was catered to my individual needs.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience has been my psychiatric nursing clinical. It instilled in me that that is what I wanted to do
Good	Full-time	Female	capstone classes, getting involved
Good	Full-time	Female	My most significant learning experience has been meeting so many people that are different than me and really having my eyes opening to how different all of our perspectives are
Good	Full-time	Female	Practicum for Low Vision and Blindness
Good	Full-time	Female	I am an art teacher education major and the most beneficial learning experience I have personally encountered through ISU is how our program offers various opportunities to create lesson plans and implement them into the classroom. I have been given the opportunity to teach students K-12 and learn from my experiences before I undergo my student teacher.
Good	Full-time	Female	I discovered my true passion to help domestic and wildlife. None of my classes are focused on the field I plan to go into but I didn't realize that until I got into my major courses and learned that I was learning about a field I had no interest of going in to and there was no major that focused solely on my new found aspiration, wildlife conservation.
Good	Full-time	Female	My marketing classes
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at ISU has been through the PDS program! I am so thankful to have been a part of this program that is only known to ISU.
Good	Full-time	Female	The hands on experience for my major and the supporting program members.

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Good	Full-time	Female	Case related readings.
Good	Full-time	Female	I have had two internships over the summers where I learned how an actual job will function when I graduate. But the learning experiences specific to school, I am part of the honors program. One of the ways we can complete our requirements is by creating a project for a class. I like this type of experience because then I could pick a topic that most interested me and research and create something fun from it. I was more involved in understanding its content over some class content that is not interesting.
Good	Full-time	Female	All of my courses are amazing, and I participate in different clubs including College Mentors for Kids which has really opened my eyes to what my future will be like as a teacher.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning I experienced was having many of my core classes prepare me for student teaching. For example, based on my courses I now feel my lesson plans are phenomenal. With that being said, learning to build these plans made me confident when going into student teaching.
Good	Full-time	Female	One of the most significant learning experiences I've had so far was attending LOSC where I learned about social issues by immersing ourselves in it, rather than learning from a lecture.
Good	Full-time	Female	My significant learning experience has come from being on the executive board of a club on campus. Getting to be behind the scenes of clubs, you get to learn a lot about yourself and other people you work with. Also, finding teachers you like at the school is a learning experience in itself.
Good	Full-time	Female	Going to clinicals to have real hands-on training.
Good	Full-time	Female	Student teaching through the Professional Development Program.
Good	Full-time	Female	It was good
Good	Full-time	Female	Student Teaching. The semester before was crazy, all the professors have never taught in college before or the course so the courses were flat. Student teaching has taught me so much.
Good	Full-time	Female	Meeting different people within my major that I never would have interacted with before college
Good	Full-time	Female	Being a special education major, there are many different classes that have been significant for me. So far, the most significant would be my SED 368 Mathematics for learners with disabilities. I have never thought of myself as a strong learner or teacher in math, and have worried about teaching math in the future. This class and all of the things that I have learned through it have reassured me and taught me that I am able to not only know what mathematics is, but teach another group of students about mathematics. Dr. Kacz is a fantastic teacher and uses many different methods to reach her different students.
Good	Full-time	Female	Working at Campus Rec with the Adventure program has provided me with the most significant learning experiences. Learning how to facilitate teams, address conflict, and work with others are skills that I will practice for a lifetime. I learned patience through my boss, Bob Riddle. I learned about potential career options I hope to explore, thanks to this program.
Good	Full-time	Female	My criminal justice 101 class really brought to light what my true interests were with pursuing a career in cjs. I think if I did not take that class I would not have chosen it as a major.
Good	Full-time	Female	So far it was my social psychology class. I learned so much and really needed to earn my grade in that class.
Good	Full-time	Female	While the actual academic course work in biology has been significant, the times I learned about real world application, like how to interview, or what employers look for have been the most significant to me.
Good	Full-time	Female	How to have a conversation about diversity and learning how I am biased on things I didn't know I was even biased about. I learned to get in touch with feelings that I never knew I had and learned to talk to people about their lives.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had so far is going to my professors office hours. Not enough people take advantage of office hours. You can learn so much more in a one-on-one setting.
Good	Full-time	Female	Having my professors actually take the time to meet with me so I can better understand what I'm learning.
Good	Full-time	Female	I'm in 290 research with Prof. Parris and Prof. Lanin and we are part of the program called Care4U. It's a program to help at-risk students over in Champaign and the data we collect is shown that this program does work and it is very helpful for these students to learn about relationship, money, and life skills.
Good	Full-time	Female	All of the labs that the dietetics students are required to do have helped me more because they are hands on. I struggle when sitting in a classroom listening to the professor read off of slides. The labs help me engage and learn more effectively.
Good	Full-time	Female	I would say that I learned about myself overall more than anything- such as my likes/dislikes, how I learn, what I like to learn about, and my priorities.
Good	Full-time	Female	Learning about the democratic ideal in which we as students have just as much, if not more, to offer than the professor does to one another.
Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had so far at Illinois State University is my final year of college. The PDS (professional development school) program for student teaching has helped me solidify the fact that I want to become a teacher. It would have been nice to have more clinical experience previous to this year. I have had two clinical opportunities that did not prepare me for this. After this year, I feel better prepared.

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Good	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had was doing an internship for credit at Miller Park Zoo. It really allowed me to put what I was learning in my classes into real life.
Good	Full-time	Female	My most significant learning experiences have occurred outside of a classroom. Working on campus made me grow a lot as a person and sharpened my communication and teamwork skills much more than any class did.
Good	Full-time	Female	During my time, I completed an EAF class. This class really put emphasis on reaching out of your norm. I was surrounded by others who experienced life completely different than myself. It was amazing. I see so many people like myself all over campus, but during this class, I was reminded that our reach is more than others like me. We have a culture that I am not used to and have a chance to experience.
Good	Full-time	Female	As Vice President of Finance of my sorority my eyes were opened to realize that many of the students on campus have many different backgrounds and it often is present in their everyday life but I should never judge anyone based on their first impressions
Good	Full-time	Female	I was given opportunities to teach students full in the classroom in 205 and 260
Good	Full-time	Female	Understanding how to critically analyze real-world issues.
Good	Full-time	Female	My clinical experience with different high schools in the area
Good	Full-time	Female	I have learned the most from my student work at the university. Speaking with experienced adults gives me great life advice that can be applied to any job/career I may choose to go in to.
Good	Full-time	Female	n/a
Good	Full-time	Female	Doing undergrad research
Good	Full-time	Female	My printmaking class has taught me to level up my art in both concept and content
Good	Full-time	Female	Four years is too many to pick one significant learning experience. These whole four years have been a lot of little experience that have lead to a lot of growing and learning.
Good	Full-time	Female	education clinical experiences and student teaching experiences
Good	Full-time	Female	ENG 296 with Dr. Lillge
Good	Full-time	Female	Being able to grow as a student and instructor in an operant behavior lab with dogs. My professor was very encouraging and saw my potential and pushed me to grow and learn.
Good	Full-time	Female	Joining a sorority
Good	Full-time	Male	I honestly couldn't pick just one thing.
Good	Full-time	Male	That to be successful in your own degree program, you need to supplement your own education with outside resources. Most degree programs don't prepare you well enough for work after college on their own, and I feel most prepared having ventured out of the curriculum provided for me through extra-curricular groups and internships that I have sought out myself.
Good	Full-time	Male	The biggest thing i learned here is there are great teachers and all they want to do is help you succeed as much as possible. then there is the other teachers who dont care about you as much and think of themselves superior to you
Good	Full-time	Male	The ability to think critically and my professional development through Pi Sigma Epsilon.
Good	Full-time	Male	I think learning about marketing research and being able to work with an actual company in my marketing research class was the most significant learning experience I have had so far. I think this because during that experience I was able to work hand in hand with a real company.
Good	Full-time	Male	My entire education has been an experience
Good	Full-time	Male	I have learned that no one will give me anything just because I ask. If I want to succeed, I have to work for it, but I do not have to go it alone.
Good	Full-time	Male	I would say that the most significant learning experience I have ever had at this institution would have been being apart of my fraternity, as it gave me valuable presentation, speaking, and leadership skills that I have not seen
Good	Full-time	Male	no
Good	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had so far has been making sure that I do what is in the best interest of my mental a physical health rather than holding on to the notion of "appearing" to be a good student. I was enrolled in an online course that required a lot of reading. I knew this would be a challenge for me do to an un-diagnosed reading deficiency. Also, the way in which the class was structured did not actually allow time during the assigned week's reading to complete the reading for that week. For example, if we were in the fourth week of the semester our paper for the week would be due on Monday which meant the reading actually had to be completed during week three. It felt like were always were a week ahead, and I felt rushed and panicy about my homework. I was beginning to doubt my abilities and intelligence. In order to make sure that my other courses' grades did not suffer, and to maintain positive mental health, I withdrew from that online course.

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Good	Full-time	Male	Though I may have had many other significant experiences, the one that comes to mind was when I fought for the educational foundations courses to remain in the requirements for education majors. I see signs of segregation at ISU almost every day. I felt empowered to make a change by protesting the education board of directors. Unfortunately, myself and my peers were unsuccessful.
			Illinois State University is a wonderful school, however it is socially segregated. Additionally, I am curious to see if there is a predominance of African Americans living in Tri-towers.
			I learned I can make change at ISU and see issues that other may not, or choose not, to see
Good	Full-time	Male	My classes and such
Good	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had here was when I was taking sound design classes. Going in, I was not sure if it was something I wanted to go into. Now, I feel like it is something I can express myself in and enjoy doing it.
Good	Full-time	Male	The relationship building with most professors.
Good	Full-time	Male	Learning where people come from and the backgrounds that they have.
Good	Full-time	Male	Studying abroad was the most significant learning experience I've had. I learned a lot about myself and was able to look at my "normal"/everyday life from an outside perspective, which really helped me grow.
Good	Full-time	Male	Hands on experience with financial planning programs, going through real life application of finance. Class discussions and problem solving.
Good	Full-time	Male	Being the president of a student organization has allowed me to learn about myself and how to lead others.
Good	Full-time	Male	Geology field camp instructed by Dr. David Malone.
Good	Full-time	Male	I had the opportunity to work with a professor to code my own implementation of RSA security. It was challenging and interesting.
Good	Full-time	Male	Individual research for a class where I tested mechanical properties of a carbon fiber composite material.
Good	Full-time	Male	My time spent on the English Education Student Advisory Committee was very formative that informed my career
Good	Full-time	Male	My most significant learning experience is not in a class but I'm fact the first semester living in the dorms. This taught me how to live with out my parents and how to live with someone I did not know before. It shows you how people different than you live and was a great learning experience.
Good	Full-time	Male	Anything that required hands on experience. The theory is needed, but it does not leave a student with the ability to critically think. An A student might pass tests, but a C student can do the work. Get rid of tests and have the students do meaningful projects.
Good	Full-time	Male	I have had so many, but the most important is ones where I have found out who I am. I have learned when to say and when not to say things and whom to say them to.
Good	Full-time	Male	working with groups on semester long projects
Good	Full-time	Male	My internship has taught me much more meaningful experiences
Good	Full-time	Male	Meeting with a professor to analyze something that was talked about in class to have a deeper meaning about the topic
Good	Not full-time	Female	I would say every class I have had with Prof. David Cochese Davis has been extraordinary. He encourages students to not just memorize materials but learn and figure out concepts on our own. He emphasizes that he's not there to teach us but to learn with us and guide us through the learning process.
Good	Not full-time	Female	Talking with other students in the COB about was to gain valuable career experience and knowledge
Good	Not full-time	Female	The athletic training program is very lristigious and has taught me a lot of responsibility I will use throughout my life
Good	Not full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience is at first if you don't succeed then you try harder and find another way. Sometimes you just need to find different learning abilities you didn't know you had to continue your education and learn more and more.
Good	Not full-time	Female	Definitely going to office hours for my professors has been hugely impactful. They are very helpful at answering questions and providing suggestions for succeeding academically and professionally.

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Good	Not full-time	Female	Study abroad
Good	Not full-time	Female	Nothing stands out.
Good	Not full-time	Female	In class
Good	Not full-time	Female	Studying abroad was the most significant learning experience I had attending ISU. The ways it has enriched my understanding of the world, myself, and my course work cannot be overstated.
Good	Not full-time	Female	I would say the faith group I became a part of. It is a very open minded and accepting group of people. They make sure you feel heard and valued.
Good	Not full-time	Female	The most impacted learning experience here was working on my Psychology minor. The Psychology program here really cares about it's students, and the internships and growth while attending these programs have helped me grow to be the person I am today.
Good	Not full-time	Male	Doing FARS assignments in my accounting classes
Good	Not full-time	Male	What an absurd question! I can't narrow it down to one experience. Learning is a gradual process of compiling small realizations and new information into larger understanding. There was no "eureka" moment, I just got educated over the course of these 2 years.
Good	Not full-time	Male	Learning to interact online with tools i have never used before
Good	Not full-time	Male	The faculty staff is very understanding and flexible. They really push and drive you so you can have success.
Good	Not full-time	Male	Realizing that I don't like main path in my major and attempting to pivot it to fit what I enjoy doing and am good at.
Good	Not full-time	Male	The ability to learn and manage on my own.
Good	Not full-time	Male	Playing football for Illinois State helped develop me into a more mature and responsible man in life
Good	Not full-time	Male	I learned that the educational institutions in this country are too far embedded with late-stage capitalism. I understand that these schools need money to survive. However, it has gotten to a point where students are charged so heavily it doesn't make sense to attend a university off the bat. It seems that everywhere we go there is another department stealing money from our wallets, whether it is overpriced and undernourishing school meals, the parking department that charges hundreds for passes and tickets students on the regular, or the registrar coming up with a new "fee" for students to pay. ISU is not alone in this, but they are definitely one of the worst offenders I have ever seen of "We need money so here's a dumb rule we can fine people for."
Fair	Full-time	Female	My internship, because it's the only thing that's truly given me hands-on experience with what I want to do.
Fair	Full-time	Female	Geology professor in a class of 720 knowing my name and informing me of my options, also him getting me involved in the department. I don't know where I would be without him
Fair	Full-time	Female	Becoming a part of TRIO and being an active member. Making connections and expanding my network.
Fair	Full-time	Female	That no matter the situation everyone has struggles they go through and finding the best way to cope with those struggles in order to succeed
Fair	Full-time	Female	I learned that many of the faculty and staff at this institution are apathetic towards their students, but there are the few that make it bearable and go out of their way to make connections with students. If anything, I learned that just because someone has a degree doesn't make them smarter than you, and although academics are important, it's more important to be a good person.
Fair	Full-time	Female	The most I have learned in this major has been through the course of clinicals and hands on learning through nurses at the hospital.
Fair	Full-time	Female	Wrote a research paper
Fair	Full-time	Female	TCH219 with Dr. Becky Beucher and EAF with Dr. Lucille Eckrich
Fair	Full-time	Female	I like how there is a lot of freedom in the school but I think that the institution should have more diverse teachers. I have had the pleasure to work with a few teachers who are culturally diverse but there needs to be more. I know it is hard to get diverse teachers but they should be more mindful of other races in their classrooms. I think teachers should have professional development to be prepared for the different students in their classroom. I understand that sometimes teachers/administrators have biases about different races but they should put them aside because we are paying for our education.
Fair	Full-time	Female	My capstone graphic design class where I worked as a graphic designer and took on real world projects.
Fair	Full-time	Male	None

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Fair	Full-time	Male	most Significant learning experience was taking classes that help me pass the actuarial exams. I have been successful in those classes and have been able to pass my exams because of this.
Fair	Full-time	Male	Learning how to convert octal and binary and hex and decimal is cool
Fair	Full-time	Male	The most significant learning experience I have had at this institution so far is learning how to structure my life to achieve the highest level of success possible. From a strict morning routine and well-balanced diet to setting aside hours a day for homework, and nothing but homework. I've learned that it is difficult to succeed without structure. So, everyday I do my best to continue enforcing good, healthy routines and habits.
Fair	Full-time	Male	Everyone has a different background and story. Be the difference in the world and listen. You might learn something from their testimony.
Fair	Full-time	Male	Student teaching
Fair	Full-time	Male	My most significant experience on campus is going through the process of changing major from middle level education to economics. Originally, I thought I wanted to become an educator, but midway throughout my junior clinicals, I realized I was unhappy and didn't have a passion for teaching like many of my fellow peers within the major. By taking a leap of faith, I switched my major to economics and I haven't looked back ever since. Switching my major taught me its never too late to make a change that can affect your life in a positive way.
Fair	Full-time	Male	the most significant learning experience I've had on this campus is that many people lack the ability to think freely. By this I mean the ability to see the world differently than the way they were taught it should be.
Fair	Full-time	Male	Learned how to better interact with people
Fair	Full-time	Male	My internship where I am able to work with people from different backgrounds.
Fair	Full-time	Male	When i learned about Risk Management and Insurance from my professor.
Fair	Not full-time	Female	Different schools hold themselves to different standards...
Fair	Not full-time	Female	nothing.
Fair	Not full-time	Male	a class with a different professor where i was able to develop a project that allowed me to expand my knowledge horizons
Fair	Not full-time	Male	Volunteering at the juvenile detention center. This gave me exposure to students from a variety of different backgrounds and to engage in some difficult conversations that I cannot share here for confidentiality reasons.
Fair	Not full-time	Male	na
Fair	Not full-time	Male	I really haven't. The School of IT is pretty terrible.
Poor	Full-time	Female	Research methods with professor McDaniel. I actually learned how to research correctly and how to use statistics to understand data.
Poor	Full-time	Female	There is lack of priority and expendability when it comes to students. The prices go up for surface level repairs (like the bone center, which might I add did NOT need renovations), but the quality of education is diminishing significantly. Teachers place their personal research, status and ten year over aiding the success of the students. Overall I do not feel like I have a supportive learning community.
Poor	Full-time	Female	The most significant learning experience I have had at this institution was learning that the students are uppity and have god complexes, the facilities are old and run down, and the faculty are just as tired as the students they put through trials like mice.
Poor	Full-time	Male	The most significant thing I have learned in this institution is that the price of college has somehow risen tremendously while the value of it's education has dropped at nearly a proportional rate.
Poor	Full-time	Male	I have learned that four year institutions are a joke and that their cost far exceeds their benefit to anyone. My time at this institution has been far too long for my degree field and I fully expect to see the fall of four year collegiate institutions within my lifetime. The information that they provide is extremely lacking based on current trends and the amount of academics that believe that they know more than they do is staggering. There is a reason they are still at the university and I believe that it is because they cannot handle the real world. These are the types of people that we have teaching our youth and it is laughable. I have gone to college and learned that I should have gone elsewhere for a real education.