

Understanding the Dashboard

Summary of *SENSE* Changes

Select a box to filter the items in the tables below by Modified, New, Removed, or Same.

Note: The cell will turn grey when the filter is active. Select the box again to return to the default view.

Modified New Removed Same

Select Theme
All

SENSE 2025

Theme	Item	Group
Advising	22. What has been your MAIN source of academic advising (help with academic goal-setting, planning, course recommendations, graduation requirements, etc.)? (Mark only ONE)	Modified
Advising	23. Was a specific person assigned to you so you could see him/her each time you needed information or assistance?	Modified
Class Engagement	Early experiences-19a. Ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions	Removed
Class Engagement	Early experiences-19b. Prepare at least two drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	Removed

SENSE 2026

Theme	Item	Group
Advising	11. Before registering for classes this academic term, did you meet with an academic advisor?	New
Advising	27. What has been your main source of academic advising (e.g., help with academic goal setting, planning, course recommendations, graduation requirements)? (Mark only one)	Modified
Advising	28. Has a specific person (e.g., advisor, counselor, instructor, other college staff member) been assigned to help you whenever you need information or assistance?	Modified
Barriers	30. Which of the following are true about your experiences at this	New

Adjust zoom settings or view dashboard full-screen.

Definitions + Notes

- » **Modified:** Items with changes to wording and/or response options. While the phrasing may differ sometimes substantially—the item continues to assess a similar concept or topic area.
- » **New:** Items introduced in the 2026 survey that were not included in 2025.
- » **Removed:** Items that appeared in the 2025 survey but are no longer included in 2026.
- » **Same:** Items with identical wording and response options across both surveys, making them appropriate for longitudinal comparison. In a few cases, minor wording differences are present, but the underlying meaning remains equivalent.

Note on comparing results over time:

Because many questions were added, removed, or changed between 2025 and 2026, the surveys are not fully comparable. Comparisons over time should focus on items labeled “Same,” and in some cases, “Modified” items that have very similar meaning.

Note for “Mark all that apply” items:

Comparison tables do not include all response categories.