Western Educational Longitudinal Study - Design

Freshmen

- All confirmed freshmen
  - College application and acceptances
  - Academic competencies
  - Challenges and difficulties
  - Major choice
  - Education goals and expectations
  - Preparation for Western
  - Academic self-perceptions
  - Expectations for Western
  - Other topics as requested by constituents

Baseline

- College application and acceptances
- Academic competencies
- Challenges and difficulties

Transfers

- All confirmed transfers
  - College application and acceptances
  - Academic competencies
  - Challenges and difficulties
  - Major choice and declaration
  - Education goals and expectations
  - Previous education
  - Previous college engagement
  - Employment status and living arrangements
  - Employment status
  - Registration, scheduling and course access
  - Academic advising
  - Academic competencies
  - Challenges and difficulties

End of Second Year

- Cohort who entered as freshmen two years earlier
  - Academic competencies
  - Challenges and difficulties
  - Major choice and declaration
  - General education experience
  - Academic advising
  - Employment status
  - Registration, scheduling and course access
  - Time to degree

Undergraduate

- Graduating Seniors
  - Academic competencies
  - Challenges and difficulties
  - Satisfaction with major
  - Post-graduation employment and education plans
  - Job search
  - Engagement
  - Time to degree
  - Educational debt
  - Overall Western experience

Exit

- Graduating Grad Students
  - Academic competencies
  - Satisfaction with program
  - Post-graduation employment and education plans
  - Job search
  - Participation in professional development
  - Time to degree
  - Educational debt
  - Overall Western experience
  - Other topics as requested by constituents

Alumni

- Alumni who graduated one to two years earlier
  - Skills important in current job
  - How well did Western prepare you for your job/education?
  - Employment, education, military, or volunteer status
  - Job search
  - Employer/school information
  - Living situation and family status
  - Financial status and well-being
  - Satisfaction with Western
  - Other topics as requested by constituents

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