

COLLEGE STUDENT INVENTORY (CSI)

What is the CSI?

The CSI provides a measurement tool to assess some of the qualitative items that have proven important to student success in college. Students self-identify their cognitive and affective attrition indicators, the best predictors of student attrition. Intervention can be extended to all students, including those with solid performance and attendance records who drop out without displaying visible warning signs.

Why is NDSU administering the CSI?

The NDUS system has asked each of the institutions in the state to administer the CSI as a way to identify students at risk, intervene, and, ultimately increase retention and graduation rates. The NDUS is funding this effort.

What does the CSI measure?

Academic motivation

- ❖ Study habits
- ❖ Intellectual interests
- ❖ Verbal confidence
- ❖ Math and science confidence
- ❖ Desire to finish college
- ❖ Attitude toward educators

General coping ability

- ❖ Sociability
- ❖ Ease of transition
- ❖ Family emotional support
- ❖ Opinion tolerance
- ❖ Career planning
- ❖ Sense of financial security

Receptivity to support service

- ❖ Academic assistance
- ❖ Personal counseling
- ❖ Social enrichment
- ❖ Career counseling
- ❖ Financial guidance

How will the CSI be administered at NDSU?

August 26-29	College Student Inventories will be administered during the first class period of University 189 Skills for Academic Success as a take home assignment & collected during the second class period
September 3	Deadline for returning completed CSI's to Orientation & Student Success Office (Ceres Hall 211)
September 3-8	Completed CSI's sent to Noel-Levitz for processing
September 8	Update resource guide and mail to campus services listed to inform them of possible referrals.
October 10	Individual student profiles will be mailed to students with a cover letter.
October 13	Individual adviser profiles sent to department chairs, with the most drop out prone students identified separately and sent to faculty liaisons.
October 13 - November 21	Previously identified CSI Faculty Liaisons will be responsible for meeting with the most dropout prone students to process their results and refer to campus services as deemed appropriate.
November 21	Faculty Liaisons turn in Summary Report Form 2003 to IRAO