

## SENIOR EXIT QUESTION SELECTION FORM

***The questions on this and the next page are a compilation of ones that other institutions have used when conducting senior exit interviews or focus groups with their students. Departments and programs can choose to use all or some of these questions and add additional questions as they see fit. Questions? Email Rachael Barlow ([rbarlow02@wesleyan.edu](mailto:rbarlow02@wesleyan.edu)).***

First, I would like to find out more about how you started out in this major.

- What did you think you might major in when you first arrived at Wesleyan?
  - How did that expectation evolve in your first few years?
- What courses shaped your decision to major in \_\_\_\_\_?
  - What other experiences shaped your decision? (sense of community, reputation of the major, interactions with specific faculty or older students, parents' expectations, career goals, etc.)
- What goals did you have for yourself when you first came to Wesleyan?
  - How did these goals evolve or stabilize once you declared this major?

Now I would like to learn about your thoughts concerning the components of this major.

- What did you think of this major's course offerings?
  - Were there enough courses of sufficient variety that you wanted to take?
  - Were you able to access the courses you wanted?
  - How intellectually rigorous were the courses that you took? Were they consistently so?
  - Were there overlaps in course content? Not enough?
  - To what extent did the lower-level courses prepare you for later courses or capstone work?
  - Considering these courses together, did this major accommodate a range of learning styles?
- What did you think of this major's prerequisites and other requirements?
  - How well did you understand what was required of you?
  - Which of these requirements were easy or difficult to complete? How so?
    - What did you gain from these requirements?
  - What opportunities did you have for achieving breadth or depth in this discipline or field?
    - *If relevant*, what was the process of choosing a concentration like for you?
  - How did the courses you took for this major complement or conflict with the other curricular opportunities you pursued (second major, minor, study abroad, etc.)?
- How would you describe your experience with the capstone options in your major?
  - Did you understand what capstone options were available for you?
  - Did you complete a capstone (thesis, 1-semester essay, seminar, etc.)? *If yes*:
    - Were you happy with the process of preparing for and completing your capstone?
    - Were the expectations and rules for completing your capstone consistent and clear?

Now I would like to talk about the support this major provided for you.

- How would you describe this major's sense of community?
  - What do you think contributed to it? Impeded it?
  - How would you describe your relationships with faculty in the major? Students?
- For what issues did you seek advice about your progress in the major?
  - From whom did you seek advice? Faculty? Students? Others?
  - Could you get the advice you needed? Was there more advice you needed?
  - How well informed did you feel about changes that were made to the major?
- What opportunities have you had to interact with alums of this major?
- What advice have you received about the relationship between this major and your career goals?

Now I would like to talk about what you have gained from being in this major.

- What have you learned about how scholars in this major's discipline(s) approach problems? How does it compare to how you approach problems?
- How has your work in this major affected you?
  - Your values and beliefs?
  - Your identity?
  - Your behavior and practices?
- What are the most important skills, knowledge, approaches, and perspectives in this major?
  - Where/how did you develop them?
  - What do you worry you have not developed?
- Tell me about a time you were intellectually challenged by your major's coursework or professors.
  - What happened?
  - What did you learn from this experience?
- What aspects of this major were the most important to you and why?
  - What aspects were surprising?
  - What aspects were disappointing?
- How has your experience in this major shaped how you are thinking about your post-graduate life?

Finally, I want you to think about what you would tell others about this major.

- How do you describe this major to friends, family, possible employers?
- What advice would you give to other students considering declaring this major?
- What advice would you give to the faculty in this major about
  - Curriculum changes (e.g. course offerings, major requirements, etc.)?
  - How students should be supported?
- Is there anything else you would like to tell me about your experience in this major?