Western Educational Longitudinal Survey

**Baselines**
- Administered prior to fall term

**Administered each fall to all non-graduating non-returning students from prior spring term**

**End of First Year & End of Second Year Surveys**
- Alternate every other spring quarter in order to follow a First Year cohort

**Administered at the end of each term**

**Administered every other spring, one year after graduation**

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**Undergraduate Exit**
- Post-graduation employment and education plans
- Educational expenses
- Overall Western experience
- Graduating or leaving
- Satisfactory
- Cost of living
- Internships and service learning

**Graduate Exit**
- Post-graduation employment and education plans
- Educational expenses
- Overall Western experience
- Satisfactory
- Academic program satisfaction
- Graduate applications
- Prior activity

**Alumni**
- Post-graduation employment and education
- Job search, job preparation
- Western internships
- Educational expenses
- Overall Western experience

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**WELS Timeline**

- First Years Admitted & Confirmed
- First Years Baseline Survey
- First Years Enrolled
- End of First Year Survey
- End of Second Year Survey
- Undergraduate Exit Survey
- Graduation
- Alumni Survey

Blue rectangles indicate overlap in topics between two surveys