Topical Module: Experiences with Diverse Perspectives

This module examines opportunities for students to engage in activities that promote greater understanding of societal differences. The module complements questions on the core FSSE survey about students’ experiences with people from different backgrounds, the importance of diverse perspectives in course discussions and assignments, and the importance of encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds.

1. During the current school year, to what extent have events or activities offered at your institution emphasized perspectives on societal differences (economic, ethnic, political, religious, etc.)?  
   Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little

2. During the current school year, about how often have you encouraged students to attend events or activities that focused on examining their understanding of the following?  
   Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never  
   a. Economic or social inequality  
   b. Issues of race, ethnicity, or nationality  
   c. Religious or philosophical differences  
   d. Different political viewpoints  
   e. Issues of gender or sexual orientation

3. During the current school year, about how often have you structured a class session around one of the following topics?  
   Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never  
   a. Economic or social inequality  
   b. Issues of race, ethnicity, or nationality  
   c. Religious or philosophical differences  
   d. Different political viewpoints  
   e. Issues of gender or sexual orientation