

## Study Interview Protocol

### Introduction

1. Tell me a little about yourself.
2. How would you define success?
3. What is your major?
  - a. Why did you choose to pursue this path?
  - b. How have your parents or guardians supported your transition to college?
  - c. Have you experienced any challenges that made you want to change your major?
    - i. If you did change your major, what did you change your major to?
    - ii. If not, why did you choose to stay? What encourages you to continue with your major when you are met with challenges?
4. FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> COHORT: You applied to the program prior to entering LSU, what inspired you to apply to the program? What were you hoping to gain by being apart of this program?
5. FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> COHORT: You transitioned into the program after already being within the COS, what inspired you to apply to the program after your initial transition to college? What were you hoping to gain by being apart of this program that you did not already have an opportunity to experience?
6. Using your IDP as a resource, what personal and professional goals have you set for your life?
  - a. How are you progressing with your goals?
  - b. How have these changed during your time in your program?
  - c. Do you feel confident in your ability to be successful in pursuing your goals?
7. What, in your experience, inspires you to do your best at a task or an assignment?
  - a. What makes it hard to complete at task or assignment for you?
8. FOR SOPHOMORES/JUNIORS: In what ways did beginning college amid a pandemic impact the following:
  - i. Connections with faculty?
  - ii. Connections with peers?
  - iii. Access to opportunities in your major?
  - b. How did you overcome challenges related to COVID-19?
9. FOR SENIORS: How did the pandemic shift the college experience you already knew? In what ways did the pandemic impact the following:
  - i. Connections with faculty?
  - ii. Connections with peers?
  - iii. Access to opportunities in your major?
  - b. How did you overcome challenges related to COVID-19?
10. Do you feel welcomed in your program? If not, have you discussed your concerns with a faculty member, advisor or your peers?
11. Do you feel comfortable asking questions in your classes? If not, have you discussed your concerns with a faculty member, advisor or your peers?

12. How has your identities and perceptions of race, class, and gender influenced your
  - a. Academic experiences?
  - b. Social experiences?
  
13. The following series of questions are in relation to your (major and classification):
  - a. Using a ranking scale from 1-10:
    - i. Your enthusiasm for your major related course content?
    - ii. Your willingness to seek help from others (professors, peers, tutors, etc.) when faced with academic challenges?
    - iii. Your confidence that you understand the material in your major related courses?
    - iv. Your confidence in being able to apply the knowledge and skills learned in an internship or practical experience setting?
    - v. Your ability to apply the knowledge and skills learned in an internship or practical experience setting?
  - b. How have your class activities and assignments helped your learning of the course material?
  
14. What curricular experiences are you involved in?
  - a. Undergraduate Research?
  - b. Conference presentations?
  - c. Conference participation?
  - d. Shadowing/ Internships?
  
15. Do you have role models and/or mentors in your career field?  
How have they encouraged and supported your academic success in STEM?
  
16. What extracurricular experiences are you involved in?
  - a. Are you active in any clubs or organizations on campus or in the community? If so, can you list them and your level of participation.
  - b. In what other ways do you build social connections in your college experience?
  - c. Can you describe the ways that the program assisted in your transition to college?
  - d. How have these experiences outside of the classroom motivated and supported your academic achievement in your courses?
  
17. Are there any questions about your experience at LSU that I have not asked about that you wish to share?