

SOCIAL LISTENING: USING SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS IN RESEARCH

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Our Time Together

- Social Listening Overview
- Market Research Tool: Admissions Dashboard
- Research Spotlight: Why Students Drop Out
- Types of Social Listening
- Discussion/Questions

What is social listening?

It's the collection and analysis of publicly available online information.

Why??

Because the internet is real life.

We can better meet our goals!

- Find, engage, and connect
- Identify trends to inform strategy

Admissions Conversation Online

- Identify keywords and write query
- Collect matching online data
- Clean data
- Kickoff analysis with custom dashboards

Admissions Conversation Online

- Summary
- Distribution across sites
- Audience-specific trends
- Site-specific trends

Why Students Drop Out

Traditional market research project identified barriers to student success:

- Academic literacy
- Language
- Educational background
- Digital literacy
- Personal finances
- Work/school balance

- Relationships outside of school
- Sense of belonging on campus
- Ability to connect with faculty
- Mental health issues
- Geographic location/transportation

Why Students Drop Out

Concurrent social listening research identified 800,000 online conversations about why students drop out. Three reasons were similar—two new ones were uncovered.

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- Educational background
- Digital literacy
- Personal finances
- Work/school balance
- Relationships outside of school
- Sense of belonging on campus

- Ability to connect with faculty
- Mental health issues
- Geographic location/transportation
- Dislike for school
- Unsustainable lifestyle

Types of Social Listening

- Enterprise level (e.g., Campus Sonar's dedicated software and analysts)
- Platform-specific