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A Summary of Student Engagement Results

Student engagement represents two critical features of collegiate quality. The first is the amount of time and effort students put into their studies and other educationally purposeful activities. The second is how institutional resources, courses, and other learning opportunities facilitate student participation in activities that matter to student learning. NSSE surveys undergraduate students in their first and final years to assess their levels of engagement and related information about their experience at your institution.

Comparison Group

The comparison group featured in this report is

Peer Institution

See your *Selected Comparison Groups* report for details.

This *Snapshot* is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2020 administration. We hope this information stimulates discussions about the undergraduate experience. Additional details about these and other results appear in the reports referenced throughout.

Engagement Indicators Sets of items are grouped into ten			Your students compared with Peer Institution	
Engagement Indicators, organized	Theme	Engagement Indicator	First-year	Senior
under four broad themes. At right are summary results for your	Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning		
institution. For details, see your Engagement Indicators report.		Reflective & Integrative Learning		
		Learning Strategies		
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning		
Your students' average was significantly higher $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Learning	Collaborative Learning		
Your students' average was significantly \triangle higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	∇	
No significant difference.	Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction		
Your students' average was significantly ∇ lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices		
Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions		
		Supportive Environment		

High-Impact Practices

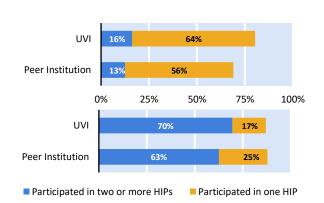
Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, special undergraduate opportunities are designated "high-impact." For more details and statistical comparisons, see your *High-Impact Practices* report.

First-year

Service-Learning, Learning Community, and Research w/Faculty

Senior

Service-Learning, Learning Community, Research w/Faculty, Internship, Study Abroad, and Culminating Senior Experience





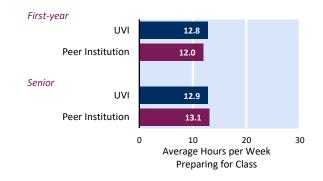
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Academic Challenge: Additional Results

The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. The results presented here provide an overview of these individual items. For more information about the Academic Challenge theme, see your *Engagement Indicators* report. To further explore individual item results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons*, the *Major Field Report*, the *Online Institutional Report*, or the Report Builder.

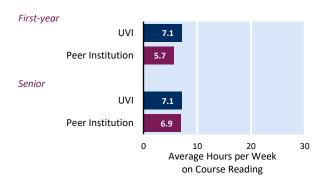
Time Spent Preparing for Class

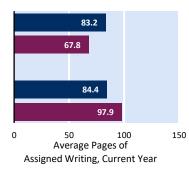
This figure reports the average weekly class preparation time for your students compared to students in your comparison group.



Reading and Writing

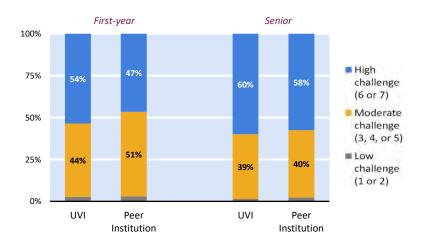
These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.





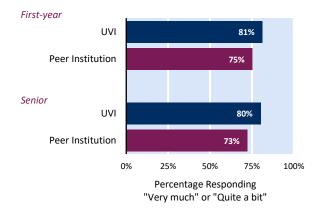
Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work

To what extent did students' courses challenge them to do their best work? Response options ranged from 1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much."



Academic Emphasis

How much did students say their institution emphasizes spending significant time studying and on academic work? Response options included "Very much," "Quite a bit," "Some," and "Very little."





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Item Comparisons

By examining individual NSSE questions, you can better understand what contributes to your institution's performance on the Engagement Indicators. This section displays the five questions^a on which your students scored the highest and the five questions on which they scored the lowest, relative to students in your comparison group. Parenthetical notes indicate whether an item belongs to a specific Engagement Indicator or is a High-Impact Practice. While these questions represent the largest differences (in percentage points), they may not be the most important to your institutional mission or current program or policy goals. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

First-year

Highest Performing Relative to Peer Institution

About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)?^e (HIP)

Institution emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds... (SE)

Spent more than 10 hours per week on assigned reading f

Instructors provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments $^{\rm c}$ (ET)

Institution emphasis on providing support for your overall well-being... (SE)

Lowest Performing Relative to Peer Institution

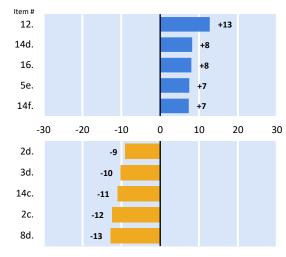
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue^b (RI)

Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member (SF)

Institution emphasis on using learning support services (...)^c (SE)

Included diverse perspectives (...) in course discussions or assignments^b (RI)

Discussions with... People with political views other than your own (DD)



Percentage Point Difference with Peer Institution

Senior

Highest Performing Relative to Peer Institution

Institution emphasis on using learning support services (...)^c (SE)

Quality of interactions with student services staff (...)^d (QI)

Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices (...)^d (QI)

Institution emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds...^c (SE)

Instructors taught course sessions in an organized way^c (ET)

Lowest Performing Relative to Peer Institution

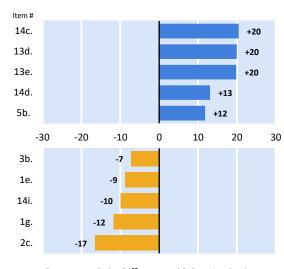
Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (...)^b (SF)

Asked another student to help you understand course material (CL)

Institution emphasis on attending events that address important social/econ./polit. issues^c (SE)

Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material w/other students^b (CL)

Included diverse perspectives (...) in course discussions or assignments^b (RI)



Percentage Point Difference with Peer Institution

a. The displays on this page draw from the items that make up the ten Engagement Indicators (EIs), six High-Impact Practices (HIPs), and the additional academic challenge items reported on page 2. Key to abbreviations for EI items: HO = Higher-Order Learning, RI = Reflective & Integrative Learning, LS = Learning Strategies, QR = Quantitative Reasoning, CL = Collaborative Learning, DD = Discussions with Diverse Others, SF = Student-Faculty Interaction, ET = Effective Teaching Practices, QI = Quality of Interactions, SE = Supportive Environment. HIP items are also indicated. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

b. Combination of students responding "Very often" or "Often."

c. Combination of students responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit."

d. Rated at least 6 on a 7-point scale.

e. Percentage reporting at least "Some."

f. Estimate based on the reported amount of course preparation time spent on assigned reading.

g. Estimate based on number of assigned writing tasks of various lengths.



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How Students Assess Their Experience

Students' perceptions of their cognitive and affective development, as well as their overall satisfaction with the institution, provide useful evidence of their educational experiences. For more details, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

Perceived Gains Among Seniors

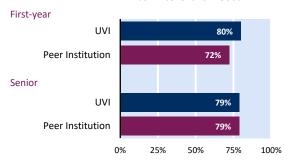
Students reported how much their experience at your institution contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in ten areas.

Percentage of Seniors Responding **Perceived Gains** (Sorted highest to lowest) "Very much" or "Quite a bit" Thinking critically and analytically Analyzing numerical and statistical information Writing clearly and effectively Working effectively with others Speaking clearly and effectively Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills Understanding people of other backgrounds (econ., racial/ethnic, polit., relig., nation., etc.) Solving complex real-world problems Being an informed and active citizen Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics

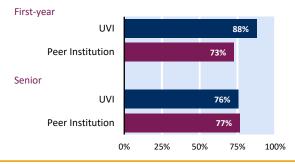
Satisfaction with UVI

Students rated their overall experience at the institution, and whether or not they would choose it again.

Percentage Rating Their Overall Experience as "Excellent" or "Good"



Percentage Who Would "Definitely" or "Probably" Attend This Institution Again



Administration Details

Response Summary

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time
First-year	122	30%	80%	84%
Senior	80	26%	76%	66%

See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for more information

Additional Questions

Your institution administered the following additional question set(s):

Development of Transferable Skills

Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity

See your Topical Module report(s) for results.

What is NSSE?

NSSE annually collects information at hundreds of four-year colleges and universities about student participation in activities and programs that promote their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending their college or university. Institutions use their data to identify aspects of the undergraduate experience that can be improved through changes in policy and practice.

NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used at more than 1,600 colleges and universities in the US and Canada. More than 90% of participating institutions administer the survey on a periodic basis.

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