



Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

**National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
2010 Executive Summary**

Purpose: During the spring 2010 semester, freshmen/first year and senior students across Mississippi State University (MSU) were asked to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). The survey findings annually provide comparative standards for determining how effectively MSU's colleges* are contributing to student learning. The NSSE 2010 results can be used for the 2010-11 assessment cycle.

Methodology: 6,801 freshmen/first year and senior student combined populations were asked to complete the survey in which 1,795 students responded; giving a response rate of 26.4% compared to a national response rate of 38%.

The survey was deployed electronically by email invitation on five separate occasions. The initial invitation was sent on February 2, 2010, with three reminders over the next four weeks, and with a final reminder on March 24, 2010. This gave the students approximately a six-week window of opportunity to participate in the survey.

The results provided are divided into five areas:

- Level of Academic Challenge (LAC)
- Active and Collaborative Learning (ACL)
- Student Faculty Interaction (SFI)
- Enriching Educational Experiences (EEE)
- Supportive Campus Environment (SCE).

The results are provided in two data summary tables with:

- A data summary table of comparison which shows the mean score for all questions in the five categories by college of the 2010 results. For each question in this section, bolded results in **maroon** indicate the **highest response rate among colleges** for both freshmen/first year and seniors students. Additionally, the table shows the MSU overall mean and the overall NSSE mean. Results in **black** bold in the MSU overall mean or NSSE overall columns, indicate whether **MSU or NSSE had a higher mean score** for every question and by freshmen/first year and senior students.
- A data summary table of comparison which shows the mean score for all questions in the five categories for the 2010 NSSE overall mean score along with the MSU mean scores from 2008 and 2010 provided as a comparison. Results in **black** bold in the MSU overall mean or NSSE overall columns, indicate whether **MSU or NSSE had a higher mean score** for every question and by freshmen/first year and senior students. National results for the 2010 survey consists of 362,000 first-year students and seniors attending 595 colleges and universities including 23 Canadian universities.

		College of Arts & Sciences	College of Business	College of Arch., Art, & Design	College of Ag & Life Sciences	College of Education	College of Engineering	College of Forest Resources	Meridian Campus	College of Other*	Overall MSU Mean	Overall NSSE Mean
Level of Academic Challenge (LAC)												
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>												
	<i>Class</i>											
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	FY	2.70	2.47	3.17	2.79	2.65	2.34	2.28	**	2.65	2.59	2.73
	SR	2.69	2.62	3.26	2.90	2.93	2.74	2.52	3.20	2.94	2.79	2.79
<i>During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>												
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	FY	2.96	3.04	2.90	3.18	2.84	3.01	2.56	**	2.84	2.96	3.15
	SR	3.22	3.07	3.26	3.08	3.02	3.44	3.09	3.06	2.78	3.16	3.29
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	FY	2.75	2.71	2.97	3.03	2.71	2.74	2.41	**	2.60	2.74	2.94
	SR	2.87	2.69	3.34	2.90	2.84	3.09	2.96	2.80	2.67	2.88	3.10
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	FY	2.69	2.78	3.10	2.90	2.66	2.51	2.56	**	2.84	2.72	2.95
	SR	2.79	2.82	3.17	2.89	2.89	3.02	3.09	2.81	2.56	2.89	3.05
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	FY	2.99	3.03	3.23	3.27	3.04	3.00	2.83	**	2.82	3.01	3.08
	SR	3.10	3.01	3.40	3.20	3.15	3.50	3.13	3.07	3.06	3.18	3.26
<i>During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done? 1=None, 2=1-4, 3=5-10, 4=11-20, 5=More than 20</i>												
Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	FY	3.10	3.05	2.43	3.05	3.09	2.84	2.83	**	2.85	2.94	3.27
	SR	3.03	2.86	2.64	2.94	2.98	2.64	2.91	3.19	2.72	2.87	3.21
Number of written papers or reports of <u>20 pages or more</u>	FY	1.18	1.20	1.10	1.26	1.21	1.13	1.06	**	1.50	1.22	1.32
	SR	1.46	1.41	1.39	1.54	1.48	1.78	2.04	1.33	1.17	1.53	1.65
Number of written papers or reports <u>between 5 and 19 pages</u>	FY	1.85	1.74	1.62	1.87	1.81	1.85	2.11	**	2.00	1.86	2.27
	SR	2.32	2.01	1.93	2.30	2.23	2.37	2.36	2.41	2.11	2.24	2.56
Number of written papers or reports of <u>fewer than 5 pages</u>	FY	2.97	2.86	2.63	2.69	2.91	2.66	3.11	**	2.73	2.81	3.03
	SR	2.72	2.76	2.48	2.71	2.79	2.76	2.83	2.66	2.83	2.72	3.00
<i>About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=More than 30 hrs/wk</i>												
Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work), analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	FY	4.03	3.77	4.89	4.25	3.63	4.36	4.41	**	3.85	4.07	4.21
	SR	3.76	3.58	5.70	4.52	4.12	5.20	4.70	4.29	3.44	4.25	4.29
<i>To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>												
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	FY	3.27	3.18	3.26	3.47	3.13	3.21	3.38	**	3.01	3.21	3.16
	SR	3.08	3.08	3.54	3.28	3.19	3.34	3.27	3.30	2.94	3.19	3.16

College of "other" includes Academic Affairs, Special Non-degree, and Continuing Education.

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		College of Arts & Sciences	College of Business	College of Arch., Art, & Design	College of Ag & Life Sciences	College of Education	College of Engineering	College of Forest Resources	Meridian Campus	College of Other*	Overall MSU Mean	Overall NSSE Mean
Active and Collaborative Learning (ACL)												
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>												
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	FY	2.62	2.58	2.64	2.64	2.55	2.37	2.39	**	2.50	2.53	2.85
	SR	2.86	2.79	3.31	2.87	3.08	2.84	2.83	3.18	2.56	2.92	3.13
Made a class presentation	FY	1.96	2.12	2.56	1.94	2.00	1.64	2.06	**	2.02	1.95	2.29
	SR	2.31	2.62	3.33	2.85	2.79	2.60	2.30	3.09	1.53	2.60	2.79
Worked with other students on projects during class	FY	2.21	2.49	2.47	2.39	2.48	2.22	2.22	**	2.33	2.32	2.46
	SR	2.26	2.64	3.33	2.70	2.68	2.49	2.48	2.58	2.06	2.54	2.56
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	FY	2.24	2.38	2.36	2.45	2.40	2.33	2.11	**	2.22	2.31	2.45
	SR	2.53	2.92	3.29	3.02	2.84	3.39	3.00	2.81	1.71	2.89	2.78
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	FY	1.77	1.75	1.42	1.80	1.72	1.97	1.56	**	1.74	1.78	1.70
	SR	1.78	1.71	1.96	1.80	1.99	2.22	2.04	1.61	1.11	1.89	1.86
Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a regular course	FY	1.65	1.63	1.63	1.89	1.54	1.41	1.61	**	1.64	1.60	1.60
	SR	1.50	1.43	1.78	1.71	1.82	1.32	1.91	1.65	1.33	1.55	1.74
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	FY	2.48	2.54	2.73	2.63	2.53	2.43	2.44	**	2.52	2.50	2.77
	SR	2.89	2.66	3.23	2.87	2.80	2.87	2.78	3.04	2.89	2.84	2.90
Student Faculty Interaction (SFI)												
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>												
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FY	2.52	2.58	2.50	2.70	2.58	2.29	2.28	**	2.52	2.49	2.65
	SR	2.75	2.74	3.10	2.98	2.95	2.63	2.96	3.02	2.50	2.80	2.84
Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FY	2.07	2.10	2.25	2.29	2.03	1.96	2.47	**	2.20	2.11	2.22
	SR	2.51	2.17	2.65	2.71	2.74	2.32	2.65	2.44	2.29	2.47	2.43
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FY	1.60	1.71	2.03	1.74	1.65	1.60	1.44	**	1.78	1.68	1.89
	SR	1.99	1.74	2.29	2.31	2.05	2.01	2.26	2.15	1.24	2.01	2.09
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	FY	2.48	2.41	2.60	2.49	2.62	2.27	1.89	**	2.44	2.42	2.70
	SR	2.82	2.55	3.11	2.73	2.85	2.67	2.83	2.87	2.72	2.75	2.83
Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FY	1.57	1.67	1.71	1.57	1.70	1.48	1.22	**	1.59	1.57	1.66
	SR	1.78	1.61	2.00	2.12	1.81	1.99	2.17	1.74	1.39	1.81	1.85
<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=Have not decided, Do not plan to do, Plan to do; 1=Done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "Done" among all valid respondents.)</i>												
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	FY	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.06	**	0.08	.06	.05
	SR	0.18	0.06	0.24	0.26	0.13	0.33	0.43	0.08	0.00	.18	.19

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Enriching Educational Experiences (EEE)												
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>												
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FY	2.37	2.54	2.55	2.51	2.24	2.41	2.50	**	2.46	2.43	2.64
	SR	2.58	2.59	2.69	2.55	2.76	2.76	2.26	2.69	3.00	2.65	2.88
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	FY	2.44	2.48	2.33	2.41	2.48	2.27	2.72	**	2.56	2.43	2.61
	SR	2.56	2.31	2.87	2.58	2.68	2.67	2.52	3.00	2.18	2.58	2.68
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FY	2.39	2.48	2.47	2.35	2.51	2.29	2.56	**	2.41	2.40	2.69
	SR	2.57	2.37	2.91	2.51	2.56	2.63	2.55	2.83	2.06	2.55	2.73
<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=Have not decided, Do not plan to do, Plan to do; 1=Done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "Done" among all valid respondents.)</i>												
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	FY	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.08	0.09	0.01	0.06	**	0.04	.05	.07
	SR	0.33	0.30	0.41	0.42	0.51	0.65	0.74	0.50	0.22	.45	.50
Community service or volunteer work	FY	0.54	0.46	0.31	0.48	0.50	0.39	0.39	**	0.42	.45	.40
	SR	0.62	0.54	0.61	0.58	0.63	0.71	0.70	0.53	0.44	.61	.60
Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FY	0.29	0.23	0.10	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.28	**	0.16	.19	.16
	SR	0.18	0.16	0.44	0.28	0.34	0.29	0.48	0.28	0.00	.25	.27
Foreign language coursework	FY	0.24	0.11	0.10	0.14	0.08	0.16	0.06	**	0.13	.15	.21
	SR	0.67	0.26	0.24	0.36	0.17	0.28	0.17	0.20	0.12	.33	.41
Study abroad	FY	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.00	**	0.05	.03	.03
	SR	0.09	0.12	0.22	0.08	0.02	0.12	0.00	0.02	0.00	.09	.14
Independent study or self-designed major	FY	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.00	**	0.02	.03	.04
	SR	0.23	0.08	0.22	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.04	0.14	0.22	.16	.17
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FY	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.06	**	0.03	.02	.02
	SR	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.28	0.16	0.41	0.35	0.12	0.06	.23	.33
<i>About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=More than 30 hrs/wk</i>												
Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	FY	2.76	2.93	2.32	2.63	3.06	2.53	2.41	**	2.70	2.70	2.29
	SR	2.30	2.38	1.70	2.33	2.20	2.65	1.96	1.39	1.11	2.25	2.13
<i>To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>												
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FY	2.79	2.61	2.63	2.77	2.60	2.57	2.25	**	2.59	2.64	2.74
	SR	2.38	2.34	2.84	2.89	2.60	2.29	2.55	2.79	2.33	2.48	2.57

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Supportive Campus Environment (SCE)

Select the circle that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution.

1=Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of alienation to 7=Friendly, Supportive, Sense of belonging

Relationships with other students

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FY		5.79	5.56	5.34	5.78	5.89	5.61	5.67	**	5.69	5.68	5.49
SR		5.56	5.93	5.93	5.85	6.00	5.98	5.96	6.16	5.69	5.86	5.65

1=Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic to 7=Available, Helpful, Sympathetic

Relationships with faculty members

FY		5.17	5.00	4.86	4.78	5.09	4.98	4.44	**	5.26	5.04	5.27
SR		5.49	5.35	5.63	5.53	5.68	5.37	5.39	5.92	5.72	5.51	5.49

1=Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid to 7=Helpful, Considerate, Flexible

Relationships with administrative personnel and offices

FY		4.84	4.58	4.52	4.54	4.59	4.69	4.44	**	5.19	4.74	4.82
SR		4.79	4.92	5.02	5.08	4.96	4.84	5.17	5.84	5.72	4.97	4.69

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?
1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much

Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically

FY		3.07	3.14	2.85	3.21	3.05	2.98	2.81	**	2.91	3.02	3.11
SR		2.99	2.91	3.13	3.04	3.00	2.93	3.05	3.13	2.78	2.97	2.98

Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)

FY		2.19	2.36	1.96	2.45	2.22	2.19	2.00	**	2.38	2.25	2.30
SR		2.03	1.80	1.74	2.23	2.15	1.83	2.00	2.31	1.72	1.98	2.04

Providing the support you need to thrive socially

FY		2.50	2.51	2.37	2.88	2.59	2.45	2.44	**	2.71	2.55	2.54
SR		2.35	2.19	2.15	2.57	2.45	2.23	2.27	2.38	1.76	2.31	2.28

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**Mississippi State University
MSU & NSSE Mean Comparisons
2008 & 2010**

		2010 Overall NSSE Mean	2010 Overall MSU Mean	2008 Overall MSU Mean
Level of Academic Challenge (LAC)				
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>				
	<i>Class</i>			
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	FY	2.73	2.59	2.61
	SR	2.79	2.79	2.82
<i>During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>				
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	FY	3.15	2.96	2.91
	SR	3.29	3.16	3.13
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	FY	2.94	2.74	2.65
	SR	3.10	2.88	2.93
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	FY	2.95	2.72	2.75
	SR	3.05	2.89	2.94
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	FY	3.08	3.01	2.89
	SR	3.26	3.18	3.20
<i>During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done? 1=None, 2=1-4, 3=5-10, 4=11-20, 5=More than 20</i>				
Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	FY	3.27	2.94	2.96
	SR	3.21	2.87	2.90
Number of written papers or reports of <u>20 pages or more</u>	FY	1.32	1.22	1.24
	SR	1.65	1.53	1.53
Number of written papers or reports <u>between 5 and 19 pages</u>	FY	2.27	1.86	1.88
	SR	2.56	2.24	2.23
Number of written papers or reports of <u>fewer than 5 pages</u>	FY	3.03	2.81	2.86
	SR	3.00	2.72	2.70
<i>About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=More than 30 hrs/wk</i>				
Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	FY	4.21	4.07	3.71
	SR	4.29	4.25	4.29
<i>To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>				
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	FY	3.16	3.21	3.10
	SR	3.16	3.19	3.22



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MSU & NSSE Mean Comparisons
2008 & 2010**

		2010 Overall NSSE Mean	2010 Overall MSU Mean	2008 Overall MSU Mean
Active and Collaborative Learning (ACL)				
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>				
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	FY	2.85	2.53	2.57
	SR	3.13	2.92	2.94
Made a class presentation	FY	2.29	1.95	2.13
	SR	2.79	2.60	2.69
Worked with other students on projects during class	FY	2.46	2.32	2.34
	SR	2.56	2.54	2.63
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	FY	2.45	2.31	2.36
	SR	2.78	2.89	2.92
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	FY	1.70	1.78	1.81
	SR	1.86	1.89	1.95
Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a regular course	FY	1.60	1.60	1.65
	SR	1.74	1.55	1.60
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	FY	2.77	2.50	2.56
	SR	2.90	2.84	2.84
Student Faculty Interaction (SFI)				
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>				
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FY	2.65	2.49	2.56
	SR	2.84	2.80	2.88
Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FY	2.22	2.11	2.11
	SR	2.43	2.47	2.50
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FY	1.89	1.68	1.79
	SR	2.09	2.01	2.15
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	FY	2.70	2.42	2.52
	SR	2.83	2.75	2.74
Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FY	1.66	1.57	1.68
	SR	1.85	1.81	1.86
<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=Have not decided, Do not plan to do, Plan to do; 1=Done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "Done" among all valid respondents.)</i>				
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	FY	.05	.06	.10
	SR	.19	.18	.19



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		2010 Overall NSSE Mean	2010 Overall MSU Mean	2008 Overall MSU Mean
Enriching Educational Experiences (EEE)				
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often</i>				
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FY	2.64	2.43	2.43
	SR	2.88	2.65	2.71
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	FY	2.61	2.43	2.46
	SR	2.68	2.58	2.63
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FY	2.69	2.40	2.51
	SR	2.73	2.55	2.59
<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=Have not decided, Do not plan to do, Plan to do; 1=Done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "Done" among all valid respondents.)</i>				
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	FY	.07	.05	.06
	SR	.50	.45	.49
Community service or volunteer work	FY	.40	.45	.34
	SR	.60	.61	.51
Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FY	.16	.19	.17
	SR	.27	.25	.22
Foreign language coursework	FY	.21	.15	.16
	SR	.41	.33	.32
Study abroad	FY	.03	.03	.05
	SR	.14	.09	.08
Independent study or self-designed major	FY	.04	.03	.04
	SR	.17	.16	.16
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FY	.02	.02	.04
	SR	.33	.23	.19
<i>About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=More than 30 hrs/wk</i>				
Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	FY	2.29	2.70	2.48
	SR	2.13	2.25	1.92
<i>To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>				
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FY	2.74	2.64	2.67
	SR	2.57	2.48	2.52



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Supportive Campus Environment (SCE)				
<i>Select the circle that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution.</i>				
<i>1=Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of alienation to 7=Friendly, Supportive, Sense of belonging</i>				
Relationships with <u>other students</u>	FY	5.49	5.68	5.57
	SR	5.65	5.86	5.81
<i>1=Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic to 7=Available, Helpful, Sympathetic</i>				
Relationships with <u>faculty members</u>	FY	5.27	5.04	5.03
	SR	5.49	5.51	5.51
<i>1=Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid to 7=Helpful, Considerate, Flexible</i>				
Relationships with <u>administrative personnel and offices</u>	FY	4.82	4.74	4.57
	SR	4.69	4.97	4.66
<i>To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much</i>				
Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	FY	3.11	3.02	2.98
	SR	2.98	2.97	3.00
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FY	2.30	2.25	2.26
	SR	2.04	1.98	2.06
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	FY	2.54	2.55	2.56
	SR	2.28	2.31	2.30