



**2015 NSSE/USF  
Alignment with WSCUC  
Core Competencies  
First Year - Senior Means**

	First Year		Senior	
	Count	Mean	Count	Mean
<b>WSCUC Core Competency: Critical Thinking</b>				
Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	255	2.88	313	3.18
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	255	2.91	313	3.00
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	255	2.98	313	3.08
Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	255	2.98	313	3.14
Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	255	3.17	313	3.36
Coursework emphasized: Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	255	3.00	313	3.23
Coursework emphasized: Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	255	3.10	313	3.32
Coursework emphasized: Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	255	3.11	313	3.24
Coursework emphasized: Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	255	3.00	313	3.23
Had discussions with people of a race or ethnicity other than your own	255	3.28	313	3.46
Had discussions with people from an economic background other than your own	255	3.11	313	3.30
Had discussions with people with religious beliefs other than your own	255	3.08	313	3.26
Had discussions with people with political views other than your own	255	2.82	313	3.06
Identified key information from reading assignments	255	3.20	313	3.36
Perceived gains: Thinking critically and analytically	255	3.17	313	3.37
<b>WSCUC Core Competency: Oral Communication</b>				
Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	255	2.90	313	3.27
Gave a course presentation	255	2.60	313	2.98
Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	255	2.08	313	2.33
Had discussions with people of a race or ethnicity other than your own	255	3.28	313	3.46
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Had discussions with people with political views other than your own	255	2.82	313	3.06
Perceived gains: Speaking clearly and effectively	255	2.97	313	3.09



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<b>WSCUC Core Competency: Quantitative Reasoning</b>				
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	255	2.58	313	2.72
Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	255	2.42	313	2.55
Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	255	2.39	313	2.53
Perceived gains: Analyzing numerical and statistical information	255	2.59	313	2.67
<b>WSCUC Core Competency: Written Communication</b>				
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	299	2.74	442	2.57
Number of written papers or reports: Up to 5 pages (7)	299	3.54	442	3.62
Number of written papers or reports: Between 6 and 10 pages (7)	299	2.49	442	2.70
Number of written papers or reports: 11 pages or more (7)	299	1.56	442	2.05
Perceived gains: Writing clearly and effectively	299	2.99	442	3.17

\*All mean scores are relative to a 4 point response set except as noted ( ).