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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 Jesuit See your Selected Comparison Groups report for details.

This *Snapshot* is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2021 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				<b>Your students</b> compared with Jesuit	
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		Δ	
institution. For details, see your Engagement Indicators report.		Reflective & Integrative Lea	irning		
Engagement mateutors report.		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		•	$\nabla$
Your students' average was significantly  △ higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than  .3 in magnitude.	with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Of	$\nabla$		
No significant difference.	Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction		$\nabla$	$\nabla$
Your students' average was significantly $\bigvee$ lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	5	Δ	
Your students' average was significantly $\P$ lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions		Δ	
		Supportive Environment			$\nabla$
High-Impact Practices					
Due to their positive associations with student learning and	First-year  Service-Learning, Learning  Community, and Research  w/Faculty		USF_CA 9%	53%	
retention, special undergraduate opportunities are designated "high-			Jesuit 13%	44%	
impact." For more details and	Senior		0%	25% 50%	75% 10
statistical comparisons, see your High-Impact Practices report.	Internship, Study Abroad,		USF_CA	76%	20%
			lesuit	70%	15%

and Culminating Senior

Experience

Jesuit

■ Participated in two or more HIPs

■ Participated in one HIP



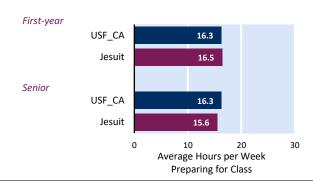
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## **Academic Challenge: Additional Results**

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.

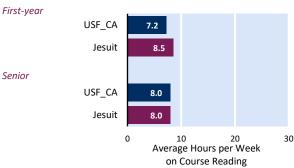
#### **Time Spent Preparing for Class**

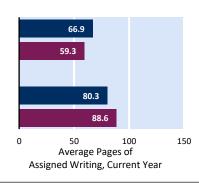
This figure reports the average weekly class preparation time for your students compared to students in your comparison group.



#### **Reading and Writing**

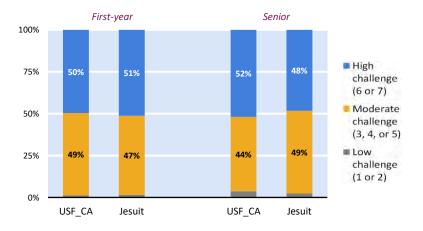
These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.





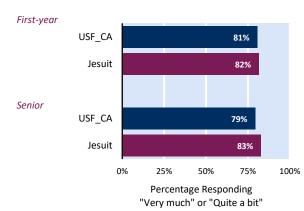
#### **Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work**

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<sup>a</sup> 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 Jesuit**

About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)?  $^{\rm e}$  (HIP)

Quality of interactions with academic advisors<sup>d</sup> (QI)

Instructors reviewed and summarized key ideas and concepts<sup>c</sup>

I feel valued by this institution. (SB)

Instructors explained in advance the criteria for successfully completing assignments<sup>c</sup>

#### **Lowest Performing Relative to Jesuit**

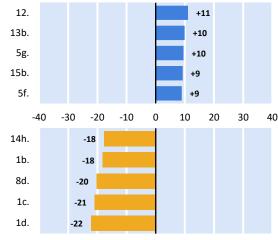
Institution emphasis on attending campus activities and events  $\left(\ldots\right)^{c}$  (SE)

Asked another student to help you understand course material<sup>b</sup> (CL)

Discussions with... People with political views other than your own<sup>b</sup> (DD)

Explained course material to one or more students<sup>b</sup> (CL)

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



#### Percentage Point Difference with Jesuit

#### Senior

#### **Highest Performing Relative to Jesuit**

About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)?<sup>e</sup> (HIP)

Discussions with... People of a race or ethnicity other than your own<sup>b</sup> (DD)

Institution emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds...<sup>c</sup> (SE)

Quality of interactions with academic advisors<sup>d</sup> (QI)

Reviewed your notes after class<sup>b</sup> (LS)

#### **Lowest Performing Relative to Jesuit**

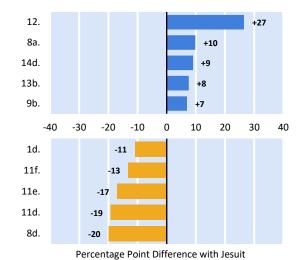
Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material w/other students<sup>b</sup> (CL)

Completed a culminating senior experience (...) (HIP)

Worked with a faculty member on a research project (HIP)

Participated in a study abroad program (HIP)

Discussions with... People with political views other than your own<sup>b</sup> (DD)



a. The items on this page come from the Engagement Indicators (EIs), High-Impact Practices (HIPs), Sense of Belonging (SB), the academic challenge questions on page 2, and four additional questions about effective teaching (new in 2021). 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.

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.

h. Combination of students responding "strongly agree" or "agree."



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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.

#### Satisfaction with USF\_CA

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

Perceived Gains (Sorted highest to lowest)	Percentage of Seniors Responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit"		Percentage Rating Their Overall Experience as "Excellent" or "Good"
Thinking critically and analytically	88%	First-year	USF_CA 84%
Speaking clearly and effectively	78%		Jesuit 86%
Being an informed and active citizen	77%	Senior	
Understanding people of other backgrounds (econ., racial/ethnic, polit., relig., nation., etc.)	77%		USF_CA 80%  Jesuit 86%
Writing clearly and effectively	76%		0% 25% 50% 75% 10
Working effectively with others	75%		Percentage Who Would "Definitely" or "Probably" Attend This Institution Again
Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	74%	First-year	USF_CA 86%
Solving complex real-world problems	65%		Jesuit 84%
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	65%	Senior	
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	61%		USF_CA 71%  Jesuit 80%

#### **Administration Details**

#### **Response Summary**

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time
First-year	372	36%	68%	99%
Senior	284	23%	68%	97%

See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for more information.

#### **Additional Questions**

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

0%

**Coping with Covid** 

**Experiences with Online Learning** 

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.

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