

Leveraging involvement and collaboration to cultivate belonging

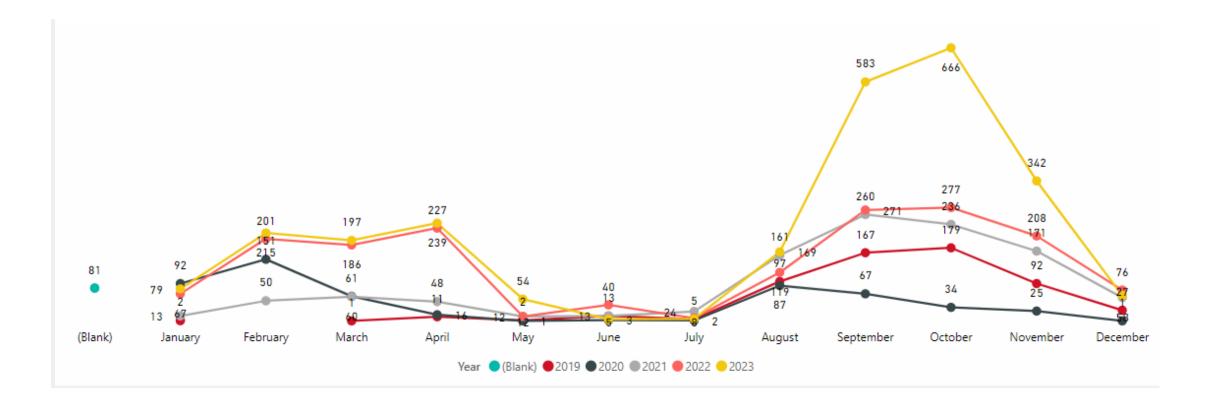
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ISU is a traditional campus environment where students are highly involved and collaborate closely with dedicated faculty and staff.



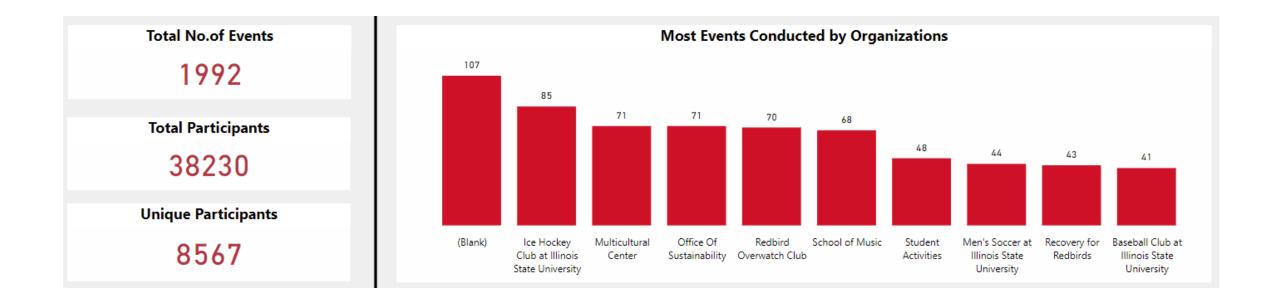
College student engagement is the active and meaningful involvement of students in academic, social, and extracurricular activities that enhance their learning experience and personal development.





#### **Events Promoted in Redbird Life**

(In Person)



### Fall 2023 Events

### RSO #s

Total Active Organizations	
462	
Filled Positions	<b>Position Holders</b>
5893	4005
Memberships	Members
24132	13038

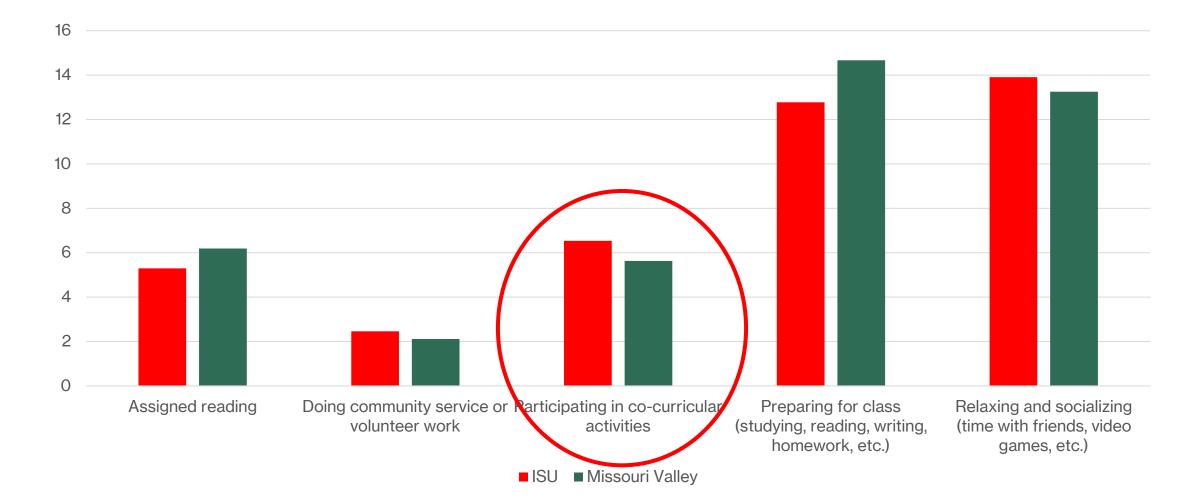
### Tell us what engagement means to you.

How can we cultivate a culture of engagement at ISU? How can we motivate students to participate in campus life (be engaged)? ISU cultivates an atmosphere that encourages involvement, fosters collaboration, and facilitates the formation of meaningful relationships.

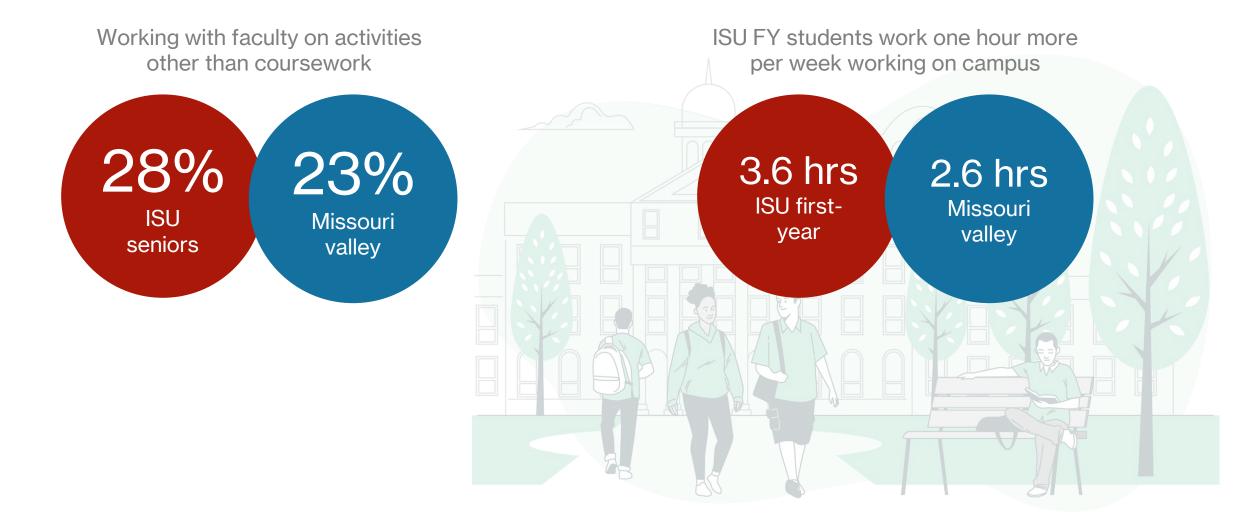
## Student satisfaction and expectations motivate behavior and demonstrate an overall positive experience.



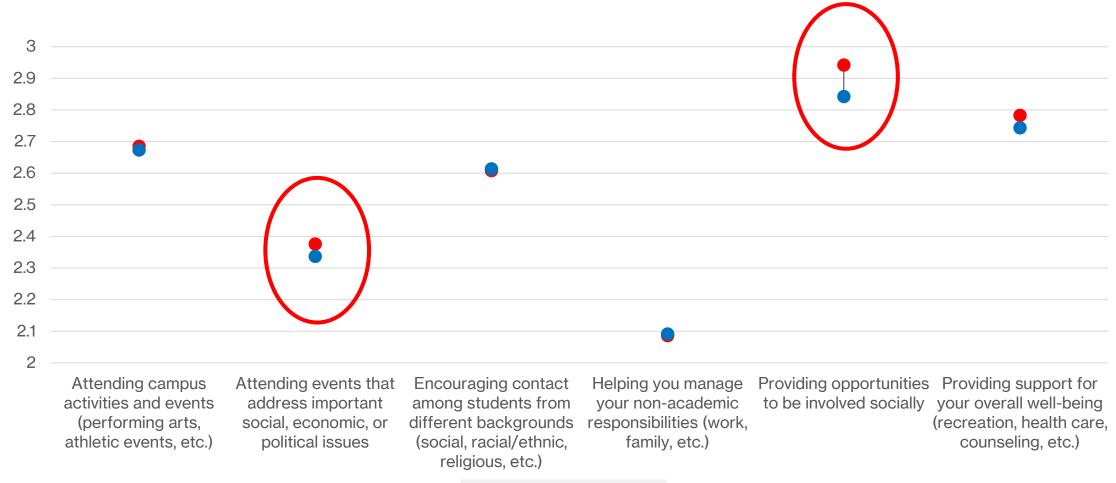
# ISU FY students spend about one hour more a week on co-curricular activities.



# Meaningful interactions with faculty & staff encourage mentoring, exposes students to professional environments and integrates students into the campus.



## Seniors report ISU places high emphasis on social involvement and attending campus events.

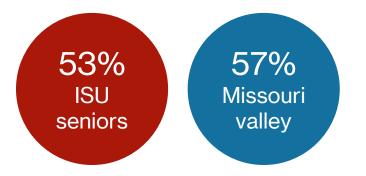


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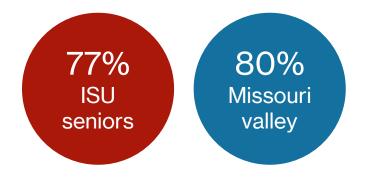
**ISU could improve by** fostering an environment of belonging, enhancing academic engagement beyond the classroom, and encouraging connections between units.

### **ISU students integrate learning within courses but less so across disciplines and units.**

Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments

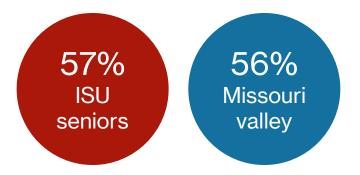


Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge

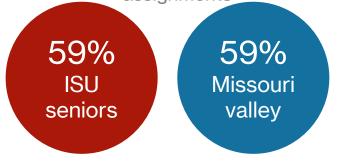


Across disciplines

Connected your learning to societal problems or issues

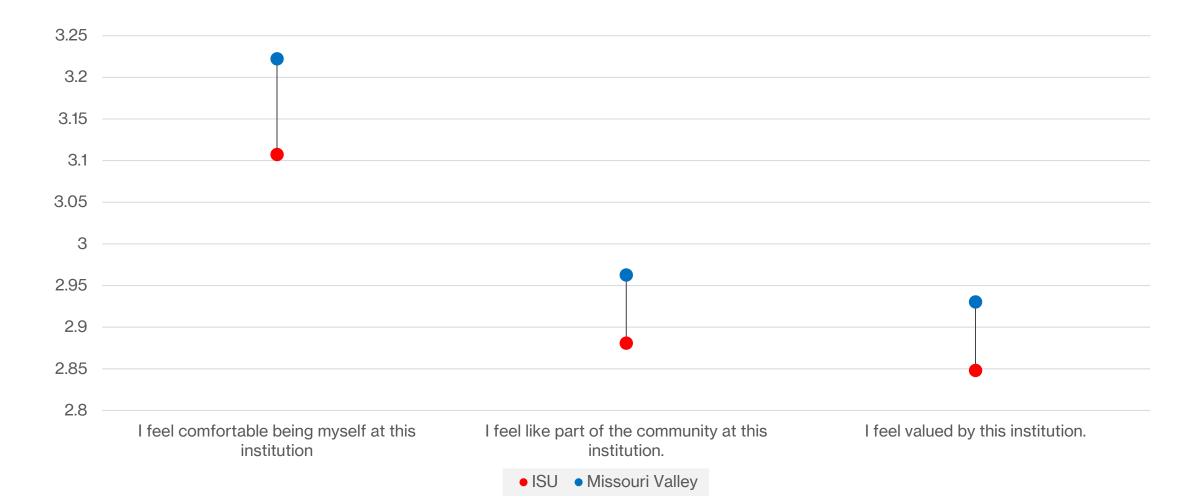


Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments

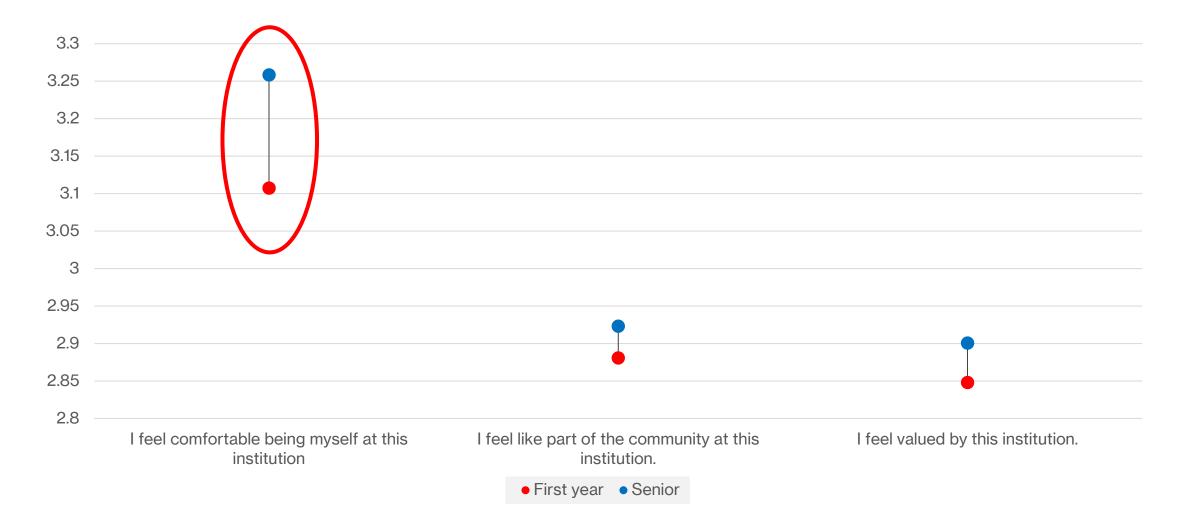


Within courses

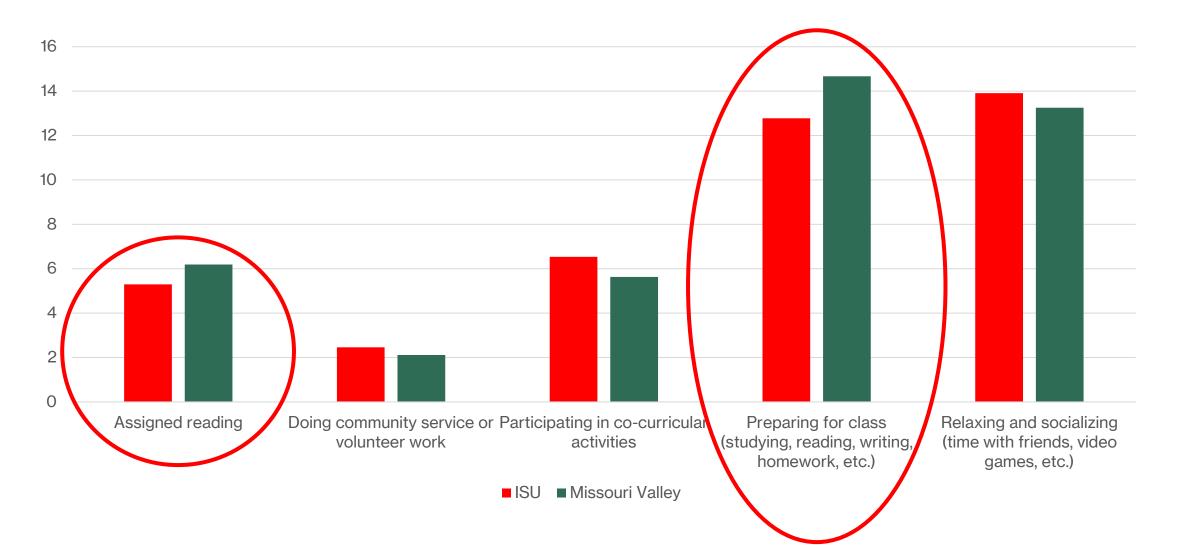
# First-year students report lower belonging than students at peer institutions.



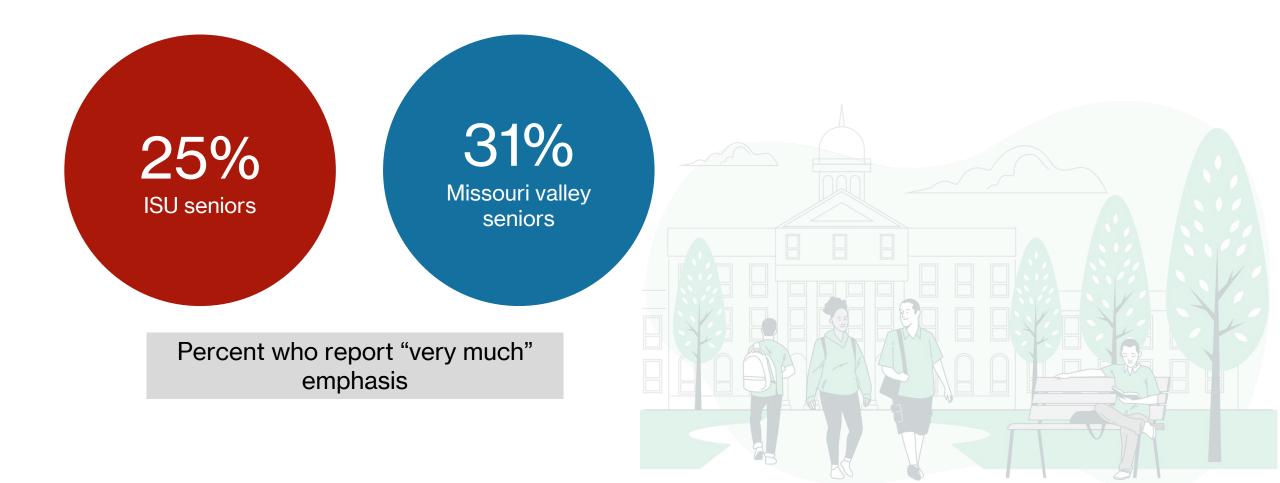
# **Comfort with being oneself is much higher for ISU seniors.**



## **ISU students spend less time preparing for class.**



# ISU seniors report ISU places less emphasis on academic work and studying outside of class.



### Let's leverage high involvement and a spirit of individual collaboration to:

**Increase belonging** 

### Engage in collaborative efforts spanning different disciplines and departments

Encourage academic engagement and build off cocurricular learning experiences