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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

featured in this report is

Carnegie

See your *Selected Comparison Groups* report for details.

This Snapshot is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2023 administration. We hope this information stimulates discussions about the undergraduate experience. Additional details about these and other results appear in the reports referenced throughout.

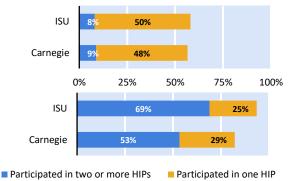
| <b>Engagement Indicators</b><br>Sets of items are grouped into ten  |                       |                                   | Your students compared with<br>Carnegie |          |  |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| Engagement Indicators, organized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

#### Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, certain undergraduate opportunities are designated "highimpact." For more details and statistical comparisons, see your

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

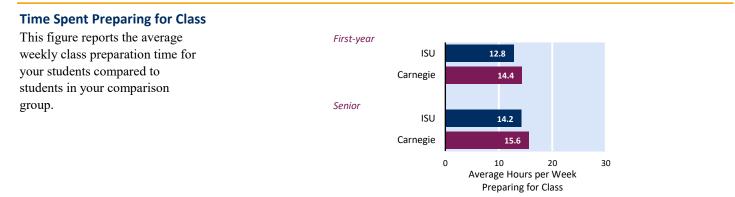




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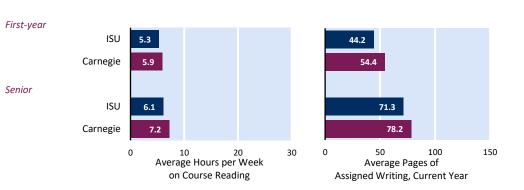
## **Academic Challenge: Additional Results**

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.



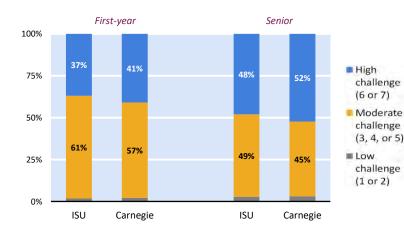
#### **Reading and Writing**

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.



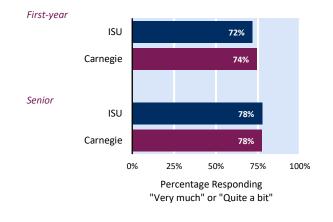
### **Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work**

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, or equally available to all students. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

#### **First-year**

#### **Highest Performing Relative to Carnegie**

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

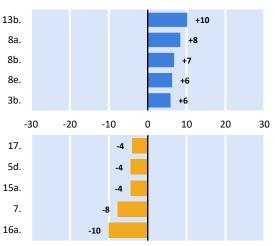
Discussions with... People of races or ethnicities other than your own<sup>b</sup> (DD) Discussions with... People from economic backgrounds other than your own<sup>b</sup> (DD)

Discussions with...People with sexual orientations other than your own

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

#### **Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie**

Spent more than 10 hours per week on assigned reading<sup>f</sup> Instructors provided feedback on a draft or work in progress<sup>c</sup> (ET) I feel comfortable being myself at this institution<sup>h</sup> (SB) Assigned more than 50 pages of writing<sup>g</sup> Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class



Percentage Point Difference with Carnegie

#### Senior

#### **Highest Performing Relative to Carnegie**

| Participated in an internship, co-op, field exp., student teach., clinical placemt. (HIP)             | 11a. |       |          |           |           |            | +22 |    |
|---|------|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----|----|
| Explained course material to one or more students <sup>b</sup> (CL)                                   | 1c.  |       |          |           |           | +13        |     |    |
| About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)? <sup>e</sup> (HIP) | 12.  |       |          |           |           | +12        |     |    |
| Talked about career plans with a faculty member <sup>b</sup> (SF)                                     | 3a.  |       |          |           |           | +12        |     |    |
| Institution emphasis on providing opportunities to be involved socially <sup>c</sup> (SE)             | 14e. |       |          |           |           | +10        |     |    |
| Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie  | -3   | 80 -2 | 20 -     | 10        | 0 :       | 10 2       | 0   | 30 |
| Extent to which courses challenged you to do your best work <sup>d</sup>                              | 10.  |       |          | -4        |           |            |     |    |
| Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information $()^b$ (QR)                   | 6a.  |       |          | -5        |           |            |     |    |
| Spent more than 10 hours per week on assigned reading <sup>f</sup>                                    | 17.  |       |          | -5        |           |            |     |    |
| Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class   | 16a. |       | -        | 8         |           |            |     |    |
| Discussions withPeople from countries other than your own   | 8f.  |       | -1       | 3         |           |            |     |    |
|   |      | Perc  | entage P | oint Diff | erence wi | ith Carneg | ie  |    |

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."

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."

c. Combination of students responding "very much" or "quite a bit."



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### **How Students Assess Their Experience**

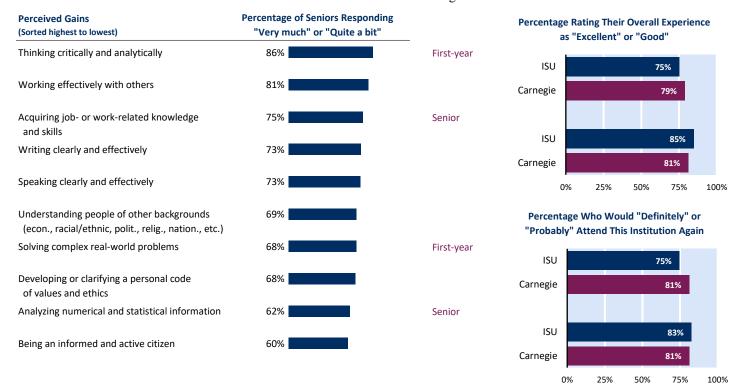
Students' perceptions of certain aspects of cognitive and affective development, as well as their overall satisfaction with the institution, provide useful evidence of their educational experiences. For more details, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

#### **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 ISU**

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



## **Administration Details**

#### **Response Summary**

|            | Count | Resp. rate | Female | Full-time |
|------------|-------|------------|--------|-----------|
| First-year | 611   | 18%        | 64%    | 99%       |
| Senior     | 849   | 22%        | 68%    | 93%       |

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

#### **Additional Questions**

Your institution did not choose to administer additional questions. In future administrations, you may customize NSSE by participating in a topical module or a consortium. See our website for more information. nsse.indiana.edu

### 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 nearly 1,700 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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