



NSSE 2015
Multi-Year Report
University of West Georgia

About Your Multi-Year Report

For institutions participating in multiple NSSE administrations since 2013, the year of the last survey update, this report presents year-to-year results for Engagement Indicators (EIs), High-Impact Practices (HIPs), and key academic challenge items to illustrate patterns of change or stability. It also provides details such as number of respondents, standard deviation, and standard error so that statistical tests can be calculated.

For more information and recommendations for analyzing NSSE data over time, consult the *Multi-Year Data Analysis Guide* on the NSSE website. nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/MYDAG.pdf

This report contains three main parts: (a) a page that provides a quick reference to important information about each year's administration, (b) multi-year figures, and (c) detailed statistics. Key terms and features are illustrated below.

Report sections

Administration Summaries (p. 3)	A summary of respondent counts, response rates, sampling errors, and administration details for each participation year.
Engagement Results by Theme (pp. 4-7)	Results for 10 EIs and selected individual survey items are displayed, organized under four broad themes. The Academic Challenge theme is represented by four EIs as well as several individual items. The three remaining engagement themes (Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment) follow, each represented by two EIs.
High-Impact Practices (pp. 8-9)	Results for six HIPs are displayed. First-year results indicate students who <i>participated</i> in a Learning Community, Service-Learning, and Research with Faculty, and who <i>planned to do</i> an Internship or Field Experience, Study Abroad, and a Culminating Senior Experience. Senior results indicate students who participated in all six.
Detailed Statistics (pp. 10-13)	Displays detailed information for results including counts, standard errors, and confidence intervals (CIs) for each measure.

Interpreting year-to-year results

When examining year-to-year results, you may wonder whether observed differences signify meaningful change and whether a trend is indicated. Figures display CIs around each score showing the range of values that will contain the population score 95% of the time. Upper and lower CI bounds are also reported in the Detailed Statistics section.

For further investigation

The Report Builder—Institution Version, updated with current data in the fall, allows for multi-year analysis of Engagement Indicators and individual items. It also affords the analysis of results by subpopulations.

The precision of an institution's population estimates can vary between administrations. An important early step in conducting a multi-year analysis is to review data quality indicators. The values in the tables below were drawn from your *Administration Summary* reports.

Response Details by Participation Year

First-year students

Year	Response rate ^a	Sampling error ^b	Total respondents ^c	Full completions	Partial completions
2013	9%	+/- 5.6%	275	213	62
2014	12%	+/- 4.5%	415	302	113
2015	9%	+/- 6.7%	195	131	64
2016					
2017					
2018					
2019					
2020					

Seniors

Year	Response rate ^a	Sampling error ^b	Total respondents ^c	Full completions	Partial completions
2013	16%	+/- 5.8%	240	198	42
2014	16%	+/- 5.1%	308	249	59
2015	14%	+/- 6.5%	193	140	53
2016					
2017					
2018					
2019					
2020					

Administration Details by Participation Year

Year	Recruitment method	Sample type	Incentives offered	Topical module(s)	Consortium	BCSSE	FSSE
2013	Email	Census	No	Writing Experiences	None	No	Yes
2014	Email	Census	No	None	University System of Georgia	No	Yes
2015	Email	Census	No	Writing Experiences	None	No	Yes
2016							
2017							
2018							
2019							
2020							

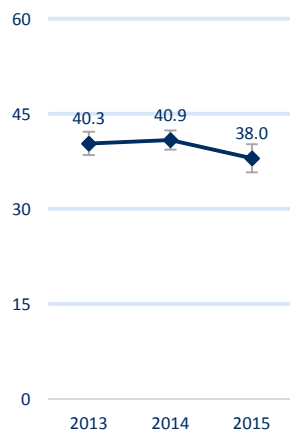
Note: All of your institution's participation years since 2013 (the first year of the updated NSSE) are reported. Years in which your institution did not participate are blank.

- a. Response rates (number of respondents divided by sample size) are adjusted for ineligibility, nondeliverable addresses, and students who were unavailable during the survey administration.
- b. Sampling error gauges the precision of results based on a sample survey. It is an estimate (at the 95% confidence level) of how much survey item percentages for your respondents could differ from those of the entire population of students at your institution. While data with larger sampling errors (such as +/-10%) need not be dismissed out of hand, such results should be interpreted more conservatively.
- c. This is the count used to calculate response rates and sampling errors for each administration's *Administration Summary* report. This number includes all census-administered and randomly sampled students.

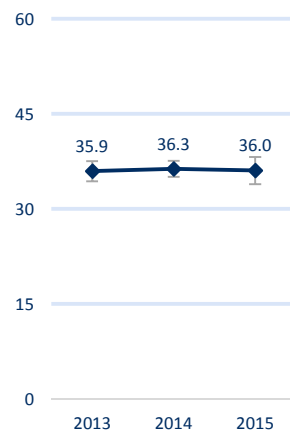
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Academic Challenge: First-year students

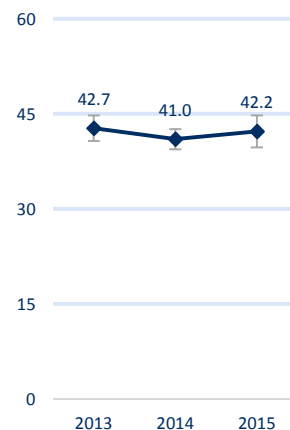
Higher-Order Learning



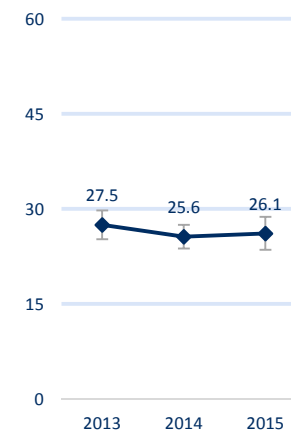
Reflective & Integrative Learning



Learning Strategies

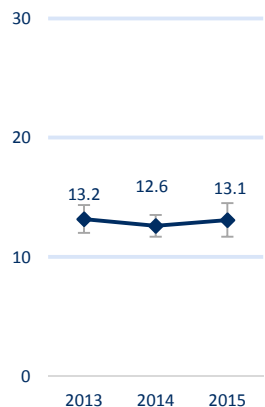


Quantitative Reasoning

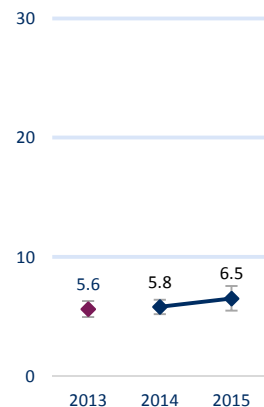


Academic Challenge (additional items): First-year students

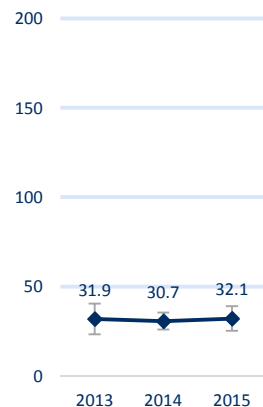
Preparing for Class (hrs/wk)



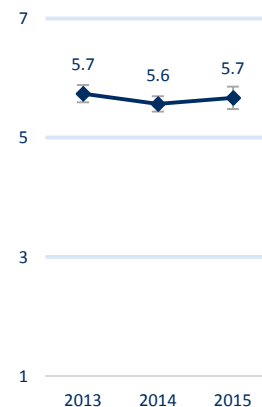
Course Reading (hrs/wk)^a



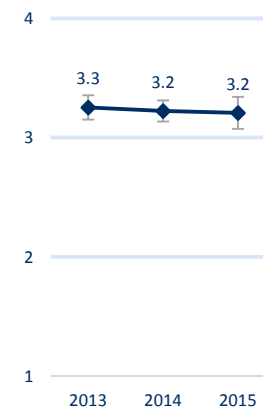
Assigned Writing (pages)^a



Course Challenge^b



Academic Emphasis^c



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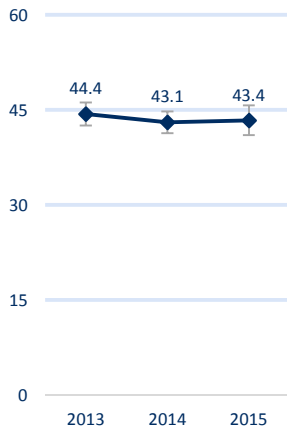
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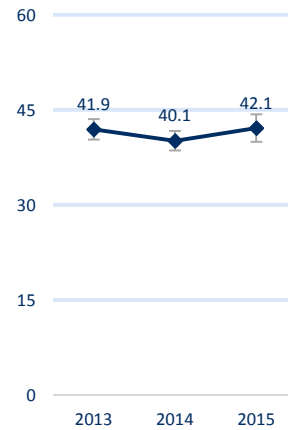
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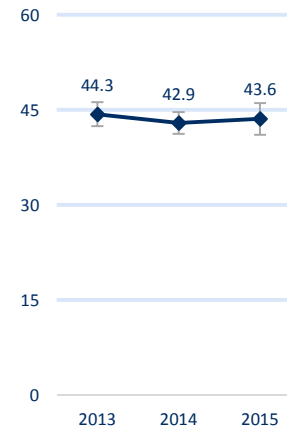
Higher-Order Learning



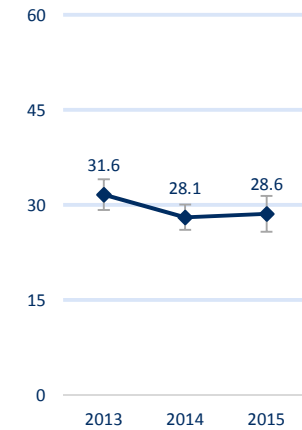
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Learning Strategies

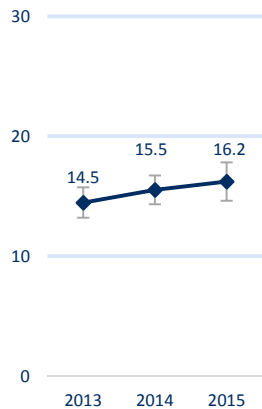


Quantitative Reasoning



Academic Challenge (additional items): Seniors

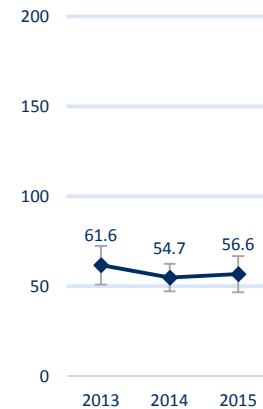
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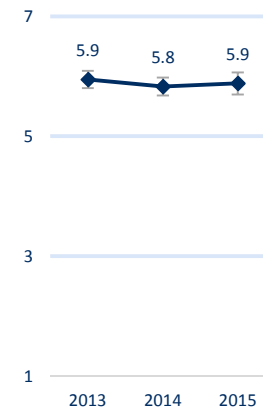
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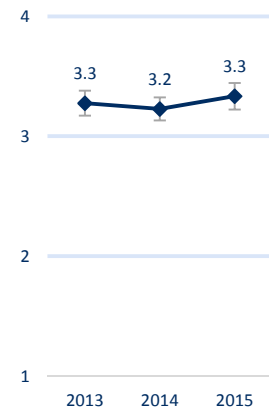
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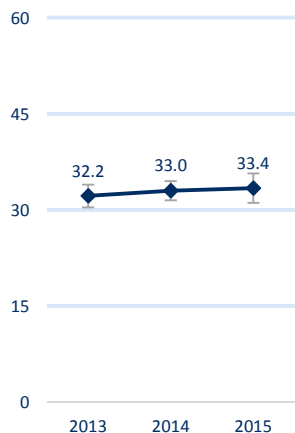
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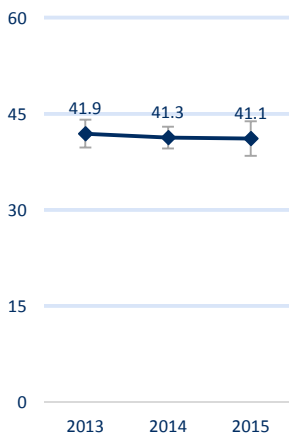
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Learning with Peers: First-year students

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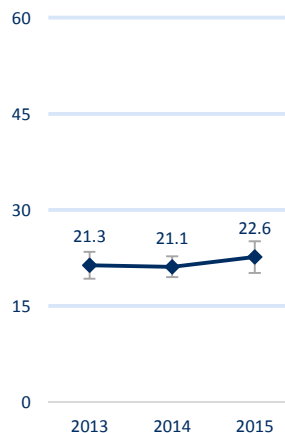


Discussions with Diverse Others

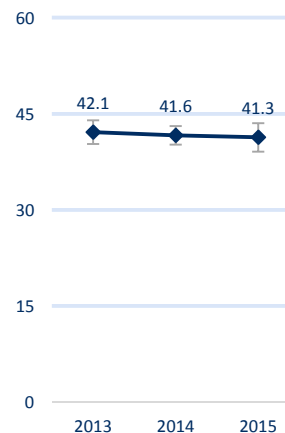


Experiences with Faculty: First-year students

Student-Faculty Interaction

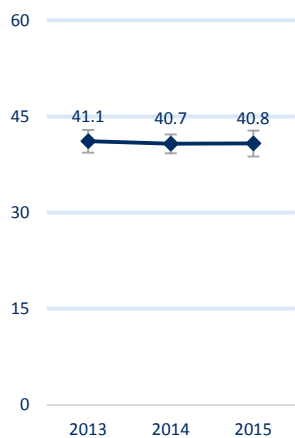


Effective Teaching Practices

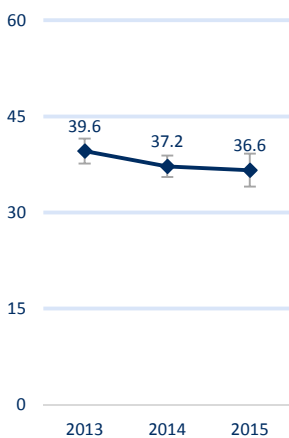


Campus Environment: First-year students

Quality of Interactions



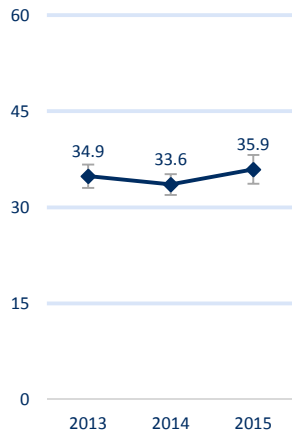
Supportive Environment



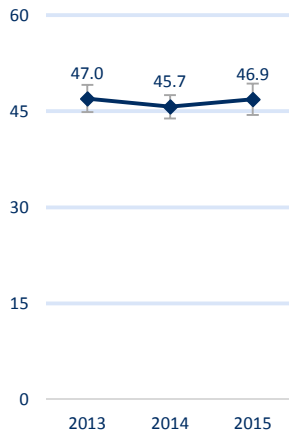
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Learning with Peers: Seniors

Collaborative Learning

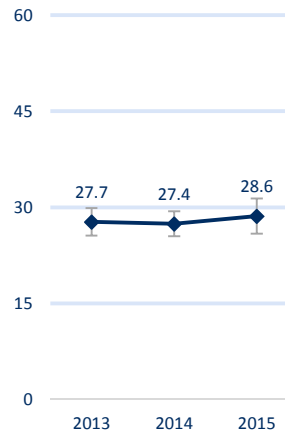


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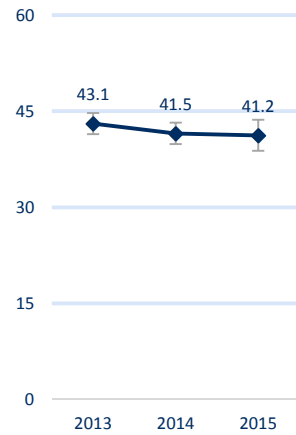


Experiences with Faculty: Seniors

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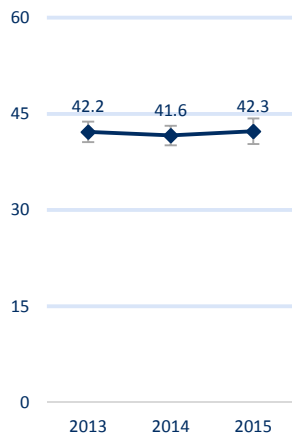


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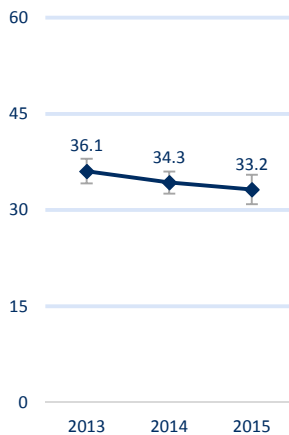


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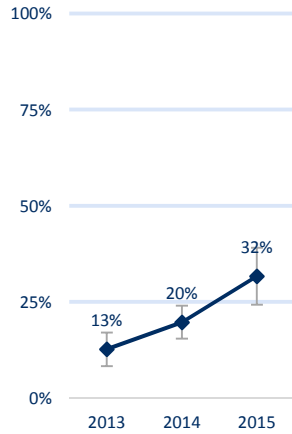
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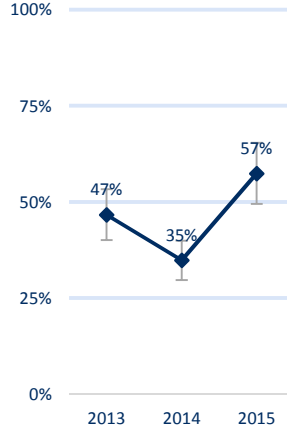
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High-Impact Practices: First-year students

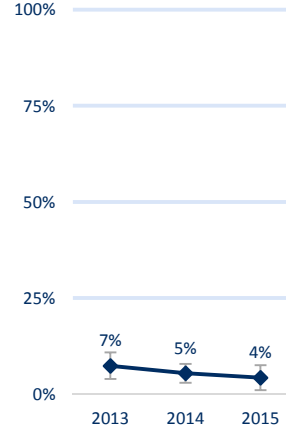
Learning Community (Done or in progress)



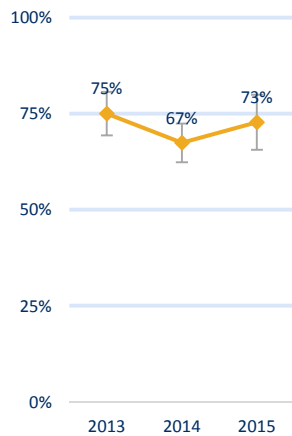
Service-Learning (Some, most, or all courses)



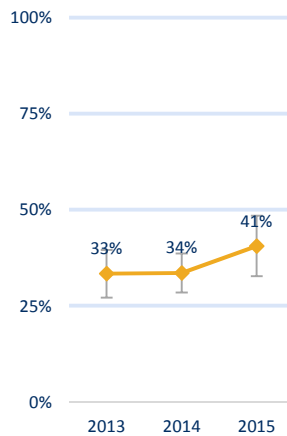
Research with Faculty (Done or in progress)



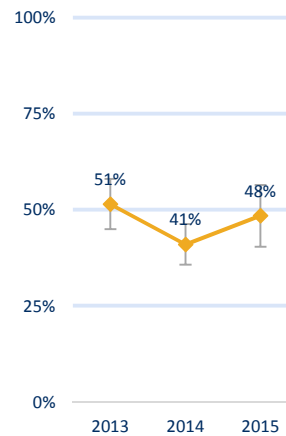
Internship/Field Experience (Plan to do)



Study Abroad (Plan to do)



Culminating Senior Experience (Plan to do)



Overall first-year HIP participation

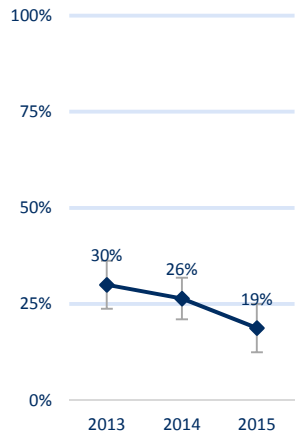
The figure below displays the percentages of first-year students who participated in one, and two or more, HIPs. The figure is limited to participation in a learning community, service-learning, and research with faculty.



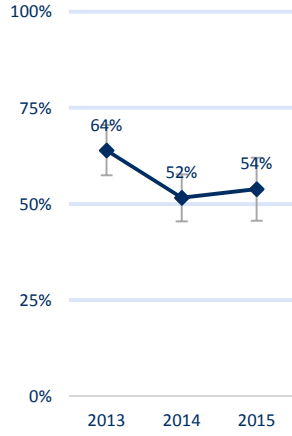
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High-Impact Practices: Seniors

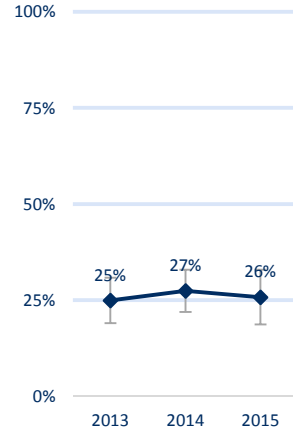
Learning Community (Done or in progress)



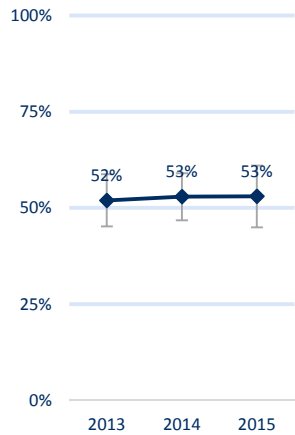
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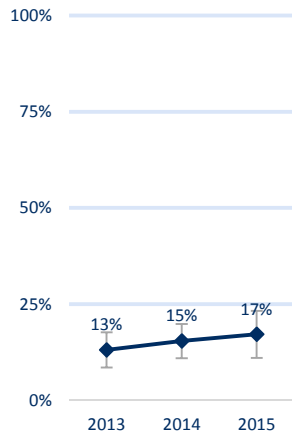
Research with Faculty (Done or in progress)



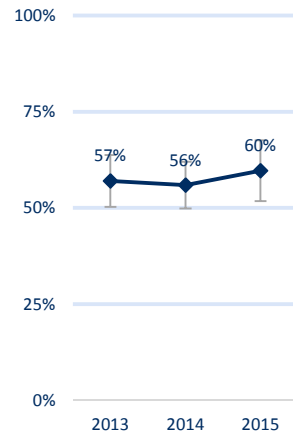
Internship/Field Experience (Done or in progress)



Study Abroad (Done or in progress)



Culminating Senior Experience (Done or in progress)



Overall senior HIP participation

The figure below displays the percentages of seniors who participated in one, and two or more, HIPs. The figure includes all six HIPs.



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Detailed Statistics: Engagement Indicators and Additional Items

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		First-year students							Seniors								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<i>Academic Challenge</i>																	
Higher-Order Learning	<i>Mean</i>	40.3	40.9	38.0						44.4	43.1	43.4					
	<i>n</i>	245	347	164						216	266	160					
	<i>SD</i>	14.7	14.3	14.5						13.7	14.3	15.2					
	<i>SE</i>	.94	.77	1.13						.93	.88	1.20					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	42.2	42.4	40.2						46.2	44.8	45.7					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	38.5	39.3	35.8						42.5	41.4	41.0					
Reflective & Integrative Learning	<i>Mean</i>	35.9	36.3	36.0						41.9	40.1	42.1					
	<i>n</i>	249	371	171						227	281	172					
	<i>SD</i>	13.0	12.5	14.3						12.6	13.2	14.5					
	<i>SE</i>	.82	.65	1.09						.83	.79	1.11					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	37.5	37.6	38.2						43.6	41.7	44.3					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	34.3	35.0	33.9						40.3	38.6	40.0					
Learning Strategies	<i>Mean</i>	42.7	41.0	42.2						44.3	42.9	43.6					
	<i>n</i>	218	326	149						207	253	148					
	<i>SD</i>	15.3	14.6	15.7						13.9	14.0	15.5					
	<i>SE</i>	1.03	.81	1.29						.97	.88	1.27					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	44.8	42.6	44.8						46.2	44.7	46.1					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	40.7	39.4	39.7						42.4	41.2	41.1					
Quantitative Reasoning	<i>Mean</i>	27.5	25.6	26.1						31.6	28.1	28.6					
	<i>n</i>	244	355	164						221	275	163					
	<i>SD</i>	18.2	17.9	17.0						18.4	16.9	18.5					
	<i>SE</i>	1.17	.95	1.32						1.24	1.02	1.45					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	29.8	27.5	28.7						34.1	30.1	31.4					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	25.2	23.7	23.5						29.2	26.1	25.8					
<i>Academic Challenge (additional items)</i>																	
Preparing for Class (hours/week)	<i>Mean</i>	13.2	12.6	13.1						14.5	15.5	16.2					
	<i>n</i>	210	299	133						200	249	140					
	<i>SD</i>	8.6	8.0	8.3						9.2	9.6	9.7					
	<i>SE</i>	.60	.46	.72						.65	.61	.82					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	14.3	13.5	14.5						15.7	16.7	17.8					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	12.0	11.7	11.7						13.2	14.3	14.6					
Course Reading Estimated hours per week calculated from two survey questions. The item was modified in 2014; comparability between 2013 and later years is limited.	<i>Mean</i>	5.6	5.8	6.5						7.4	8.3	9.5					
	<i>n</i>	210	296	130						199	248	139					
	<i>SD</i>	5.0	5.3	6.0						6.5	7.6	8.8					
	<i>SE</i>	.34	.31	.52						.46	.48	.75					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	6.3	6.4	7.5						8.3	9.2	11.0					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	4.9	5.2	5.5						6.5	7.3	8.0					

Notes: n = Number of respondents; SD = Standard deviation; SE = Standard error of the mean; upper and lower bounds represent the 95% confidence interval (mean +/- 1.96 * SE).

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<i>Academic Challenge (additional items, continued)</i>																	
Assigned Writing	<i>Mean</i>	31.9	30.7	32.1								61.6	54.7	56.6			
Estimated number of pages calculated from three survey questions.	<i>n</i>	202	293	136								188	232	137			
	<i>SD</i>	62.3	41.2	41.3								75.4	59.6	60.6			
	<i>SE</i>	4.38	2.41	3.54								5.50	3.91	5.17			
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	40.5	35.4	39.0								72.4	62.4	66.7			
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	23.3	25.9	25.2								50.9	47.0	46.5			
Course Challenge	<i>Mean</i>	5.7	5.6	5.7								5.9	5.8	5.9			
Extent to which courses challenged students to do their best work (1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much").	<i>n</i>	224	333	152								208	258	149			
	<i>SD</i>	1.1	1.2	1.2								1.1	1.2	1.1			
	<i>SE</i>	.07	.07	.10								.07	.08	.09			
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	5.9	5.7	5.9								6.1	6.0	6.1			
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	5.6	5.4	5.5								5.8	5.7	5.7			
Academic Emphasis	<i>Mean</i>	3.3	3.2	3.2								3.3	3.2	3.3			
Perceived institutional emphasis on spending significant time studying and on academic work (1 = "Very little," 2 = "Some," 3 = "Quite a bit," and 4 = "Very much").	<i>n</i>	210	298	133								200	252	139			
	<i>SD</i>	0.7	0.8	0.8								0.8	0.8	0.7			
	<i>SE</i>	.05	.05	.07								.05	.05	.06			
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	3.4	3.3	3.3								3.4	3.3	3.4			
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	3.2	3.1	3.1								3.2	3.1	3.2			
<i>Learning with Peers</i>																	
Collaborative Learning	<i>Mean</i>	32.2	33.0	33.4								34.9	33.6	35.9			
	<i>n</i>	262	375	177								230	288	178			
	<i>SD</i>	14.7	14.7	15.6								14.2	14.1	15.2			
	<i>SE</i>	.91	.76	1.17								.94	.83	1.14			
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	33.9	34.5	35.7								36.7	35.2	38.2			
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	30.4	31.5	31.1								33.0	31.9	33.7			
Discussions with Diverse Others	<i>Mean</i>	41.9	41.3	41.1								47.0	45.7	46.9			
	<i>n</i>	223	333	150								210	259	149			
	<i>SD</i>	16.7	15.7	16.9								15.7	15.1	15.3			
	<i>SE</i>	1.12	.86	1.38								1.08	.94	1.26			
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	44.1	43.0	43.8								49.1	47.5	49.3			
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	39.7	39.6	38.4								44.9	43.9	44.4			

Notes: n = Number of respondents; SD = Standard deviation; SE = Standard error of the mean; upper and lower bounds represent the 95% confidence interval (mean +/- 1.96 * SE).

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		First-year students							Seniors								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>																	
Student-Faculty Interaction	<i>Mean</i>	21.3	21.1	22.6						27.7	27.4	28.6					
	<i>n</i>	244	362	166						219	275	168					
	<i>SD</i>	16.6	15.8	16.3						16.2	16.5	18.1					
	<i>SE</i>	1.06	.83	1.27						1.09	1.00	1.40					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	23.4	22.7	25.1						29.9	29.4	31.4					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	19.3	19.5	20.1						25.6	25.5	25.9					
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Effective Teaching Practices	<i>Mean</i>	42.1	41.6	41.3						43.1	41.5	41.2					
	<i>n</i>	248	360	165						222	279	167					
	<i>SD</i>	14.8	14.3	14.5						12.5	14.3	15.8					
	<i>SE</i>	.94	.75	1.13						.84	.85	1.23					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	44.0	43.1	43.5						44.7	43.2	43.6					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	40.3	40.2	39.1						41.4	39.9	38.8					
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<i>Campus Environment</i>																	
Quality of Interactions	<i>Mean</i>	41.1	40.7	40.8						42.2	41.6	42.3					
	<i>n</i>	219	320	148						203	251	141					
	<i>SD</i>	13.4	13.5	12.7						11.7	12.4	12.1					
	<i>SE</i>	.91	.75	1.04						.82	.78	1.02					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	42.9	42.2	42.8						43.8	43.2	44.3					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	39.4	39.2	38.7						40.6	40.1	40.3					
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Supportive Environment	<i>Mean</i>	39.6	37.2	36.6						36.1	34.3	33.2					
	<i>n</i>	210	297	131						200	251	140					
	<i>SD</i>	14.5	14.7	15.0						13.8	14.1	13.8					
	<i>SE</i>	1.00	.85	1.31						.98	.89	1.17					
	<i>CI upper bound</i>	41.5	38.9	39.2						38.0	36.0	35.5					
	<i>CI lower bound</i>	37.6	35.5	34.0						34.1	32.5	30.9					

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		First-year students							Seniors								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Learning Community^a	%	13	20	32						30	26	19					
	<i>n</i>	224	333	152						209	258	149					
	<i>SE</i>	2.2	2.2	3.8						3.2	2.8	3.2					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	17	24	39						36	32	25					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	8	15	24						24	21	12					
Service-Learning^a	%	47	35	57						64	52	54					
	<i>n</i>	221	333	150						210	258	143					
	<i>SE</i>	3.4	2.6	4.1						3.3	3.1	4.2					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	53	40	65						71	58	62					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	40	30	49						57	45	46					
Research with Faculty^a	%	7	5	4						25	27	26					
	<i>n</i>	221	333	152						205	257	147					
	<i>SE</i>	1.8	1.2	1.7						3.0	2.8	3.6					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	11	8	8						31	33	33					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	4	3	1						19	22	19					
Internship or Field Experience^b	%	75	67	73						52	53	53					
	<i>n</i>	225	333	151						210	256	150					
	<i>SE</i>	2.9	2.6	3.6						3.5	3.1	4.1					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	81	72	80						59	59	61					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	69	62	66						45	47	45					
Study Abroad^b	%	33	34	41						13	15	17					
	<i>n</i>	223	333	151						208	255	147					
	<i>SE</i>	3.2	2.6	4.0						2.3	2.3	3.1					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	40	39	48						18	20	23					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	27	28	33						8	11	11					
Culminating Senior Experience^b	%	51	41	48						57	56	60					
	<i>n</i>	224	332	150						209	256	149					
	<i>SE</i>	3.3	2.7	4.1						3.4	3.1	4.0					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	58	46	56						64	62	68					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	45	36	40						50	50	52					
Overall HIP Participation^c																	
Participated in one HIP	%	43	32	48						21	21	25					
	<i>n</i>	224	334	152						210	260	150					
	<i>SE</i>	3.3	2.6	4.1						2.8	2.5	3.6					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	50	37	56						27	26	32					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	37	27	40						16	16	18					
Participated in two or more HIPs	%	11	13	22						71	65	66					
	<i>n</i>	224	334	152						210	260	150					
	<i>SE</i>	2.1	1.9	3.4						3.1	3.0	3.9					
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>	15	17	29						77	71	73					
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>	7	10	16						65	59	58					

Notes: n = Number of respondents; SE = Standard error of the proportion ($\sqrt{p * (1 - p) / (n - 1)}$) where p is the proportion; upper and lower bounds represent the 95% confidence interval ($p \pm 1.96 * SE$).

a. Results are the percentage who had done the activity.

b. First-year results are the percentage who planned to do the activity, and senior results are the percentage who had done the activity.

c. First-year results are limited to participation in a Learning Community, Service-Learning, and Research with Faculty; senior results include all six HIPs.