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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.

Experience

Comparison Group The comparison group featured in this report is CSU See your Selected Comparison Groups report for details.

This *Snapshot* is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2022 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				Your students compared with CSU	
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 Lear	ning		Δ
		Learning Strategies			
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning			Δ
Your students' average was significantly higher $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning		∇	Δ
Your students' average was significantly \triangle higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.		Discussions with Diverse Oth	iers		Δ
No significant difference.	Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction			
Your students' average was significantly ∇ lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices			
Your students' average was significantly lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions			Δ
		Supportive Environment		Δ	Δ
High-Impact Practices					
Due to their positive associations	First-year	C	SUSM 7%	48%	
with student learning and retention, certain undergraduate	Service-Learning, Learning Community, and Research		CSU 5%	48%	
opportunities are designated "high- impact." For more details and	w/Faculty Senior		0%	25% 50%	75% 10
statistical comparisons, see your High-Impact Practices report.	Service-Learning, Learning Community, Research w/Faculty, CSUSM			60%	29%
	Internship, S and Culmina	tudy Abroad, ting Senior	CSU	48%	33%

■ Participated in two or more HIPs

■ Participated in one HIP



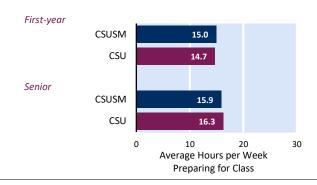
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Academic Challenge: Additional Results

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.

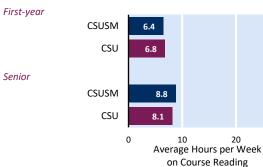
Time Spent Preparing for Class

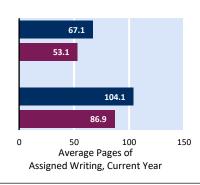
This figure reports the average weekly class preparation time for your students compared to students in your comparison group.



Reading and Writing

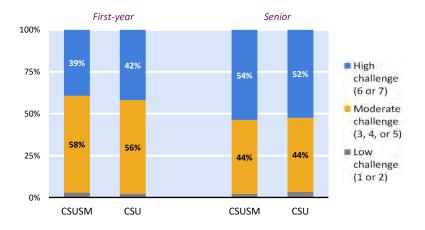
These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.





Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work

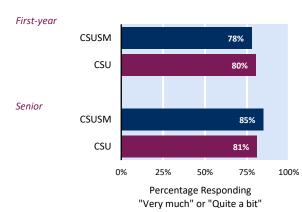
To what extent did students' courses challenge them to do their best work? Response options ranged from 1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much."



Academic Emphasis

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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^a 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 CSU

Assigned more than 50 pages of writing^g

Institution emphasis on helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (...)^c (SE)

Discussions with... People with political views other than your own^b (DD)

Institution emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds... (SE)

Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source^c (HO)

Lowest Performing Relative to CSU

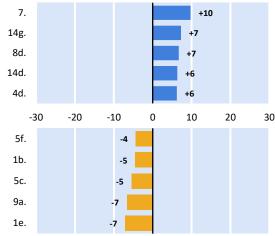
Instructors explained in advance the criteria for successfully completing assignments^c

Asked another student to help you understand course material (CL)

Instructors used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points^c (ET)

Identified key information from reading assignments^b (LS)

Worked with other students on course projects or assignments^b (CL)



Percentage Point Difference with CSU

Senior

Highest Performing Relative to CSU

Included diverse perspectives (...) in course discussions or assignments^b (RI)

About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)?^e (HIP)

Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices (...)^d (QI)

Quality of interactions with student services staff $\left(\ldots\right)^d$ (QI)

Discussions with... People with political views other than your own^b (DD)

Lowest Performing Relative to CSU

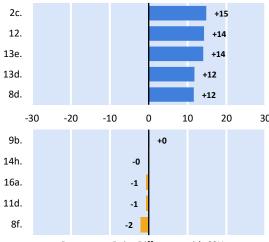
Reviewed your notes after class^b (LS)

Institution emphasis on attending campus activities and events (...)^c (SE)

Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class

Participated in a study abroad program (HIP)

Discussions with...People from a country other than your own



Percentage Point Difference with CSU

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 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 CSUSM

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	CSUSM 77%
Writing clearly and effectively	81%		CSU 80%
Understanding people of other backgrounds (econ., racial/ethnic, polit., relig., nation., etc.)	80%	Senior	
Working effectively with others	80%		CSUSM 85%
working effectively with others	30%		CSU 81%
Speaking clearly and effectively	75%		0% 25% 50% 75% 100%
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	75%		Percentage Who Would "Definitely" or "Probably" Attend This Institution Again
Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	72%	First-year	CSUSM 78%
Solving complex real-world problems	71%		CSU 83%
Being an informed and active citizen	67%	Senior	
Acquiring inhor work related knowledge	66%		CSUSM 82%
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	00%		CSU 83%
			0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Administration Details

Response Summary

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time
First-year	444	20%	73%	93%
Senior	688	28%	77%	82%

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

Additional Questions

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

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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