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# **A Summary of Student Engagement Results**

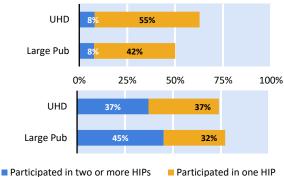
Student engagement represents two critical features of collegiate quality. The first is the amount of time and effort students put into their studies and other educationally purposeful activities. The second is how institutional resources, courses, and other learning opportunities facilitate student 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 **Large Pub** 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.

<b>Engagement Indicators</b> Sets of items are grouped into ten				<b>Your students</b> compared with Large Pub		
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	Δ	
nstitution. For details, see your Engagement Indicators report.		Reflective & Integrative Learning	g	Δ	Δ	
		Learning Strategies			Δ	
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning		Δ		
Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Learning	Collaborative Learning		<b>A</b>	Δ	
Your students' average was significantly  △ higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than  .3 in magnitude.	with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others				
No significant difference.	Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction		Δ		
<b>Your students' average</b> was significantly lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices			$\nabla$	
Your students' average was significantly lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions				
		Supportive Environment			Δ	
High-Impact Practices						
Due to their positive associations	First-year	UH	D 8%	55%		
with student learning and retention, certain undergraduate opportunities are designated "high-		ning, Learning and Research Large Pt		42%		
impact." For more details and	Senior		0%	25% 50%	75% 1	
statistical comparisons, see your High-Impact Practices report.		ning, Learning Research w/Faculty, UHI			75% I	

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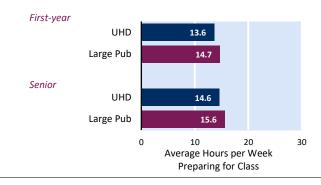
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# **Academic Challenge: Additional Results**

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**

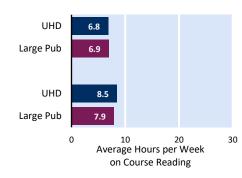
This figure reports the average weekly class preparation time for your students compared to students in your comparison group.

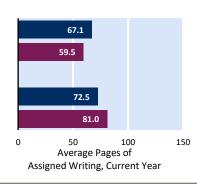


### **Reading and Writing**

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.

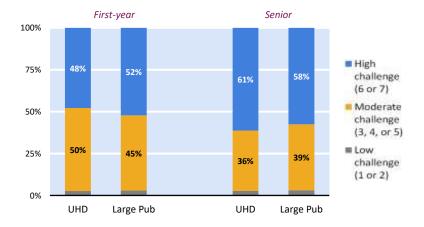






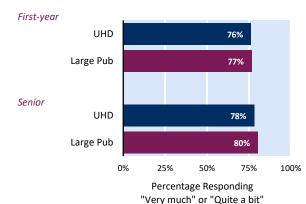
#### **Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work**

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 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 Large Pub**

Worked with other students on course projects or assignments<sup>b</sup> (CL)

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

Institution emphasis on attending events that address important social/econ./polit. issues<sup>c</sup> (SE)

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

Institution emphasis on helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (...)<sup>c</sup> (SE)

### **Lowest Performing Relative to Large Pub**

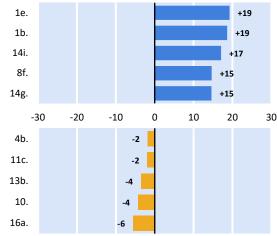
Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations<sup>c</sup> (HO)

Participated in a learning community or some other formal program where... (HIP)

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

Extent to which courses challenged you to do your best work<sup>d</sup>

Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class



Percentage Point Difference with Large Pub

#### Senior

#### **Highest Performing Relative to Large Pub**

Institution emphasis on attending events that address important social/econ./polit. issues<sup>c</sup> (SE)

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

Institution emphasis on providing opportunities to be involved socially<sup>c</sup> (SE)

Worked with other students on course projects or assignments<sup>b</sup> (CL)

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

### **Lowest Performing Relative to Large Pub**

Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class

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

Assigned more than 50 pages of writing<sup>g</sup>

Participated in an internship, co-op, field exp., student teach., clinical placemt. (HIP)

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



Percentage Point Difference with Large Pub

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 UHD

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 as "Excelle	Their Overall lent" or "Goo	•	nce
Thinking critically and analytically	86%	First-year	UHD		84%	
Writing clearly and effectively	80%		Large Pub		82%	
Working effectively with others	77%	Senior				
Speaking clearly and effectively	76%		UHD		85%	
			Large Pub		83%	
Understanding people of other backgrounds (econ., racial/ethnic, polit., relig., nation., etc.)	76%		0% 25	5% 50%	75%	100%
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	74%		Percentage Who "Probably" Attend		•	
Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	72%	First-year	UHD		84%	
Solving complex real-world problems	70%		Large Pub		86%	
Being an informed and active citizen	70%	Senior				
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge	69%		UHD		86%	
and skills	<b>3370</b>		Large Pub		83%	
			0% 2!	5% 50%	75%	100%

### **Administration Details**

### **Response Summary**

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time
First-year	370	33%	63%	80%
Senior	1,378	32%	74%	49%

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

#### **Additional Questions**

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

**Academic Advising** 

**Experiences with Writing** 

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.

NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used at more than 1,600 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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