



NSSE 2024

High-Impact Practices

University of Washington Tacoma

About Your *High-Impact Practices* Report

Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, certain undergraduate opportunities are designated "high-impact." High-Impact Practices (HIPs) share several traits: They demand considerable time and effort, facilitate learning outside of the classroom, require meaningful interactions with faculty and students, encourage collaboration with diverse others, and provide frequent and substantive feedback. As a result, participation in these practices has the potential to be very influential and rewarding (Kilgo et al., 2015; Kuh, 2008). NSSE founding director George Kuh recommends that institutions should aspire for all students to participate in at least two HIPs over the course of their undergraduate experience—one during the first year and one in the context of their major (NSSE, 2007).

NSSE asks students about their participation in the six HIPs shown in the box at right. Unlike most questions on the NSSE survey, the HIP questions are not limited to the current school year. Thus, senior students' responses include participation from prior years.

High-Impact Practices in NSSE

Service-Learning

Courses that included a community-based project

Learning Community

Formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together

Research with Faculty

Work with a faculty member on a research project

Internship or Field Experience

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Study Abroad

Culminating Senior Experience

Capstone course, senior project or thesis, portfolio, recital, comprehensive exam, etc.

Report Sections

Participation Comparisons (p. 3)

Displays HIP participation for your students compared with that of students at your comparison group institutions. Two views present insights into your students' HIP participation:

Overall HIP Participation

Displays the percentage of students who participated in one HIP and in two or more HIPs, relative to those at your comparison group institutions.

Statistical Comparisons

Comparisons of participation in each HIP and overall for your students relative to those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes.

Response Detail (pp. 4-5)

Provides complete response frequencies for the relevant HIP questions for your students and those at your comparison group institutions. First-year results include a summary of their expectations for future HIP participation.

Participation by Student Social Identities and Experiences (p. 6-End)

Displays your students' participation in each HIP by selected student social identities and experiences.

Interpreting Comparisons

HIP participation varies more among students within an institution than it does between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on overall participation rates amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It is equally important to understand how student engagement (including HIP participation) varies *within* your institution. The table beginning on page 6 provides an initial look at how HIP participation varies by selected student social identities and experiences. Your NSSE Tableau dashboard and Report Builder (released in the fall) offer further perspectives on internal variation to help you investigate your students' HIP participation in depth.

Kilgo, C. A., Sheets, J. K. E., & Pascarella, E. T. (2015). The link between high-impact practices and student learning: Some longitudinal evidence. *Higher Education, 69*, 509-525.

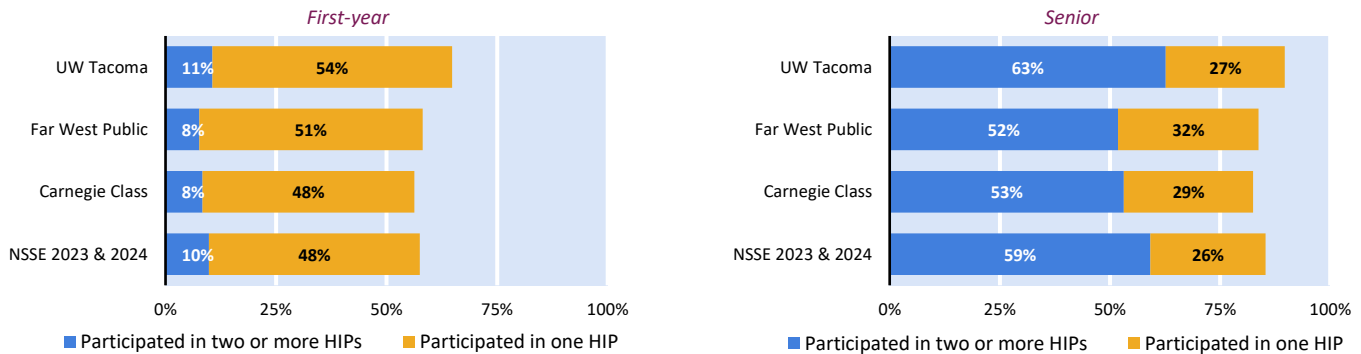
Kuh, G. D. (2008). *High-impact educational practices: What they are, who has access to them, and why they matter*. Association of American Colleges and Universities.

National Survey of Student Engagement (2007). *Experiences that matter: Enhancing student learning and success—Annual Report 2007*. Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research.

Rocconi, L.M., & Gonyea, R.M. (2018). Contextualizing effect sizes in the National Survey of Student Engagement: An empirical analysis. *Research & Practice in Assessment, 13* (Summer/Fall), pp. 22-38.

Overall HIP Participation

The figures below display the level of participation of students in High-Impact Practices. Both figures include participation in service-learning, learning communities, and research with faculty. The senior figure also includes participation in internships or field experiences, study abroad, and culminating senior experiences. The first segment in each bar shows the percentage who participated in at least two HIPs, and the full bar (both colors) represents the percentage who participated in at least one.



Statistical Comparisons

The table below displays the percentage of your students who participated in a given High-Impact Practice, including the percentage who participated in at least one or in two or more HIPs. It also graphs the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison groups. Blue bars indicate how much higher your institution's percentage is compared to the comparison group. Dark red bars indicate how much lower your institution's percentage is compared to the comparison group. (Comparison group percentages appear on the following pages.)

Your students' participation compared with:

	UW Tacoma	Far West Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2023 & 2024	
	%	Difference ^a	ES ^b	Difference ^a	ES ^b	Difference ^a	ES ^b
First-year							
Service-Learning	57	+2	.03	+3	.07	+4	.08
Learning Community	15	+7	.21	+6	.19	+3	.10
Research with Faculty	7	+2	.10	+2	.07	+1	.04
Participated in at least one	65	+7	.14	+9	.18	+7	.15
Participated in two or more	11	+3	.10	+2	.08	+1	.02
Senior							
Service-Learning	61	-3	-.06	-0	.00	+1	.02
Learning Community	31	+13	***.30	+12	***.28	+9	*.20
Research with Faculty	30	+13	***.30	+12	** .28	+7	.16
Internship or Field Exp.	47	+10	*.20	+5	.11	-1	-.03
Study Abroad	12	+7	*.24	+5	*.19	+1	.04
Culminating Senior Exp.	44	+4	.08	+1	.02	-1	-.03
Participated in at least one	90	+6	*.18	+7	** .21	+4	.13
Participated in two or more	63	+11	** .22	+10	*.19	+3	.07

a. Percentage point differences (institution – comp. group) rounded to whole numbers. Values less than one may not display a bar and may be shown as +0 or -0.

b. Cohen's *h* (standardized difference between two proportions). Effect sizes indicate the practical importance of observed differences. For service-learning, internships, study abroad, and culminating senior experiences, an ES of about .2 may be considered small, .5 medium, and .8 large. For learning community and research with faculty, an ES of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2018).

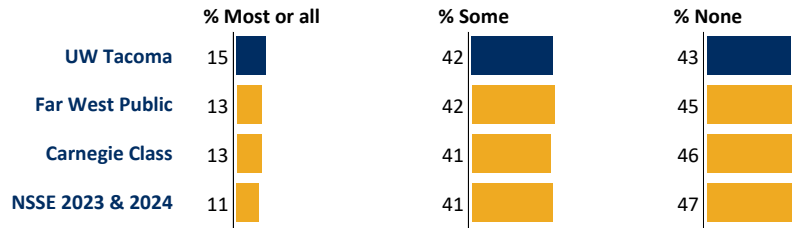
p* < .05, *p* < .01, ****p* < .001 (*z*-test comparing participation rates).

Note: Participation includes the percentage of students who responded "done or in progress" except for service-learning which is the percentage who responded that at least "some" courses included a community-based project. Results are unweighted, except for overall percentages which are weighted by sex and enrollment status.

First-year students

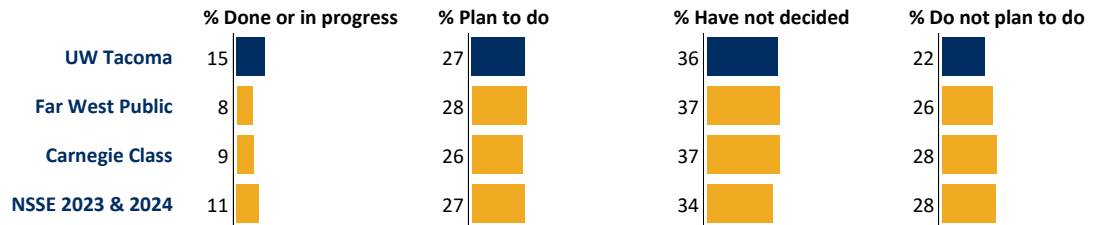
Service-Learning

About how many of your courses at this institution have included a community-based project (service-learning)?



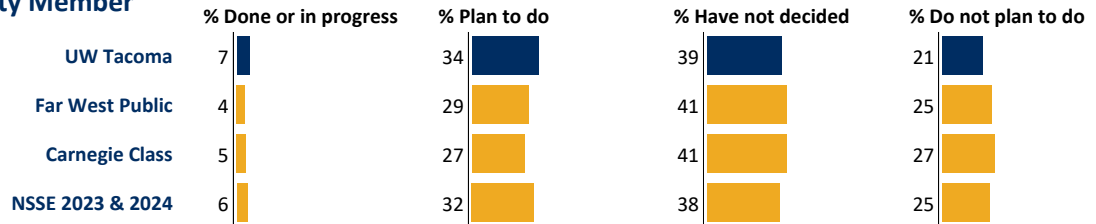
Learning Community

Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together.



Research with a Faculty Member

Work with a faculty member on a research project.



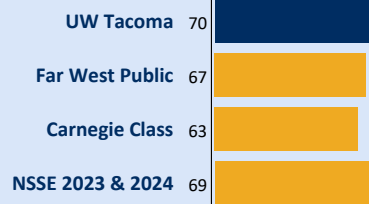
Plans to Participate^a

Knowing whether first-year students *plan* to participate in upper-division HIPs can reveal insights about HIP demand, awareness of opportunities, and the clarity of institutional information. These results might also point to topics for additional exploration, such as what contributes to students' expectations, their assumptions about who can participate, or why other students are undecided or have no plans to participate in the activity.

Percentage responding "Plan to do"

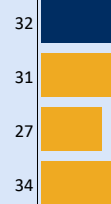
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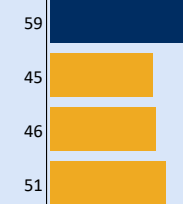
Study Abroad

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Culminating Senior Experience

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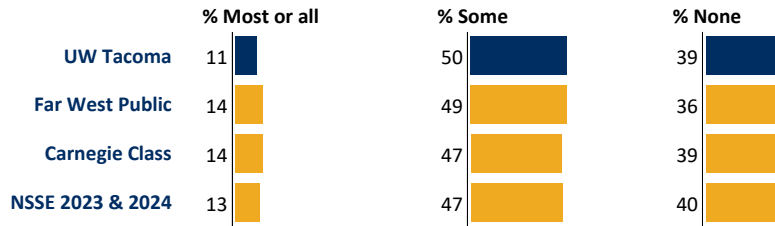
a. Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* for details on the other response options.

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Seniors

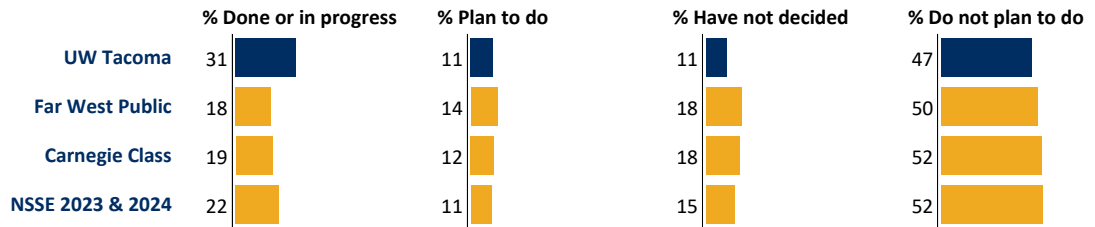
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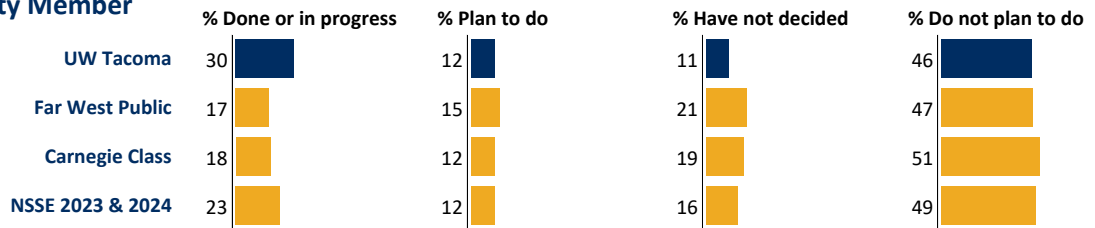
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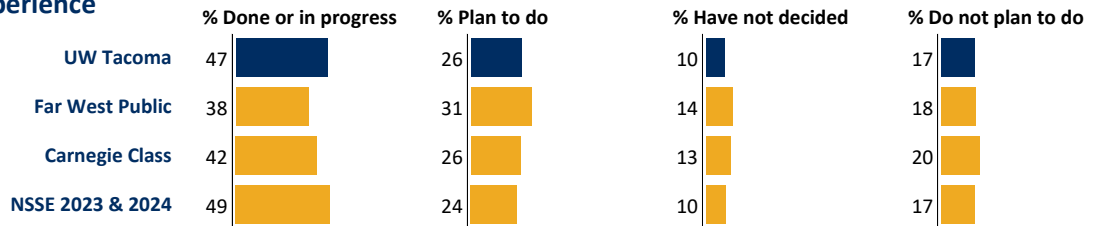
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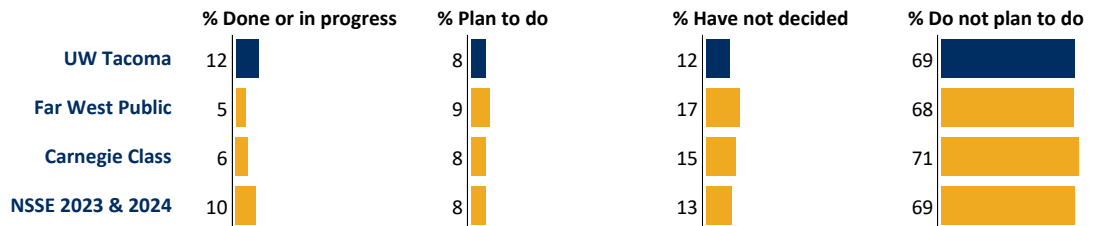
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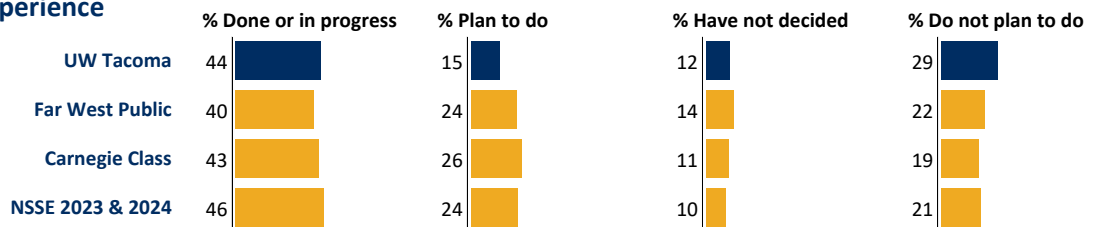
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	First-year						Senior											
	Service-Learning		Learning Community		Research with Faculty		Service-Learning		Learning Community		Research with Faculty		Internship or Field Experience		Study Abroad		Culminating Senior Experience	
Major category ^a	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
Arts & humanities	2/3	67	1/3	33	0/3	0	4/6	67	3/6	50	1/6	17	2/6	33	1/6	17	2/6	33
Bio. sci., agric., and natural res.	8/13	62	4/13	31	0/13	0	12/21	57	7/21	33	15/22	68	9/22	41	3/22	14	18/22	82
Physical sci., math, computer sci.	9/15	60	1/15	7	1/15	7	10/20	50	8/20	40	4/20	20	5/20	25	2/20	10	4/20	20
Social sciences	6/11	55	0/11	0	0/11	0	19/29	66	6/29	21	9/29	31	12/29	41	7/29	24	10/29	34
Business	5/12	42	2/12	17	1/12	8	19/35	54	7/35	20	2/35	6	17/35	49	2/35	6	15/35	43
Communications, media, public rel.	0/0		0/0		0/0		2/5	40	2/5	40	1/5	20	1/5	20	1/5	20	2/5	40
Education	3/4	75	1/4	25	0/4	0	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Engineering	7/14	50	3/15	20	3/15	20	1/5	20	4/5	80	3/5	60	3/5	60	0/5	0	2/5	40
Health professions	1/1	100	0/1	0	0/1	0	12/14	86	4/14	29	1/13	8	8/13	62	2/14	14	3/14	21
Social service professions	3/5	60	0/5	0	0/5	0	8/11	73	5/11	45	3/11	27	8/11	73	2/11	18	4/11	36
Undecided/undeclared	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Transfer status	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
Started here	32/48	67	8/48	17	3/48	6	23/36	64	10/35	29	6/36	17	17/36	47	5/36	14	13/36	36
Started elsewhere	16/39	41	5/40	13	2/40	5	74/126	59	39/127	31	38/126	30	57/126	45	15/127	12	56/127	44
Enrollment status^b	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
Not full-time	1/3	33	2/3	67	3/3	100	9/14	64	5/14	36	5/13	38	5/14	36	1/14	7	4/14	29
Full-time	52/90	58	12/91	13	3/91	3	94/157	60	47/158	30	43/158	27	73/158	46	20/159	13	68/158	43
First-generation^c	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
Continuing generation	19/40	48	6/40	15	3/40	8	35/68	51	21/68	31	20/69	29	32/69	46	8/69	12	32/69	46
First-generation	24/40	60	6/41	15	1/41	2	55/85	65	26/85	31	21/84	25	38/85	45	11/85	13	33/85	39
I prefer not to respond	5/7	71	1/7	14	1/7	14	7/8	88	2/8	25	3/8	38	3/7	43	1/8	13	3/8	38
Race/ethnicity^d	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
Asian	17/28	61	5/28	18	2/28	7	32/51	63	11/50	22	13/51	25	27/51	53	9/51	18	17/51	33
Black or African American	4/6	67	2/6	33	3/6	50	11/15	73	2/16	13	2/16	13	6/15	40	3/16	19	4/16	25
Hispanic, Latina/o, Latine, or Latinx	9/15	60	3/15	20	2/15	13	14/21	67	6/21	29	5/21	24	12/21	57	4/21	19	8/21	38
Indigenous, American Indian, etc.	2/2	100	0/2	0	1/2	50	4/7	57	1/7	14	2/7	29	3/7	43	0/7	0	4/7	57
Middle Eastern or North African	0/0		0/0		0/0		2/2	100	1/2	50	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/2	0	1/2	50
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3/5	60	1/5	20	1/5	20	1/1	100	0/1	0	1/1	100	1/1	100	0/1	0	1/1	100
White	24/46	52	5/47	11	2/47	4	41/77	53	25/77	32	25/76	33	34/77	44	10/77	13	37/77	48
Another race or ethnicity	1/2	50	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	1/1	100	0/1	0	0/1	0
I prefer not to respond	1/2	50	0/2	0	0/2	0	5/10	50	6/10	60	4/10	40	5/10	50	0/10	0	5/10	50

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	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
International status																		
Not an international student	48/87	55	13/88	15	5/88	6	91/154	59	47/154	31	44/154	29	69/154	45	19/155	12	64/155	41
International student	0/0		0/0		0/0		5/6	83	2/6	33	0/6	0	4/6	67	1/6	17	3/6	50
Gender identity^d																		
Woman	21/39	54	7/40	18	0/40	0	58/100	58	30/100	30	25/100	25	45/101	45	12/101	12	39/101	39
Man	24/43	56	6/43	14	5/43	12	25/39	64	11/39	28	12/39	31	21/39	54	4/39	10	21/39	54
Trans/Transgender	1/1	100	0/1	0	0/1	0	2/5	40	2/5	40	1/5	20	2/5	40	1/5	20	1/5	20
Agender or gender neutral	0/0		0/0		0/0		1/4	25	2/4	50	1/4	25	1/4	25	1/4	25	1/4	25
Demigender	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Genderqueer, non-binary, etc.	5/6	83	0/6	0	0/6	0	7/13	54	5/13	38	4/13	31	4/13	31	4/13	31	4/13	31
Two-spirit	0/0		0/0		0/0		2/3	67	1/3	33	1/3	33	1/3	33	0/3	0	1/3	33
Cis/Cisgender	3/6	50	1/6	17	0/6	0	13/20	65	6/21	29	11/21	52	10/21	48	0/21	0	9/21	43
Questioning or unsure	1/3	33	0/3	0	0/3	0	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Another gender identity	0/0		0/0		0/0		1/1	100	1/1	100	1/1	100	1/1	100	0/1	0	1/1	100
I prefer not to respond	1/2	50	0/2	0	0/2	0	5/7	71	1/7	14	2/7	29	2/6	33	1/7	14	2/7	29
Sexual orientation^d																		
Straight or heterosexual	31/58	53	10/58	17	5/58	9	64/96	67	27/97	28	26/96	27	49/97	51	8/97	8	43/97	44
Bisexual	4/7	57	2/7	29	0/7	0	17/31	55	9/31	29	6/31	19	12/31	39	6/31	19	10/31	32
Lesbian	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/2	0	2/4	50	0/4	0	0/4	0	0/4	0	1/4	25	1/4	25
Gay	2/6	33	0/6	0	0/6	0	2/3	67	2/3	67	2/3	67	2/3	67	0/3	0	3/3	100
Queer	1/2	50	0/2	0	0/2	0	4/12	33	4/12	33	5/12	42	4/12	33	1/12	8	7/12	58
Pansexual or polysexual	3/3	100	0/3	0	0/3	0	5/9	56	3/9	33	3/9	33	5/9	56	2/9	22	2/9	22
Ace, gray, or asexual	2/4	50	0/4	0	0/4	0	4/8	50	1/7	14	3/8	38	4/8	50	3/8	38	4/8	50
Demisexual	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	4/7	57	3/7	43	4/7	57	2/7	29	0/7	0	4/7	57
Questioning or unsure	1/2	50	0/2	0	0/2	0	1/4	25	1/4	25	1/4	25	1/3	33	0/4	0	1/4	25
Another sexual orientation	0/0		0/0		0/0		1/1	100	1/1	100	1/1	100	1/1	100	0/1	0	1/1	100
I prefer not to respond	3/5	60	0/5	0	0/5	0	4/9	44	5/9	56	4/9	44	4/9	44	2/9	22	4/9	44
Age^b																		
FY 21+, Seniors 25+	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/2	0	46/69	67	20/69	29	18/68	26	33/68	49	5/69	7	26/69	38
FY < 21, Seniors < 25	52/91	57	13/92	14	6/92	7	57/102	56	32/103	31	30/103	29	45/104	43	16/104	15	46/103	45

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	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%	N/total	%
Disability status^d																		
Sensory disability	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Physical disability	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Mental health or develop. disability	5/12	42	0/12	0	0/12	0	11/30	37	8/30	27	6/29	21	12/29	41	5/30	17	15/30	50
Another disability or condition	1/2	50	0/2	0	0/2	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	1/1	100
Multiple types of disab. or cond.	3/6	50	1/6	17	0/6	0	15/28	54	15/28	54	14/28	50	12/28	43	5/28	18	14/28	50
No disability or condition	34/59	58	12/60	20	5/60	8	66/94	70	25/95	26	22/95	23	47/95	49	9/95	9	36/95	38
I prefer not to respond	4/7	57	0/7	0	0/7	0	3/6	50	1/5	20	2/6	33	1/6	17	1/6	17	1/6	17
Residence																		
Not on campus	35/69	51	9/70	13	3/70	4	94/154	61	47/154	31	42/154	27	72/154	47	19/155	12	67/155	43
On campus	11/16	69	4/16	25	2/16	13	2/6	33	2/6	33	2/6	33	1/6	17	1/6	17	0/6	0
Athlete status																		
Not an athlete	46/85	54	12/86	14	5/86	6	96/160	60	49/160	31	44/160	28	73/160	46	20/161	12	67/161	42
Student-athlete	1/1	100	1/1	100	0/1	0	0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0		0/0	
Greek membership																		
Not a member	47/85	55	13/86	15	4/86	5	91/151	60	43/151	28	41/151	27	69/152	45	20/152	13	63/152	41
Member	0/0		0/0		0/0		2/5	40	3/5	60	2/5	40	2/5	40	0/5	0	2/5	40
Military status																		
No military service	47/86	55	13/87	15	5/87	6	85/146	58	42/146	29	39/146	27	65/146	45	19/147	13	59/147	40
Current or former military service	0/0		0/0		0/0		11/14	79	7/14	50	5/14	36	8/14	57	1/14	7	8/14	57
Satisfaction^e																		
Fair or poor	9/15	60	1/15	7	1/15	7	15/29	52	4/29	14	5/28	18	9/28	32	3/29	10	7/29	24
Good or excellent	39/72	54	12/73	16	4/73	5	85/137	62	46/137	34	39/138	28	65/138	47	17/138	12	62/138	45
Overall	53/93	57	14/94	15	6/94	7	103/171	61	52/172	31	48/171	30	78/172	47	21/173	12	72/172	44

Notes: Results are of those responding "done or in progress" except for service-learning which is the percentage responding that at least "some" courses included a community-based project. Results are unweighted, except for overall percentages which are weighted by sex and enrollment status if applicable. Percentages are within-group and can be read, for example, "X% of business major respondents participated in a learning community."

a. NSSE's default categories, based on first major if more than one was reported. Customizable major categories are available in your NSSE Tableau dashboards and Report Builder (released in the fall). Excludes majors categorized as "all other."

b. Institution-reported variable.

c. No parent, guardian, or person who raised you holds a bachelor's degree.

d. Select-all-that-apply item; students may be represented in more than one category.

e. Based on responses to "How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?"