

Total NSSE 20102 First-years*

| | Count (Percentage) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Began college at current institution | 431 (89.8) |
| Began college elsewhere | 49 (10.2) |

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Course Challenge

Class Preparation

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| How often have you worked harder than you thought to meet an instructor's standards or expectations? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 4.0 | 33.1 | 40.9 | 22.0 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 15.6 | 33.3 | 26.7 | 24.4 |
| How often have you come to class without completing readings or assignments? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 24.8 | 60.0 | 9.1 | 6.1 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 34.8 | 47.8 | 6.5 | 10.9 |

Exams

| | N | | Very Little | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Very Much |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | | | |
| To what extent have your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 9.4 | 25.3 | 36.5 | 24.6 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 13.0 | 26.1 | 39.1 | 13.0 |

Hours per Week

| | N | | 0 hours per week | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | 21-25 | 26-30 | More than 30 |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | | | | |
| How many hours a week do you spend preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 0.5 | 10.6 | 21.2 | 24.0 | 21.7 | 9.3 | 5.8 | 6.8 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 0.0 | 15.6 | 22.2 | 26.7 | 26.7 | 2.2 | 6.7 | 0.0 |

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Class Preparation

| | | N | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------|-------------|-----------|
| | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | |
| To what extent does your institution emphasize spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work? | Began college at current institution | 440 | 1.3 | 14.9 | 35.4 | 48.4 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 4.4 | 17.8 | 37.8 | 40.0 |

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Writing

Drafts and Ideas

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| How often have you prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 10.7 | 27.0 | 33.8 | 28.5 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 17.4 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 21.7 |
| How often have you worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources? | 440 | Began college at current institution | 2.5 | 21.5 | 45.6 | 30.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 2.2 | 24.4 | 37.8 | 35.6 |

Number of Written Pages

| | N | | None | 1-4 | 5-10 | 11-20 | More than 20 |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------|--------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | |
| Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 83.8 | 10.6 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 73.9 | 19.6 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages? | 444 | Began college at current institution | 17.6 | 51.0 | 24.4 | 6.3 | 0.8 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 21.7 | 39.1 | 21.7 | 10.9 | 6.5 |
| Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 2.8 | 32.7 | 30.5 | 21.9 | 12.1 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 4.3 | 50.0 | 28.3 | 4.3 | 13.0 |

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Higher-Order Thinking Skills

| | N | | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 5.0 | 20.4 | 36.0 | 38.5 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 8.7 | 23.9 | 28.3 | 39.1 |
| During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 1.3 | 18.1 | 40.7 | 39.9 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 4.3 | 23.9 | 28.3 | 43.5 |
| During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 3.6 | 21.4 | 42.5 | 32.6 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 4.3 | 30.4 | 37.0 | 28.3 |
| During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 3.6 | 25.7 | 41.2 | 29.5 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 8.7 | 28.3 | 39.1 | 23.9 |
| During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations? | 440 | Began college at current institution | 3.0 | 19.0 | 35.8 | 42.1 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 4.3 | 19.6 | 37.0 | 39.1 |

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Active Learning

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | |
| How often have you asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions? | 440 | Began college at current institution | 1.5 | 40.0 | 31.4 | 27.1 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 6.7 | 28.9 | 33.3 | 31.1 |
| How often have you made a class presentation? | 437 | Began college at current institution | 9.2 | 51.5 | 28.1 | 11.2 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 31.1 | 44.4 | 17.8 | 6.7 |
| How often have you participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of a regular course? | 434 | Began college at current institution | 39.2 | 36.4 | 15.4 | 9.0 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 52.3 | 27.3 | 13.6 | 6.8 |

Collaborative Learning

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | |
| How often have you worked with other students on projects during class? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 7.8 | 35.5 | 38.3 | 18.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 17.4 | 34.8 | 28.3 | 19.6 |
| How often have you worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments? | 444 | Began college at current institution | 14.6 | 44.2 | 29.4 | 11.8 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 21.7 | 37.0 | 21.7 | 19.6 |
| How often have you tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)? | 435 | Began college at current institution | 49.0 | 32.6 | 11.8 | 6.7 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 44.4 | 31.1 | 8.9 | 15.6 |
| How often have you discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 4.8 | 35.6 | 34.9 | 24.7 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 10.9 | 34.8 | 28.3 | 26.1 |

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Course Interaction

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| How often have you discussed grades or assignments with an instructor? | 437 | Began college at current institution | 8.2 | 43.1 | 30.4 | 18.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 13.3 | 37.8 | 26.7 | 22.2 |
| How often have you discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 37.3 | 41.4 | 14.5 | 6.9 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 44.4 | 40.0 | 6.7 | 8.9 |
| How often have you received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance? | 440 | Began college at current institution | 5.6 | 32.2 | 45.6 | 16.7 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 11.1 | 28.9 | 31.1 | 28.9 |

Out-of-Class Interaction

Interaction with Faculty

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| How often have you talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor? | 438 | Began college at current institution | 12.2 | 45.3 | 29.0 | 13.5 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 24.4 | 40.0 | 22.2 | 13.3 |
| How often have you worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student-life activities, etc.)? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 52.5 | 31.3 | 10.4 | 5.8 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 56.5 | 30.4 | 8.7 | 4.3 |

Research Projects

| | N | | Have Not Decided | Do Not Plan to Do | Plan to Do | Done |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| Have you, or do you plan to, work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 35.6 | 20.2 | 35.4 | 8.8 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 31.1 | 15.6 | 44.4 | 8.9 |

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Varied Experiences

| | N | | Have Not Decided | Do Not Plan to Do | Plan to Do | Done |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------|
| <i>Have you, or do you plan to, participate in...</i> | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| a practicum, internship, field experiences, co-op experience, or clinical assignment? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 11.8 | 2.8 | 77.4 | 8.0 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 11.1 | 11.1 | 68.9 | 8.9 |
| community service or volunteer work? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 9.3 | 1.8 | 31.5 | 57.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 8.9 | 4.4 | 31.5 | 55.6 |
| a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 16.9 | 14.4 | 14.9 | 53.9 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 20.0 | 35.6 | 26.7 | 17.8 |
| take foreign-language coursework? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 23.9 | 29.7 | 27.5 | 18.9 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 15.6 | 26.7 | 22.2 | 35.6 |
| study abroad? | 435 | Began college at current institution | 29.7 | 28.9 | 38.9 | 2.6 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 13.6 | 36.4 | 38.6 | 11.4 |
| an independent study or self-designed major? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 33.2 | 53.8 | 10.9 | 2.0 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 17.8 | 48.9 | 15.6 | 17.8 |
| a culminating senior experiences (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 42.7 | 10.9 | 44.2 | 2.3 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 26.7 | 8.9 | 57.8 | 6.7 |

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Co-curricular Activities

| | | N | 0 hours per week | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | 21-25 | 26-30 | More than 30 |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | | | | | |
| How many hours a week do you spend participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, social fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)? | Began college at current institution | 441 | 52.0 | 28.3 | 8.6 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 48.9 | 24.4 | 11.1 | 2.2 | 8.9 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Institutional Emphasis: Campus Events

| | | N | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| To what extent does your institution emphasize attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)? | Began college at current institution | 438 | 16.8 | 30.3 | 31.0 | 21.9 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 33.3 | 26.7 | 22.2 | 17.8 |

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Information Technology

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| How often have you used an electronic medium (list-serv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment? | 437 | Began college at current institution | 13.0 | 33.9 | 27.6 | 25.5 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 15.6 | 35.6 | 17.8 | 31.1 |
| How often have you used email to communicate with an instructor? | 438 | Began college at current institution | 1.3 | 18.6 | 33.1 | 47.1 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 2.2 | 24.4 | 26.7 | 46.7 |

Institutional Emphasis

| | N | | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| To what extent does your institution emphasize using computers in academic work? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 3.0 | 12.7 | 30.9 | 53.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 2.3 | 11.4 | 34.1 | 52.3 |

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Diversity

| | N | | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| How often have you had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own? | 441 | Began college at current institution | 15.9 | 31.9 | 27.1 | 25.1 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 26.1 | 26.1 | 26.1 | 21.7 |
| How often have you had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 13.9 | 35.3 | 25.9 | 24.9 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 23.9 | 21.7 | 28.3 | 26.1 |

Institutional Emphasis

| | N | | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| To what extent does your institution emphasize encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 11.8 | 30.7 | 34.0 | 23.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 31.1 | 24.4 | 17.8 | 26.7 |

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Support for Student Success

| | | N | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>To what extent does your institution emphasize...</i> | | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | |
| providing the support you need to help you succeed academically? | 440 | Began college at current institution | 1.5 | 17.7 | 45.8 | 34.9 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 8.9 | 35.6 | 17.8 | 37.8 |
| helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)? | 439 | Began college at current institution | 28.2 | 32.2 | 26.9 | 12.7 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 42.2 | 26.7 | 20.0 | 11.1 |
| providing the support you need to thrive socially? | 440 | Began college at current institution | 18.2 | 37.0 | 31.4 | 13.4 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 33.3 | 42.2 | 20.0 | 4.4 |

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Interpersonal environment

Relationships with Students

| | | N | Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--|------|-----|------|------|------|---|
| <i>Percentages</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Quality of your relationships with other students? | 442 | Began college at current institution | 0.5 | 2.8 | 7.8 | 12.8 | 24.7 | 28.7 | 22.7 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 6.7 | 11.1 | 6.7 | 13.3 | 22.2 | 15.6 | 24.4 |

Relationships with Faculty

| | | N | Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Available, Helpful, Sympathetic |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|------|------|------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Percentages</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Quality of your relationships with faculty members? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 0.5 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 18.1 | 25.6 | 33.7 | 17.6 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 2.2 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 24.4 | 37.8 | 17.8 |

Relationships with Administrative Personnel and Offices

| | | N | Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Helpful, Considerate, Flexible |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Percentages</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Quality of your relationships with administrative personnel and offices? | 443 | Began college at current institution | 1.0 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 22.9 | 23.6 | 21.6 | 15.3 |
| | | Began college elsewhere | 0.0 | 6.7 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 37.8 | 17.8 |

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Gains in Personal and Social Skills

| | | N | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...</i> | | | <i>Percentages</i> | | | |
| developing a personal code of values and ethics? | Began college at current institution | 434 | 15.6 | 29.0 | 35.1 | 20.3 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 22.7 | 25.0 | 31.8 | 20.5 |
| understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds? | Began college at current institution | 431 | 11.9 | 32.3 | 34.9 | 20.9 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 20.5 | 27.3 | 31.8 | 20.5 |
| understanding yourself? | Began college at current institution | 433 | 11.8 | 22.6 | 37.7 | 27.9 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 11.6 | 27.9 | 30.2 | 30.2 |
| contributing to the welfare of your community? | Began college at current institution | 432 | 15.2 | 33.2 | 33.2 | 18.3 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 29.5 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 15.9 |
| voting in local, state, or national elections? | Began college at current institution | 434 | 57.2 | 25.1 | 11.3 | 6.4 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 50.0 | 29.5 | 13.6 | 6.8 |
| learning effectively on your own? | Began college at current institution | 433 | 5.9 | 22.4 | 41.6 | 30.1 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 6.8 | 27.3 | 31.8 | 34.1 |
| working effectively with others? | Began college at current institution | 437 | 3.1 | 24.2 | 36.9 | 35.9 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 6.8 | 22.7 | 36.4 | 34.1 |

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Gains in Practical Skills

| | | N | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------|------|-------------|--------------------|
| <i>To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...</i> | | | | | | <i>Percentages</i> |
| using computing and information technology? | Began college at current institution | 440 | 2.8 | 20.0 | 35.9 | 41.3 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 2.2 | 24.4 | 20.0 | 53.3 |
| analyzing quantitative problems? | Began college at current institution | 435 | 3.3 | 20.2 | 38.0 | 38.5 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 4.5 | 27.3 | 36.4 | 31.8 |
| acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills? | Began college at current institution | 435 | 6.4 | 25.4 | 35.9 | 32.3 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 17.8 | 22.2 | 40.0 | 20.0 |

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Gains in General Education

| | | N | Very Little | Some | Quite a Bit | Very Much |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------|------|-------------|--------------------|
| <i>To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in...</i> | | | | | | <i>Percentages</i> |
| writing clearly and effectively? | Began college at current institution | 437 | 3.3 | 20.4 | 36.1 | 40.2 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 18.2 | 22.7 | 29.5 | 29.5 |
| speaking clearly and effectively? | Began college at current institution | 437 | 6.1 | 22.7 | 34.9 | 36.2 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 8.9 | 31.1 | 33.3 | 26.7 |
| thinking critically and analytically? | Began college at current institution | 439 | 0.3 | 15.0 | 36.5 | 48.2 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 2.2 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 42.2 |
| acquiring a broad general education? | Began college at current institution | 441 | 2.8 | 16.7 | 43.4 | 37.1 |
| | Began college elsewhere | | 11.1 | 24.4 | 31.1 | 33.3 |

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