

Total NSSE 20102 Seniors*

	Count (Percentage)
Began college at current institution	438 (46.0)
Began college elsewhere	514 (54.0)

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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?		893	Began college at current institution	8.3	32.1	37.7	21.9
			Began college elsewhere	8.9	29.5	39.8	21.8
How often have you come to class without completing readings or assignments?		899	Began college at current institution	22.5	57.2	13.3	7.0
			Began college elsewhere	26.6	52.8	12.8	7.8

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?		896	Began college at current institution	1.4	1.4	3.4	11.1	29.2	31.9	21.5
			Began college elsewhere	1.5	3.3	4.1	9.8	29.0	26.1	26.1

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)?		896	Began college at current institution	0.2	16.7	23.8	18.2	15.8	11.9	5.3	8.0
			Began college elsewhere	0.2	12.4	25.8	20.2	16.5	9.1	7.9	7.9

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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	895	1.7	14.8	41.6	41.8
	Began college elsewhere		1.7	15.5	44.2	38.6

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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?	887	Began college at current institution	20.0	35.9	24.2	19.8
		Began college elsewhere	19.2	33.1	27.0	20.7
How often have you worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources?	898	Began college at current institution	2.4	13.3	35.0	49.3
		Began college elsewhere	2.9	12.2	36.0	49.0

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?	896	Began college at current institution	56.2	37.0	3.4	1.5	1.9
		Began college elsewhere	60.2	34.8	3.7	0.4	0.8
Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages?	897	Began college at current institution	11.1	49.4	28.3	8.5	2.7
		Began college elsewhere	16.1	43.8	28.7	8.3	3.1
Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages?	899	Began college at current institution	5.3	37.9	30.7	11.8	14.3
		Began college elsewhere	8.2	37.7	24.7	16.5	12.8

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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?	896	Began college at current institution	9.2	24.9	39.0	26.9
		Began college elsewhere	10.4	28.0	37.5	24.2
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?	890	Began college at current institution	0.5	11.5	40.8	47.2
		Began college elsewhere	1.9	9.4	39.9	48.9
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?	890	Began college at current institution	1.5	19.6	39.2	39.7
		Began college elsewhere	4.1	16.6	38.2	41.1
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?	896	Began college at current institution	3.9	17.5	44.2	34.5
		Began college elsewhere	6.4	18.6	35.5	39.5
During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations?	896	Began college at current institution	3.4	13.3	34.2	49.0
		Began college elsewhere	3.1	13.6	35.3	47.9

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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?	887	Began college at current institution	1.7	29.1	30.6	38.6
		Began college elsewhere	1.5	23.6	28.5	46.4
How often have you made a class presentation?	891	Began college at current institution	8.0	34.4	26.6	21.0
		Began college elsewhere	8.9	33.9	36.0	21.2
How often have you participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of a regular course?	884	Began college at current institution	40.5	33.6	16.0	9.9
		Began college elsewhere	39.9	33.2	15.2	11.7

Collaborative Learning

	N		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
			<i>Percentages</i>			
How often have you worked with other students on projects during class?	895	Began college at current institution	9.4	35.3	32.9	22.5
		Began college elsewhere	8.1	33.7	33.1	25.2
How often have you worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments?	898	Began college at current institution	8.7	36.0	30.4	24.9
		Began college elsewhere	11.0	32.0	34.1	22.9
How often have you tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)?	889	Began college at current institution	42.7	34.9	10.2	12.2
		Began college elsewhere	45.1	35.1	10.4	9.4
How often have you discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)?	898	Began college at current institution	5.1	33.8	34.1	27.1
		Began college elsewhere	4.8	28.1	37.8	29.3

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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?	890	Began college at current institution	6.3	36.0	29.7	28.0
		Began college elsewhere	6.1	37.8	30.9	25.3
How often have you discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class?	893	Began college at current institution	33.4	39.8	16.8	10.0
		Began college elsewhere	32.9	44.5	14.9	7.7
How often have you received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance?	897	Began college at current institution	5.8	33.3	40.0	20.9
		Began college elsewhere	3.7	31.5	44.7	20.0

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?	892	Began college at current institution	19.2	43.3	20.0	17.5
		Began college elsewhere	22.9	42.4	22.2	12.5
How often have you worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student-life activities, etc.)?	895	Began college at current institution	51.1	27.3	12.9	8.8
		Began college elsewhere	59.9	22.3	10.5	7.2

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?	897	Began college at current institution	17.7	44.4	14.8	23.1
		Began college elsewhere	19.6	45.8	21.0	13.6

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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?	895	Began college at current institution	8.0	16.5	27.6	47.9
		Began college elsewhere	11.0	13.1	29.5	46.5
participate in community service or volunteer work?	894	Began college at current institution	7.8	13.3	10.9	68.0
		Began college elsewhere	7.9	13.3	22.8	56.0
participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together?	890	Began college at current institution	9.8	39.8	5.9	44.6
		Began college elsewhere	15.4	44.4	12.3	27.9
take foreign-language coursework?	894	Began college at current institution	7.0	46.2	7.7	39.0
		Began college elsewhere	9.8	45.1	11.0	34.1
study abroad?	887	Began college at current institution	13.2	68.9	8.8	9.1
		Began college elsewhere	12.9	68.9	10.6	7.5
an independent study or self-designed major?	886	Began college at current institution	12.3	64.3	6.2	17.2
		Began college elsewhere	14.4	61.0	12.3	12.3
a culminating senior experiences (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)?	894	Began college at current institution	5.1	13.6	40.8	40.5
		Began college elsewhere	7.1	14.5	50.8	27.6

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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	895	59.6	20.8	8.0	5.8	1.7	1.9	0.2	1.9
	Began college elsewhere		69.7	19.9	5.4	3.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.6

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	887	20.5	36.7	31.1	11.7
	Began college elsewhere		24.1	32.4	29.5	14.0

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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?	Began college at current institution	894	7.0	26.9	27.7	38.3
	Began college elsewhere		5.6	27.6	27.0	39.8
How often have you used email to communicate with an instructor?	Began college at current institution	886	1.2	11.0	28.2	59.6
	Began college elsewhere		0.4	11.7	28.9	59.0

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?	Began college at current institution	893	1.7	9.3	26.6	62.4
	Began college elsewhere		2.1	9.3	24.2	64.4

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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?	896	Began college at current institution	12.4	32.0	27.6	28.0
		Began college elsewhere	13.4	27.8	31.1	27.8
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?	896	Began college at current institution	10.5	31.1	30.4	28.0
		Began college elsewhere	12.6	30.9	30.5	26.0

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?	888	Began college at current institution	14.2	30.1	31.1	24.5
		Began college elsewhere	15.4	30.8	30.2	23.5

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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?	895	Began college at current institution	4.4	24.3	45.6	25.7
		Began college elsewhere	5.0	27.7	42.9	24.4
helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)?	890	Began college at current institution	38.7	38.2	15.9	7.1
		Began college elsewhere	43.2	35.1	14.7	7.1
providing the support you need to thrive socially?	890	Began college at current institution	30.1	38.6	23.3	8.0
		Began college elsewhere	30.5	40.6	20.7	8.2

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?	897	Began college at current institution	1.5	2.7	5.1	11.4	20.1	31.6	27.7
		Began college elsewhere	1.4	2.9	4.3	11.1	20.6	32.4	27.2

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?	897	Began college at current institution	1.7	2.4	2.9	12.6	26.9	30.5	23.0
		Began college elsewhere	1.7	2.7	7.2	13.4	20.2	32.6	22.1

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?	896	Began college at current institution	3.2	5.8	9.5	21.2	19.2	20.4	20.7
		Began college elsewhere	3.1	8.7	9.3	20.4	21.2	19.0	18.4

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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?	878	Began college at current institution	19.0	22.7	28.3	30.0
		Began college elsewhere	20.6	27.3	26.3	25.8
understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds?	885	Began college at current institution	11.8	27.5	33.6	27.2
		Began college elsewhere	16.8	32.5	26.6	24.1
understanding yourself?	879	Began college at current institution	12.6	24.9	32.0	30.5
		Began college elsewhere	15.6	28.8	30.0	25.6
contributing to the welfare of your community?	884	Began college at current institution	17.8	28.4	32.3	21.5
		Began college elsewhere	22.7	30.1	25.3	21.9
voting in local, state, or national elections?	883	Began college at current institution	46.7	28.9	14.7	9.8
		Began college elsewhere	52.7	25.5	13.5	8.2
learning effectively on your own?	881	Began college at current institution	6.7	16.0	38.4	38.9
		Began college elsewhere	8.0	23.6	38.1	30.3
working effectively with others?	893	Began college at current institution	2.4	13.8	37.9	45.9
		Began college elsewhere	5.6	18.6	30.7	45.1

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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	889	3.9	11.5	38.5	46.1
	Began college elsewhere		3.8	16.7	31.5	48.0
analyzing quantitative problems?	Began college at current institution	889	3.4	16.5	36.7	43.4
	Began college elsewhere		5.9	18.2	34.0	41.9
acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills?	Began college at current institution	894	5.8	16.9	33.6	43.7
	Began college elsewhere		8.5	19.0	30.4	42.1

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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	896	2.7	17.4	38.5	41.4
	Began college elsewhere		6.0	21.3	34.8	37.9
speaking clearly and effectively?	Began college at current institution	887	3.6	20.3	39.5	36.6
	Began college elsewhere		8.4	22.4	33.3	35.9
thinking critically and analytically?	Began college at current institution	892	1.7	8.0	33.7	56.6
	Began college elsewhere		2.7	11.7	28.1	57.5
acquiring a broad general education?	Began college at current institution	890	3.1	16.0	39.2	41.5
	Began college elsewhere		4.8	19.3	37.3	38.6

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