

Howard University

Respondent Characteristics August 2009



FSSE 2009 Respondent Characteristics Howard University

Response rate	31%			
Number of invited faculty members	197			
Total number of respondents	61 (24 Lower	Division, 27 Upper Divisio	n, 6 Other, 4 Missing course	e level)
	Lower Division	Upper Division	Other	Total
Discipline of appointment				
Arts and humanities	20%	17%	17%	18%
Biological science	0%	0%	0%	0%
Business	10%	25%	0%	16%
Education	5%	0%	0%	2%
Engineering	5%	0%	0%	2%
Physical science	45%	8%	0%	22%
Professional	5%	21%	0%	12%
Social science	10%	13%	33%	14%
Other	0%	17%	50%	14%
Rank				
Professor	22%	19%	33%	22%
Associate Professor	17%	27%	33%	24%
Assistant Professor	22%	50%	33%	36%
Instructor	22%	4%	0%	11%
Lecturer	9%	0%	0%	4%
Graduate Teaching Assistant	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	9%	0%	0%	4%
Tenure status				
Tenured	45%	41%	67%	45%
On tenure track but not tenured	23%	30%	33%	27%
Not on tenure track	32%	30%	0%	27%
No tenure system	0%	0%	0%	0%
Highest degree earned				
First professional degree	0%	4%	0%	2%
Doctoral degree	70%	78%	100%	77%
Master's degree	26%	15%	0%	18%
Bachelor's degree	0%	0%	0%	0%
Associate's degree	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	4%	4%	0%	4%
Full-time/Part Time				
Full-time	91%	92%	83%	91%
Part-time	9%	8%	17%	9%



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	Lower	Upper		T (1
_	Division	Division	Other	Total
Number of courses taught 08-09 ¹				
None	0%	0%	0%	0%
1-3	9%	27%	0%	17%
4-6	68%	54%	80%	62%
7 or more	23%	19%	20%	21%
Years of teaching experience				
4 or less	5%	21%	20%	14%
5-9	5%	8%	20%	8%
10-14	15%	8%	0%	10%
15 or more	75%	63%	60%	67%
Age				
34 or younger	0%	8%	17%	6%
35-44	19%	20%	17%	19%
45-54	24%	16%	0%	17%
Older than 54	57%	56%	67%	58%
Gender				
Male	52%	37%	50%	45%
Female	48%	63%	50%	55%
Race / Ethnicity				
American Indian/ Native Amer.	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asian/ Asian Amer./ Pacific Isl.	9%	4%	0%	5%
Black or African American	52%	70%	33%	59%
White (non-Hispanic)	17%	11%	67%	20%
Mexican or Mexican American	0%	0%	0%	0%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Hispanic or Latino	4%	0%	0%	2%
Multiracial	0%	4%	0%	2%
Other	4%	0%	0%	2%
Prefer not to respond	13%	11%	0%	11%
Citizenship status				
U.S. citizen, native	65%	70%	50%	66%
U.S. citizen, naturalized	26%	22%	33%	25%
Permanent resident of the U.S.	9%	7%	17%	9%
Temporary resident of the U.S.	0%	0%	0%	0%

1: Includes 2008-2009 undergraduate and graduate courses, taught or scheduled, as reported by faculty respondents.



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Frequency Distributions August 2009



Interpreting the Frequency Distributions Report

Course-Based Survey Option

The course-based option asks faculty members to respond to questions about student engagement based on a course taught during the current academic year. This option is valuable for institutions that want to know more about faculty practices and student engagement tied to individual courses taught on campus.

Sample

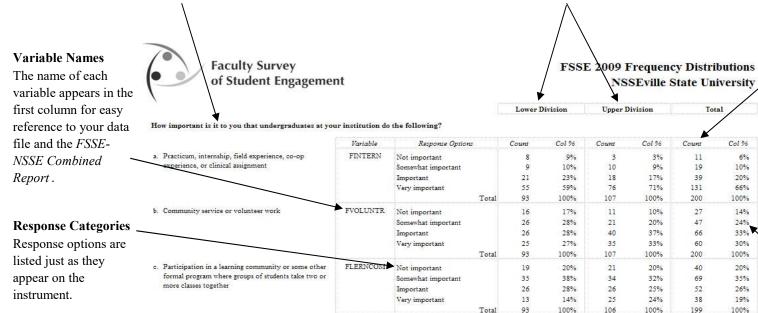
The *Frequency Distributions* report is based on information from all faculty at your institution who responded to the survey based on their experiences teaching either a lower or upper division course. Faculty who responded based on another type of course or who did not report the course level are not included in this report.

Survey Items

The items from the FSSE course-based survey option appear in the left column in the same order and wording as they appear on the instrument.

Course Level

Frequency distributions are reported separately for faculty who teach lower division and upper division courses.



Count

The 'Count' column represents the actual number of faculty who selected a particular response option for each item.

Column Percentage

This column represents the percentage of faculty responding to the particular option for each item.



X				Lower I	Division	Upper I	Division	Tot	al
How important is it to you that undergraduates at your instituti	on do the following	<u>;</u> ?							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or	FINTERN	Not important		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
clinical assignment		Somewhat important		3	13%	1	4%	4	8%
		Important		4	17%	4	15%	8	16%
		Very important		15	65%	22	81%	37	74%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
b. Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNTR	Not important		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		Somewhat important		6	26%	4	15%	10	20%
		Important		7	30%	14	52%	21	42%
		Very important		9	39%	9	33%	18	36%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
c. Participation in a learning community or some other formal	FLERNCOM	Not important		2	9%	8	30%	10	20%
program where groups of students take two or more classes		Somewhat important		5	22%	11	41%	16	32%
together		Important		12	52%	5	19%	17	34%
		Very important		4	17%	3	11%	7	14%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
d. Work on a research project with a faculty	FIMPR05	Not important		2	9%	4	15%	6	12%
member outside of course or program requirements		Somewhat important		3	13%	6	22%	9	18%
		Important		9	39%	10	37%	19	38%
		Very important		9	39%	7	26%	16	32%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
e. Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	Not important		3	13%	3	11%	6	12%
		Somewhat important		4	17%	8	30%	12	24%
		Important		9	39%	9	33%	18	36%
		Very important		7	30%	7	26%	14	28%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
f. Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	Not important		6	27%	2	7%	8	16%
		Somewhat important		2	9%	7	26%	9	18%
		Important		7	32%	12	44%	19	39%
		Very important		7	32%	6	22%	13	27%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



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				Lower D	ivision	Upper D	vivision	Tot	al
How important is it to you that undergraduates at your institution	n do the followin	g? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
g. Independent study or self-designed major	FINDST06	Not important		5	22%	2	7%	7	14%
		Somewhat important		6	26%	15	56%	21	42%
		Important		7	30%	8	30%	15	30%
		Very important		5	22%	2	7%	7	14%
			Fotal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
h. Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project	FSENIOR	Not important		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)		Somewhat important		4	17%	4	15%	8	16%
		Important		5	22%	3	11%	8	16%
		Very important		14	61%	20	74%	34	68%
			Fotal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%

Select the response that you believe best represents the quality of student relationships with people at your institution.

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
Student relationships with other students	FENVSTU	Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of						
		Alienation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		3	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		4	2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
		5	3	14%	9	33%	12	24%
		6	15	68%	9	33%	24	49%
		Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging	2	9%	6	22%	8	16%
		Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
Student relationships with faculty members	FENVFAC							
		Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		3	1	5%	1	4%	2	4%
		4	4	18%	3	11%	7	14%
		5	5	23%	9	33%	14	29%
		6	10	45%	10	37%	20	41%
		Available, Helpful, Sympathetic	2	9%	3	11%	5	10%
		Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



			Lower Division		Lower Division Upper Division		oivision	Tot	al
ct the response that you believe best represents the quality	of student relations	hips with people at your institution. (continued)						
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col	
Student relationships with administrative personnel and	FENVADM	Unhelpful, Inconsiderate,							
offices		Rigid	3	14%	5	19%	8	16	
		2	4	18%	4	15%	8	10	
		3	4	18%	6	22%	10	20	
		4	3	14%	4	15%	7	1-	
		5	6	27%	3	11%	9	1	
		6	2	9%	4	15%	6	12	
		Helpful, Considerate, Flexible	0	0%	1	4%	1	2	
		Tota	22	100%	27	100%	49	10	

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?

[Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Requiring students to spend significant amounts	FENVSCHO	Very little		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
of time studying and on academic work		Some		7	30%	7	26%	14	28%
		Quite a bit		7	30%	11	41%	18	36%
		Very much		9	39%	8	30%	17	34%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
b. Providing students the support they need to help them succeed academically	FENVSUPR	Very little		2	9%	2	8%	4	8%
		Some		8	35%	7	27%	15	31%
		Quite a bit		6	26%	10	38%	16	33%
		Very much		7	30%	7	27%	14	29%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic,	FENVDIVR	Very little		4	17%	3	11%	7	14%
social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds		Some		6	26%	6	22%	12	24%
		Quite a bit		7	30%	10	37%	17	34%
		Very much		6	26%	8	30%	14	28%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



			Ι	lower Di	vision	Upper I	Division	Tot	tal
To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the follow	ving? (continued)								
	Variable	Response Options	Сог	ınt	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
d. Helping students cope with their non-academic responsibilities	FENVNACA	Very little		2	9%	2	7%	4	8%
(work, family, etc.)		Some		8	36%	12	44%	20	41%
		Quite a bit		8	36%	10	37%	18	37%
		Very much		4	18%	3	11%	7	14%
_		Tot	tal	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
e. Providing students the support they need	FENVSOCA	Very little		2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
to thrive socially		Some		9	39%	4	15%	13	26%
		Quite a bit		10	43%	16	59%	26	52%
		Very much		2	9%	6	22%	8	16%
		Tot	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
f. Encouraging students to participate in co-curricular activities	FENVACT	Very little		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
(organizations, campus publications, student government,		Some		6	26%	4	15%	10	20%
fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)		Quite a bit		10	43%	12	44%	22	44%
		Very much		6	26%	10	37%	16	32%
		Tot	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
g. Encouraging students to attend campus events and activities	FENVEVEN	Very little		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
(special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)		Some		3	13%	3	11%	6	12%
		Quite a bit		13	57%	15	56%	28	56%
		Very much		6	26%	8	30%	14	28%
		Tot	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
h. Encouraging students to use computers in their academic work	FENVCOMP	Very little		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Some		4	17%	2	7%	6	12%
		Quite a bit		8	35%	10	37%	18	36%
		Very much		11	48%	15	56%	26	52%
		Tot	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



				Lower D	ivision	Upper D	vivision	Tot	tal
About how many hours do you spend in a <i>typical 7-day wa</i>	eek doing each of the follo	owing?							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Teaching undergraduate students in class	UGTEACH	0		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		1-4		4	17%	4	15%	8	16%
		5-8		9	38%	7	26%	16	31%
		9-12		7	29%	9	33%	16	31%
		13-16		1	4%	4	15%	5	10%
		17-20		1	4%	2	7%	3	6%
		21-30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		More than 30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
b. Grading papers and exams	GRADEPAP	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1-4		7	29%	11	41%	18	35%
		5-8		8	33%	8	30%	16	31%
		9-12		5	21%	3	11%	8	16%
		13-16		3	13%	2	7%	5	10%
		17-20		1	4%	3	11%	4	8%
		21-30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		More than 30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
c. Giving other forms of written and oral feedback	GRADEBCK	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
to students		1-4		13	54%	10	37%	23	45%
		5-8		5	21%	10	37%	15	29%
		9-12		4	17%	1	4%	5	10%
		13-16		2	8%	2	7%	4	8%
		17-20		0	0%	2	7%	2	4%
		21-30		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		More than 30		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%



				Lower D	oivision	Upper D	Division	Tot	al
About how many hours do you spend in a <i>typical 7-day</i> w	week doing each of the foll	owing? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
d. Preparing for class	CLASSPRP	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1-4		6	25%	6	22%	12	24%
		5-8		6	25%	10	37%	16	31%
		9-12		9	38%	4	15%	13	25%
		13-16		1	4%	4	15%	5	10%
		17-20		2	8%	3	11%	5	10%
		21-30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		More than 30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
e. Reflecting on ways to improve my teaching	REFLECT	0		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		1-4		13	54%	11	42%	24	48%
		5-8		6	25%	8	31%	14	28%
		9-12		2	8%	2	8%	4	8%
		13-16		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		17-20		1	4%	2	8%	3	6%
		21-30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		More than 30		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
			Total	24	100%	26	100%	50	100%
f. Research and scholarly activities	SCHOLAR	0		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		1-4		6	25%	6	22%	12	24%
		5-8		6	25%	4	15%	10	20%
		9-12		3	13%	8	30%	11	22%
		13-16		3	13%	4	15%	7	14%
		17-20		2	8%	2	7%	4	8%
		21-30		2	8%	3	11%	5	10%
		More than 30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%



				Lower D	vivision	Upper D	vivision	Tot	tal
About how many hours do you spend in a <i>typical 7-day wee</i>	k doing each of the foll	owing? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
g. Working with undergraduates on research	FRESEARC	0		8	33%	12	44%	20	39%
		1-4		8	33%	6	22%	14	27%
		5-8		3	13%	7	26%	10	20%
		9-12		2	8%	1	4%	3	6%
		13-16		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		17-20		2	8%	0	0%	2	4%
		21-30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		More than 30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
h. Advising undergraduate students	ADVISE	0		3	13%	0	0%	3	6%
		1-4		13	54%	13	48%	26	51%
		5-8		3	13%	8	30%	11	22%
		9-12		3	13%	2	7%	5	10%
		13-16		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		17-20		1	4%	2	7%	3	6%
		21-30		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		More than 30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
i. Supervising internships or other field experiences	FIELDEXP	0		15	65%	12	44%	27	54%
		1-4		5	22%	6	22%	11	22%
		5-8		0	0%	3	11%	3	6%
		9-12		2	9%	3	11%	5	10%
		13-16		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		17-20		0	0%	2	7%	2	4%
		21-30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		More than 30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



			L	ower Div	ision	Upper D	vivision	Tot	al
About how many hours do you spend in a <i>typical 7-day week</i> do	ing each of the foll	owing? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options	Cou	nt	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
j. Working with students on activities other than course work	FFACOTHR	0		10	43%	8	30%	18	36%
(committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)		1-4		9	39%	12	44%	21	42%
		5-8		3	13%	4	15%	7	14%
		9-12		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		13-16		0	0%	3	11%	3	6%
		17-20		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		21-30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		More than 30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		То	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
x. Other interactions with students outside of the classroom	FINTERAC	0		3	13%	3	11%	6	12%
		1-4		12	52%	15	56%	27	54%
		5-8		4	17%	4	15%	8	16%
		9-12		1	4%	2	7%	3	6%
		13-16		2	9%	3	11%	5	10%
		17-20		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		21-30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		More than 30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		То	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
l. Conducting service activities	SERVICE	0		5	22%	5	19%	10	20%
		1-4		12	52%	13	48%	25	50%
		5-8		4	17%	4	15%	8	16%
		9-12		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		13-16		1	4%	3	11%	4	8%
		17-20		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		21-30		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		More than 30		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		То	tal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



				Lower E	Division	Upper I	Division	To	tal
se respond to the following questions based on one particula	r undergraduate o	course section you are teaching	or have	taught during	this academic	year.			
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Со
n what format do you teach your selected course section?	TEACFORM	Classroom, on-campus		23	100%	27	100%	50	1
		Classroom, auxiliary location		0	0%	0	0%	0	
		Distance education		0	0%	0	0%	0	
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	1
oes your selected course section fulfill a general	GENEDREQ	No		9	38%	15	56%	24	
ducation requirement on your campus?		Yes		15	63%	12	44%	27	
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	1
low many students are enrolled in your selected course	CS05	9 or less		0	0%	3	12%	3	
ection?		10 to 19		8	33%	8	32%	16	
		20 to 29		8	33%	6	24%	14	
		30 to 49		5	21%	7	28%	12	
		50 to 99		2	8%	1	4%	3	
		100 or more		1	4%	0	0%	1	
			Total	24	100%	25	100%	49	1
rior to this semester, how many times have you taught	CT05	0		1	5%	0	0%	1	
our selected course?		1 to 2		2	10%	4	17%	6	
		3 to 9		9	43%	9	39%	18	
		10 to 19		3	14%	5	22%	8	
		20 or more		6	29%	5	22%	11	
			Total	21	100%	23	100%	44	1
What is the general area of your selected course?	CSDISCOL	Arts and Humanities		4	18%	5	21%	9	
		Biological science		1	5%	1	4%	2	
		Business		2	9%	5	21%	7	
		Education		1	5%	0	0%	1	
		Engineering		1	5%	0	0%	1	
		Physical science		9	41%	2	8%	11	
		Professional		0	0%	6	25%	6	
		Social science		3	14%	3	13%	6	
		Other		1	5%	2	8%	3	
			Total	22	100%	24	100%	46	1



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About what <i>percent</i> of students in your selected course section	do the following?							
	Variable	Response Options	Cour	et Col%	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Frequently ask questions in class or contribute to class	FCLQUEST	None		0 0%	1	4%	1	2%
discussions		1-24%		9 38%	7	26%	16	31%
		25-49%		4 17%	7	26%	11	22%
		50-74%		6 25%	9	33%	15	29%
		75% or higher		5 21%	3	11%	8	16%
		Т	otal 2	4 100%	27	100%	51	100%
b. Frequently come to class without completing readings or	FCLUNPRE	None		0 0%	0	0%	0	0%
assignments		1-24%		8 35%	12	44%	20	40%
		25-49%		8 35%	7	26%	15	30%
		50-74%		5 22%	4	15%	9	18%
		75% or higher		2 9%	4	15%	6	12%
		Т	otal 2	.3 100%	27	100%	50	100%
Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your	FWORKHRD	None		1 4%	3	11%	4	8%
standards		1-24%		5 21%	15	56%	20	39%
		25-49%		9 38%	4	15%	13	25%
		50-74%		6 25%	2	7%	8	16%
		75% or higher		3 13%	3	11%	6	12%
		Т	otal 2	4 100%	27	100%	51	100%
 Occasionally use e-mail to communicate 	FEMAIL	None		0 0%	0	0%	0	0%
with you		1-24%		6 26%	9	33%	15	30%
		25-49%		7 30%	7	26%	14	28%
		50-74%		8 35%	3	11%	11	22%
		75% or higher		2 9%	8	30%	10	20%
		Т	otal 2	3 100%	27	100%	50	100%
. Occasionally discuss grades or assignments	FGRADE	None		0 0%	1	4%	1	2%
with you		1-24%		5 21%	7	26%	12	24%
		25-49%		8 33%	6	22%	14	27%
		50-74%		5 21%	5	19%	10	20%
		75% or higher		6 25%	8	30%	14	27%
		Т	otal 2	4 100%	27	100%	51	100%



				Lower D	ivision	Upper D	ivision	Tot	al				
bout what <i>percent</i> of students in your selected course section do the following? (continued)													
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %				
f. At least once, talk about career plans	FPLANS	None		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%				
with you		1-24%		14	58%	9	33%	23	45%				
		25-49%		3	13%	4	15%	7	14%				
		50-74%		4	17%	5	19%	9	18%				
		75% or higher		3	13%	9	33%	12	24%				
		Т	otal	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%				
g. At least once, discuss ideas from readings or classes with you	FIDEAS	None		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%				
outside of class		1-24%		13	54%	12	44%	25	49%				
		25-49%		4	17%	5	19%	9	18%				
		50-74%		2	8%	4	15%	6	12%				
		75% or higher		4	17%	5	19%	9	18%				
		Т	otal	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%				

How often do students in your selected course section engage in the following?

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Have class discussions or writing assignments that include	FDIVCLAS	Never	8	35%	3	11%	11	22%
diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders,		Sometimes	7	30%	8	30%	15	30%
political beliefs, etc.)		Often	4	17%	3	11%	7	14%
		Very often	4	17%	13	48%	17	34%
		Tota	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
b. Work with other students on projects	FCLASSGR	Never	3	13%	3	11%	6	12%
during class		Sometimes	10	43%	6	22%	16	32%
		Often	6	26%	9	33%	15	30%
		Very often	4	17%	9	33%	13	26%
		Tota	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
c. Participate in a community-based project (e.g., service	FCOMMPRO	Never	13	59%	16	59%	29	59%
learning) as part of your course		Sometimes	5	23%	7	26%	12	24%
		Often	3	14%	4	15%	7	14%
		Very often	1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
		Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



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How often do students in your selected course section engage in t	the following? (co	ntinued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
d. Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet,	FITICADE	Never		6	26%	2	7%	8	16%
instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment		Sometimes		7	30%	9	33%	16	32%
		Often		3	13%	7	26%	10	20%
		Very often		7	30%	9	33%	16	32%
_			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
e. Receive prompt written or oral feedback from you on their	FFEED	Never		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
academic performance		Sometimes		1	4%	4	15%	5	10%
		Often		9	38%	7	26%	16	31%
		Very often		13	54%	16	59%	29	57%
_			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
f. Have serious conversations in your course with students of a	FDIVRSTU	Never		9	39%	7	26%	16	32%
different race or ethnicity than their own		Sometimes		7	30%	6	22%	13	26%
		Often		2	9%	6	22%	8	16%
		Very often		5	22%	8	30%	13	26%
_			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
g. Have serious conversations in your course with students who	FDIFFSTU	Never		6	26%	3	11%	9	18%
are very different from them in terms of their religious beliefs,		Sometimes		9	39%	7	26%	16	32%
political opinions, or personal values		Often		2	9%	9	33%	11	22%
		Very often		6	26%	8	30%	14	28%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%

In your selected course section, about how much reading and writing do you assign students?

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of	FREADASG	None	1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
course readings		1	15	65%	14	52%	29	58%
		2-3	6	26%	9	33%	15	30%
		4-6	1	4%	2	7%	3	6%
		More than 6	0	0%	2	7%	2	4%
		Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



				Lower D	ivision	Upper D	vision	Tot	al
In your selected course section, about how much reading and wri	ting do you assig	n students? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
b. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	FWRTMR05	None		18	78%	19	76%	37	77%
		1		3	13%	5	20%	8	17%
		2-3		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		4-6		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		More than 6		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
			Total	23	100%	25	100%	48	100%
c. Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	FWRTMD05	None		9	41%	6	22%	15	31%
		1		5	23%	8	30%	13	27%
		2-3		5	23%	11	41%	16	33%
		4-6		2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
		More than 6		1	5%	1	4%	2	4%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
l. Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	FWRITSML	None		5	22%	8	30%	13	26%
		1		5	22%	3	11%	8	16%
		2-3		4	17%	8	30%	12	24%
		4-6		2	9%	4	15%	6	12%
		More than 6		7	30%	4	15%	11	22%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
n a <i>typical week</i> , how many <i>homework problem sets</i> do you requ	ire students in yo	ur selected course section to co	omplete?						
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
Number of problem sets that take your students more than one	FPROBSTA	None		6	26%	4	15%	10	20%
hour to complete		1-2		10	43%	20	74%	30	60%
		3-4		2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
		5-6		1	4%	2	7%	3	6%
		More than 6		4	17%	0	0%	4	8%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
Number of problem sets that take your students less than one	FPROBSTB	None		13	59%	9	33%	22	45%
hour to complete		1-2		5	23%	10	37%	15	31%
		3-4		0	0%	6	22%	6	12%
		5-6		2	9%	2	7%	4	8%
		More than 6		2	9%	0	0%	2	4%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



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Time students spend preparing for your selected course section	::								
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours	FEXPREP	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
do you expect your students to spend preparing		1-2		1	4%	3	11%	4	8%
for your class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data,		3-4		3	13%	7	26%	10	20%
rehearsing, and other academic activities)		5-6		3	13%	4	15%	7	14%
		7-8		3	13%	4	15%	7	14%
		9-10		6	26%	3	11%	9	18%
		11-12		3	13%	4	15%	7	14%
		More than 12		4	17%	2	7%	6	12%
		Te	otal	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
b. In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours	FACTPREP	0		0	0%	3	11%	3	6%
do you think your students actually spend		1-2		6	25%	11	41%	17	33%
preparing for your class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work,		3-4		7	29%	8	30%	15	29%
analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)		5-6		4	17%	2	7%	6	12%
		7-8		4	17%	1	4%	5	10%
		9-10		2	8%	0	0%	2	4%
		11-12		0	0%	2	7%	2	4%
		More than 12		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		Te	otal	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%

In your selected course section, how important to you is it that your students do the following?

	Variable	Response Options	Со	ount	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before	FREWROPA	Not important		11	50%	7	26%	18	37%
turning it in		Somewhat important		4	18%	3	11%	7	14%
		Important		3	14%	8	30%	11	22%
		Very important		4	18%	9	33%	13	27%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



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In your selected course section, how <i>important</i> to you is it that yo	our students do th	e following? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
b. Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or	FINTEGRA	Not important		5	24%	3	11%	8	17%
information from various sources		Somewhat important		3	14%	3	11%	6	13%
		Important		2	10%	4	15%	6	13%
		Very important		11	52%	17	63%	28	58%
		, or y mill or with	Total	21	100%	27	100%	48	100%
c. Work with classmates outside of class to prepare class	FOCCGRP	Not important		3	14%	3	11%	6	12%
assignments	roccolu	Somewhat important		6	27%	5	19%	11	22%
-		Important		11	50%	5 7	26%	11	37%
		Very important		2	9%	12	44%	18	29%
		very important	Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
d. Dut to opthon ideas on concents from different courses when	FINTIDEA		Total						
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	FINTIDEA	Not important		6	27%	3	11%	9	18%
		Somewhat important		6	27%	3	11%	9	18%
		Important		4	18%	9	33%	13	27%
		Very important	T-4-1	6	27%	12	44%	18	37%
-			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
e. Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with others outside	FOOCID05	Not important		4	19%	2	7%	6	13%
of class (other students, family members, co-workers, etc.)		Somewhat important		4	19%	7	26%	11	23%
		Important		8	38%	7	26%	15	31%
		Very important		5	24%	11	41%	16	33%
-			Total	21	100%	27	100%	48	100%
f. Tutor or teach other students (paid or voluntary)	FTUTOR	Not important		5	24%	5	19%	10	21%
		Somewhat important		7	33%	11	41%	18	38%
		Important		6	29%	8	30%	14	29%
		Very important		3	14%	3	11%	6	13%
			Total	21	100%	27	100%	48	100%
g. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of their views on a	FOWNVIEW	Not important		2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
topic or issue		Somewhat important		3	14%	1	4%	4	8%
		Important		8	36%	13	48%	21	43%
		Very important		9	41%	12	44%	21	43%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



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your selected course section, how important to you is it that your students do the following? (continued)													
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %				
h. Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining	FOTHRVW	Not important		7	32%	3	11%	10	20%				
how an issue looks from that person's perspective		Somewhat important		0	0%	3	11%	3	6%				
		Important		7	32%	6	22%	13	27%				
		Very important		8	36%	15	56%	23	47%				
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%				
i. Learn something that changes the way they understand an	FCHNGVW	Not important		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%				
issue or concept		Somewhat important		1	4%	2	7%	3	6%				
		Important		9	39%	5	19%	14	28%				
		Very important		13	57%	19	70%	32	64%				
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%				

In your selected course section, on average, what *percent of class time* is spent on the following?

Variable **Response** Options Col % Col % Count Count Count Col % LECTURE 0% a. Lecture 4% 4% 2 4% 1 1 1-9% 1 4% 0 0% 1 2% 10-19% 4% 5 19% 12% 1 6 20-29% 17% 5 19% 9 18% 4 30-39% 2 9% 4 15% 6 12% 40-49% 2 4% 7% 3 6% 1 50-74% 9 17 8 35% 33% 34% 75% or more 5 22% 4% 6 12% 1 Total 23 100% 27 100% 50 100% b. Teacher-led discussion TEACHLED 0% 2 9% 4% 3 6% 1 1-9% 4% 3 11% 4 8% 1 10-19% 7 30% 7 26% 14 28% 20-29% 7 4 17% 26% 11 22% 30-39% 2 9% 3 11% 5 10% 40-49% 4% 4% 2 1 1 4% 50-74% 4 17% 4 15% 8 16% 2 9% 4% 3 75% or more 1 6% 23 100% 27 50 Total 100% 100%



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In your selected course section, on average, what percent of class	<i>is time</i> is spent on t	he following? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
c. Teacher-student shared responsibility (seminar, discussion,	TEACHSTU	0%		7	30%	4	15%	11	22%
etc.)		1-9%		4	17%	7	26%	11	22%
		10-19%		5	22%	7	26%	12	24%
		20-29%		4	17%	6	22%	10	20%
		30-39%		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		40-49%		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		50-74%		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		75% or more		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
Student computer use	COMPMED	0%		10	45%	10	37%	20	41%
		1-9%		4	18%	6	22%	10	20%
		10-19%		1	5%	2	7%	3	6%
		20-29%		4	18%	5	19%	9	18%
		30-39%		2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
		40-49%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		50-74%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		75% or more		1	5%	1	4%	2	4%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
e. Small group activities	GROUPSML	0%		4	17%	5	19%	9	18%
		1-9%		10	43%	6	22%	16	32%
		10-19%		4	17%	9	33%	13	26%
		20-29%		4	17%	6	22%	10	20%
		30-39%		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		40-49%		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		50-74%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



				Lower D	ivision	Upper D	oivision	Tot	al
In your selected course section, on average, what <i>per</i>	<i>cent of class time</i> is spent on t	he following? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
f. Student presentations	STUPRES	0%		8	35%	5	19%	13	26%
		1-9%		9	39%	7	26%	16	32%
		10-19%		3	13%	7	26%	10	20%
		20-29%		1	4%	4	15%	5	10%
		30-39%		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		40-49%		0	0%	2	7%	2	4%
		50-74%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		75% or more		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
]	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
g. In-class writing	CLSWRITE	0%		8	35%	12	44%	20	40%
		1-9%		9	39%	6	22%	15	30%
		10-19%		5	22%	6	22%	11	22%
		20-29%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		30-39%		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		40-49%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		50-74%		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
]	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
n. Testing and evaluation	TESTEVAL	0%		1	5%	1	4%	2	4%
		1-9%		7	32%	9	35%	16	33%
		10-19%		6	27%	9	35%	15	31%
		20-29%		5	23%	4	15%	9	19%
		30-39%		1	5%	2	8%	3	6%
		40-49%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		50-74%		2	9%	0	0%	2	4%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1	Total	22	100%	26	100%	48	100%



				Lower D	ivision	Upper D	vivision	Tot	al
In your selected course section, on average, what percent of class	<i>time</i> is spent on t	he following? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
i. Performances in applied and fine arts	PERFORM	0%		18	82%	21	78%	39	80%
(e.g., dance, drama, music)		1-9%		2	9%	1	4%	3	6%
		10-19%		1	5%	2	7%	3	6%
		20-29%		1	5%	2	7%	3	6%
		30-39%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		40-49%		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		50-74%		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
_			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
j. Experiential (labs, field work, art exhibits, etc.)	EXPERIEN	0%		13	59%	13	48%	26	53%
		1-9%		3	14%	5	19%	8	16%
		10-19%		2	9%	4	15%	6	12%
		20-29%		2	9%	3	11%	5	10%
		30-39%		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
		40-49%		1	5%	1	4%	2	4%
		50-74%		1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
Select the response that represents the extent to which your	FEXAMS	Very Little		0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
evaluations of student performance (e.g., examinations,		2		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
portfolio) challenge students in your selected course section to do their best work?		3		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
section to do their best work?		4		2	9%	2	7%	4	8%
		5		3	13%	5	19%	8	16%
		6		9	39%	9	33%	18	36%
		Very much		8	35%	10	37%	18	36%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



				Lower D	vivision	Upper D	vivision	Tot	al
In your selected course section, how much emphasis do you place	on engaging stud	ents in each of these mental ac	tivities?						
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your course and	FMEMORIZ	Very little		9	39%	11	41%	20	40%
readings so students can repeat them pretty much in the same		Some		3	13%	12	44%	15	30%
form		Quite a bit		7	30%	2	7%	9	18%
		Very much		4	17%	2	7%	6	12%
_			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory,	FANALYZE	Very little		2	9%	0	0%	2	4%
such as examining a particular case or situation in depth, and		Some		4	17%	1	4%	5	10%
considering its components		Quite a bit		4	17%	6	23%	10	20%
		Very much		13	57%	19	73%	32	65%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information,	FSYNTHES	Very little		3	13%	0	0%	3	6%
or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and		Some		3	13%	0	0%	3	6%
relationships		Quite a bit		3	13%	6	22%	9	18%
		Very much		14	61%	21	78%	35	70%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
d. Making judgments about the value of information, arguments,	FEVALUAT	Very little		5	22%	0	0%	5	10%
or methods such as examining how others gathered and		Some		6	26%	3	11%	9	18%
interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions		Quite a bit		5	22%	7	26%	12	24%
conclusions		Very much		7	30%	17	63%	24	48%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new	FAPPLYIN	Very little		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
situations		Some		5	22%	1	4%	6	12%
		Quite a bit		6	26%	6	22%	12	24%
		Very much		11	48%	20	74%	31	62%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



			Lower	Division	Upper I	Division	To	tal
To what extent do you structure your selected course sec	tion so that students learn	and develop in the following areas	?					
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWRITE	Very little	3	13%	2	7%	5	10%
		Some	6	26%	9	33%	15	30%
		Quite a bit	7	30%	2	7%	9	18%
		Very much	7	30%	14	52%	21	42%
		То	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
b. Speaking clearly and effectively	FGNSPEAK	Very little	4	17%	3	11%	7	14%
		Some	8	35%	3	11%	11	22%
		Quite a bit	5	22%	7	26%	12	24%
		Very much	6	26%	14	52%	20	40%
		То	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
c. Thinking critically and analytically	FGNANALY	Very little	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Some	2	9%	0	0%	2	4%
		Quite a bit	5	22%	2	8%	7	14%
		Very much	16	70%	24	92%	40	82%
		То	al 23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
d. Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	Very little	3	13%	7	26%	10	20%
		Some	1	4%	2	7%	3	6%
		Quite a bit	6	26%	2	7%	8	16%
		Very much	13	57%	16	59%	29	58%
		То	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
e. Using computing and information technology	FGNCMPTS	Very little	6	27%	4	15%	10	20%
		Some	7	32%	9	33%	16	33%
		Quite a bit	1	5%	6	22%	7	14%
		Very much	8	36%	8	30%	16	33%
		То	al 22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



				Lower D	oivision	Upper I	oivision	Tot	al
To what extent do you structure your selected course section so	that students learn	and develop in the following a	reas? (c	ontinued)					
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
f. Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	Very little		3	13%	2	7%	5	10%
		Some		8	35%	5	19%	13	26%
		Quite a bit		6	26%	10	37%	16	32%
		Very much		6	26%	10	37%	16	32%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
g. Learning effectively on their own	FGNINQ	Very little		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		Some		1	4%	5	19%	6	12%
		Quite a bit		10	43%	6	23%	16	33%
		Very much		11	48%	15	58%	26	53%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
h. Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	Very little		3	14%	3	12%	6	13%
		Some		6	29%	4	15%	10	21%
		Quite a bit		5	24%	14	54%	19	40%
		Very much		7	33%	5	19%	12	26%
			Total	21	100%	26	100%	47	100%
i. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	Very little		10	43%	5	19%	15	31%
		Some		7	30%	3	12%	10	20%
		Quite a bit		3	13%	9	35%	12	24%
		Very much		3	13%	9	35%	12	24%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
j. Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	Very little		4	18%	2	8%	6	13%
		Some		4	18%	3	12%	7	15%
		Quite a bit		7	32%	7	27%	14	29%
		Very much		7	32%	14	54%	21	44%
			Total	22	100%	26	100%	48	100%



			ſ	Lower I	Division	Upper I	Division	To	tal
To what extent do you structure your selected course section so	that students learn	and develop in the following a	areas? (o	continued)					
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
	FVALUES								
k. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	FVALUES	Very little		5	22%	1	4%	6	12%
		Some		7	30%	5	19%	12	24%
		Quite a bit		2	9%	10	38%	12	24%
		Very much		9	39%	10	38%	19	39%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
1. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	FSPIRIT	Very little		16	70%	10	38%	26	53%
		Some		4	17%	12	46%	16	33%
		Quite a bit		2	9%	3	12%	5	10%
		Very much		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
m. Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	Very little		5	22%	2	8%	7	14%
		Some		4	17%	7	27%	11	22%
		Quite a bit		5	22%	5	19%	10	20%
		Very much		9	39%	12	46%	21	43%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
n. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	FGNWORK	Very little		1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
		Some		3	13%	3	12%	6	12%
		Quite a bit		8	35%	8	31%	16	33%
		Very much		11	48%	14	54%	25	51%
			Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
What is the general discipline of your academic	APDISCOL	Arts and humanities		4	20%	4	17%	8	18%
appointment? (Please specify an academic discipline)		Biological science		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Business		2	10%	6	25%	8	18%
		Education		1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
		Engineering		1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
		Physical science		9	45%	2	8%	11	25%
		Professional		1	5%	5	21%	6	14%
		Social science		2	10%	3	13%	5	11%
		Other		0	0%	4	17%	4	9%
			Total	20	100%	24	100%	44	100%



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FSSE-NSSE Combined Report

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Interpreting the FSSE-NSSE Combined Report

Course-Based Survey Option

The course-based option asks faculty members to respond to questions about student engagement based on a course taught during the current academic year. This option is valuable for institutions that want to know more about faculty practices and student engagement tied to individual courses taught on campus.

Sample

The FSSE-NSSE Combined Report shows responses from both students and faculty at your institution who completed NSSE and FSSE. This report only contains responses from faculty who responded to the survey based on their experiences teaching either a lower or upper division course. Data from faculty who responded based on another type of course or who did not report a course level are not included in this report. All student responses are the same as those included in the NSSE 2009 Frequency Distrubutions.

Survey Items & Variable Names

Results from the FSSE survey appear in the shaded box on the left, and items from the NSSE survey appear in the box on the right. In each box, the leftmost column contains survey items in the same wording that appears on the FSSE and NSSE instruments. The second column in each box contains the name of each variable for easy reference to your FSSE and NSSE data files and your 2009 Frequency Distributions reports.

Faculty Responses This column shows the percentage of faculty who responded at or above the indicated response	Faculty Surve of Student Er Faculty classroom practices and	ngagement	FS		SE Combi NSSEville			Student Responses Response categorie listed just as they aj on the NSSE instru The distribution of student responses n
-	Faculty Respo	onses	Student R	lesponses	;			-
category. To match the response	Percentage of faculty who reported that a from their courses do the following	more than half of students	Distribution of student responses to how often they d current school year	lid the follo	wing at their in	ıstitution durir	ig the	/ those in your NSSE Frequency Distribu
categories provided	FSSE Item	Variable Class Higher	NSSE Item Variable	Class Vier	y Okten Okten	Sometimes	Nester	
on the FSSE	Frequently ask questions in class or	LD 21%	Asked questions in class or contributed	FY	29% 38%	6 31%	2%	
instrument, the	contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST UD 50%	to class discussions	sr <	48% 31%	6 19%	2%	>
heading of this	Frequently come to class without	LD 37%	Come to class without completing	FY	6% 11%	° 56%	27%	
column varies	completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPRE UD 21%	assignments CLONPREP	, SR	7% 15%	6 57%	21%	
throughout the report.	Frequently work harder than they usually	LD 26%	Worked harder than you thought you	FY	19% 38%	6 37%	6%	
	do to meet your standards	PWORKHRD UD 42%	could to meet an instructor's standards or VORKHARD expectations	D SR	22% 39%	6 34%	5%	
Class Level								

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Frequency distributions are reported separately for faculty who reported teaching a course of mostly first-year and sophomore students (LD) or of mostly juniors and seniors (UD). Student responses are reported separately for first-year students (FY) and seniors (SR). Institution-reported class ranks are used for the student data.



Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that more than half of students from their courses do the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	50% or Higher
Frequently ask questions in class or	FCLQUEST	LD	46%
contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST	UD	44%
Frequently come to class without	FCLUNPRE	LD	30%
completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPRE	UD	30%
Frequently work harder than they usually	FWORKHRD	LD	38%
do to meet your standards	FWOKKHKD	UD	19%
Occasionally use e-mail to communicate	FEMAIL	LD	43%
with you	FEMAIL	UD	41%
Occasionally discuss grades or assignments	FGRADE	LD	46%
with you	FGKADE	UD	48%
At least once, talk about career plans with		LD	29%
you	FPLANS	UD	52%
At least once, discuss ideas from readings		LD	25%
or classes with you outside of class	FIDEAS	UD	33%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Asked questions in class or contributed to	CLOUDST.	FY	33%	35%	30%	2%
class discussions	CLQUEST	SR	45%	38%	16%	1%
Come to class without completing	CLUNPREP	FY	7%	12%	65%	16%
assignments	CLUNPREP	SR	4%	18%	69%	9%
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or	WORKHARD	FY	17%	37%	35%	10%
expectations	WOKKHARD	SR	23%	36%	35%	7%
Used e-mail to communicate with an	EMAIL	FY	43%	33%	22%	1%
instructor	EMAIL	SR	46%	34%	19%	2%
Discussed grades or assignments with an	FACGRADE	FY	29%	30%	36%	5%
instructor	FACGRADE	SR	39%	31%	28%	2%
Talked about career plans with a faculty	FACPLANS	FY	10%	17%	40%	33%
member or advisor	FAUPLANS	SR	20%	30%	39%	11%
Discussed ideas from your readings or	EACIDEAS	FY	6%	15%	38%	41%
classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	SR	14%	25%	40%	21%



Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that students from their courses do the following often or very often

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often or Often
Have class discussions or writing assignments that include diverse	FDIVCLAS	LD	35%
perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)		UD	59%
Work with other students on projects	FCLASSGR	LD	43%
during class		UD	67%
Participate in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part	FCOMMPRO	LD	18%
of your course		UD	15%
Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.)	FITICADE	LD	43%
to discuss or complete an assignment		UD	59%
Receive prompt written or oral feedback	FFEED	LD	92%
from you on their academic performance		UD	85%
Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race	FDIVRSTU	LD	30%
or ethnicity than their own	IDIVISIO	UD	52%
Have serious conversations in your course with students who are very different from		LD	35%
them in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FDIFFSTU	UD	63%

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

Student Responses

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs,	DIVCLASS	FY	30%	38%	27%	5%
etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments		SR	24%	35%	34%	8%
Worked with other students on projects	CLASSGRP	FY	8%	27%	45%	21%
during class		SR	12%	32%	42%	14%
Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as	COMMPROJ	FY	3%	7%	28%	63%
part of a regular course		SR	7%	12%	32%	48%
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.)	ITACADEM	FY	30%	25%	29%	15%
to discuss or complete an assignment		SR	33%	31%	25%	11%
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty	FACFEED	FY	12%	32%	46%	10%
on your academic performance		SR	12%	39%	44%	6%
Had serious conversations with students of	DIVRSTUD	FY	21%	23%	34%	22%
a different race or ethnicity than your own		SR	21%	25%	37%	17%
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of	DIFFSTU2	FY	28%	29%	31%	13%
their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values		SR	30%	31%	31%	7%



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Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses								
Percentage of faculty who reported that i	-	nt or v	very					
important that their students do the follow	wing							
FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Important or Important					
Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or	FREWROPA	LD	32%					
assignment before turning it in	TREWROT A	UD	63%					
Work on a paper or project that requires		LD	62%					
integrating ideas or information from various sources	FINTEGRA	UD	78%					
Work with classmates outside of class to	FOCCGRP	LD	59%					
prepare class assignments	FOCCORF	UD	70%					
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing	FINTIDEA	LD	45%					
assignments or during class discussions	FINIDEA	UD	78%					
Discuss ideas or readings from class with others outside of class (other students,	FOOCID05	LD	62%					
family members, coworkers, etc.)	roocidos	UD	67%					
Tutor or teach other students (paid or	FTUTOR	LD	43%					
voluntary)	FICTOR	UD	41%					
Examine the strengths and weaknesses of	FOWNVIEW	LD	77%					
their views on a topic or issue	FOWINVIEW	UD	93%					
Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks	FOTHRVW	LD	68%					
from that person's perspective	FOIRKYW	UD	78%					
Learn something that changes the way they	FCIDICUM	LD	96%					
understand an issue or concept	FCHNGVW	UD	89%					

Student Responses						
Distribution of student responses to how current school year	often they d	lid the	following at	their inst	itution durin	ng the
NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or	REWROPAP	FY	15%	27%	33%	24%
assignment before turning it in		SR	14%	26%	36%	23%
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from	INTEGRAT	FY	33%	43%	22%	20
various sources		SR	46%	39%	14%	19
Worked with classmates outside of class to	OCCGRP	FY	17%	35%	41%	89
prepare class assignments		SR	29%	38%	29%	39
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing	INTIDEAS	FY	18%	38%	30%	149
assignments or during class discussions		SR	30%	41%	25%	49
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class	OOCIDEAS	FY	34%	36%	22%	89
(students, family members, coworkers, etc.)		SR	30%	38%	30%	39
Tutored or taught other students (paid or	TUTOR	FY	9%	14%	30%	479
voluntary)	1010K	SR	16%	17%	41%	269
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of	OWNVIEW	FY	32%	33%	30%	59
your own views on a topic or issue	5 W I V I E W	SR	28%	38%	29%	59
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks	OTHRVIEW	FY	31%	40%	25%	49
from his or her perspective	OTHEVIEW	SR	29%	43%	26%	29
Learned something that changed the way	CHNGVIEW	FY	33%	39%	27%	19
you understand an issue or concept	CHING VIE W	SR	30%	44%	25%	19



Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that their evaluations of student performance are quite challenging for students

Variable	Class	Quite Challenging
	LD	87%
FEXAMS		
	UD	89%
		LD FEXAMS

Note: Faculty reponded to this item on a 7-point scale (1 = Very little to 7 = Very much). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as quite challenging.

Percentage of faculty who reported that they place quite a bit or very much emphasis on the following in their courses

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from	FMEMORIZ	LD	48%
your course and readings	FMEMORIZ	UD	15%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	FANALYZE	LD	74%
	FANALYZE	UD	96%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	FSYNTHES	LD	74%
	FSINIHES	UD	100%
Making judgments about the value of	FEVALUAT	LD	52%
information, arguments, or methods	FEVALUAT	UD	89%
Applying theories or concepts to practical		LD	74%
problems or in new situations	FAPPLYIN	UD	96%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how much their examininations during the current school year challenged them to do their best work

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Quite Challenging	Not as Challenging
Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work	EXAMS	FY	79%	21%
		SR	74%	26%

Note: Students reponded to this item on a 7-point scale (1 = Very little to 7 = Very much). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as quite challenging and responses of 1, 2, 3, and 4 are coded as not as challenging.

Distribution of student responses to how much their coursework during the current school year emphasized the following

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your course and readings	MEMORIZE	FY	40%	33%	25%	3%
	MEMORIZE	SR	34%	31%	26%	9%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea,		FY	42%	37%	19%	2%
experience, or theory	ANALYZE	SR	49%	36%	13%	3%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas,	SYNTHESZ	FY	32%	36%	27%	6%
information, or experiences	SINTHESE	SR	37%	33%	26%	4%
Making judgments about the value of	EVALUATE	FY	36%	33%	27%	4%
information, arguments, or methods	EVALUATE	SR	35%	36%	24%	5%
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations		FY	42%	33%	23%	2%
	APPLYING	SR	49%	31%	13%	7%



Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who structured their courses quite a bit or very much so that students learn and develop in the following areas

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
	FGNWRITE	LD	61%
Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWKITE	UD	59%
Speaking clearly and effectively	DOMONEAW	LD	48%
	FGNSPEAK	UD	78%
Thinking critically and analytically	DOMANUAN	LD	91%
	FGNANALY	UD	100%
Analyzing quantitative problems	FONOLIANT	LD	83%
	FGNQUANT	UD	67%
Using computing and information		LD	41%
technology	FGNCMPTS	UD	52%
		LD	52%
Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	UD	74%
Learning effectively on their own		LD	91%
	FGNINQ	UD	81%

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their college experience contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas

Student Responses

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Writing clearly and effectively	GNWIRTE	FY	35%	36%	22%	7%
writing clearly and checuvery	GNWIKIE	SR	35%	38%	23%	4%
Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	FY	32%	32%	24%	12%
	GNSPEAK	SR	38%	35%	22%	4%
Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	FY	40%	38%	19%	3%
	UNANAL I	SR	52%	33%	12%	3%
	GNQUANT	FY	28%	35%	28%	8%
Analyzing quantitative problems	UNQUANT	SR	33%	35%	27%	5%
Using computing and information	GNCMPTS	FY	31%	32%	25%	11%
technology	GNCMP15	SR	30%	37%	24%	8%
We when a fle stimulation is all and	GNOTHERS	FY	31%	35%	24%	10%
Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	SR	41%	38%	16%	4%
Learning effectively on your own	CNIDIO	FY	42%	33%	17%	8%
	GNINQ	SR	46%	35%	12%	7%



Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who structured their courses quite a bit or very much so that students learn and develop in the following areas

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
I la daméen d'a steamachas	FONGELE	LD	57%
Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	UD	73%
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	LD	26%
	FUNDIVER	UD	69%
Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	LD	64%
	FUNEROB3	UD	81%
Developing a personal code of values and	FVALUES	LD	48%
ethics	FVALOES	UD	77%
Developing a deepened sense of	FSPIRIT	LD	13%
spirituality	FSFIKII	UD	15%
A continue a broad concerned advantion	FGNGENLE	LD	61%
Acquiring a broad general education	FUNGENLE	UD	65%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge	FGNWORK	LD	83%
and skills	FGINWORK	UD	85%

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their college experience contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas

Student Responses

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Understanding versalf	GNSELF	FY	31%	39%	20%	10%
Understanding yourself	GNSELF	SR	42%	28%	19%	11%
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	FY	21%	29%	32%	18%
	GNDIVERS	SR	26%	28%	31%	15%
Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	FY	27%	23%	34%	16%
	GNPROBSV	SR	30%	31%	29%	10%
Developing a personal code of values and	GNETHICS	FY	27%	38%	22%	13%
ethics	GNETHICS	SR	34%	28%	26%	12%
Developing a deepened sense of	GNSPIRIT	FY	18%	27%	27%	28%
spirituality	GNSFIRI	SR	21%	24%	28%	27%
Acquiring a broad compared advection	GNGENLED	FY	37%	36%	23%	4%
Acquiring a broad general education	UNGENLED	SR	43%	38%	17%	1%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge	GNWORK	FY	31%	25%	30%	14%
and skills	GINWUKK	SR	38%	34%	22%	7%



Importance faculty place on campus-facilitated activities and student participation:

Faculty Responses

Student Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very important that students at their institution do the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Important or Important
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-	FINTERN	LD	83%
op experience, or clinical assignment	FINTERN	UD	96%
	FUOLDITE	LD	70%
Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNTR	UD	85%
Participation in a learning community or		LD	70%
some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FLERNCOM	UD	30%
Work on a research project with a faculty	FIMPR05	LD	78%
member outside of course or program requirements	FIMPR05	UD	63%
	FFORLANG	LD	70%
Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	UD	59%
Study shrood	ESTUDYAD	LD	64%
Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	UD	67%
Culminating senior experience (capstone	ECENIOD	LD	83%
course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FSENIOR	UD	85%

Distribution of student reponses to whether they had done or plan to do the following before graduating

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Done	Plan to do	Do not plan to do	Have not decided
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-	INTERN04	FY	8%	86%	1%	5%
op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN04	SR	73%	16%	7%	3%
	VOLNTRA	FY	55%	39%	0%	5%
Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	SR	80%	12%	4%	4%
Participate in a learning community or some		FY	15%	32%	16%	36%
other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LRNCOM04	SR	34%	10%	45%	12%
Work on a research project with a faculty		FY	7%	40%	21%	32%
member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	SR	27%	18%	42%	14%
P ' 1 1	FORINGAL	FY	55%	31%	5%	8%
Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	SR	73%	9%	13%	6%
011		FY	1%	54%	17%	28%
Study abroad	STDABR04	SR	15%	15%	54%	16%
Culminating senior experience (capstone		FY	1%	64%	5%	29%
course, thesis, project, comprehensive exam, etc.)	SNRX04	SR	47%	40%	10%	4%



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Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that their institution emphasizes each of the following quite a bit or very much

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Requiring students to spend significant		LD	70%
amounts of time studying and on academic work	FENVSCHO	UD	70%
Providing students the support they need to help them succeed academically	FENVSUPR	LD	57%
		UD	65%
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FENVDIVR	LD	57%
	TERVEIVK	UD	67%
Helping students cope with their non- academic responsibilities (work, family,	FENVNACA	LD	55%
etc.)		UD	48%
Providing students the support they	FENVSOCA	LD	52%
need to thrive socially		UD	81%
Encouraging students to attend campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	FENVEVEN	LD	83%
		UD	85%
Encouraging students to use computers in	FENVCOMP	LD	83%
their academic work		UD	93%

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their institution emphasizes each of the following

Student Responses

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Spending significant amounts of time	ENVSCHOL	FY	37%	38%	24%	1%
studying and on academic work		SR	32%	47%	17%	4%
Providing the support you need to	ENIVSUDDT	FY	19%	33%	38%	10%
help you succeed academically	$\begin{array}{c c} & FY & 37\% \\ FY & 37\% \\ SR & 32\% \\ FY & 19\% \\ FY & 19\% \\ SR & 13\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ SR & 14\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ SR & 14\% \\ FY & 7\% \\ SR & 5\% \\ FY & 7\% \\ SR & 5\% \\ FY & 7\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ SR & 5\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ SR & 10\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ SR & 10\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ FY & 17\% \\ SR & 27\% \\ FY & 41\% \\ FY & 41\% \\ FY & 46\% \\ ENVCOMPT \end{array}$	13%	37%	38%	12%	
Encouraging contact among students		FY	17%	25%	32%	26%
from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVSCHOL ENVSUPRT ENVDIVRS ic ENVNACAD ENVSOCAL , ENVEVENT ENVCOMPT	SR	14%	23%	40%	23%
Helping you cope with your non-academic	FY 17% ENVDIVRS SR 14% ENVNACAD FY 7% SR 5% 5% ENVSOCAL FY 17% SR 10% 10%	FY	7%	16%	31%	46%
responsibilities (work, family, etc.)		13%	36%	45%		
Providing the support you need		FY	17%	26%	33%	24%
to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	SR	10%	29%	31%	30%
Attending campus events and activities		FY	41%	38%	18%	4%
special speakers, cultural performances, thletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT	SR	27%	43%	20%	10%
TT - , - 1 - 1		FY	46%	35%	12%	7%
Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT	SR 53% 30%	30%	13%	3%	



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Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that students at their institution have positive relationships with the following groups

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Positive Quality
With other students	FENVSTU	LD	91%
with other students	FEINVSTU	UD	89%
With faculty members	FENVFAC	LD	77%
		UD	81%
With administrative personnel and offices	FENVADM	LD	36%
		UD	30%

Student Responses

Distribution of student ratings of the quality of their relationships with the following groups

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Positive Quality	Neutral or Negative
With other students	ENVSTU	FY	77%	23%
	ENVSIO	SR	81%	19%
With faculty members	ENVFAC	FY	55%	45%
		SR	73%	27%
With administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	FY	22%	78%
		SR	28%	72%

Note: Faculty reponded to the items above on 7-point scales (e.g., 1 =Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation to 7 = Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as positive quality.

Note: Students reponded to the items above on 7-point scales (e.g., 1 =Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation to 7 = Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as positive quality and responses of 1, 2, 3, and 4