

Howard University

Respondent Characteristics August 2009



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Response rate 31%
Number of invited faculty members 197

Total number of respondents 61 (24 Lower Division, 27 Upper Division, 6 Other, 4 Missing course 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%
Fenure 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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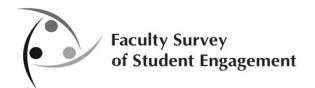
	Lower Division	Upper Division	Other	Total
Number of courses taught 08-09 ¹				
None	0%	0%	0%	0%
1-3	9%	27%	0%	17%
4-6	68%	54%	80%	62%
7 or more	23%	19%	20%	21%
Years of teaching experience				
4 or less	5%	21%	20%	14%
5-9	5%	8%	20%	8%
10-14	15%	8%	0%	10%
15 or more	75%	63%	60%	67%
Age				
34 or younger	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



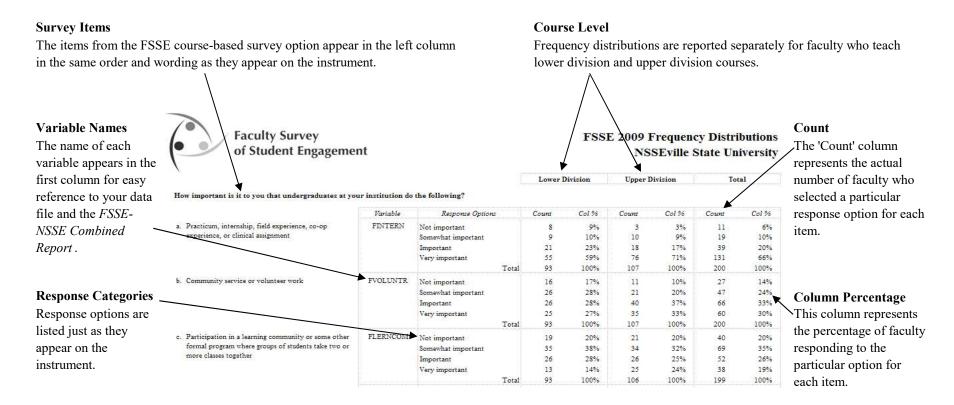
Interpreting the Frequency Distributions Report

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.





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How important is it to you that undergraduates at your institution do the following?

a.	Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or
	clinical assignment

- b. Community service or volunteer work
- c. Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together
- d. Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements
- e. Foreign language coursework
- f. Study abroad

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FINTERN	Not important	1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
	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%
FVOLUNTR	Not important	1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
	Somewhat important	6	26%	4	15%	10	20%
	Important	7	30%	14	52%	21	429
	Very important	9	39%	9	33%	18	369
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	1009
FLERNCOM	Not important	2	9%	8	30%	10	209
	Somewhat important	5	22%	11	41%	16	329
	Important	12	52%	5	19%	17	349
	Very important	4	17%	3	11%	7	149
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	1009
FIMPR05	Not important	2	9%	4	15%	6	129
	Somewhat important	3	13%	6	22%	9	189
	Important	9	39%	10	37%	19	386
	Very important	9	39%	7	26%	16	32'
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100
FFORLANG	Not important	3	13%	3	11%	6	129
	Somewhat important	4	17%	8	30%	12	24
	Important	9	39%	9	33%	18	369
	Very important	7	30%	7	26%	14	289
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100
FSTUDYAB	Not important	6	27%	2	7%	8	169
	Somewhat important	2	9%	7	26%	9	189
	Important	7	32%	12	44%	19	399
	Very important	7	32%	6	22%	13	279
	Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100



Lower Division	Upper Division	Total
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How important is it to you that undergraduates at your institution do the following? (continued)

g. Independent study or self-designed major

h. Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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%
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
FSENIOR	Not important	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	Somewhat important	4	17%	4	15%	8	16%
	Important	5	22%	3	11%	8	16%
	Very important	14	61%	20	74%	34	68%
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%

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

Student relationships with other students

Student relationships with faculty members

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FENVSTU							
	Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
				1		1	
	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	249
	6	15	68%	9	33%	24	499
	Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging	2	9%	6	22%	8	169
	Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	1009
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	109
	Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100



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

Student relationships with administrative personnel and offices

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FENVADM	Unhelpful, Inconsiderate,						
	Rigid	3	14%	5	19%	8	16%
	2	4	18%	4	15%	8	16%
	3	4	18%	6	22%	10	20%
	4	3	14%	4	15%	7	14%
	5	6	27%	3	11%	9	18%
	6	2	9%	4	15%	6	12%
	Helpful, Considerate, Flexible	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
	Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%

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

- a. Requiring students to spend significant amounts of time studying and on academic work
- b. Providing students the support they need to help them succeed academically
- Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FENVSCHO	Very little	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
	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%
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%
FENVDIVR	Very little	4	17%	3	11%	7	14%
	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%



Lower Division	Upper Division	Total

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

	Variable	Response Options		Count	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%
			Total	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%
			Total	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%
			Total	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%
			Total	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%
			Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



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About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

a.	Teaching	undergraduate students in clas	S

b. Grading papers and exams

c. Giving other forms of written and oral feedback to students

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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%
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%
GRADEBCK	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	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%



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About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? (continued)

d.	Preparing	for	class
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e. Reflecting on ways to improve my teaching

f. Research and scholarly activities

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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%
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%
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	149
	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%



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About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? (continued)

h. Advising undergraduate students

i. Supervising internships or other field experiences

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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	49
	17-20	2	8%	0	0%	2	40
	21-30	0	0%	0	0%	0	09
	More than 30	0	0%	0	0%	0	00
	Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100
ADVISE	0	3	13%	0	0%	3	69
	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
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



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About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? (continued)

j.	Working with students on activities other than course work
	(committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)

k. Other interactions with students outside of the classroom

1. Conducting service activities

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FFACOTHR	0	10	43%	8	30%	18	36%
	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%
	Tota	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
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%
	Tota	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
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%
	Tota	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%



Lower Division	Upper Division	Total

Please respond to the following questions based on one particular undergraduate course section you are teaching or have taught during this academic year.

	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
In what format do you teach your selected course section?	TEACFORM	Classroom, on-campus		23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
		Classroom, auxiliary location		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Distance education		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Distance education	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
D	CENEDREO		Total						
Does your selected course section fulfill a general education requirement on your campus?	GENEDREQ	No		9	38%	15	56%	24	47%
cutedion requirement on your cumpus.		Yes	m . 1	15	63%	12	44%	27	53%
			Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
How many students are enrolled in your selected course	CS05	9 or less		0	0%	3	12%	3	6%
section?		10 to 19		8	33%	8	32%	16	33%
		20 to 29		8	33%	6	24%	14	29%
		30 to 49		5	21%	7	28%	12	24%
		50 to 99		2	8%	1	4%	3	6%
		100 or more		1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
			Total	24	100%	25	100%	49	100%
Prior to this semester, how many times have you taught	CT05	0		1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
your selected course?		1 to 2		2	10%	4	17%	6	14%
		3 to 9		9	43%	9	39%	18	41%
		10 to 19		3	14%	5	22%	8	18%
		20 or more		6	29%	5	22%	11	25%
			Total	21	100%	23	100%	44	100%
What is the general area of your selected course?	CSDISCOL	Arts and Humanities		4	18%	5	21%	9	20%
		Biological science		1	5%	1	4%	2	4%
		Business		2	9%	5	21%	7	15%
		Education		1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
		Engineering		1	5%	0	0%	1	2%
		Physical science		9	41%	2	8%	11	24%
		Professional		0	0%	6	25%	6	13%
		Social science		3	14%	3	13%	6	13%
		Other		1	5%	2	8%	3	7%
			Total	22	100%	24	100%	46	100%



Lower Division	Upper Division	Total

About what percent of students in your selected course section do the following?

a.	Frequently ask questions in class or contribute to class
	discussions

- Frequently come to class without completing readings or assignments
- c. Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your standards
- d. Occasionally use e-mail to communicate with you
- e. Occasionally discuss grades or assignments with you

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FCLQUEST	None	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
	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%
	To	tal 24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
FCLUNPRE	None	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	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%
	То	tal 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
FWORKHRD	None	1	4%	3	11%	4	8%
	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%
	То	tal 24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
FEMAIL	None	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	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%
	То	tal 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
FGRADE	None	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
	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%
	То	tal 24	100%	27	100%	51	100%



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About what percent of students in your selected course section do the following? (continued)

f. At least once, talk about career plans with you

g. At least once, discuss ideas from readings or classes with you outside of class

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FPLANS	None	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	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%
	Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%
FIDEAS	None	1	4%	1	4%	2	4%
	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%
	Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%

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

- Have class discussions or writing assignments that include diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)
- b. Work with other students on projects during class
- c. Participate in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of your course

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FDIVCLAS	Never	8	35%	3	11%	11	22%
	Sometimes	7	30%	8	30%	15	30%
	Often	4	17%	3	11%	7	14%
	Very often	4	17%	13	48%	17	34%
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
FCLASSGR	Never	3	13%	3	11%	6	12%
	Sometimes	10	43%	6	22%	16	32%
	Often	6	26%	9	33%	15	30%
	Very often	4	17%	9	33%	13	26%
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
FCOMMPRO	Never	13	59%	16	59%	29	59%
	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 the following? (continued)

- d. Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment
- e. Receive prompt written or oral feedback from you on their academic performance
- f. Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race or ethnicity than their own
- g. Have serious conversations in your course with students who are very different from them in terms of their religious beliefs political opinions, or personal values

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
	FITICADE	Never	6	26%	2	7%	8	16%
nt		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%
	FFEED	Never	1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		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%
a	FDIVRSTU	Never	9	39%	7	26%	16	32%
		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%
0	FDIFFSTU	Never	6	26%	3	11%	9	18%
fs,		Sometimes	9	39%	7	26%	16	32%
		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?

 Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
of	FREADASG	None	1	4%	0	0%	1	2%
		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%



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

Variable

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Col%

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Count

Total

Col%

Count

	rantable	Response Options		Count	20170	Count	C01 70	Count	C01 70
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%
d. 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%
In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you req	uire students in you	ır selected course section to co	mplete:	?					
	Variable	Response Options	_	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. 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%
b. 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

Response Options

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Col%

Count

2

22

Total

9%

100%

0

27

4%

100%

2

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0%

100%



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Time students spend preparing for your selected course section:

a. In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours do you **expect** your students to spend preparing for your class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)

 In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours do you think your students actually spend preparing for your class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FEXPREP	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	1-2	1	4%	3	11%	4	8%
	3-4	3	13%	7	26%	10	20%
	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%
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
FACTPREP	0	0	0%	3	11%	3	6%
	1-2	6	25%	11	41%	17	33%
	3-4	7	29%	8	30%	15	29%
	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%
	Total	24	100%	27	100%	51	100%

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

a. Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FREWROPA	Not important	11	50%	7	26%	18	37%
	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 important to you is it that your students do the following? (continued)

	Variable	Response Option	ıs	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%
			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		Somewhat important		6	27%	5	19%	11	22%
		Important		11	50%	7	26%	18	37%
		Very important		2	9%	12	44%	14	29%
			Total	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%
d. Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when	FINTIDEA	Not important		6	27%	3	11%	9	18%
completing assignments or during class discussions		Somewhat important		6	27%	3	11%	9	18%
		Important		4	18%	9	33%	13	27%
		Very important		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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In your selected course section, how important to you is it that your students do the following? (continued)

h. Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from that person's perspective

i. Learn something that changes the way they understand an issue or concept

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
FOTHRVW	Not important	7	32%	3	11%	10	20%
	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%
FCHNGVW	Not important	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
	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?

a. Lecture

b. Teacher-led discussion

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



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

c. Teacher-student shared responsibility (seminar, discussion, etc.)

d. Student computer use

e. Small group activities

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
TEACHSTU	0%	7	30%	4	15%	11	22%
	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	49
	40-49%	0	0%	0	0%	0	09
	50-74%	1	4%	1	4%	2	49
	75% or more	1	4%	1	4%	2	49
	Tot	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	1009
COMPMED	0%	10	45%	10	37%	20	419
	1-9%	4	18%	6	22%	10	209
	10-19%	1	5%	2	7%	3	69
	20-29%	4	18%	5	19%	9	189
	30-39%	2	9%	1	4%	3	69
	40-49%	0	0%	1	4%	1	29
	50-74%	0	0%	1	4%	1	29
	75% or more	1	5%	1	4%	2	49
	Tot	al 22	100%	27	100%	49	1009
GROUPSML	0%	4	17%	5	19%	9	189
	1-9%	10	43%	6	22%	16	329
	10-19%	4	17%	9	33%	13	269
	20-29%	4	17%	6	22%	10	200
	30-39%	1	4%	0	0%	1	29
	40-49%	0	0%	0	0%	0	09
	50-74%	0	0%	1	4%	1	29
	75% or more	0	0%	0	0%	0	00
	Tot	al 23	100%	27	100%	50	1009



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

f.	Student	presentations
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g. In-class writing

h. Testing and evaluation

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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	49
	50-74%	0	0%	1	4%	1	2%
	75% or more	1	4%	0	0%	1	29
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
CLSWRITE	0%	8	35%	12	44%	20	40%
	1-9%	9	39%	6	22%	15	309
	10-19%	5	22%	6	22%	11	229
	20-29%	0	0%	1	4%	1	29
	30-39%	1	4%	1	4%	2	49
	40-49%	0	0%	1	4%	1	29
	50-74%	0	0%	0	0%	0	09
	75% or more	0	0%	0	0%	0	09
	Total	23	100%	27	100%	50	1009
TESTEVAL	0%	1	5%	1	4%	2	49
	1-9%	7	32%	9	35%	16	339
	10-19%	6	27%	9	35%	15	319
	20-29%	5	23%	4	15%	9	199
	30-39%	1	5%	2	8%	3	60
	40-49%	0	0%	1	4%	1	29
	50-74%	2	9%	0	0%	2	49
	75% or more	0	0%	0	0%	0	09
	Total	22	100%	26	100%	48	1009



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In your selected course section, on average, what percent of class time is spent on the 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%
	PERFORM 18	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 no their pest 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%



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In your selected course section, how much emphasis do you place on engaging students in each of these mental activities?

	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 relationships		Some		3	13%	0	0%	3	6%
		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%



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To what extent do you structure your selected course section so that students learn and develop in the following areas?

- b. Speaking clearly and effectively
- c. Thinking critically and analytically
- d. Analyzing quantitative problems
- e. Using computing and information technology

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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%
	Tota	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
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%
	Tota	1 23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
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%
	Tota	1 23	100%	26	100%	49	100%
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%
	Tota	23	100%	27	100%	50	100%
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%
	Tota	22	100%	27	100%	49	100%



Lower Division Upper Division	Total
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To what extent do you structure your selected course section so that students learn and develop in the following areas? (continued)

	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%



Lower Division Uppe	er Division Total
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To what extent do you structure your selected course section so that students learn and develop in the following areas? (continued)

k. Developing a personal code of values and of	ethics
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1. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality

m. Acquiring a broad general education

n. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills

What is the general discipline of your academic appointment? (Please specify an academic discipline)

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
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%
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	49
	Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	1009
FGNGENLE	Very little	5	22%	2	8%	7	149
	Some	4	17%	7	27%	11	229
	Quite a bit	5	22%	5	19%	10	200
	Very much	9	39%	12	46%	21	439
	Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	1009
FGNWORK	Very little	1	4%	1	4%	2	49
	Some	3	13%	3	12%	6	129
	Quite a bit	8	35%	8	31%	16	339
	Very much	11	48%	14	54%	25	519
	Total	23	100%	26	100%	49	1009

Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
APDISCOL	Arts and humanities	4	20%	4	17%	8	18%
	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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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

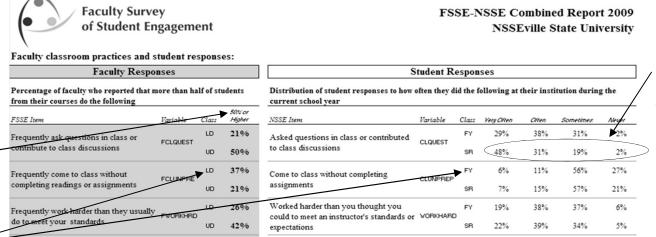
The FSSE-NSSE Combined Report shows responses from both students and faculty at your institution who completed NSSE and FSSE. This report only contains responses from faculty who responded to the survey based on their experiences teaching either a lower or upper division course. Data from faculty who 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 Distributions.

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 category. To match the response categories provided on the FSSE instrument, the heading of this column varies throughout the report.



Student Responses

Response categories are listed just as they appear on the NSSE instrument. The distribution of student responses match those in your NSSE 2009 Frequency Distributions.

Class Level

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	rclquesi	UD	44%
Frequently come to class without	FCLUNPRE	LD	30%
completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPRE	UD	30%
Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your standards	LD	38%	
	FWUKKHKD	UD	19%
Occasionally use e-mail to communicate	FEMAIL	LD	43%
with you		UD	41%
Occasionally discuss grades or assignments		LD	46%
with you	FGRADE	UD	48%
At least once, talk about career plans with	EDI ANG	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	CLQUEST	FY	33%	35%	30%	2%
class discussions	CLQUEST	SR	45%	38%	16%	1%
Come to class without completing	CLIDIDED	FY	7%	12%	65%	16%
assignments	CLUNPREP	SR	4%	18%	69%	9%
Worked harder than you thought you could	WORKHARD	FY	17%	37%	35%	10%
to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	SR	23%	36%	35%	7%
Used e-mail to communicate with an	ЕМАН	FY	43%	33%	22%	1%
instructor	EMAIL	SR	46%	34%	19%	2%
Discussed grades or assignments with an		FY	29%	30%	36%	5%
instructor	FACGRADE	SR	39%	31%	28%	2%
Talked about career plans with a faculty	EL CRI LIVE	FY	10%	17%	40%	33%
member or advisor	FACPLANS	SR	20%	30%	39%	11%
Discussed ideas from your readings or	7.0777.0	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			35%
perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)	FDIVCLAS	UD	59%
Work with other students on projects	FCLASSGR	LD	43%
during class	PCLASSOR	UD	67%
Participate in a community-based		LD	18%
project (e.g., service learning) as part of your course	FCOMMPRO	UD	15%
Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) FITICADE to discuss or complete an assignment	EITICADE	LD	43%
	FITICADE	UD	59%
Receive prompt written or oral feedback	FFEED	LD	92%
from you on their academic performance	TTEED	UD	85%
Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race	FDIVRSTU	LD	30%
or ethnicity than their own	FDIVKSTO	UD	52%
Have serious conversations in your course with students who are very different from	EDIEECTI	LD	35%
them in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	UD	63%	

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
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs,	DIVCLASS	FY	30%	38%	27%	5%
etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVELLOS	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	2413102	SR	30%	31%	31%	7%



Faculty Responses

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

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	TILL WROTT	UD	63%
Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from	FINTEGRA	LD	62%
various sources	FINIEGRA	UD	78%
Work with classmates outside of class to	FOCCGRP	LD	59%
prepare class assignments	FOCCURP	UD	70%
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing		LD	45%
ssignments or during class discussions	UD	78%	
Discuss ideas or readings from class with	FOOCID05	LD	62%
others outside of class (other students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	FOOCID05	UD	67%
Tutor or teach other students (paid or	FTUTOR	LD	43%
voluntary)	FIUTOR	UD	41%
Examine the strengths and weaknesses of	FOWNVIEW	LD	77%
their views on a topic or issue	FOWNVIEW	UD	93%
Try to better understand someone else's	FOTHRVW	LD	68%
views by imagining how an issue looks from that person's perspective	FOIHKVW	UD	78%
Learn something that changes the way they	FCHNGVW	LD	96%
understand an issue or concept	rchngv w	UD	89%

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
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%	2%
various sources		SR	46%	39%	14%	1%
Worked with classmates outside of class to	OCCGRP	FY	17%	35%	41%	8%
prepare class assignments		SR	29%	38%	29%	3%
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing	INTIDEAS	FY	18%	38%	30%	14%
assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS	SR	30%	41%	25%	4%
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class	OOCIDEAS	FY	34%	36%	22%	8%
(students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	SR	30%	38%	30%	3%
Tutored or taught other students (paid or	TUTOR	FY	9%	14%	30%	47%
voluntary)		SR	16%	17%	41%	26%
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of	OWNVIEW	FY	32%	33%	30%	5%
your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	SR	28%	38%	29%	5%
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks	OTHRVIEW	FY	31%	40%	25%	4%
from his or her perspective	OTIKVIEW	SR	29%	43%	26%	2%
Learned something that changed the way	CHNGVIEW	FY	33%	39%	27%	1%
you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	SR	30%	44%	25%	1%

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Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

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

			Quite	
FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Challenging	
Select the response that represents the			0=0/	
extent to which your evaluations of student		LD	87%	
performance (e.g., examinations, portfolio)	FEXAMS			
challenge students in your selected course		UD	89%	
section to do their best work				

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%
	FANALIZE	UD	96%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas,	FSYNTHES	LD	74%
information, or experiences	FSININES	UD	100%
Making judgments about the value of		LD	52%
information, arguments, or methods	FEVALUAT	UD	89%
Applying theories or concepts to practical	EADDI VINI	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	EXAMS	FY	79%	21%
current school year challenged you to do your best work		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, experience, or theory	ANIALWZE	FY	42%	37%	19%	2%
	ANALYZE	SR	49%	36%	13%	3%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	SYNTHESZ	FY	32%	36%	27%	6%
		SR	37%	33%	26%	4%
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods	EVALUATE	FY	36%	33%	27%	4%
		SR	35%	36%	24%	5%
Applying theories or concepts to practical	, pp. up. c	FY	42%	33%	23%	2%
problems or in new situations	APPLYING	SR	49%	31%	13%	7%



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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
W 1 1 1 00 1		LD	61%
Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWRITE	UD	59%
Smalling alcoulty and affectively	FGNSPEAK	LD	48%
Speaking clearly and effectively	FUNSPEAK	UD	78%
Thinking critically and analytically	FGNANALY	LD	91%
	FUNANALI	UD	100%
A 1-1 - 46 (1-11)	FGNQUANT	LD	83%
Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	UD	67%
Using computing and information	FGNCMPTS	LD	41%
technology	FUNCMF1S	UD	52%
Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	LD	52%
	FUNUTHER	UD	74%
Learning effectively on their own	ECNINO	LD	91%
	FGNINQ	UD	81%

Student Responses

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

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
W. '.' 1 1 1 1 1 00 .' 1	CNIMIDITE	FY	35%	36%	22%	7%
Writing clearly and effectively	GNWIRTE	SR	35%	38%	23%	4%
Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	FY	32%	32%	24%	12%
	GNSI EAK	SR	38%	35%	22%	4%
Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	FY	40%	38%	19%	3%
	GNANALI	SR	52%	33%	12%	3%
A 1-1 - 11	GNQUANT	FY	28%	35%	28%	8%
Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT	SR	33%	35%	27%	5%
Using computing and information	GNCMPTS	FY	31%	32%	25%	11%
technology	GNCWIF 13	SR	30%	37%	24%	8%
Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	FY	31%	35%	24%	10%
	GNOTHERS	SR	41%	38%	16%	4%
Learning effectively on your eye	CNINO	FY	42%	33%	17%	8%
Learning effectively on your own	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
Lindouston din a thomsolyses	FGNSELF	LD	57%
Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	UD	73%
Understanding people of other racial and	ECLIDATED.	LD	26%
ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	UD	69%
Solving complex real-world problems		LD	64%
	FGNPROBS	UD	81%
Developing a personal code of values and ethics		LD	48%
	FVALUES	UD	77%
Developing a deepened sense of		LD	13%
spirituality	FSPIRIT	UD	15%
		LD	61%
Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	UD	65%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills		LD	83%
	FGNWORK	UD	85%

Student Responses

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

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Understanding yourself	GNSELF	FY	31%	39%	20%	10%
Olderstanding yoursen	GNSELF	SR	42%	28%	19%	11%
Understanding people of other racial and	CHRHIERS	FY	21%	29%	32%	18%
ethnic backgrounds	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 ethics	GNETHICS	FY	27%	38%	22%	13%
		SR	34%	28%	26%	12%
Developing a deepened sense of	CNGDIDIT	FY	18%	27%	27%	28%
spirituality	GNSPIRIT	SR	21%	24%	28%	27%
A 1 1 1 - 1 1 - 1	CNCENTED	FY	37%	36%	23%	4%
Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	SR	43%	38%	17%	1%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge	CHWORK	FY	31%	25%	30%	14%
and skills	GNWORK	SR	38%	34%	22%	7%



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

Haculty Resnances	

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-	ED ITEDA	LD	83%
op experience, or clinical assignment	FINTERN	UD	96%
		LD	70%
Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNTR	UD	85%
Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of	ELEBNICOM	LD	70%
students take two or more classes together	FLERNCOM	UD	30%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program	FIMPR05	LD	78%
requirements	TIMI ROS	UD	63%
Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	LD	70%
Toreign language coursework	Trone.	UD	59%
Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	LD	64%
omay noronn		UD	67%
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis,	FSENIOR	LD	83%
comprehensive exam, etc.)	DEMOR	UD	85%

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

Student Responses

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	INTERNO4	SR	73%	16%	7%	3%
	VOLNTR04	FY	55%	39%	0%	5%
Community service or volunteer work	VOLN1R04	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 member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	FY	7%	40%	21%	32%
		SR	27%	18%	42%	14%
Earsian language coursewant	FORLNG04	FY	55%	31%	5%	8%
Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	SR	73%	9%	13%	6%
Cual and an I	CTD 4 DD04	FY	1%	54%	17%	28%
Study abroad	STDABR04	SR	15%	15%	54%	16%
Culminating senior experience (capstone	CNIDWO4	FY	1%	64%	5%	29%
course, thesis, project, comprehensive exam, etc.)	SNRX04	SR	47%	40%	10%	4%



Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Faculty Responses		Student Responses
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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	FENVSUPR	LD	57%
need to help them succeed academically	TERN BOTT	UD	65%
Encouraging contact among students		LD	57%
from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FENVDIVR	UD	67%
Helping students cope with their non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FENVNACA	LD	55%
	FENVINACA	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,	FENVEVEN	LD	83%
cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	TENVEVEN	UD	85%
Encouraging students to use computers in	FENVCOMP	LD	83%
their academic work	LIVVCOM	UD	93%

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

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

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Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Faculty Responses

Student 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%
	TENVSTO	UD	89%
With faculty members	FENVFAC	LD	77%
	TENVIAC	UD	81%
With administrative personnel and offices	FENVADM	LD	36%
		UD	30%

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.

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

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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: 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