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NSSE 2020 Snapshot

University of Holy Cross

A Summary of Student Engagement Results

Student engagement represents two critical features of collegiate quality. The first is the amount of time and effort students put into their studies and other educationally purposeful activities. The second is how institutional resources, courses, and other learning opportunities facilitate student participation in activities that matter to student learning. NSSE surveys undergraduate students in their first and final years to assess their levels of engagement and related information about their experience at your institution.

Comparison Group

The comparison group featured in this report is

Southeast Private

See your *Selected Comparison Groups* report for details.

Your students compared with

This *Snapshot* is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2020 administration. We hope this information stimulates discussions about the undergraduate experience. Additional details about these and other results appear in the reports referenced throughout.

| Engagement Indi | icators |
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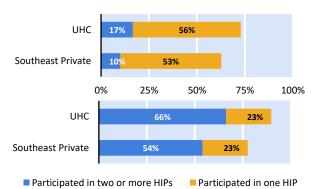
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| Sets of items are grouped into ten | | | Southeast Private | |
| Engagement Indicators, organized | Theme | Engagement Indicator | First-year | Senior |
| under four broad themes. At right are summary results for your | Academic | Higher-Order Learning | | |
| institution. For details, see your | | Reflective & Integrative Learning | | |
| Engagement Indicators report. | Challenge | Learning Strategies | | |
| Key: | | Quantitative Reasoning | | |
| Your students' average was significantly higher $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude. | Learning | Collaborative Learning | | |
| Your students' average was significantly \land higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude. | with Peers | Discussions with Diverse Others | | |
| No significant difference. | Experiences | Student-Faculty Interaction | | |
| Your students' average was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude. | with Faculty | Effective Teaching Practices | | |
| Your students' average was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least | Campus | Quality of Interactions | | |
| • lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude. | Environment | Supportive Environment | | |
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High-Impact Practices

Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, special undergraduate opportunities are designated "highimpact." For more details and statistical comparisons, see your *High-Impact Practices* report.

First-year

Service-Learning, Learning Community, and Research w/Faculty Senior Service-Learning, Learning Community, Research w/Faculty, Internship, Study Abroad, and Culminating Senior Experience





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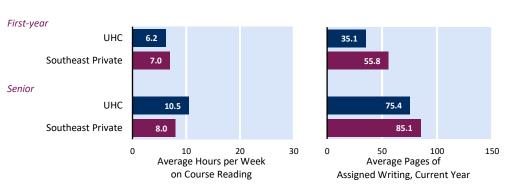
Academic Challenge: Additional Results

The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. The results presented here provide an overview of these individual items. For more information about the Academic Challenge theme, see your *Engagement Indicators* report. To further explore individual item results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons*, the *Major Field Report*, the *Online Institutional Report*, or the Report Builder.



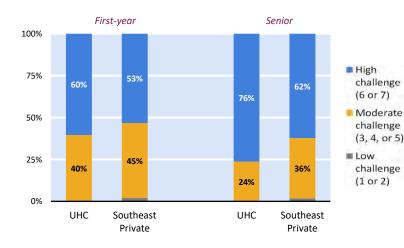
Reading and Writing

These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.



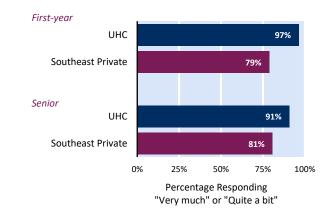
Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work

To what extent did students' courses challenge them to do their best work? Response options ranged from 1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much."



Academic Emphasis

How much did students say their institution emphasizes spending significant time studying and on academic work? Response options included "Very much," "Quite a bit," "Some," and "Very little."



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Item Comparisons

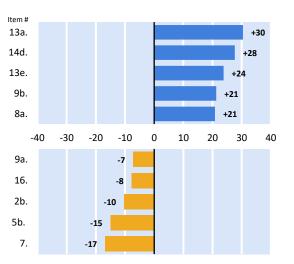
By examining individual NSSE questions, you can better understand what contributes to your institution's performance on the Engagement Indicators. This section displays the five questions^a on which your students scored the highest and the five questions on which they scored the lowest, relative to students in your comparison group. Parenthetical notes indicate whether an item belongs to a specific Engagement Indicator or is a High-Impact Practice. While these questions represent the largest differences (in percentage points), they may not be the most important to your institutional mission or current program or policy goals. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

First-year

Highest Performing Relative to Southeast Private

Quality of interactions with students^d (QI) Institution emphasis on encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds...^c (SE) Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices (...)^d (QI) Reviewed your notes after class^b (LS) Discussions with... People of a race or ethnicity other than your own^b (DD) **Lowest Performing Relative to Southeast Private**

| Identified key information from reading assignments ^b (LS) |
|---|
| Spent more than 10 hours per week on assigned reading ^f |
| Connected your learning to societal problems or issues $^{\mathrm{b}}$ (RI) |
| Instructors taught course sessions in an organized way $^{\rm c}$ (ET) |
| Assigned more than 50 pages of writing ^g |



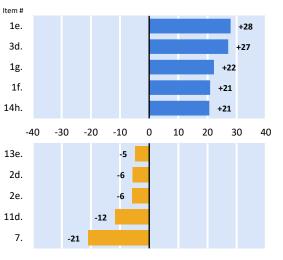
Percentage Point Difference with Southeast Private

Senior

Highest Performing Relative to Southeast Private

| Lowest Performing Relative to Southeast Private | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Institution emphasis on attending campus activities and events () ^c (SE) | | | | |
| Explained course material to one or more students ^b (CL) | | | | |
| Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material w/other students ^b (CL) | | | | |
| Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member ^b (SF) | | | | |
| Asked another student to help you understand course material ^b (CL) | | | | |

Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices (...)^d (QI) Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue^b (RI) Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining...his or her perspective ^b (RI) Participated in a study abroad program (HIP) Assigned more than 50 pages of writing^g



Percentage Point Difference with Southeast Private

a. The displays on this page draw from the items that make up the ten Engagement Indicators (EIs), six High-Impact Practices (HIPs), and the additional academic challenge items reported on page 2. Key to abbreviations for EI items: HO = Higher-Order Learning, RI = Reflective & Integrative Learning, LS = Learning Strategies, QR = Quantitative Reasoning, CL = Collaborative Learning, DD = Discussions with Diverse Others, SF = Student-Faculty Interaction, ET = Effective Teaching Practices, QI = Quality of Interactions, SE = Supportive Environment. HIP items are also indicated. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

- b. Combination of students responding "Very often" or "Often."
- c. Combination of students responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit."

d. Rated at least 6 on a 7-point scale.

e. Percentage reporting at least "Some."

- f. Estimate based on the reported amount of course preparation time spent on assigned reading.
- g. Estimate based on number of assigned writing tasks of various lengths.



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Satisfaction with UHC

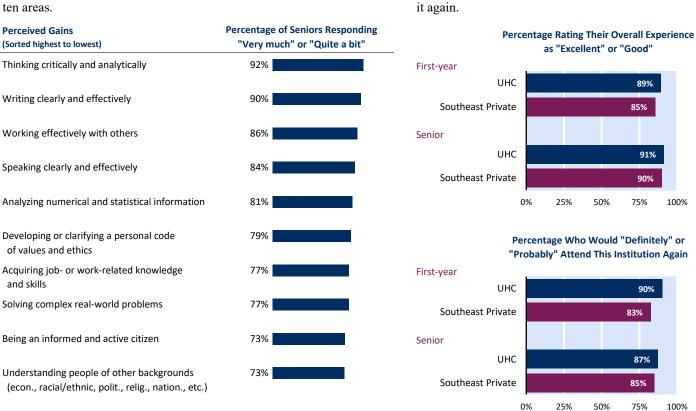
Students rated their overall experience at the institution, and whether or not they would choose

How Students Assess Their Experience

Students' perceptions of their cognitive and affective development, as well as their overall satisfaction with the institution, provide useful evidence of their educational experiences. For more details, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

Perceived Gains Among Seniors

Students reported how much their experience at your institution contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in ten areas.



Administration Details

Response Summary

| | Count | Resp. rate | Female | Full-time |
|------------|-------|------------|--------|-----------|
| First-year | 39 | 37% | 82% | 95% |
| Senior | 53 | 38% | 85% | 64% |
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See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for more information.

Additional Questions

Your institution administered the following additional question set(s): **Development of Transferable Skills Experiences with Writing** See your *Topical Module* report(s) for results.

What is NSSE?

NSSE annually collects information at hundreds of four-year colleges and universities about student participation in activities and programs that promote their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending their college or university. Institutions use their data to identify aspects of the undergraduate experience that can be improved through changes in policy and practice.

NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used at more than 1,600 colleges and universities in the US and Canada. More than 90% of participating institutions administer the survey on a periodic basis.

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