

## **Southwestern University**

# 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

#### Private, Bacc/A&S

See your Selected Comparison Groups report for details.

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

<b>Engagement Indicators</b> Sets of items are grouped into ten			Your students compared with Private, Bacc/A&S	
Engagement Indicators, organized	Theme	Engagement Indicator	First-year	Senior
under four broad themes. At right are summary results for your	Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning		
institution. For details, see your Engagement Indicators report.		Reflective & Integrative Learning		
Engagement matcalors report.		Learning Strategies		
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning	Δ	
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 $\bigwedge$ 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		
<b>Your students' average</b> was significantly lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices		
<b>Your students' average</b> was significantly lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions		
		Supportive Environment		

### **High-Impact Practices**

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

#### First-year

SU (TX) 16% 50% Service-Learning, Learning Community, and Research Private, Bacc/A&S 9% 46% w/Faculty Senior 25% 50% 75% 100% 0% Service-Learning, Learning SU (TX) 8% 90% Community, Research w/Faculty, Internship, Study Abroad, Private, Bacc/A&S 87% **1**1% and Culminating Senior Experience Participated in two or more HIPs Participated in one HIP

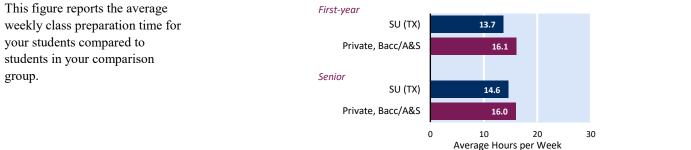


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# Academic Challenge: Additional Results

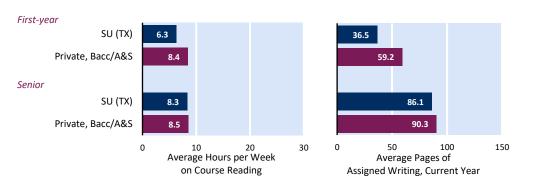
The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. The results presented here provide an overview of these individual items. For more information about the Academic Challenge theme, see your *Engagement Indicators* report. To further explore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

### Time Spent Preparing for Class





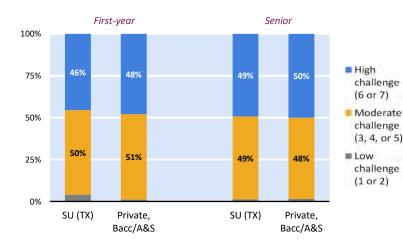
These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.



Preparing for Class

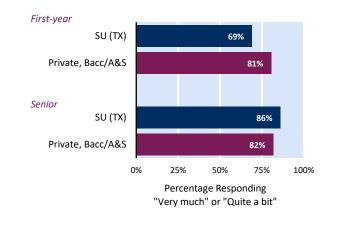
### **Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work**

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<sup>a</sup> 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, or equally available to all students. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

#### **First-year**

### Highest Performing Relative to Private, Bacc/A&S

Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information<sup>b</sup> (QR) Quality of interactions with academic advisors<sup>d</sup> (QI) Talked about career plans with a faculty member<sup>b</sup> (SF) Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (...)<sup>b</sup> (QR) Institution emphasis on helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (...)<sup>c</sup> (SE)

### Lowest Performing Relative to Private, Bacc/A&S

Institution emphasis on providing support to help students succeed academically<sup>c</sup> (SE)

Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class

Institution emphasis on studying and academic work<sup>c</sup>

Discussions with...People from countries other than your own

Assigned more than 50 pages of writing<sup>g</sup>

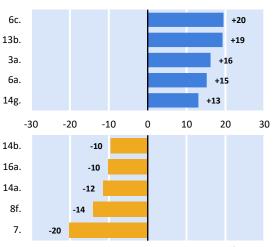
#### Senior

#### Highest Performing Relative to Private, Bacc/A&S

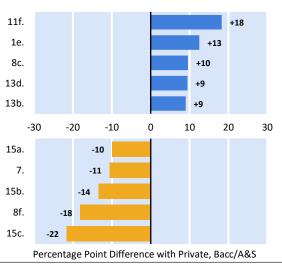
Completed a culminating senior experience () (HIP)					
Worked with other students on course projects or assignments <sup>b</sup> (CL)					
Discussions with People with religious beliefs other than your own <sup>b</sup> (DD)					
Quality of interactions with student services staff $\left(  ight)^d$ (QI)					
Quality of interactions with academic advisors <sup>d</sup> (QI)					

### Lowest Performing Relative to Private, Bacc/A&S

I feel comfortable being myself at this institution <sup>h</sup> (SB)				
Assigned more than 50 pages of writing <sup>g</sup>				
I feel valued by this institution <sup>h</sup> (SB)				
Discussions withPeople from countries other than your own				
I feel like part of the community at this institution <sup>h</sup> (SB)				



Percentage Point Difference with Private, Bacc/A&S



a. The items on this page come from the Engagement Indicators (EIs), High-Impact Practices (HIPs), Sense of Belonging (SB), the academic challenge questions on page 2, and four additional questions about effective teaching (new in 2021). 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.

- 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.
- h. Combination of students responding "strongly agree" or "agree."

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."



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## **How Students Assess Their Experience**

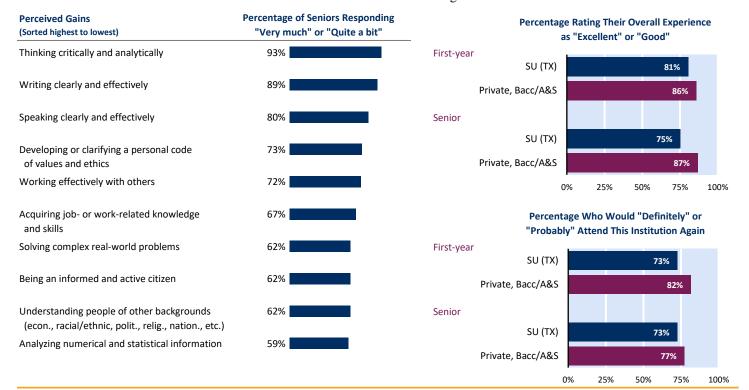
Students' perceptions of certain aspects of cognitive and affective development, as well as their overall satisfaction with the institution, provide useful evidence of their educational experiences. For more details, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

### **Perceived Gains Among Seniors**

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

### Satisfaction with SU (TX)

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



# **Administration Details**

#### **Response Summary**

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time
First-year	98	27%	67%	100%
Senior	85	26%	67%	100%

See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for

#### **Additional Questions**

Your institution administered the following additional question set(s): Academic Advising Inclusiveness & Engagement with Cultural Diversity See your *Topical Module* report(s) for results.

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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.

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