

NSSE 2012 U.S. Benchmark Descriptive Statistics^a
by Major Category
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

| | N | Mean Statistics | | | 95% Conf. Interval | | Distribution Statistics (Percentile Scores) | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------|------|-----|--------------------|-------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | | Mean | SD | SEM | Lower | Upper | 5 | 25 | 50 | 75 | 95 |
| Level of Academic Challenge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arts & Humanities | 11,111 | 55.1 | 13.1 | .12 | 54.8 | 55.3 | 32.8 | 46.1 | 55.6 | 64.3 | 75.8 |
| Biological Sciences | 9,665 | 56.6 | 13.1 | .13 | 56.4 | 56.9 | 34.7 | 47.8 | 56.7 | 66.1 | 77.2 |
| Business | 15,063 | 54.1 | 13.5 | .11 | 53.9 | 54.3 | 31.8 | 45.0 | 54.2 | 63.5 | 75.6 |
| Education | 6,936 | 54.2 | 13.0 | .16 | 53.9 | 54.5 | 32.9 | 45.3 | 54.3 | 63.5 | 74.9 |
| Engineering | 8,151 | 54.2 | 12.8 | .14 | 53.9 | 54.4 | 32.8 | 45.6 | 54.0 | 63.0 | 74.9 |
| Physical Sciences | 3,810 | 54.8 | 13.1 | .21 | 54.4 | 55.2 | 32.7 | 46.3 | 54.8 | 64.3 | 75.2 |
| Professional (other) | 12,757 | 55.7 | 13.3 | .12 | 55.4 | 55.9 | 33.7 | 46.6 | 55.7 | 65.2 | 76.7 |
| Social Sciences | 12,011 | 56.0 | 13.2 | .12 | 55.7 | 56.2 | 33.9 | 47.1 | 56.2 | 65.5 | 76.8 |
| NSSE 2012 ^b | 99,170 | 54.7 | 13.2 | .04 | 54.6 | 54.8 | 32.7 | 45.8 | 54.9 | 64.1 | 75.8 |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arts & Humanities | 11,105 | 44.6 | 16.1 | .15 | 44.3 | 44.9 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 53.3 | 71.4 |
| Biological Sciences | 9,660 | 44.5 | 16.6 | .17 | 44.1 | 44.8 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 55.6 | 72.2 |
| Business | 15,058 | 44.2 | 17.4 | .14 | 43.9 | 44.5 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 55.6 | 76.2 |
| Education | 6,931 | 46.2 | 16.6 | .20 | 45.8 | 46.6 | 23.8 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 57.1 | 76.2 |
| Engineering | 8,146 | 45.0 | 16.2 | .18 | 44.7 | 45.4 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 57.1 | 71.4 |
| Physical Sciences | 3,811 | 44.2 | 16.6 | .27 | 43.7 | 44.8 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 55.6 | 71.4 |
| Professional (other) | 12,757 | 43.8 | 17.0 | .15 | 43.5 | 44.0 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 52.4 | 76.2 |
| Social Sciences | 12,017 | 44.2 | 16.6 | .15 | 43.9 | 44.5 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 52.4 | 71.4 |
| NSSE 2012 ^b | 99,135 | 44.1 | 16.8 | .05 | 44.0 | 44.2 | 19.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 52.4 | 72.2 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arts & Humanities | 11,055 | 36.6 | 18.6 | .18 | 36.3 | 37.0 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 72.2 |
| Biological Sciences | 9,638 | 36.3 | 18.8 | .19 | 35.9 | 36.6 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 72.2 |
| Business | 15,008 | 35.4 | 18.9 | .15 | 35.1 | 35.7 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 72.2 |
| Education | 6,908 | 37.3 | 18.2 | .22 | 36.9 | 37.8 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 72.2 |
| Engineering | 8,107 | 32.5 | 18.1 | .20 | 32.1 | 32.9 | 5.6 | 16.7 | 27.8 | 44.4 | 66.7 |
| Physical Sciences | 3,797 | 35.2 | 18.5 | .30 | 34.6 | 35.8 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 72.2 |
| Professional (other) | 12,705 | 36.0 | 18.7 | .17 | 35.7 | 36.3 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 72.2 |
| Social Sciences | 11,977 | 36.5 | 18.9 | .17 | 36.2 | 36.8 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 72.2 |
| NSSE 2012 ^b | 98,786 | 35.7 | 18.7 | .06 | 35.5 | 35.8 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 72.2 |

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| | | Mean | SD | SEM | Lower | Upper | 5 | 25 | 50 | 75 | 95 |
| Enriching Educational Experiences | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arts & Humanities | 11,088 | 29.9 | 13.4 | .13 | 29.6 | 30.1 | 11.1 | 20.2 | 29.0 | 38.5 | 52.8 |
| Biological Sciences | 9,644 | 29.9 | 13.3 | .14 | 29.7 | 30.2 | 9.5 | 20.6 | 29.0 | 38.5 | 52.0 |
| Business | 15,032 | 28.1 | 14.0 | .11 | 27.9 | 28.3 | 8.3 | 17.9 | 26.2 | 36.1 | 52.8 |
| Education | 6,919 | 28.9 | 13.7 | .16 | 28.6 | 29.3 | 9.5 | 19.4 | 27.8 | 37.3 | 52.4 |
| Engineering | 8,141 | 27.6 | 12.9 | .14 | 27.3 | 27.9 | 8.3 | 19.0 | 26.2 | 35.3 | 49.6 |
| Physical Sciences | 3,815 | 28.2 | 12.9 | .21 | 27.8 | 28.6 | 9.1 | 19.4 | 27.0 | 36.1 | 50.8 |
| Professional (other) | 12,732 | 27.4 | 13.4 | .12 | 27.2 | 27.6 | 8.3 | 17.9 | 26.2 | 34.8 | 50.0 |
| Social Sciences | 12,004 | 30.4 | 13.7 | .13 | 30.2 | 30.7 | 10.3 | 20.6 | 29.0 | 38.9 | 53.6 |
| NSSE 2012 ^b | 98,999 | 28.5 | 13.6 | .04 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 8.3 | 19.0 | 27.4 | 36.9 | 52.0 |
| Supportive Campus Environment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arts & Humanities | 11,066 | 63.2 | 19.2 | .18 | 62.8 | 63.5 | 30.6 | 50.0 | 63.9 | 77.8 | 94.4 |
| Biological Sciences | 9,640 | 64.1 | 18.7 | .19 | 63.7 | 64.5 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 63.9 | 77.8 | 94.4 |
| Business | 15,001 | 64.1 | 19.2 | .16 | 63.8 | 64.5 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 63.9 | 77.8 | 97.2 |
| Education | 6,917 | 65.3 | 18.5 | .22 | 64.8 | 65.7 | 33.3 | 52.8 | 66.7 | 77.8 | 94.4 |
| Engineering | 8,119 | 62.2 | 18.2 | .20 | 61.8 | 62.6 | 30.6 | 50.0 | 61.1 | 75.0 | 91.7 |
| Physical Sciences | 3,808 | 63.5 | 18.3 | .30 | 62.9 | 64.1 | 30.6 | 52.8 | 63.9 | 75.0 | 94.4 |
| Professional (other) | 12,707 | 63.7 | 19.4 | .17 | 63.4 | 64.1 | 30.6 | 50.0 | 63.9 | 77.8 | 97.2 |
| Social Sciences | 11,980 | 63.2 | 19.1 | .17 | 62.8 | 63.5 | 30.6 | 50.0 | 63.9 | 77.8 | 94.4 |
| NSSE 2012 ^b | 98,834 | 63.6 | 19.0 | .06 | 63.5 | 63.7 | 30.6 | 50.0 | 63.9 | 77.8 | 94.4 |

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