



National Survey of Student Engagement

Time to Degree Completion Entered as Freshmen Students

NSSE 2004 Means Comparison Report University of North Carolina at Charlotte

UNC Charlotte		Graduated in	Graduated in
FR	SR	4 Years	5 or 6 Years
530	381	120	45

Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
<p>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</p> <p><i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often</i></p>							
k. Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	ACL	FY	1.49	1.77	1.40	*
				SR			
s. Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FACOTHER	SFI	FY	1.41	1.88	1.42	**
				SR			
<p><i>During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done?</i> 1=none, 2=between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20</p>							
<p>4. Reading and Writing</p>							
e. Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	FY	3.12	3.07	2.58	*
				SR			
<p><i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=have not decided, do not plan to do, plan to do; 1=done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "done" among all valid respondents.)</i></p>							
<p>7. Enriching Educational Experiences</p>							
b. Community service or volunteer work	VOLUNTER	EEE	FY	.31	.64	.42	*
				SR			
h. Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)	SENIORX	EEE	FY	.01	.33	.13	*
				SR			
<p><i>Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution.</i> 1=unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation to 7=friendly, supportive, sense of belonging</p>							
<p>8. Quality of Relationships</p>							
a. Relationships with other students	ENVSTU	SCE	FY	5.46	5.79	5.11	**
				SR			
<p><i>About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=more than 30 hrs/wk</i></p>							
<p>9. Time Usage</p>							
d. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, social fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	EEE	FY	1.93	2.35	1.62	**
				SR			
f. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01		FY	1.33	1.47	2.11	*
				SR			
g. Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	COMMUTE		FY	2.24	2.22	2.60	**
				SR			

^a * p<.05 ** p<.01 ***p<.001 (2-tailed).

^b Effect size = mean difference divided by comparison group standard deviation.



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Variable Bench- Class Mean Sig.^a Mean Mean Sig.^a

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?
1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much

10. Institutional Environment	Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	SCE	FY	2.00		1.89	1.51	*
			SR	1.70	***			
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	SCE	FY	2.26		2.09	1.71	*
			SR	1.88	***			

1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent

12. Academic Advising	Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution?	ADVISE		FY	2.87		2.78	2.36	*
			SR	2.63	***			

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13. Satisfaction	Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	ENTIREXP		FY	3.13		3.18	2.89	*
			SR	3.05				

1=definitely no, 2=probably no, 3=probably yes, 4=definitely yes

14.	Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	SAMECOLL		FY	3.14		3.08	2.71	*
			SR	2.93	***			

1=very unlikely, 2=somewhat unlikely, 3=unsure, 4=somewhat likely, 5=very likely

Urban Consortium Questions

likely (Note: This section contains multiple scales)

Question	Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
4. How likely is it that financial problems will delay you in completing your undergraduate education?	urb0404		FY	2.39		1.62	2.82	***
			SR	2.11	**			
5. By the time that you expect to receive your bachelor's degree, how long will it have taken, from when you first started attending college, to complete your undergraduate studies? (time range)	urb0405		FY	1.30		1.17	2.22	***
			SR	1.89	***			
18. How would you characterize the support you receive for going to college from your close friends and family?	urb0418		FY	4.72		4.82	4.58	*
			SR	4.68				
20. What is your best estimate of your total current annual income (before taxes) or the combined income of your parents if you are listed as a dependent on their income taxes? (\$ range)	urb0420		FY	3.44		3.30	2.46	**
			SR	2.86	***			

4=Very Often, 3=Often, 2=Sometimes, 1=Never

Question 1. In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

Question	Variable	Benchmark	Class	Mean	Sig. ^a	Mean	Mean	Sig. ^a
1a. Expressed your opinion about a political or community issue in a public forum (e.g., sent a letter or email to the media, contacted a government official, made a speech, signed a petition)	EXP041A		FY	1.82		1.94	1.57	*
			SR	1.78				
1d. Attended a rally, vigil, or protest about an issue that is important to you	EXP041D		FY	1.29		1.64	1.33	*
			SR	1.39	*			
1e. Led meetings or activities for a local community organization or religious group	EXP041E		FY	1.37		1.74	1.37	*
			SR	1.49				

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