



National Survey of Student Engagement

Freshmen Comparison By Ethnicity

NSSE 2004 Means Comparison Report University of North Carolina at Charlotte

UNC Charlotte	Ethnicity	
	407	73

Significantly Higher Score - Lower Score - No Difference

Variable Bench-
mark Class Mean Caucasian African American Sig^a

1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences

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

a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY SR	2.51 2.99	2.49	2.73	*
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY SR	2.02 2.69	2.02	2.21	*
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	SFI	FY SR	2.00 2.27	2.01	2.31	**
p.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	SFI	FY SR	1.64 2.01	1.62	1.92	**
q.	Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	FACFEED	SFI	FY SR	2.57 2.76	2.57	2.78	*
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	EEE	FY SR	2.62 2.75	2.61	2.92	*

2. Mental Activities

*mental activities?
1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much*

d.	Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	EVALUATE	LAC	FY SR	2.85 2.95	2.81	3.10	**
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4. Reading and Writing

*During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done?
1=none, 2=between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20*

e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	FY SR	3.12 2.89	3.20	2.87	*
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5. Problem Sets

*In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you complete?
1=none, 2=1-2, 3=3-4, 4=5-6, 5=more than 6*

b.	Number of <i>problem sets</i> that take you less than an hour to complete	PROBSETB		FY SR	2.85 2.22	2.92	2.62	*
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7. Enriching Educational Experiences

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.)

c.	Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LEARNCOM		FY SR	.19 .17	.25	.37	*
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^a * p<.05 ** p<.01 ***p<.001 (2-tailed).

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



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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

9. Time Usage

b.	Working for pay on campus	WORKON01		FY	1.34	1.26	1.73	***
					SR	1.62		
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01		FY	2.47	2.48	1.83	*
					SR	3.98		

10. Institutional Environment

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

d.	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	SCE	FY	2.00	1.99	2.25	*
					SR	1.70		
e.	Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	SCE	FY	2.26	2.25	2.55	**
					SR	1.88		
f.	Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT		FY	2.71	2.68	3.09	***
					SR	2.27		

11. Educational and Personal Growth

personal development in the following areas? 1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much

d.	Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK		FY	2.56	2.52	2.91	***
					SR	2.98		
g.	Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS		FY	2.93	2.90	3.17	*
					SR	3.17		
m.	Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV		FY	2.55	2.51	2.77	*
					SR	2.68		
n.	Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS		FY	2.52	2.47	2.77	*
					SR	2.56		
p.	Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	GNSPIRIT		FY	1.98	1.90	2.19	*
					SR	1.71		

Urban Consortium Questions

4.	How likely is it that financial problems will delay you in completing your undergraduate education?	urb0404		FY	2.39	2.27	2.79	*
					SR	2.11		
10.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is acquiring a broad general education?	urb0410		FY	3.19	3.16	3.44	*
					SR	3.38		
12.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is writing clearly and effectively?	urb0412		FY	3.38	3.34	3.65	**
					SR	3.72		
17.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds?	urb0417		FY	3.34	3.28	3.76	***
					SR	3.44		
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?	urb0420		FY	3.44	3.61	2.91	**
					SR	2.86		

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