



# National Survey of Student Engagement

## Freshman Seminar Comparison

## NSSE 2004 Means Comparison Report University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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Variable	Bench- mark	Class	Mean	FrSem			FrSem			FrSem			
				Yes	No	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Yes	No	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Yes	No	Sig <sup>a</sup>	
<b>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences</b>													
<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>													
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.02	2.29	1.98	***	2.29	2.02	***	2.27	1.89
				SR	2.69								
i.	Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS		FY	2.31	2.18	2.35	*	2.22	2.38		1.91	2.27
				SR	2.88								
k.	Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	ACL	FY	1.49	1.88	1.46	***	1.90	1.55	***	1.73	1.20
				SR	1.64								***
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	SFI	FY	2.00	2.32	1.98	***	2.29	1.98	**	2.55	1.97
				SR	2.27								*
<b>2. Mental Activities</b>													
<i>During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities? 1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>													
c.	Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	SYNTHESZ	LAC	FY	2.84	2.65	2.87	*	2.65	2.86	*	2.64	2.89
				SR	3.00								
<b>4. Reading and Writing</b>													
<i>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</i>													
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	FY	3.12	3.37	3.08	*	3.43	3.10	**	3.00	3.02
				SR	2.89								
<b>5. Problem Sets</b>													
<i>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</i>													
b.	Number of problem sets that take you less than an hour to complete	PROBSETB		FY	2.85	3.03	2.81		3.06	2.76	*	2.82	2.96
				SR	2.22								
<b>6. Additional Collegiate Experiences</b>													
<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>													
b.	Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities	EXERCISE		FY	2.60	3.00	2.56	***	3.04	2.66	**	2.73	2.28
				SR	2.45								

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 Yes      No

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.)

### 7. Enriching Educational Experiences

b.	Community service or volunteer work	VOLUNTER	EEE	FY SR	.31 .51	.60 .27	***	.61 .29	***	.55 .22	*
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	.35 .24	*	.36 .29		.27 .09	

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 <b>on campus</b>	WORKON01		FY SR	1.34 1.62	1.51 1.31		1.51 1.38		1.55 1.12	*
c.	Working for pay <b>off campus</b>	WORKOF01		FY SR	2.47 3.98	1.86 2.48	**	1.67 2.05		3.18 3.75	
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, social fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	EEE	FY SR	1.93 1.87	2.23 1.84	*	2.35 1.97	*	1.36 1.47	

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

d.	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	SCE	FY SR	2.00 1.70	2.32 1.97	***	2.33 2.00	**	2.18 1.86	
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To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? 1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much

### 11. Educational and Personal Growth

i.	Voting in local, state, or national elections	GNCITIZN		FY SR	1.94 1.75	1.98 1.94		1.92 2.04		2.36 1.63	**
j.	Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ		FY SR	2.98 3.04	3.07 2.96		2.99 2.98		3.64 2.90	*

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

### Urban Consortium Questions

4.	How likely is it that financial problems will delay you in completing your undergraduate education?	urb0404		FY SR	2.39 2.11	2.25 2.42		2.03 2.39		3.46 2.48	*
12.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is writing clearly and effectively?	urb0412		FY SR	3.38 3.72	3.59 3.34	*	3.60 3.32	**	3.55 3.40	
15.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is working effectively with others?	urb0415		FY SR	3.64 3.71	3.84 3.60	**	3.85 3.61	**	3.82 3.57	

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