



National Survey of Student Engagement

Freshman Comparison by Gender

NSSE 2004 Means Comparison Report University of North Carolina at Charlotte

UNC Charlotte	Gender	
	219	310

Significantly Higher Score - Lower Score - No Difference

Variable Bench- Class Mean Male Female 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

f.	Come to class without completing readings or assignments	CLUNPREP		FY	2.19	2.32	2.09	***
					SR	2.26		
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	ACL	FY	2.23	2.46	2.14	***
					SR	2.68		
k.	Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	ACL	FY	1.49	1.41	1.62	**
					SR	1.64		
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL		FY	2.95	2.74	3.09	***
					SR	3.21		
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	SFI	FY	2.47	2.37	2.56	*
					SR	2.79		
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	LAC	FY	2.52	2.39	2.62	**
					SR	2.68		

3. Examinations

1=very little to 7=very much

To what extent have your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work?	EXAMS			FY	5.48	5.35	5.55	*
					SR	5.46		

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

a.	Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	READASGN	LAC	FY	3.30	3.09	3.42	***
					SR	3.22		
b.	Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	READOWN		FY	1.93	1.81	1.99	*
					SR	2.18		
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	FY	3.12	3.25	3.04	*
					SR	2.89		

9. Time Usage

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

a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)	ACADPR01	LAC	FY	3.53	3.40	3.70	*
					SR	3.78		
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01		FY	2.47	2.11	2.55	*
					SR	3.98		
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, etc.)	SOCIAL01		FY	3.93	4.32	3.71	***
					SR	3.50		
g.	Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	COMMUTE		FY	2.24	2.13	2.32	*
					SR	2.47		

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

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10. Institutional Environment						
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically						
ENVSUPRT	SCE	FY	3.01	2.92	3.08	*
		SR	2.79			
f. Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)						
ENVEVENT		FY	2.71	2.64	2.80	*
		SR	2.27			

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

11. Educational and Personal Growth

a. Acquiring a broad general education						
GNGENLED		FY	3.08	2.89	3.20	*
		SR	3.21			
j. Learning effectively on your own						
GNIHQ		FY	2.98	2.88	3.06	*
		SR	3.04			
k. Understanding yourself						
GNSSELF		FY	2.69	2.56	2.81	**
		SR	2.76			
l. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds						
GNDIVERS		FY	2.58	2.46	2.68	*
		SR	2.58			
n. Developing a personal code of values and ethics						
GNETHICS		FY	2.52	2.38	2.63	**
		SR	2.56			

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

Urban Consortium Questions

1.	About how many hours do you spend in a typical week engaging in community service or some other volunteer activity off campus?	urb0401	FY	1.39	1.31	1.44	*
			SR	1.50			
2.	About how many hours do you spend in a typical week on your university's campus, outside of time spent in class? (time range)	urb0402	FY	2.81	3.15	2.58	***
			SR	1.97			
10.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is acquiring a broad general education?	urb0410	FY	3.19	3.01	3.32	***
			SR	3.38			
12.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is writing clearly and effectively?	urb0412	FY	3.38	3.24	3.48	**
			SR	3.72			
15.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is working effectively with others?	urb0415	FY	3.64	3.53	3.71	**
			SR	3.71			
16.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is developing your ability to make informed decisions as a citizen?	urb0416	FY	3.48	3.36	3.57	**
			SR	3.51			
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	3.14	3.47	***
			SR	3.44			
18.	How would you characterize the support you receive for going to college from your close friends and family?	urb0418	FY	4.72	4.63	4.79	**
			SR	4.68			

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

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