



National Survey of Student Engagement

Learning Community Comparison

Significantly Higher Score - Lower Score - No Difference

NSSE 2004 Means Comparison Report University of North Carolina at Charlotte

UNC Charlotte	Learning Community Participants	
	81	322

Variable	Bench- mark	Class	Mean	YES NO		Sig *	
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences							
<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</i>							
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS		FY 2.77 SR 2.81	2.59	2.80	*
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	ACL	FY 2.23 SR 2.68	2.59	2.21	***
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	ACL	FY 1.62 SR 1.93	2.10	1.60	***
k.	Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	ACL	FY 1.49 SR 1.64	1.80	1.57	*
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL		FY 2.95 SR 3.21	2.75	3.01	**
4. Reading and Writing							
<i>done?</i> <i>1=none, 2=between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more</i>							
c.	Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	WRITEMOR	LAC	FY 1.28 SR 1.58	1.45	1.26	*
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	FY 3.12 SR 2.89	3.37	3.11	*
9. Time Usage							
<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>							
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 SR 3.78	4.03	3.55	*
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01		FY 2.47 SR 3.98	1.53	2.08	*
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, etc.)	SOCIAL01		FY 3.93 SR 3.50	4.58	3.94	**
11. Educational and Personal Growth							
<i>skills, and personal development in the following areas? 1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>							
i.	Voting in local, state, or national elections	GNCITIZN		FY 1.94 SR 1.75	1.68	2.10	***
p.	Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	GNSPIRIT		FY 1.98 SR 1.71	1.81	2.09	*
Urban Consortium Questions							
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 SR 1.97	2.59	3.29	*
10.	As an outcome of your college education, how important to you is acquiring a broad general education?	urb0410		FY 3.19 SR 3.38	2.87	3.21	*
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 SR 3.51	3.16	3.54	**

Note: LC Participants were compared to all other freshmen who lived on campus

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

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