

# National Survey of Student Engagement

## U.S. English NSSE 2020 U.S. English Version

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### 1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways
- b. Come to class without completing readings or assignments
- c. Attended an art exhibit, play, or other arts performance (dance, music, etc.)
- d. Asked another student to help you understand course material
- e. Explained course material to one or more students
- f. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students
- g. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments
- h. Given a course presentation

### 2. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments
- b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues
- c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments
- d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue
- e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective
- f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept
- g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge

### 3. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member
- b. Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)
- c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class

d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member

**4. During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following?**

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. Memorizing course material
- b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations
- c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts
- d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source
- e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information

**5. During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors done the following?**

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements
- b. Taught course sessions in an organized way
- c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points
- d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress
- e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments

**6. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?**

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)
- b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)
- c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information

**7. During the current school year, about how many papers, reports, or other writing tasks of the following lengths have you been assigned? (Include those not yet completed.)**

*Response options: None, 1-2, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, More than 20 papers*

- a. Up to 5 pages
- b. Between 6 and 10 pages
- c. 11 pages or more

**8. During the current school year, about how often have you had discussions with people from the following groups?**

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. People of a race or ethnicity other than your own
- b. People from an economic background other than your own
- c. People with religious beliefs other than your own
- d. People with political views other than your own

**9. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?**

*Response options: Very often, Often, Sometimes, Never*

- a. Identified key information from reading assignments
- b. Reviewed your notes after class
- c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials

**10. During the current school year, to what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work?**

*Response options: 1=Not at all to 7=Very much*

**11. Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate?**

*Response options: Done or in progress, Plan to do, Do not plan to do, Have not decided*

- a. Participate in an internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement
- b. Hold a formal leadership role in a student organization or group
- c. Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together
- d. Participate in a study abroad program
- e. Work with a faculty member on a research project
- f. Complete a culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, portfolio, etc.)

**12. About how many of your courses at this institution have included a community-based project (service-learning)?**

*Response options: All, Most, Some, None*

**13. Indicate the quality of your interactions with the following people at your institution.**

*Response options: 1=Poor to 7=Excellent, Not Applicable*

- a. Students
- b. Academic advisors
- c. Faculty
- d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)
- e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)

**14. How much does your institution emphasize the following?**

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work
- b. Providing support to help students succeed academically
- c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)
- d. Encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds (social, racial/ethnic, religious,

etc.)

- e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially
- f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)
- g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
- h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)
- i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues

**15. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

*Response options: Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree*

- a. I feel comfortable being myself at this institution.
- b. I feel valued by this institution.
- c. I feel like part of the community at this institution.

**16. About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing the following?**

*Response options: 0, 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-25, 26-30, More than 30 (Hours per week)*

- a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)
- b. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)
- c. Working for pay on campus
- d. Working for pay off campus
- e. Doing community service or volunteer work
- f. Relaxing and socializing (time with friends, video games, TV or videos, keeping up with friends online, etc.)
- g. Providing care for dependents (children, parents, etc.)
- h. Commuting to campus (driving, walking, etc.)

**17. Of the time you spend preparing for class in a typical 7-day week, about how much is on assigned reading?**

*Response options: Very little, Some, About half, Most, Almost all*

**18. How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?**

*Response options: Very much, Quite a bit, Some, Very little*

- a. Writing clearly and effectively
- b. Speaking clearly and effectively
- c. Thinking critically and analytically
- d. Analyzing numerical and statistical information
- e. Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills
- f. Working effectively with others

- g. Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics
- h. Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)
- i. Solving complex real-world problems
- j. Being an informed and active citizen

**19. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?**

*Response options: Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor*

**20. If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?**

*Response options: Definitely yes, Probably yes, Probably no, Definitely no*

**21. Do you intend to return to this institution next year?** [Only non-seniors receive this question]

*Response options: Yes, No, Not sure*

**22a. How many majors do you plan to complete? (Do not count minors.)**

*Response options: One, More than one*

**22b.** [If answered "One"] **Please enter your major or expected major:** [Text box]

**22c.** [If answered "More than one"] **Please enter up to two majors or expected majors (do not enter minors):** [Text box]

**23. What is your class level?**

*Response options: Freshman/first-year, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Unclassified*

**24a. How many courses are you taking for credit this current academic term?**

*Response options: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or more*

**24b. Of these, how many are taught mostly or entirely online (most or all interactions with instructors and students take place online)?**

*Response options: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or more*

**25. What have most of your grades been up to now at this institution?**

*Response options: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C- or lower*

**26. Did you begin college at this institution or elsewhere?**

*Response options: Started here, Started elsewhere*

**27. Since graduating from high school, which of the following types of schools have you attended other than the one you are now attending? (Select all that apply.)**

*Response options: Vocational or technical school, Community or junior college, 4-year college or*

university other than this one, None, Other

**28. What is the highest level of education you ever expect to complete?**

*Response options: Some college but less than a bachelor's degree, Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.), Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.), Doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.)*

**29. What is the highest level of education completed by either of your parents (or those who raised you)?**

*Response options: Did not finish high school, High school diploma or G.E.D., Attended college but did not complete degree, Associate's degree (A.A., A.S., etc.), Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.), Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.), Doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.)*

**30. What is your gender identity?**

*Response options: Man; Woman; Another gender identity, please specify: \_\_ ; I prefer not to respond*

**31. Enter your year of birth (e.g., 1994):**

**32a. Are you an international student?**

*Response options: Yes, No*

**32b. [If answered "yes"] What is your country of citizenship?**

**33. How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply.)**

*Response options: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latina/o, Middle Eastern or North African, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White, Another race or ethnicity, I prefer not to respond*

**34. Are you a member of a social fraternity or sorority?**

*Response options: Yes, No*

**35. Which of the following best describes where you are living while attending college?**

*Response options: Campus housing (other than a fraternity or sorority house), Fraternity or sorority house, House, apartment, or other residence within walking distance to campus, House, apartment, or other residence farther than walking distance to campus, Not applicable: No campus, entirely online program, etc., Not applicable: Homeless or in transition*

**36. Are you a student-athlete on a team sponsored by your institution's athletics department?**

*Response options: Yes, No*

**37. Are you a current or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?**

*Response options: Yes, No*

**38a. Have you been diagnosed with any disability or impairment?**

*Response options: Yes, No, I prefer not to respond*

**38b. [If answered “yes”] Which of the following has been diagnosed? (Select all that apply.)**

*Response options: A sensory impairment (vision or hearing), A mobility impairment, A learning disability (e.g., ADHD, dyslexia), A mental health disorder, A disability or impairment not listed above*

**39. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?**

*Response options: Straight (heterosexual); Bisexual; Gay; Lesbian; Queer; Questioning or unsure; Another sexual orientation, please specify: \_\_; I prefer not to respond*

**40. Prompt for Open-Ended Comments (Institutions select one of four questions for the end of the NSSE questionnaire.)**

- If you have any additional comments or feedback that you'd like to share on the quality of your educational experience, please enter them below.
- What has been most satisfying about your experience so far at this institution, and what has been most disappointing?
- Please describe the most significant learning experience you have had so far at this institution.
- What one change would most improve the educational experience at this institution, and what one thing should not be changed?

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