



NSSE 2013

Engagement Indicators

University of Nebraska at Kearney

About Your Engagement Indicators Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four themes as shown at right.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning
	Reflective and Integrative Learning
	Learning Strategies
	Quantitative Reasoning
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning
	Discussions with Diverse Others
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction
	Effective Teaching Practices
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions
	Supportive Environment

Report sections

- Overview (p. 3)** Displays how average EI scores for your first-year and senior students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.
- Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)** Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

 - Mean Comparisons**
Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).
 - Score Distributions**
Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.
 - Summary of Indicator Items**
Responses to each item in a given EI are displayed for your institution and comparison groups.
- Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)** Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of current-year participating institutions.
- Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)** Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. An effect size of .2 is generally considered small, .5 medium, and .8 large. Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview.

EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Institutional Report Builder and your *Major Field Report* (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

How Engagement Indicators are computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE Web site: nsse.iub.edu

Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Use the following key:

- ▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- △ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- No significant difference.
- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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First-Year (FY) Students

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your FY students compared with Plains Public	Your FY students compared with Carnegie Class	Your FY students compared with NSSE 2013
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	▼	▼	▼
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	--	▼	▼
	Learning Strategies	--	▼	▼
	Quantitative Reasoning	▼	▼	▼
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	▼	--	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	▼	▼	▼
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	▼	▼
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	▼	▼	▼
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

Seniors

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your seniors compared with Plains Public	Your seniors compared with Carnegie Class	Your seniors compared with NSSE 2013
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	△	--	--
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	--	▼	▼
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	▼
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	--	△	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	▼	▼
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	△	△	△
	Effective Teaching Practices	△	--	--
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	△	--	△
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

Academic Challenge: First-year students

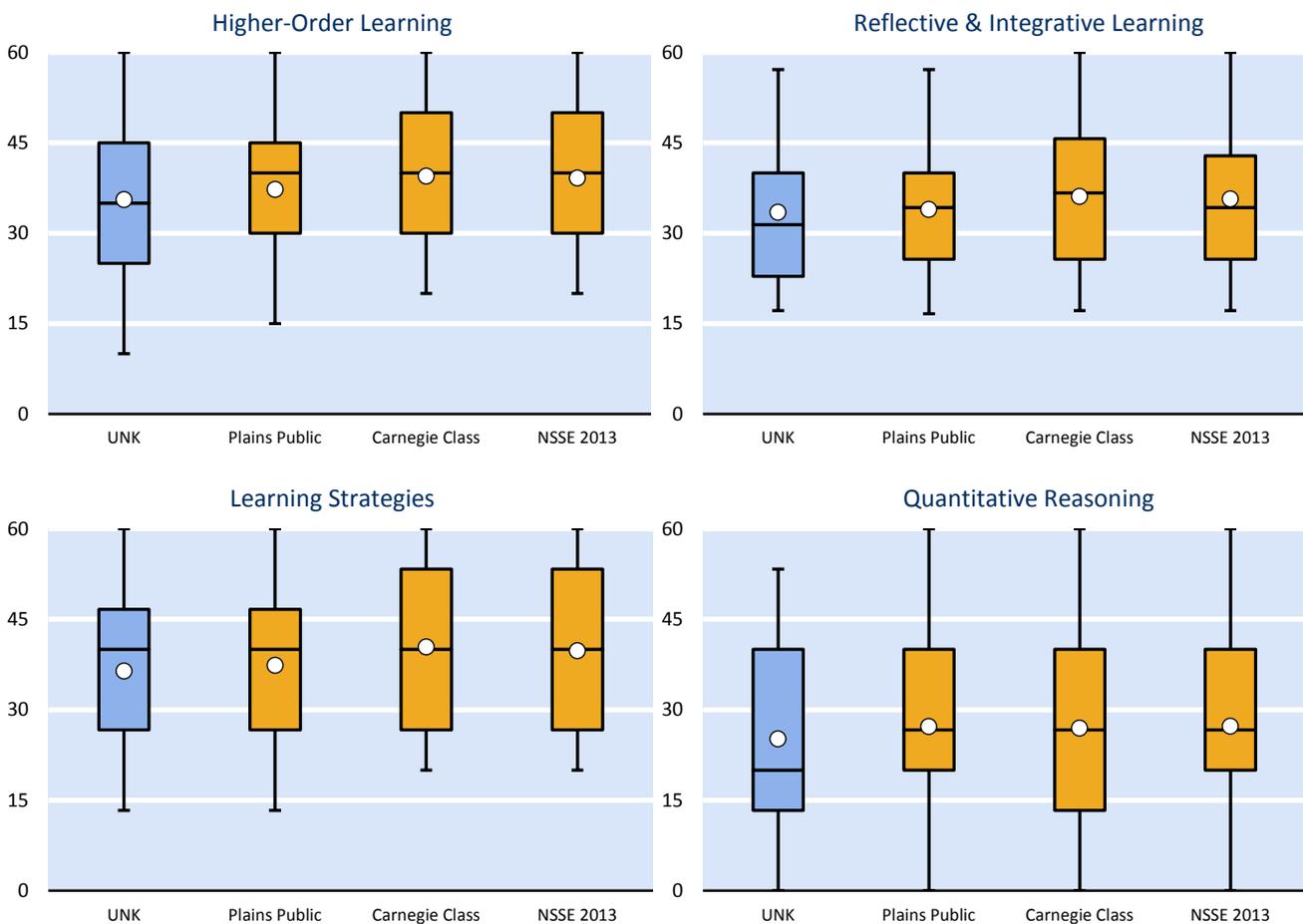
Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote student learning by challenging and supporting them to engage in various forms of deep learning. Four Engagement Indicators are part of this theme: *Higher-Order Learning*, *Reflective & Integrative Learning*, *Learning Strategies*, and *Quantitative Reasoning*. Below and on the next page are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UNK Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Plains Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2013	
	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	35.6	37.2 *	-.12	39.5 ***	-.28	39.1 ***	-.26
Reflective & Integrative Learning	33.4	33.9	-.04	36.1 ***	-.21	35.7 ***	-.18
Learning Strategies	36.4	37.4	-.07	40.4 ***	-.28	39.8 ***	-.24
Quantitative Reasoning	25.2	27.2 **	-.13	27.0 *	-.11	27.3 **	-.13

Notes: Results weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the summary page are based on effect size and p before rounding.

Score Distributions



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Academic Challenge: First-year students (continued)

Summary of Indicator Items

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
Higher-Order Learning				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>				
	%	%	%	%
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	61 	72 	73 	74 
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	65 	68 	73 	73 
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	66 	64 	72 	70 
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	63 	65 	70 	69 
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	51 	55 	56 	56 
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	49 	48 	54 	53 
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	47 	44 	52 	51 
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	54 	58 	64 	63 
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	56 	62 	68 	66 
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	59 	62 	67 	66 
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	71 	76 	78 	78 
Learning Strategies				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	73 	77 	82 	81 
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	59 	61 	68 	66 
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	59 	58 	66 	64 
Quantitative Reasoning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	45 	52 	50 	51 
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	35 	37 	38 	38 
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	35 	36 	36 	37 

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your *Institutional Report* and available on the NSSE Web site.

Academic Challenge: Seniors

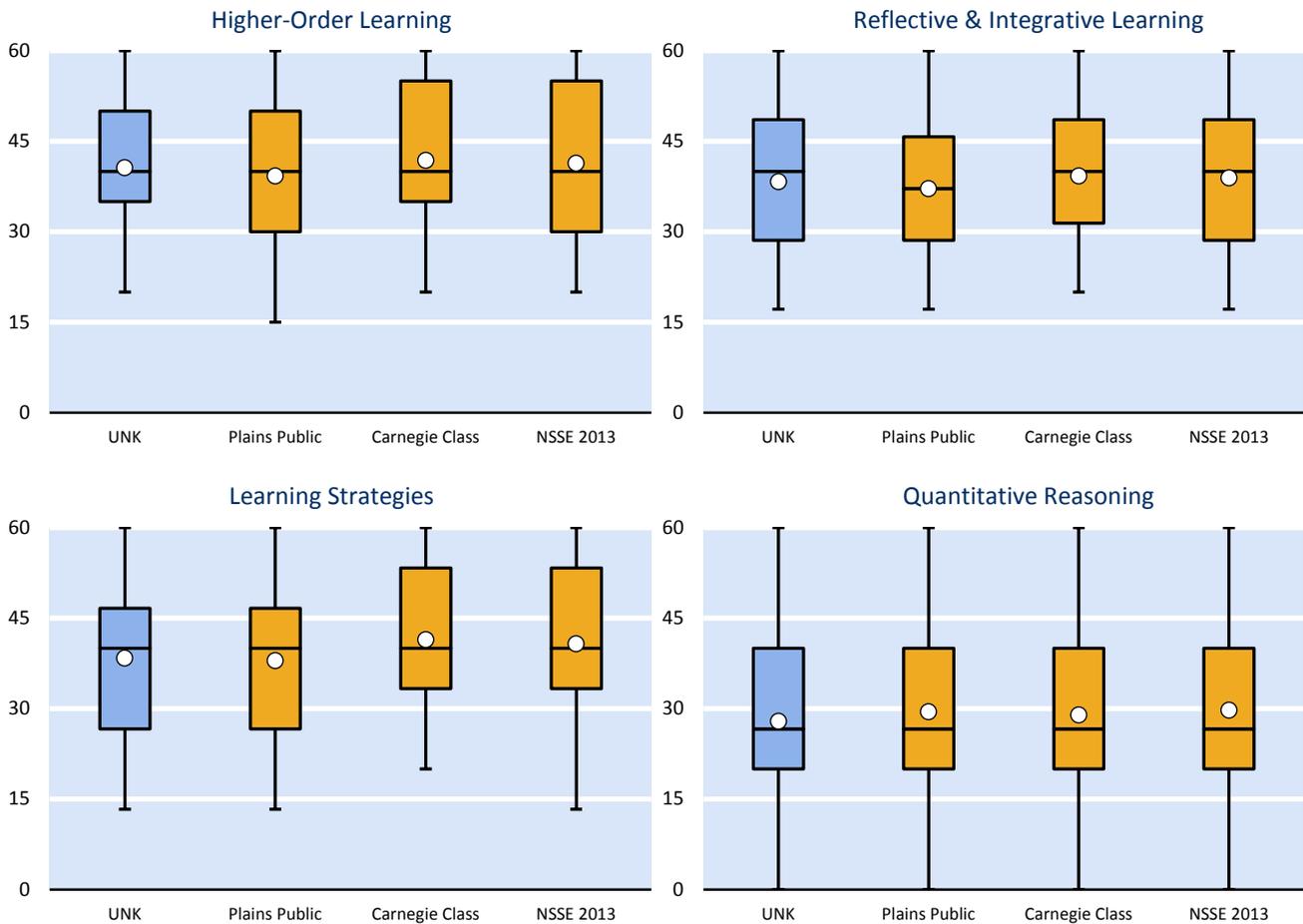
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Reflective & Integrative Learning	38.3	37.1	.09	39.2	-.07	38.9	-.05
Learning Strategies	38.4	37.9	.03	41.4 ***	-.21	40.7 **	-.16
Quantitative Reasoning	27.9	29.5	-.09	28.9	-.06	29.7 *	-.11

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Summary of Indicator Items

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Higher-Order Learning				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>				
	%	%	%	%
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	81 	79 	80 	80 
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	75 	74 	78 	78 
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	73 	65 	75 	72 
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	72 	67 	74 	73 
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	70 	72 	71 	71 
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	59 	59 	66 	64 
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	55 	49 	58 	56 
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	65 	61 	68 	67 
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	67 	65 	71 	70 
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	67 	65 	70 	70 
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	81 	82 	85 	84 
Learning Strategies				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	80 	79 	85 	84 
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	58 	59 	67 	65 
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	60 	60 	68 	66 
Quantitative Reasoning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	49 	55 	52 	54 
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	43 	43 	43 	44 
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	38 	42 	41 	44 

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Learning with Peers: First-year students

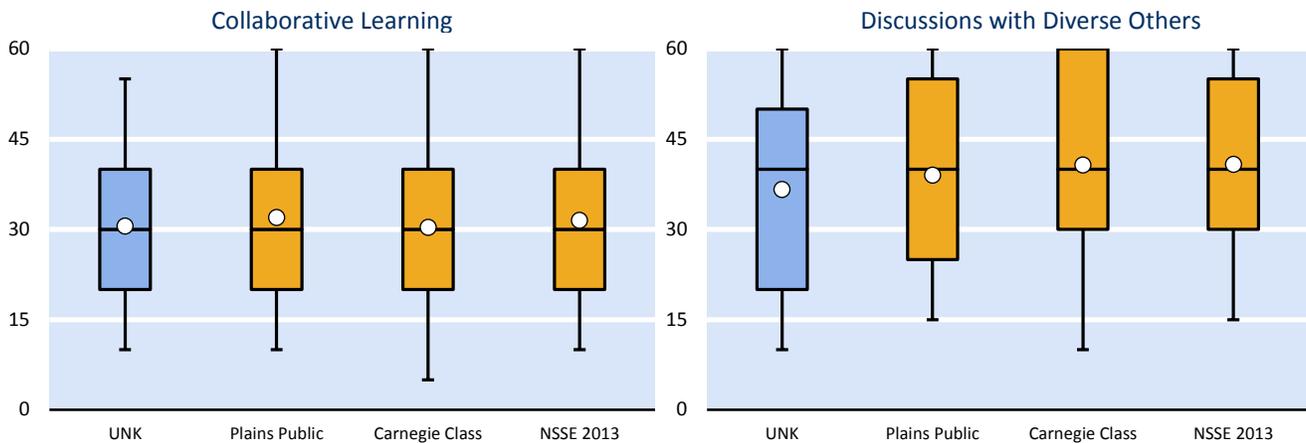
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Mean Comparisons

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Collaborative Learning	30.5	31.9 *	-.10	30.3	.01	31.4	-.07
Discussions with Diverse Others	36.6	39.0 **	-.15	40.6 ***	-.25	40.8 ***	-.26

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Collaborative Learning

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	51	51	44	48
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	52	56	53	56
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	45	48	45	48
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	45	51	49	50

Discussions with Diverse Others

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	56	62	71	71
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	64	68	73	73
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	61	67	67	68
8d. People with political views other than your own	62	70	69	70

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Learning with Peers: Seniors

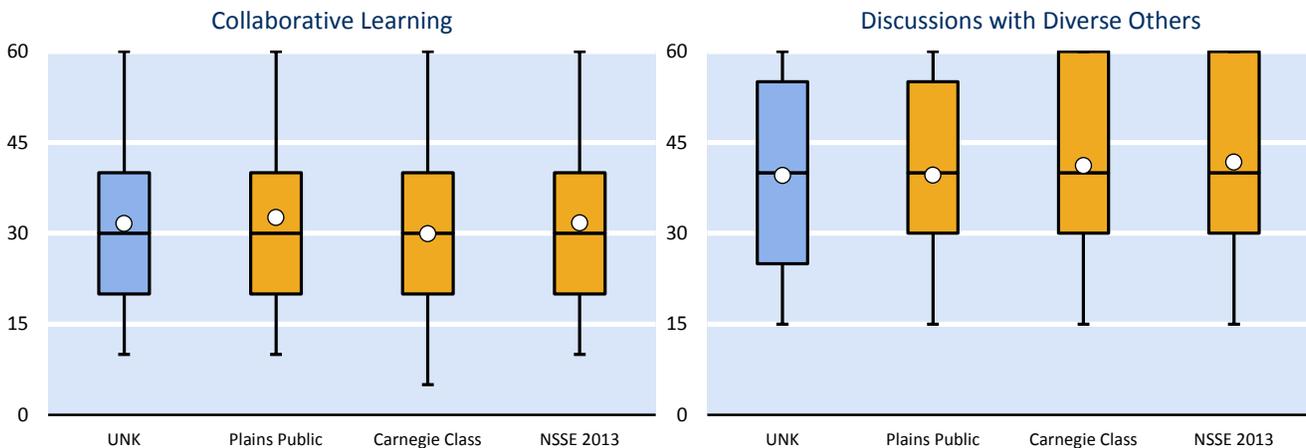
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Engagement Indicator	UNK Mean	Your seniors compared with					
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		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Collaborative Learning	31.6	32.6	-.07	30.0 *	.11	31.7	-.01
Discussions with Diverse Others	39.5	39.6	.00	41.2 *	-.10	41.8 **	-.14

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Collaborative Learning

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	39	43	35	38
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	60	59	53	57
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	41	45	41	44
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	59	65	59	63

Discussions with Diverse Others

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	64	63	71	72
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	69	69	74	75
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	65	68	68	70
8d. People with political views other than your own	71	72	71	72

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Experiences with Faculty: First-year students

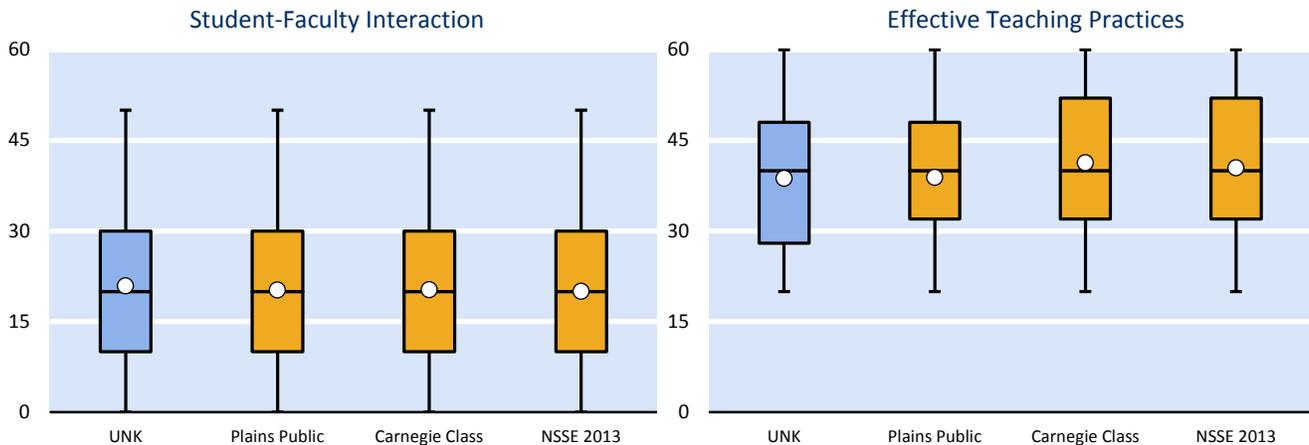
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Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UNK Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Plains Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2013	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Student-Faculty Interaction	20.9	20.2	.05	20.2	.05	20.0	.06
Effective Teaching Practices	38.7	38.9	-.01	41.3 ***	-.19	40.4 **	-.13

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Student-Faculty Interaction

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	35	33	33	32
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	23	19	18	18
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	24	23	25	24
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	27	26	29	28

Effective Teaching Practices

Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	81	80	82	82
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	78	79	80	80
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	74	77	78	78
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	60	60	68	65
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	61	59	66	63

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Experiences with Faculty: Seniors

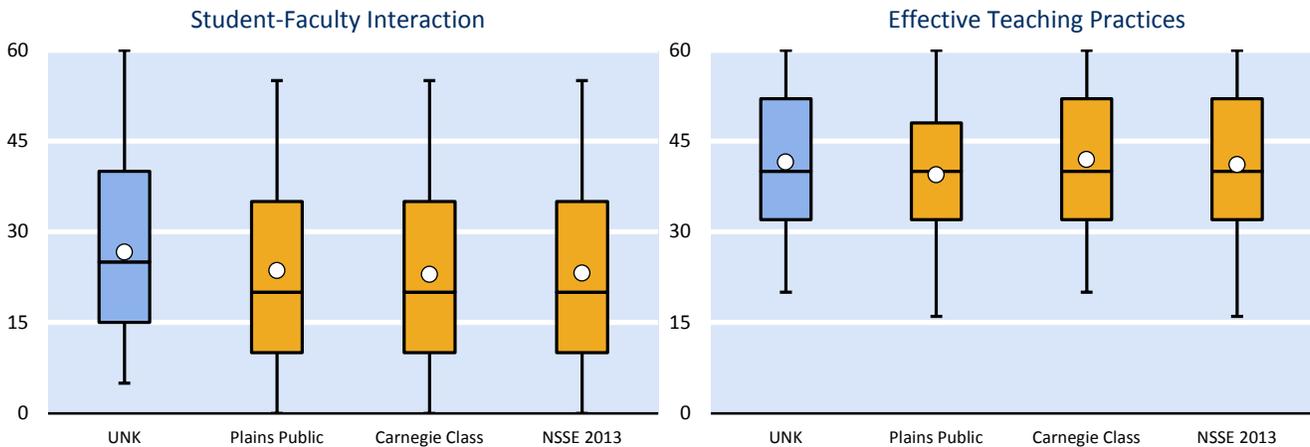
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Student-Faculty Interaction	26.6	23.6 ***	.20	23.0 ***	.22	23.2 ***	.21
Effective Teaching Practices	41.5	39.4 **	.16	41.9	-.03	41.1	.03

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Student-Faculty Interaction

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	50	41	42	42
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	33	27	24	25
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	41	32	32	32
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	36	30	33	32

Effective Teaching Practices

Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	84	80	84	83
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	81	80	82	82
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	80	79	80	79
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	69	57	65	62
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	74	64	70	68

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Campus Environment: First-year students

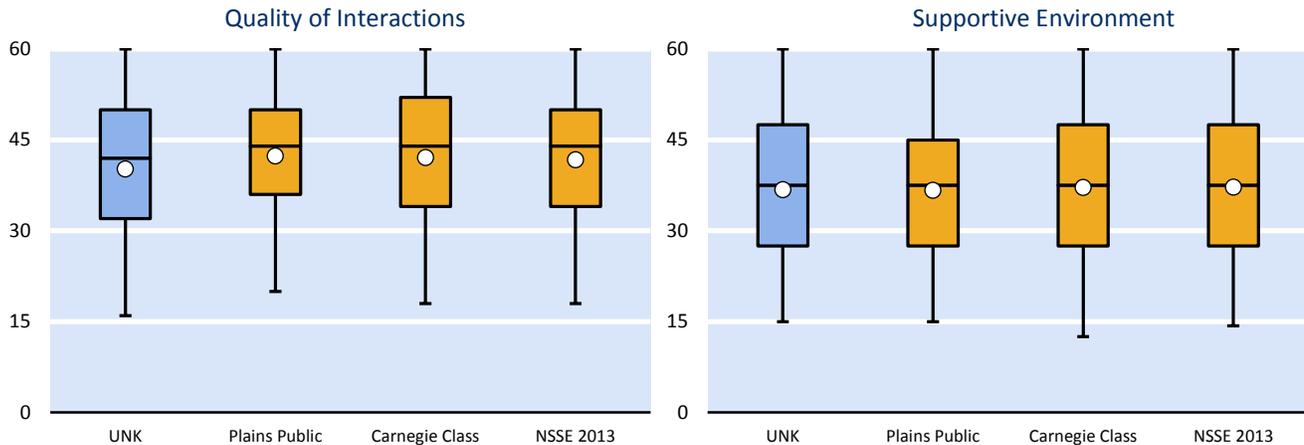
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Quality of Interactions	40.2	42.4 ***	-.19	42.1 **	-.15	41.7 *	-.12
Supportive Environment	36.8	36.7	.01	37.1	-.02	37.2	-.03

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Quality of Interactions

Percentage rating a 6 or 7 on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent" their interactions with...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
13a. Students	57	61	60	60
13b. Academic advisors	42	51	50	49
13c. Faculty	41	49	53	51
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	38	47	45	44
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	41	44	44	42

Supportive Environment

Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	78	75	78	78
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	77	74	78	78
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	59	55	59	58
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	73	73	71	72
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	75	73	71	72
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	41	44	46	44
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	66	70	65	68
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	53	51	53	53

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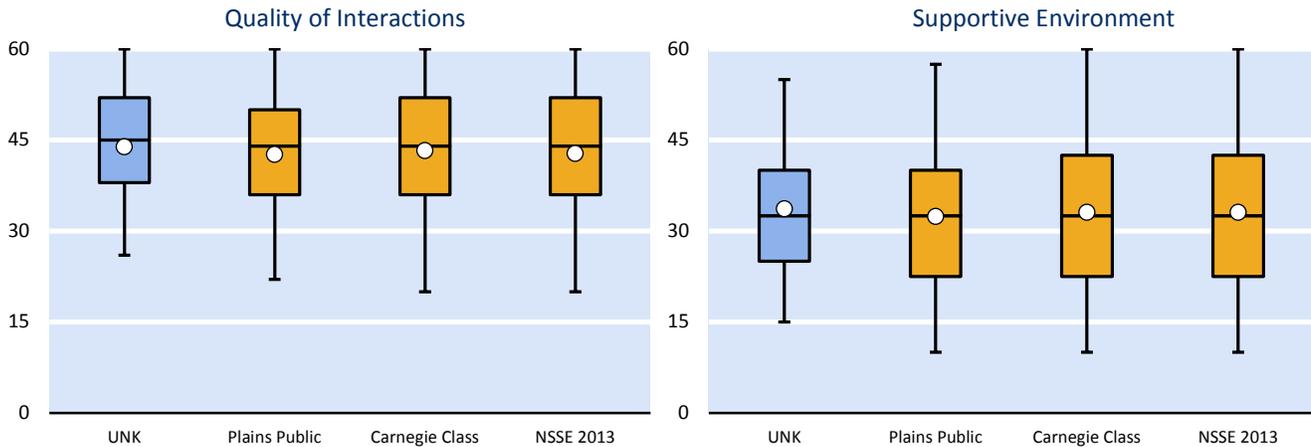
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Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UNK Mean	Your seniors compared with					
		Plains Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2013	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	43.9	42.6 *	.11	43.3	.05	42.8 *	.09
Supportive Environment	33.7	32.4	.09	33.1	.04	33.1	.04

Notes: Results weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the summary page are based on effect size and p before rounding.

Score Distributions



Notes: Each box-and-whiskers chart plots the 5th (bottom of lower bar), 25th (bottom of box), 50th (middle line), 75th (top of box), and 95th (top of upper bar) percentile scores. The dot represents the mean score.

Summary of Indicator Items

Quality of Interactions

Percentage rating a 6 or 7 on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent" their interactions with...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
13a. Students	69	64	64	65
13b. Academic advisors	58	51	54	53
13c. Faculty	60	56	63	61
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	41	43	44	42
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	47	43	45	43

Supportive Environment

Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...

	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	77	70	74	72
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	73	62	68	67
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	51	47	53	52
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	72	67	64	65
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	73	64	61	62
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	31	29	33	32
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	54	60	54	56
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	44	44	46	45

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your *Institutional Report* and available on the NSSE Web site.

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Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

The results below compare the engagement of your first-year and senior students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all current-year NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all current-year NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for *most* institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was *as engaged* as (or even *more engaged* than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable to that of the high-performing group. However, the absence of a significant difference between your score and that of the high-performing group does not mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is *within*, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

First-Year Students		UNK Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
Theme	Engagement Indicator		NSSE 2013 Top 50%			NSSE 2013 Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	35.6	40.9 ***	-.39		42.7 ***	-.52	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	33.4	37.6 ***	-.33		39.4 ***	-.48	
	Learning Strategies	36.4	41.8 ***	-.39		44.3 ***	-.56	
	Quantitative Reasoning	25.2	28.8 ***	-.22		30.5 ***	-.33	
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	30.5	34.5 ***	-.29		37.1 ***	-.48	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	36.6	43.2 ***	-.43		45.7 ***	-.61	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	20.9	23.4 ***	-.17		26.7 ***	-.35	
	Effective Teaching Practices	38.7	42.8 ***	-.31		44.7 ***	-.43	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	40.2	44.3 ***	-.36		46.3 ***	-.51	
	Supportive Environment	36.8	39.5 ***	-.21		41.4 ***	-.36	
Seniors		UNK Mean	Your seniors compared with					
Theme	Engagement Indicator		NSSE 2013 Top 50%			NSSE 2013 Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	40.6	43.5 ***	-.21		45.3 ***	-.34	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	38.3	41.1 ***	-.22		43.1 ***	-.38	
	Learning Strategies	38.4	43.2 ***	-.33		45.4 ***	-.50	
	Quantitative Reasoning	27.9	31.1 ***	-.19		32.5 ***	-.27	
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	31.6	35.0 ***	-.24		37.5 ***	-.44	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	39.5	44.1 ***	-.29		45.8 ***	-.40	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	26.6	29.7 ***	-.19		34.6 ***	-.50	
	Effective Teaching Practices	41.5	43.3 **	-.13		45.3 ***	-.28	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	43.9	45.8 ***	-.17		47.6 ***	-.33	
	Supportive Environment	33.7	36.2 ***	-.18		39.1 ***	-.42	

Notes: Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator, separately for first-year and senior students. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

Results weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Effect size: Mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

Detailed Statistics: First-year students

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SEM ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UNK (N = 424)	35.6	14.4	.70	10	25	35	45	60				
Plains Public	37.2	13.4	.11	15	30	40	45	60	446	-1.6	.022	-.122
Carnegie Class	39.5	13.9	.06	20	30	40	50	60	57,458	-3.9	.000	-.279
NSSE 2013	39.1	13.8	.03	20	30	40	50	60	192,948	-3.6	.000	-.257
Top 50%	40.9	13.6	.05	20	30	40	50	60	427	-5.3	.000	-.387
Top 10%	42.7	13.7	.10	20	35	40	55	60	20,546	-7.2	.000	-.523
Reflective and Integrative Learning												
UNK (N = 457)	33.4	12.3	.58	17	23	31	40	57				
Plains Public	33.9	12.1	.10	17	26	34	40	57	14,507	-.5	.396	-.040
Carnegie Class	36.1	12.6	.05	17	26	37	46	60	59,732	-2.6	.000	-.208
NSSE 2013	35.7	12.6	.03	17	26	34	43	60	200,912	-2.2	.000	-.179
Top 50%	37.6	12.5	.04	17	29	37	46	60	86,823	-4.1	.000	-.333
Top 10%	39.4	12.5	.09	20	31	40	49	60	21,925	-6.0	.000	-.477
Learning Strategies												
UNK (N = 413)	36.4	13.8	.68	13	27	40	47	60				
Plains Public	37.4	14.0	.12	13	27	40	47	60	13,185	-.9	.175	-.068
Carnegie Class	40.4	14.2	.06	20	27	40	53	60	53,743	-4.0	.000	-.283
NSSE 2013	39.8	14.2	.03	20	27	40	53	60	179,666	-3.4	.000	-.238
Top 50%	41.8	14.1	.05	20	33	40	53	60	76,882	-5.4	.000	-.386
Top 10%	44.3	14.2	.11	20	33	47	60	60	17,579	-7.9	.000	-.558
Quantitative Reasoning												
UNK (N = 449)	25.2	15.4	.73	0	13	20	40	53				
Plains Public	27.2	15.7	.13	0	20	27	40	60	14,233	-2.0	.007	-.129
Carnegie Class	27.0	16.7	.07	0	13	27	40	60	457	-1.8	.015	-.107
NSSE 2013	27.3	16.4	.04	0	20	27	40	60	196,121	-2.1	.006	-.129
Top 50%	28.8	16.3	.05	0	20	27	40	60	110,766	-3.7	.000	-.224
Top 10%	30.5	16.2	.11	0	20	27	40	60	23,906	-5.3	.000	-.329
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UNK (N = 462)	30.5	13.2	.62	10	20	30	40	55				
Plains Public	31.9	13.8	.12	10	20	30	40	60	14,763	-1.4	.029	-.103
Carnegie Class	30.3	14.6	.06	5	20	30	40	60	469	.2	.739	.014
NSSE 2013	31.4	14.2	.03	10	20	30	40	60	463	-1.0	.123	-.067
Top 50%	34.5	13.7	.05	15	25	35	45	60	91,228	-4.0	.000	-.289
Top 10%	37.1	13.6	.10	15	25	35	45	60	18,810	-6.6	.000	-.485
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UNK (N = 416)	36.6	16.0	.79	10	20	40	50	60				
Plains Public	39.0	15.8	.14	15	25	40	55	60	13,268	-2.4	.002	-.153
Carnegie Class	40.6	16.3	.07	10	30	40	60	60	54,356	-4.1	.000	-.250
NSSE 2013	40.8	16.0	.04	15	30	40	55	60	181,787	-4.2	.000	-.261
Top 50%	43.2	15.4	.05	20	35	45	60	60	89,104	-6.6	.000	-.430
Top 10%	45.7	15.0	.11	20	40	50	60	60	18,433	-9.1	.000	-.608

Detailed Statistics: First-year students

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SEM ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UNK (N = 449)	20.9	15.0	.71	0	10	20	30	50				
Plains Public	20.2	14.1	.12	0	10	20	30	50	474	.7	.330	.050
Carnegie Class	20.2	14.8	.06	0	10	20	30	50	58,636	.7	.334	.046
NSSE 2013	20.0	14.5	.03	0	10	20	30	50	196,786	.9	.189	.062
Top 50%	23.4	15.0	.06	0	10	20	35	55	62,644	-2.5	.000	-.165
Top 10%	26.7	16.4	.17	0	15	25	40	60	500	-5.7	.000	-.351
Effective Teaching Practices												
UNK (N = 451)	38.7	12.6	.59	20	28	40	48	60				
Plains Public	38.9	12.9	.11	20	32	40	48	60	14,353	-.2	.784	-.013
Carnegie Class	41.3	13.5	.06	20	32	40	52	60	458	-2.6	.000	-.191
NSSE 2013	40.4	13.3	.03	20	32	40	52	60	452	-1.7	.004	-.129
Top 50%	42.8	13.3	.05	20	35	44	56	60	457	-4.1	.000	-.307
Top 10%	44.7	13.8	.10	20	36	48	60	60	478	-6.0	.000	-.431
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UNK (N = 412)	40.2	13.0	.64	16	32	42	50	60				
Plains Public	42.4	11.7	.10	20	36	44	50	60	433	-2.2	.001	-.187
Carnegie Class	42.1	12.6	.06	18	34	44	52	60	52,313	-1.9	.002	-.153
NSSE 2013	41.7	12.5	.03	18	34	44	50	60	173,927	-1.6	.012	-.124
Top 50%	44.3	11.6	.05	22	38	46	53	60	415	-4.2	.000	-.359
Top 10%	46.3	12.0	.09	23	40	48	56	60	429	-6.1	.000	-.507
Supportive Environment												
UNK (N = 375)	36.8	13.5	.70	15	28	38	48	60				
Plains Public	36.7	13.3	.12	15	28	38	45	60	12,391	.1	.861	.009
Carnegie Class	37.1	14.2	.06	13	28	38	48	60	50,408	-.3	.645	-.024
NSSE 2013	37.2	14.0	.03	14	28	38	48	60	167,600	-.4	.589	-.028
Top 50%	39.5	13.2	.05	18	30	40	50	60	78,510	-2.8	.000	-.210
Top 10%	41.4	12.9	.10	20	33	43	53	60	15,767	-4.6	.000	-.359

a. Results weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI is the range of values that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean, equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 * SEM.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SEM ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UNK (N = 429)	40.6	13.6	.66	20	35	40	50	60				
Plains Public	39.2	13.8	.10	15	30	40	50	60	18,507	1.4	.041	.100
Carnegie Class	41.8	13.9	.05	20	35	40	55	60	71,591	-1.2	.067	-.089
NSSE 2013	41.3	14.0	.03	20	30	40	55	60	430	-.7	.269	-.052
Top 50%	43.5	13.7	.05	20	35	40	55	60	432	-2.9	.000	-.212
Top 10%	45.3	13.6	.08	20	40	45	60	60	442	-4.7	.000	-.344
Reflective and Integrative Learning												
UNK (N = 446)	38.3	13.1	.62	17	29	40	49	60				
Plains Public	37.1	12.7	.09	17	29	37	46	60	19,141	1.2	.056	.092
Carnegie Class	39.2	12.9	.05	20	31	40	49	60	74,220	-.9	.122	-.073
NSSE 2013	38.9	13.0	.03	17	29	40	49	60	243,783	-.6	.311	-.048
Top 50%	41.1	12.6	.04	20	31	40	51	60	89,838	-2.8	.000	-.223
Top 10%	43.1	12.6	.08	20	34	43	54	60	24,498	-4.8	.000	-.379
Learning Strategies												
UNK (N = 410)	38.4	14.6	.72	13	27	40	47	60				
Plains Public	37.9	14.8	.11	13	27	40	47	60	17,662	.4	.559	.029
Carnegie Class	41.4	14.6	.06	20	33	40	53	60	68,525	-3.1	.000	-.210
NSSE 2013	40.7	14.7	.03	13	33	40	53	60	223,235	-2.4	.001	-.160
Top 50%	43.2	14.4	.04	20	33	40	60	60	106,059	-4.8	.000	-.334
Top 10%	45.4	14.0	.08	20	40	47	60	60	31,630	-7.0	.000	-.502
Quantitative Reasoning												
UNK (N = 433)	27.9	16.7	.80	0	20	27	40	60				
Plains Public	29.5	16.6	.12	0	20	27	40	60	18,808	-1.6	.053	-.094
Carnegie Class	28.9	17.4	.06	0	20	27	40	60	72,975	-1.0	.220	-.059
NSSE 2013	29.7	17.3	.04	0	20	27	40	60	239,020	-1.8	.029	-.105
Top 50%	31.1	17.2	.05	0	20	33	40	60	133,313	-3.3	.000	-.189
Top 10%	32.5	17.0	.09	0	20	33	40	60	36,565	-4.6	.000	-.273
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UNK (N = 452)	31.6	14.0	.66	10	20	30	40	60				
Plains Public	32.6	14.3	.10	10	20	30	40	60	19,338	-1.0	.153	-.068
Carnegie Class	30.0	15.3	.06	5	20	30	40	60	457	1.7	.012	.109
NSSE 2013	31.7	14.6	.03	10	20	30	40	60	246,633	-.1	.898	-.006
Top 50%	35.0	13.8	.04	15	25	35	45	60	101,329	-3.4	.000	-.244
Top 10%	37.5	13.5	.11	15	25	40	50	60	15,510	-5.9	.000	-.436
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UNK (N = 408)	39.5	16.2	.80	15	25	40	55	60				
Plains Public	39.6	15.9	.12	15	30	40	55	60	17,805	-.1	.940	-.004
Carnegie Class	41.2	16.5	.06	15	30	40	60	60	69,016	-1.6	.046	-.099
NSSE 2013	41.8	16.1	.03	15	30	40	60	60	225,087	-2.3	.005	-.140
Top 50%	44.1	15.9	.05	20	35	45	60	60	121,685	-4.6	.000	-.288
Top 10%	45.8	15.6	.08	20	40	50	60	60	37,362	-6.3	.000	-.403

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SEM ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UNK (N = 435)	26.6	16.7	.80	5	15	25	40	60				
Plains Public	23.6	15.7	.12	0	10	20	35	55	453	3.1	.000	.195
Carnegie Class	23.0	16.6	.06	0	10	20	35	55	72,815	3.7	.000	.220
NSSE 2013	23.2	16.3	.03	0	10	20	35	55	239,165	3.4	.000	.211
Top 50%	29.7	16.1	.07	5	20	30	40	60	441	-3.0	.000	-.189
Top 10%	34.6	16.0	.21	10	20	35	45	60	6,476	-7.9	.000	-.495
Effective Teaching Practices												
UNK (N = 439)	41.5	13.0	.62	20	32	40	52	60				
Plains Public	39.4	13.3	.10	16	32	40	48	60	18,976	2.1	.001	.158
Carnegie Class	41.9	13.8	.05	20	32	40	52	60	444	-.4	.508	-.030
NSSE 2013	41.1	13.8	.03	16	32	40	52	60	241,309	.4	.526	.030
Top 50%	43.3	13.7	.05	20	36	44	56	60	87,069	-1.8	.007	-.128
Top 10%	45.3	13.5	.11	20	36	48	60	60	15,711	-3.8	.000	-.281
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UNK (N = 404)	43.9	10.6	.53	26	38	45	52	60				
Plains Public	42.6	11.2	.09	22	36	44	50	60	17,123	1.3	.025	.112
Carnegie Class	43.3	12.1	.05	20	36	44	52	60	410	.6	.257	.050
NSSE 2013	42.8	11.9	.03	20	36	44	52	60	405	1.1	.042	.090
Top 50%	45.8	11.5	.04	24	40	48	55	60	409	-1.9	.000	-.166
Top 10%	47.6	11.6	.08	24	42	50	58	60	20,968	-3.8	.000	-.326
Supportive Environment												
UNK (N = 381)	33.7	12.6	.65	15	25	33	40	55				
Plains Public	32.4	13.6	.11	10	23	33	40	58	401	1.3	.052	.094
Carnegie Class	33.1	14.7	.06	10	23	33	43	60	386	.6	.367	.040
NSSE 2013	33.1	14.4	.03	10	23	33	43	60	382	.6	.356	.041
Top 50%	36.2	13.7	.05	13	28	38	45	60	384	-2.5	.000	-.183
Top 10%	39.1	13.1	.12	18	30	40	50	60	12,828	-5.5	.000	-.419

a. Results weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI is the range of values that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean, equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 * SEM.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.