

University of Nebraska at Kearney

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#### **About This Report**

### **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 broad themes as shown at right. The specific items within each EI are listed below, starting on page 5.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
	Higher-Order Learning
Academic Challenge	Reflective & Integrative Learning
	Learning Strategies
	Quantitative Reasoning
Lograing with Books	Collaborative Learning
Learning with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction
Experiences with ruculty	Effective Teaching Practices
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions
Campus Environment	Supportive Environment

#### **Report Sections**

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your 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.

#### Performance on Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized 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 2021 and 2022 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. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2018). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

Els 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 El scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. Your NSSE Tableau dashboards and Report Builder (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 website: nsse.indiana.edu

Rocconi, L.M., & Gonyea, R.M. (2018). Contextualizing effect sizes in the National Survey of Student Engagement: An empirical analysis. Research & Practice in Assessment, 13 (Summer/Fall), pp. 22-38.



#### Overview

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### **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 broad 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.
- $\triangle$  Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- -- No significant difference.
- $\nabla$  Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- **Vour students' average** was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to your institutional context. You may not see all of these symbols in your report.

First-Year Students		Your first-year students compared with	Your first-year students compared with	Your first-year students compared with	
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Peer Institutions	Plains Public	NSSE 2021 & 2022	
	Higher-Order Learning				
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Challenge	Learning Strategies	Δ			
	Quantitative Reasoning				
Learning with	Collaborative Learning		<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others				
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	Δ		<b>A</b>	
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	Δ			
Campus	Quality of Interactions	Δ		Δ	
Environment	Supportive Environment	Δ	Δ	Δ	
Seniors		Your seniors compared with	Your seniors compared with	Your seniors compared with	
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Peer Institutions	Plains Public	NSSE 2021 & 2022	
	Higher-Order Learning				
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Challenge	Learning Strategies				
	Quantitative Reasoning		$\nabla$	$\nabla$	
Learning with	Collaborative Learning				
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others				
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Campus	Quality of Interactions			Δ	
Environment	Supportive Environment		$\triangle$		



## **Academic Challenge**

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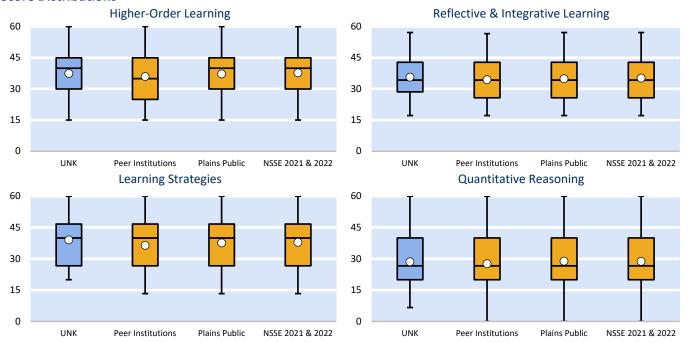
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			Effect		Effect		Effect
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size
Higher-Order Learning	37.5	36.1	.11	37.2	.02	37.8	02
Reflective & Integrative Learning	35.7	34.5	.11	34.9	.06	35.3	.04
Learning Strategies	39.0	36.4 **	.18	37.6	.10	37.9	.08
Quantitative Reasoning	28.6	27.6	.06	28.9	02	28.7	01

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Higher-Order Learning	UNK	Peer Institutions	Plains Public	NSSE 2021 & 2022
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	70	+6	+1	+1
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	66	+2	-1	-2
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	69	+3	+2	-0
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	72	+6	+4	+2
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	58	+9	+7	+8
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	51	+2	-0	-1
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	50	-2	-1	-3
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	62	-0	-0	-1
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	72	+3	+1	+1
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	68	+5	+2	+2
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	79	+3	+1	+2
Learning Strategies		·		-
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	72	+5	+2	-0
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	74	+11	+8	+8
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	70	+9	+6	+6
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	49	-0	-3	-3
Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	43	+3	+0	+0
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	44	+6	+3	+3

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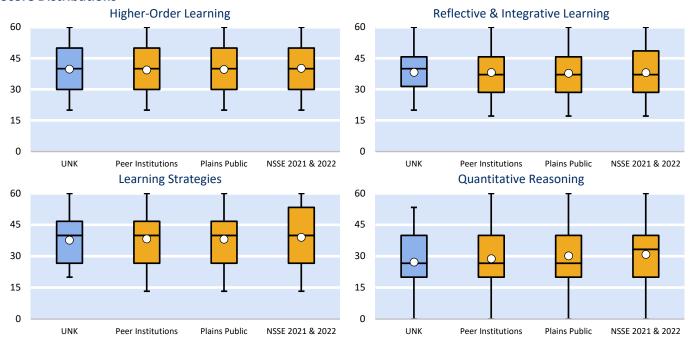
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Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	39.8	39.4	.03	39.7	.01	40.2	03
Reflective & Integrative Learning	38.3	38.2	.01	37.8	.04	38.1	.01
Learning Strategies	37.7	38.3	04	38.1	03	39.0	09
Quantitative Reasoning	27.2	28.8	10	30.1 **	18	30.9 ***	22

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Higher-Order Learning	UNK	Peer Institutions	Plains Public	NSSE 2021 & 2022
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized		Institutions	Fidilis Fublic	2022
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4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	74	-2	-2	-2
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	76	+4	+3	+1
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	76	+5	+5	+4
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	73	+3	+1	-0
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	71	+2	+3	+4
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	67	+4	+6	+6
Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course 2c. discussions or assignments	54	-2	+1	-0
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	66	-2	-0	-1
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	75	+1	+3	+2
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	70	+1	+1	-1
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	85	+1	+1	+3
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	75	-0	+0	-1
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	64	+1	+2	-0
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	67	+1	+2	+0
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	47	-5	-8	-10
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	41	-3	-5	-7
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	41	+0	-3	-5

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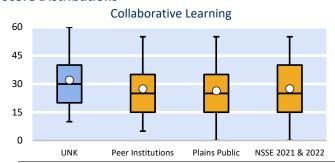
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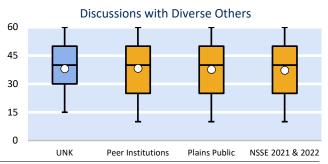
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	UNK	Peer Institutions  Effect	Plains Public Effect	NSSE 2021 & 2022 Effect			
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean size	Mean size	Mean size			
Collaborative Learning	32.0	27.4 *** .32	26.4 *** .38	27.5 *** .31			
Discussions with Diverse Others	38.1	38.201	37.6 .03	37.1 .06			

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		Peer		NSSE 2021 &	
Collaborative Learning	UNK	Institutions	Plains Public	2022	
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%				
1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	50	+7	+10	+8	
1c. Explained course material to one or more students	53	+8	+9	+8	
${\bf 1d.} \ \ Prepared \ for exams \ by \ discussing \ or \ working \ through \ course \ material \ with \ other \ students$	51	+14	+15	+14	
1e. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	56	+12	+14	+11	
Discussions with Diverse Others					
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with					
8a. People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	64	-2	+1	-3	
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	71	+2	+4	+4	
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	67	+3	+3	+5	
8d. People with political views other than your own	65	-1	+1	+7	

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# Learning with Peers

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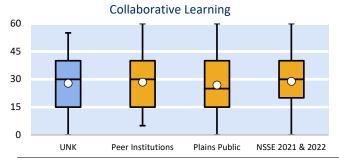
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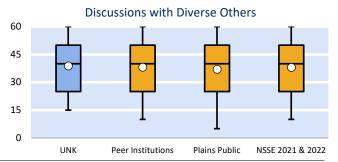
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Collaborative Learning	UNK	Institutions	Plains Public	2022	
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1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	39	+1	+4	+1	
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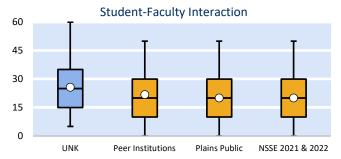
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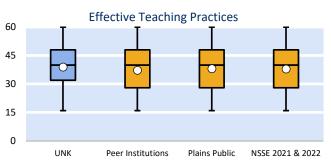
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Effective Teaching Practices	38.8	37.2 * .12	38.0 .06	37.9 .07

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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%				
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	52	+12	+14	+17	
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	30	+7	+11	+11	
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	33	+8	+11	+9	
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	40	+8	+12	+11	
Effective Teaching Practices					
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have					
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	78	+5	+2	+3	
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	77	+7	+4	+5	
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	73	+4	+1	+2	
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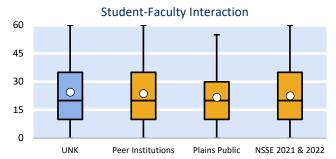
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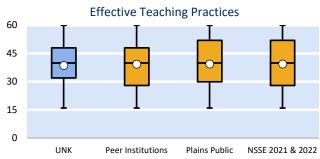
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3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	50	+6		+11		+10	
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	32	+5		+8		+6	
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	30		-0	+3	l	+1	)
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	33	1	-1	+3		+1	
Effective Teaching Practices							
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have							
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	78	į į	-0	l	-1	I	-1
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	76	+1		l	-1	+1	)
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	73	1	-1	l	-2	I	-2
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	63	ĺ	-1	+1	Ì	+0	
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	66	+1		+2	1	+2	)

a. Percentage point difference = Institution percentage—Comparison group percentage. Because results are rounded to whole numbers, differences of less than 1 point may or may not display a bar. Small, but nonzero differences may be represented as +0 or -0.



# Campus Environment

# **University of Nebraska at Kearney**

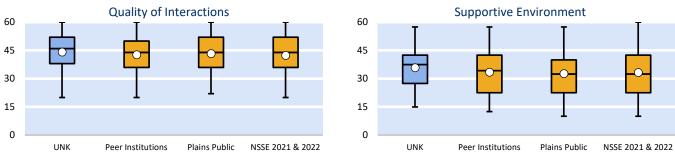
### **Campus Environment: First-year students**

Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons		Your first-year students compared with									
	UNK	Peer Inst		Plains		NSSE 202					
			Effect		Effect		Effect				
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size				
Quality of Interactions	44.2	42.7 *	.12	43.4	.07	42.4 *	.14				
Supportive Environment	35.8	33.4 **	.18	32.7 ***	.23	33.3 ***	.18				

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

#### **Score Distributions**



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#### **Performance on Indicator Items**

The table below displays how your students responded to each EI item, and the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison group. Blue bars indicate how much higher your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group. Dark red bars indicate how much lower your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group.

		Percentage point difference <sup>a</sup> between your FY students an					
		Peer		NSSE 2021 &			
Quality of Interactions	UNK	Institutions	Plains Public	2022			
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with	%						
13a. Students	60	+14	+8	+10			
13b. Academic advisors	59	+3	+1	+5			
13c. Faculty	56	+5	+4	+5 📜			
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	53	+6	+6 📜	+7			
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	53	+5	+4	+8			
Supportive Environment		·		•			
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized							
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	75	+5	+4	+5			
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	73	+3	+3	+2			
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	60	+3	+5	+2			
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	76	+10	+12	+12			
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	71	+7	+8	+9			
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	40	+3	+5	+3			
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	67	+8	+11	+11			
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	47	+5	+8	+4			

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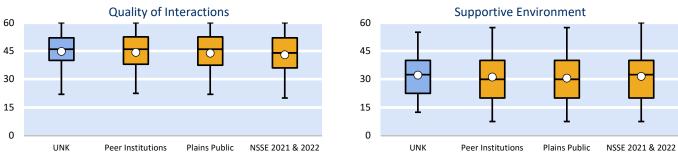
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Mean Comparisons		Your seniors compared with										
	UNK	Peer In	stitutions	Plains	Public	NSSE 202	21 & 2022					
			Effect		Effect		Effect					
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size					
Quality of Interactions	44.8	44.3	.05	43.9	.07	43.0 *	.14					
Supportive Environment	32.3	31.3	.07	30.6 *	.12	31.6	.05					

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		Percentage poin	nt difference <sup>a</sup> between y	our seniors and
		Peer		NSSE 2021 &
Quality of Interactions	UNK	Institutions	Plains Public	2022
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with	%			
13a. Students	59	+1	+1	+2
13b. Academic advisors	62	+2	+4	+7
13c. Faculty	61	+4	+5 📜	+4
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	46	( -1	-1	+0
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	53	+3	+3	+6
Supportive Environment		·	•	
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	70	+3	+3	+2
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	65	+4	+2	+1
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	55	+1	+4	+1
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	68	+4	+8	+7
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	67	+7	+10	+9
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	31	+0	+0	-1
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	52	+2	+4	+1
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	46	+8	+9	+6

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# Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions University of Nebraska at Kearney

## Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see **go.iu.edu/NSSE-PnP**), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE a for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2021 and 2022 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2021 and 2022 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 ( $\checkmark$ ) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily 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.

ırst-year	rst-Year Students			Your first-year stude	nts compared with	า	
		UNK	NSSE	Top 50%	NSSE T	op 10%	
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size ✓	Mean	Effect size	$\checkmark$
	Higher-Order Learning	37.5	39.2 *	13	42.1 ***	35	
Academic	Reflective and Integrative Learning	35.7	36.9	10 ✓	39.2 ***	30	
Challenge	Learning Strategies	39.0	39.6	04 ✓	42.9 ***	27	
	Quantitative Reasoning	28.6	30.2	10	33.3 ***	30	
Learning	Collaborative Learning	32.0	31.8	.02 ✓	35.4 ***	25	
with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	38.1	39.8 *	12	42.6 ***	32	
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	25.6	24.3	.09 ✓	27.8 *	14	
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	38.8	40.3	11	43.3 ***	33	
Campus	Quality of Interactions	44.2	45.1	08 ✓	48.2 ***	32	
Environment	Supportive Environment	35.8	35.9	01 ✓	39.1 ***	25	

Seniors				Your seniors co	mpared with	
		UNK	NSSE 7	Гор 50%	NSSE T	op 10%
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size ✓	Mean	Effect size ✓
	Higher-Order Learning	39.8	41.9 **	15	44.2 ***	34
Academic	Reflective and Integrative Learning	38.3	40.3 **	16	42.7 ***	38
Challenge	Learning Strategies	37.7	41.1 ***	24	43.4 ***	41
	Quantitative Reasoning	27.2	32.4 ***	32	35.3 ***	51
Learning	Collaborative Learning	27.9	34.0 ***	42	37.9 ***	72
with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	38.8	40.4	10 ✓	43.2 ***	29
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	24.4	28.8 ***	27	33.2 ***	55
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	38.6	41.9 ***	24	44.5 ***	43
Campus	Quality of Interactions	44.8	45.6	06 ✓	48.0 ***	25
Environmen	•	32.3	34.3 *	13	37.4 ***	36

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

a. Precision-weighted means were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2021 and 2022 institutions, separately by class. 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.

 $b.\ Check\ marks\ are\ assigned\ to\ comparisons\ that\ are\ either\ positive\ or\ non-significant\ with\ an\ effect\ size > -.10.$ 



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> University of Nebraska at Kearney

# **Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students**

_	Mea	n statisti	cs		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> scc	res			mparison	results	
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SE <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
Academic Challenge	Wicum			3111	2501	30111	7501	33111	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	35-	9-	
Higher-Order Learning												
UNK (N = 311)	37.5	13.0	.74	15	30	40	45	60				
Peer Institutions	36.1	13.2	.21	15	25	35	45	60	4,191	1.4	.069	.107
Plains Public	37.2	13.3	.13	15	30	40	45	60	10,520	.2	.752	.018
NSSE 2021 & 2022	37.8	13.5	.03	15	30	40	45	60	210,044	3	.694	022
Top 50%	39.2	13.3	.04	20	30	40	50	60	108,171	-1.8	.018	134
Top 10%	42.1	13.0	.12	20	35	40	55	60	12,178	-4.6	.000	352
Reflective & Integrative Learnin	g											
UNK $(N = 340)$	35.7	11.6	.63	17	29	34	43	57				
Peer Institutions	34.5	12.0	.18	17	26	34	43	57	4,539	1.3	.061	.106
Plains Public	34.9	11.9	.11	17	26	34	43	57	11,219	.8	.242	.064
NSSE 2021 & 2022	35.3	12.3	.03	17	26	34	43	57	228,267	.4	.499	.037
Top 50%	36.9	12.1	.04	17	29	37	46	60	108,116	-1.2	.069	099
Top 10%	39.2	11.8	.10	20	31	40	49	60	15,052	-3.5	.000	296
Learning Strategies												
UNK $(N = 298)$	39.0	13.4	.78	20	27	40	47	60				
Peer Institutions	36.4	14.1	.23	13	27	40	47	60	353	2.6	.001	.185
Plains Public	37.6	14.1	.14	13	27	40	47	60	317	1.4	.070	.102
NSSE 2021 & 2022	37.9	14.0	.03	13	27	40	47	60	195,243	1.1	.176	.079
Top 50%	39.6	14.1	.04	20	27	40	53	60	98,328	5	.516	038
Top 10%	42.9	14.3	.11	20	33	40	60	60	308	-3.9	.000	273
Quantitative Reasoning												
UNK $(N = 304)$	28.6	15.3	.88	7	20	27	40	60				
Peer Institutions	27.6	15.4	.25	0	20	27	40	60	3,991	.9	.303	.061
Plains Public	28.9	15.4	.16	0	20	27	40	60	10,066	3	.750	019
NSSE 2021 & 2022	28.7	15.5	.03	0	20	27	40	60	198,026	2	.847	011
Top 50%	30.2	15.3	.05	7	20	27	40	60	113,634	-1.6	.068	105
Top 10%	33.3	15.5	.13	7	20	33	40	60	14,991	-4.7	.000	303
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UNK $(N = 357)$	32.0	14.6	.77	10	20	30	40	60				
Peer Institutions	27.4	14.7	.22	5	15	25	35	55	4,828	4.7	.000	.317
Plains Public	26.4	15.1	.14	0	15	25	35	55	11,901	5.7	.000	.376
NSSE 2021 & 2022	27.5	15.0	.03	0	15	25	40	55	246,876	4.6	.000	.306
Top 50%	31.8	13.8	.04	10	20	30	40	60	99,958	.2	.773	.015
Top 10%	35.4	13.5	.10	15	25	35	45	60	369	-3.4	.000	251
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UNK $(N = 295)$	38.1	15.2	.88	15	30	40	50	60				
Peer Institutions	38.2	15.6	.26	10	25	40	50	60	3,973	1	.896	008
Plains Public	37.6	16.0	.16	10	25	40	50	60	10,021	.4	.653	.027
NSSE 2021 & 2022	37.1	16.1	.04	10	25	40	50	60	196,486	.9	.327	.057
Top 50%	39.8	15.1	.05	15	30	40	55	60	90,655	-1.8	.044	117
Top 10%	42.6	14.2	.13	20	35	40	55	60	12,043	-4.5	.000	317



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> University of Nebraska at Kearney

### **Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students**

	Mea	n statisti	CS		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores		Comparison results			
									Deg. of	Mean		Effect
	Mean	SD b	SE c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size <sup>g</sup>
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UNK $(N = 324)$	25.6	15.6	.86	5	15	25	35	60				
Peer Institutions	21.7	14.8	.23	0	10	20	30	50	4,366	3.9	.000	.262
Plains Public	20.0	14.5	.14	0	10	20	30	50	340	5.6	.000	.389
NSSE 2021 & 2022	20.0	14.8	.03	0	10	20	30	50	324	5.6	.000	.382
Top 50%	24.3	15.1	.06	5	15	20	35	55	54,819	1.3	.124	.086
Top 10%	27.8	15.3	.16	5	15	25	40	60	9,615	-2.2	.011	143
Effective Teaching Practices												
UNK $(N = 312)$	38.8	13.5	.77	16	32	40	48	60				
Peer Institutions	37.2	13.7	.22	16	28	40	48	60	4,214	1.6	.045	.118
Plains Public	38.0	13.6	.13	16	28	40	48	60	10,519	.8	.305	.059
NSSE 2021 & 2022	37.9	13.7	.03	16	28	40	48	60	209,448	.9	.224	.069
Top 50%	40.3	13.8	.05	16	32	40	52	60	75,325	-1.5	.061	106
Top 10%	43.3	13.7	.13	20	36	44	56	60	12,114	-4.5	.000	327
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UNK $(N = 282)$	44.2	11.8	.70	20	38	46	52	60				
Peer Institutions	42.7	11.8	.20	20	36	44	50	60	3,734	1.5	.047	.123
Plains Public	43.4	11.9	.13	22	36	44	52	60	9,275	.8	.258	.068
NSSE 2021 & 2022	42.4	12.4	.03	20	36	44	52	60	177,506	1.7	.018	.141
Top 50%	45.1	11.9	.05	22	38	48	54	60	60,308	-1.0	.175	081
Top 10%	48.2	12.5	.12	23	42	50	60	60	11,877	-4.0	.000	324
Supportive Environment												
UNK $(N = 289)$	35.8	12.5	.74	15	28	38	43	58				
Peer Institutions	33.4	13.4	.23	13	23	34	43	58	3,828	2.4	.004	.178
Plains Public	32.7	13.5	.14	10	23	33	40	58	309	3.1	.000	.232
NSSE 2021 & 2022	33.3	14.0	.03	10	23	33	43	60	289	2.5	.001	.178
Top 50%	35.9	13.6	.05	13	26	38	45	60	291	1	.852	010
Top 10%	39.1	13.3	.15	18	30	40	50	60	7,998	-3.3	.000	249

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

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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 (equal to the sample mean  $\pm$ 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

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<sup>a</sup> University of Nebraska at Kearney

**Detailed Statistics: Seniors** 

_	Mea	n statisti	cs		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores		Co	mparison	results	
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SE <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
Academic Challenge	Wicum			501	25(11	30111	7501	<i>33th</i>	j.ccao	۵.,,,	o.g.	5.20
Higher-Order Learning												
UNK (N = 255)	39.8	12.3	.77	20	30	40	50	60				
Peer Institutions	39.4	13.6	.21	20	30	40	50	60	292	.4	.591	.032
Plains Public	39.7	13.6	.13	20	30	40	50	60	269	.2	.823	.013
NSSE 2021 & 2022	40.2	14.0	.03	20	30	40	50	60	255	4	.625	027
Top 50%	41.9	13.7	.05	20	35	40	55	60	256	-2.1	.008	150
Top 10%	44.2	13.1	.15	20	35	45	60	60	275	-4.4	.000	337
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UNK $(N = 263)$	38.3	11.3	.70	20	31	40	46	60				
Peer Institutions	38.2	12.6	.19	17	29	37	46	60	300	.1	.907	.007
Plains Public	37.8	12.8	.12	17	29	37	46	60	277	.5	.493	.038
NSSE 2021 & 2022	38.1	13.0	.03	17	29	37	49	60	262	.2	.798	.014
Top 50%	40.3	12.5	.05	20	31	40	50	60	264	-2.0	.005	158
Top 10%	42.7	11.7	.14	23	34	43	51	60	7,148	-4.4	.000	379
Learning Strategies												
UNK (N = 249)	37.7	12.8	.81	20	27	40	47	60				
Peer Institutions	38.3	14.6	.23	13	27	40	47	60	288	6	.477	041
Plains Public	38.1	14.8	.15	13	27	40	47	60	265	5	.567	032
NSSE 2021 & 2022	39.0	14.8	.03	13	27	40	53	60	249	-1.4	.096	092
Top 50%	41.1	14.6	.05	20	33	40	53	60	250	-3.4	.000	236
Top 10%	43.4	14.2	.12	20	33	40	60	60	259	-5.8	.000	409
Quantitative Reasoning												
UNK (N = 246)	27.2	15.4	.98	0	20	27	40	53				
Peer Institutions	28.8	16.4	.25	0	20	27	40	60	278	-1.6	.119	097
Plains Public	30.1	16.2	.16	0	20	27	40	60	258	-3.0	.003	183
NSSE 2021 & 2022	30.9	16.6	.04	0	20	33	40	60	246	-3.7	.000	223
Top 50%	32.4	16.5	.05	7	20	33	40	60	246	-5.3	.000	321
Top 10%	35.3	16.0	.15	7	20	33	47	60	11,540	-8.2	.000	512
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UNK $(N = 271)$	27.9	15.6	.95	0	15	30	40	55				
Peer Institutions	28.5	15.7	.23	5	15	30	40	60	4,994	6	.562	036
Plains Public	27.0	16.0	.15	0	15	25	40	60	11,998	1.0	.330	.060
NSSE 2021 & 2022	29.0	16.2	.03	0	20	30	40	60	224,943	-1.1	.282	065
Top 50%	34.0	14.6	.05	10	25	35	45	60	76,547	-6.1	.000	418
Top 10%	37.9	13.7	.14	15	30	40	50	60	281	-9.9	.000	723
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UNK (N = 250)	38.8	14.8	.93	15	25	40	50	60				
Peer Institutions	38.2	16.3	.25	10	25	40	50	60	287	.7	.489	.041
Plains Public	37.1	16.4	.16	5	25	40	50	60	265	1.8	.064	.108
NSSE 2021 & 2022	38.1	16.5	.04	10	25	40	50	60	250	.8	.413	.046
Top 50%	40.4	15.9	.05	15	30	40	55	60	87,041	-1.5	.124	097
Top 10%	43.2	15.1	.16	20	35	45	60	60	8,893	-4.4	.000	290
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## **Detailed Statistics: Seniors**

	Mea	n statisti	ics		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores		Comparison results			
								<del></del>	Deg. of	Mean		Effect
	Mean	SD b	SE c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. f	size <sup>g</sup>
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UNK $(N = 260)$	24.4	16.3	1.01	0	10	20	35	60				
Peer Institutions	23.6	16.3	.24	0	10	20	35	60	4,724	.8	.437	.050
Plains Public	21.7	15.9	.15	0	10	20	30	55	11,289	2.7	.006	.172
NSSE 2021 & 2022	22.5	16.3	.04	0	10	20	35	60	207,363	2.0	.054	.120
Top 50%	28.8	16.2	.08	5	15	25	40	60	37,967	-4.4	.000	268
Top 10%	33.2	16.1	.23	10	20	35	45	60	5,062	-8.8	.000	547
Effective Teaching Practices												
UNK $(N = 253)$	38.6	12.7	.80	16	32	40	48	60				
Peer Institutions	39.2	13.9	.21	16	28	40	48	60	288	6	.453	045
Plains Public	39.4	14.0	.13	16	30	40	52	60	267	8	.342	055
NSSE 2021 & 2022	39.4	14.5	.03	16	28	40	52	60	253	8	.334	053
Top 50%	41.9	14.1	.06	16	32	40	56	60	255	-3.3	.000	235
Top 10%	44.5	13.6	.13	20	36	44	56	60	267	-5.8	.000	431
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UNK $(N = 229)$	44.8	11.1	.73	22	40	46	52	60				
Peer Institutions	44.3	11.6	.19	23	38	46	53	60	4,042	.5	.494	.047
Plains Public	43.9	12.0	.12	22	38	46	53	60	241	.9	.230	.074
NSSE 2021 & 2022	43.0	12.7	.03	20	36	44	52	60	229	1.8	.015	.142
Top 50%	45.6	12.3	.05	22	38	48	56	60	230	8	.285	064
Top 10%	48.0	12.5	.09	22	40	50	60	60	235	-3.2	.000	252
Supportive Environment												
UNK $(N = 242)$	32.3	12.0	.77	13	23	33	40	55				
Peer Institutions	31.3	14.1	.22	8	20	30	40	58	282	1.0	.208	.073
Plains Public	30.6	14.1	.14	8	20	30	40	58	257	1.7	.037	.118
NSSE 2021 & 2022	31.6	14.7	.03	8	20	33	40	60	242	.7	.345	.050
Top 50%	34.3	14.7	.06	10	23	35	45	60	244	-2.0	.012	133
Top 10%	37.4	14.5	.18	13	28	38	48	60	269	-5.1	.000	356

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

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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 (equal to the sample mean  $\pm$ 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

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.