
NSSE 2025

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

Theme	Engagement Indicator
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning
	Reflective & 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 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 all current- and prior-year institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-End)

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).

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. 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.

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.
- △ **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.
- ▼ **Your 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

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your first-year students compared with Plains Public	Your first-year students compared with Carnegie Class	Your first-year students compared with NSSE 2024 & 2025
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & 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 2024 & 2025
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & 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

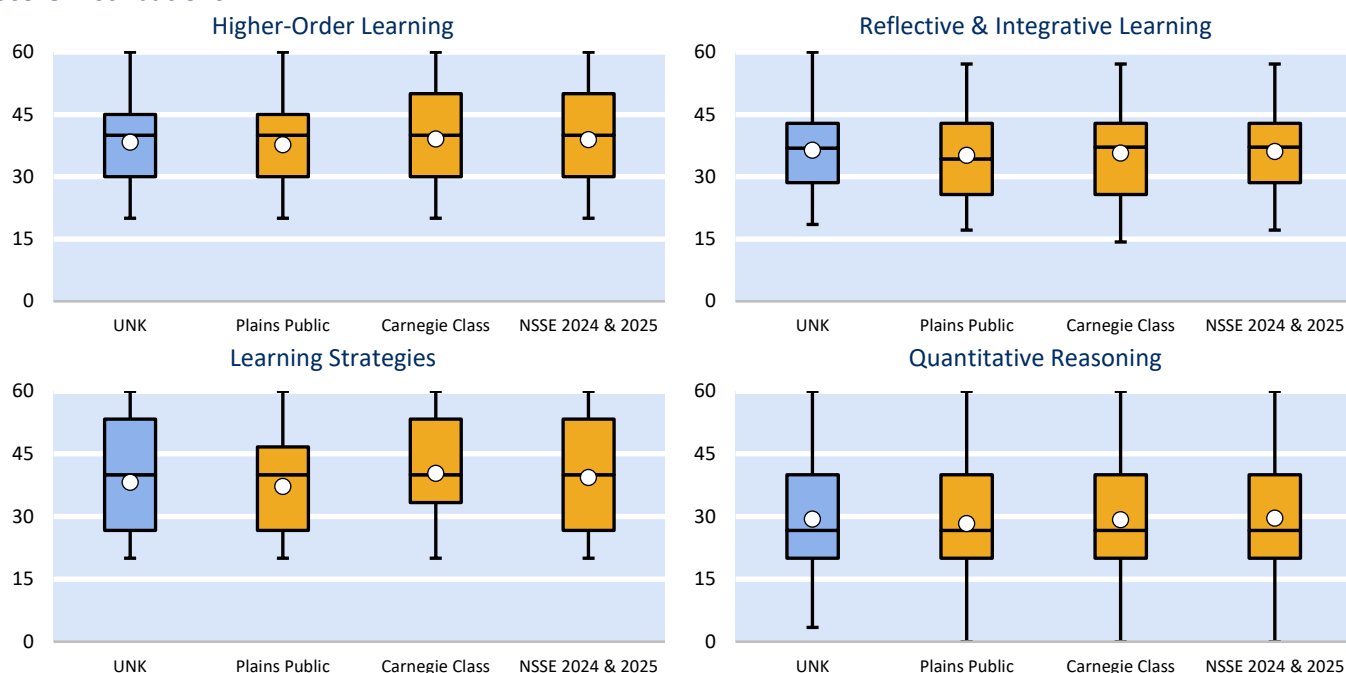
Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote student learning by challenging and supporting them to engage in various forms of deep learning. Four Engagement Indicators are part of this theme: *Higher-Order Learning*, *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 Mean	Effect size	Carnegie Class Mean	Effect size	NSSE 2024 & 2025 Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	38.4	37.7	.05	39.1	-.05	38.9	-.04
Reflective & Integrative Learning	36.4	35.2	.10	35.7	.05	36.1	.03
Learning Strategies	38.2	37.2	.07	40.3 *	-.15	39.3	-.08
Quantitative Reasoning	29.4	28.3	.07	29.2	.01	29.6	-.01

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



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. Refer to Detailed Statistics for your institution's sample sizes.

Academic Challenge: First-year students (continued)

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		Percentage point difference ^a between your FY students and			
	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2024 & 2025	
Higher-Order Learning					
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	72	+2	+0		-0
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	67	+0	-4		-4
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	68	+0	-4		-3
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	68	-2	-4		-4
Reflective & Integrative Learning					
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...					
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	59	+6	+8	+5	
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	55	+4	+2	+2	
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	48	-3	-4	-6	
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	64	+0	-1	-2	
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective	69	-0	-1	-2	
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	69	+3	+1	+0	
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	85	+8	+6	+6	
Learning Strategies					
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...					
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	73	+2	-4	-3	
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	63	+1	-8	-5	
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	66	+4	-5	-2	
Quantitative Reasoning					
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...					
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	54	+3	+0	-1	
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	44	+3	-1	-0	
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	40	+0	-2	-4	

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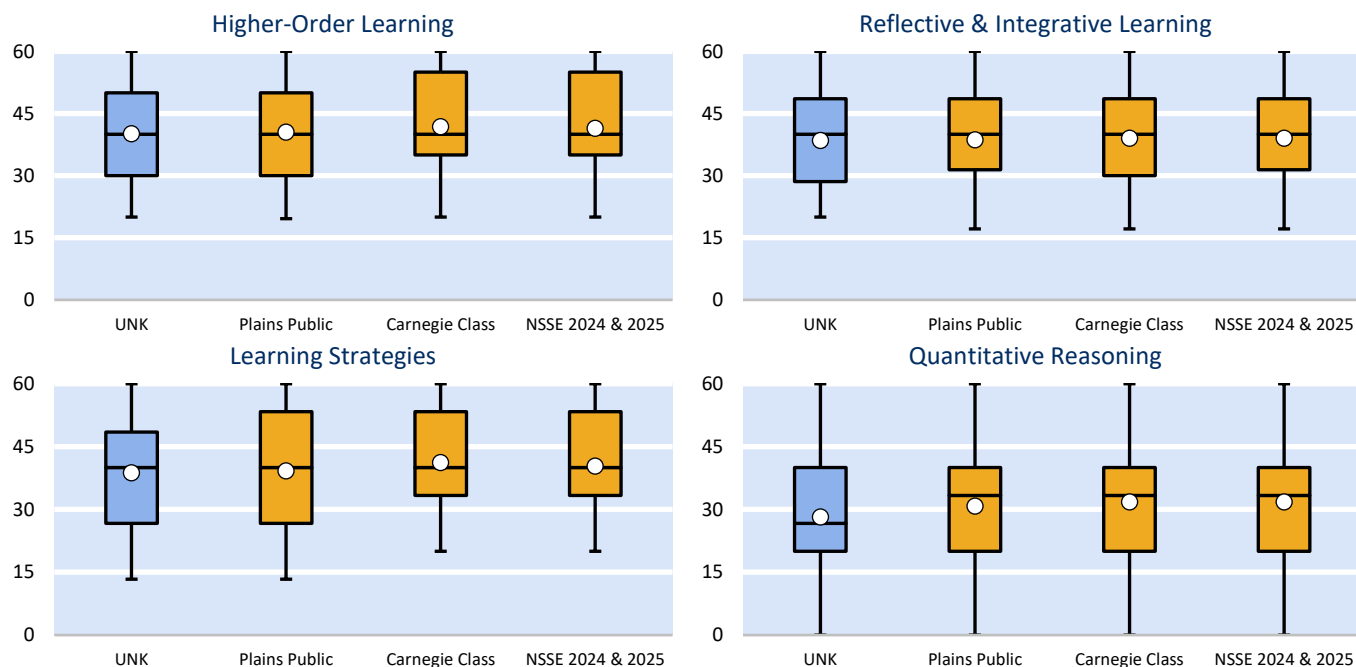
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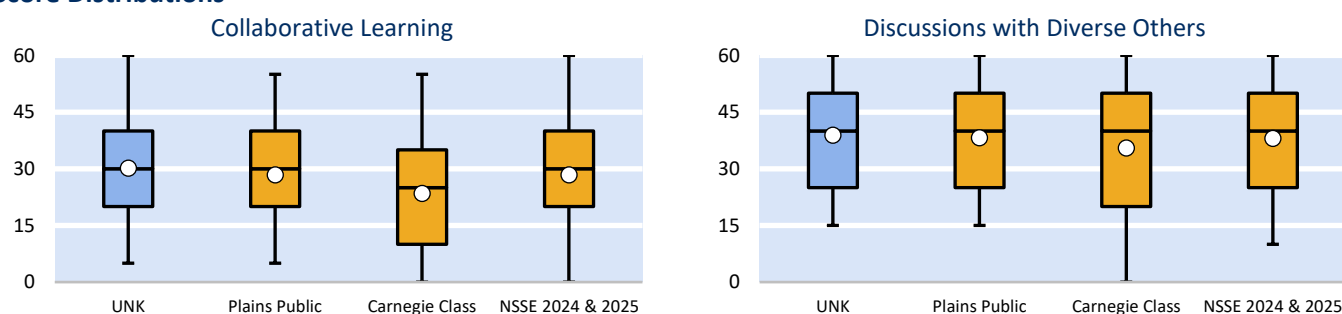
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Engagement Indicator	UNK Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Plains Public Mean	Effect size	Carnegie Class Mean	Effect size	NSSE 2024 & 2025 Mean	Effect size
Collaborative Learning	30.2	28.3	.13	23.4 ***	.40	28.4	.11
Discussions with Diverse Others	38.8	38.2	.04	35.5 **	.19	38.0	.05

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	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2024 & 2025	
Collaborative Learning					
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...					
	%				
1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	43	+0 	+9 	+1 	
1c. Explained course material to one or more students	50	+5 	+13 	+4 	
1d. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	43	+5 	+12 	+3 	
1e. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	51	+3 	+11 	+1 	
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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...					
8a. People of races or ethnicities other than your own	62	-5 	-2 	-7 	
8b. People from economic backgrounds other than your own	72	+3 	+8 	+2 	
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	65	-0 	+6 	+1 	
8d. People with political views other than your own	61	-3 	+7 	+2 	

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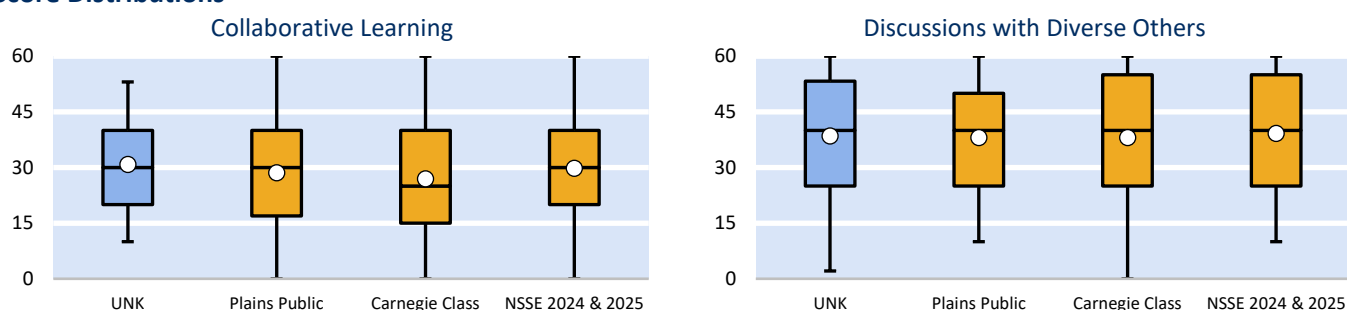
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Discussions with Diverse Others	38.5	38.1	.03	38.1	.03	39.2	-.04

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Collaborative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...				
1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	43	+5	+7	+3
1c. Explained course material to one or more students	52	+3	+7	+1
1d. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	38	+2	+3	-2
1e. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	64	+9	+12	+5
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...				
8a. People of races or ethnicities other than your own	68	+3	-2	-3
8b. People from economic backgrounds other than your own	70	-1	+0	-3
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	61	-5	-2	-4
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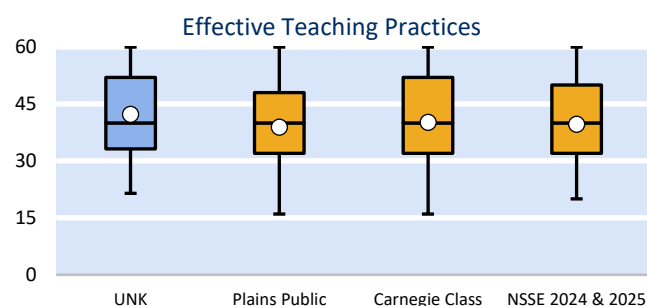
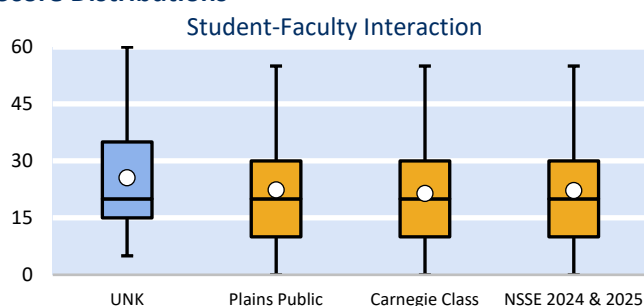
Students learn firsthand how experts think about and solve problems by interacting with faculty members inside and outside of instructional settings. As a result, faculty become role models, mentors, and guides for lifelong learning. In addition, effective teaching requires that faculty deliver course material and provide feedback in student-centered ways. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Student-Faculty Interaction* and *Effective Teaching Practices*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	UNK Mean	Your first-year students compared with				NSSE 2024 & 2025	
		Plains Public Mean	Effect size	Carnegie Class Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Student-Faculty Interaction	25.5	22.3 **	.21	21.4 ***	.27	22.2 **	.22
Effective Teaching Practices	42.3	38.9 ***	.26	40.1 *	.15	39.7 **	.19

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	UNK	Plains Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2024 & 2025
Student-Faculty Interaction				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...				
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	48	+8	+11	+9
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	33	+8	+11	+9
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	26	-1	-0	-2
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	35	+5	-0	+2
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	87	+8	+7	+7
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	83	+9	+8	+8
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	82	+8	+8	+7
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	66	+1	-0	+0
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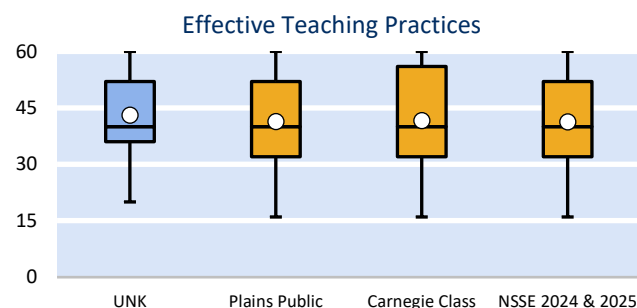
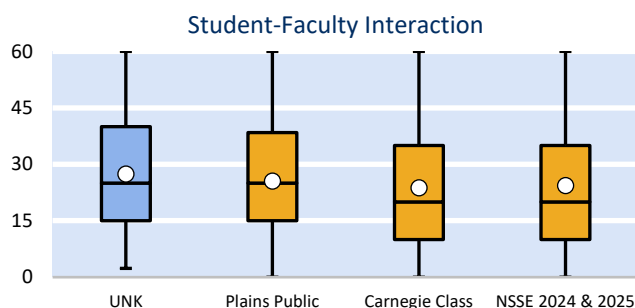
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Student-Faculty Interaction	27.3	25.5	.11	23.7 **	.21	24.3 *	.18
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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...				
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	59	+9	+15	+15
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	40	+9	+14	+11
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	36	+2	+5	+3
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Effective Teaching Practices				
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5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	86	+4	+4	+4
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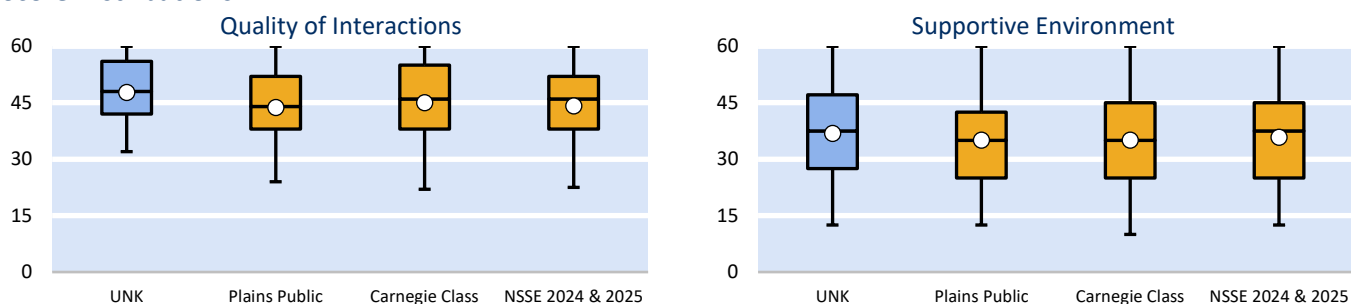
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Quality of Interactions	47.7	43.8 ***	.37	45.0 ***	.22	44.2 ***	.31
Supportive Environment	36.9	35.0	.14	35.1	.13	35.8	.08

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Quality of Interactions					
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...					
13a. Students	65	+17	+13	+12	
13b. Academic advisors	68	+14	+7	+10	
13c. Faculty	65	+9	+5	+8	
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	64	+14	+10	+13	
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	62	+14	+7	+12	
Supportive Environment					
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...					
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	79	+5	+4	+4	
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	77	+5	+2	+2	
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	60	+0	-1	-1	
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	75	+3	+8	+4	
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	75	+6	+7	+5	
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	43	+4	-3	-1	
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	66	+1	+11	+2	
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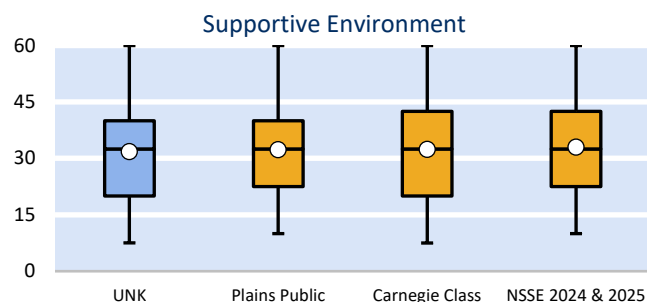
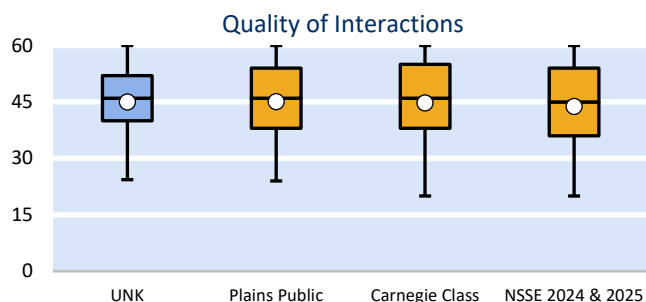
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Supportive Environment	31.8	32.3	-.04	32.4	-.04	33.0	-.08

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13a. Students	55	<div><div></div></div> -4	<div><div></div></div> -4	<div><div></div></div> -5	
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NSSE 2025 Engagement Indicators

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 2024 and 2025 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2024 and 2025 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^b 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.

First-Year Students		UNK Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
Theme	Engagement Indicator		NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	38.4	40.3 *	-.14		42.9 ***	-.35	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	36.4	37.6	-.10		40.0 ***	-.30	
	Learning Strategies	38.2	40.9 *	-.20		43.8 ***	-.39	
	Quantitative Reasoning	29.4	31.2	-.12		33.6 ***	-.27	
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	30.2	33.0 **	-.20		36.2 ***	-.45	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	38.8	40.9	-.14		43.7 ***	-.35	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	25.5	25.7	-.01	✓	29.6 ***	-.26	
	Effective Teaching Practices	42.3	41.7	.04	✓	44.4 *	-.15	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	47.7	46.5	.11	✓	49.1	-.11	
	Supportive Environment	36.9	38.0	-.09	✓	40.6 ***	-.30	
Seniors		UNK Mean	Your seniors compared with					
Theme	Engagement Indicator		NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	40.1	42.9 *	-.21		45.5 ***	-.43	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	38.5	40.9 *	-.19		43.8 ***	-.43	
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Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	30.9	34.9 ***	-.28		38.5 ***	-.56	
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Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	27.3	30.7 *	-.21		34.8 ***	-.46	
	Effective Teaching Practices	43.0	43.4	-.03	✓	46.2 **	-.24	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	45.1	46.3	-.11		49.1 ***	-.33	
	Supportive Environment	31.8	35.9 **	-.28		39.4 ***	-.55	

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a. Precision-weighted means were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all current- and prior-year 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.

NSSE 2025 Engagement Indicators

Detailed Statistics^a

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UNK (N = 187)	38.4	12.9	.94	20	30	40	45	60				
Plains Public	37.7	12.9	.29	20	30	40	45	60	223	.6	.531	.048
Carnegie Class	39.1	13.7	.07	20	30	40	50	60	188	-.7	.446	-.053
NSSE 2024 & 2025	38.9	13.3	.04	20	30	40	50	60	187	-.6	.545	-.043
Top 50%	40.3	13.2	.05	20	30	40	50	60	187	-1.9	.046	-.144
Top 10%	42.9	12.7	.12	20	35	40	55	60	192	-4.5	.000	-.355
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UNK (N = 199)	36.4	11.5	.81	19	29	37	43	60				
Plains Public	35.2	11.8	.25	17	26	34	43	57	238	1.2	.155	.103
Carnegie Class	35.7	12.7	.06	14	26	37	43	57	200	.7	.403	.054
NSSE 2024 & 2025	36.1	12.3	.03	17	29	37	43	57	199	.3	.684	.027
Top 50%	37.6	12.0	.04	20	29	37	46	60	199	-1.2	.129	-.104
Top 10%	40.0	12.1	.12	20	31	40	49	60	207	-3.6	.000	-.299
Learning Strategies												
UNK (N = 178)	38.2	14.2	1.06	20	27	40	53	60				
Plains Public	37.2	13.7	.32	20	27	40	47	60	211	1.0	.372	.072
Carnegie Class	40.3	14.2	.08	20	33	40	53	60	178	-2.1	.050	-.149
NSSE 2024 & 2025	39.3	14.0	.04	20	27	40	53	60	177	-1.1	.299	-.079
Top 50%	40.9	13.9	.05	20	33	40	53	60	177	-2.7	.012	-.196
Top 10%	43.8	14.2	.11	20	33	40	60	60	180	-5.6	.000	-.392
Quantitative Reasoning												
UNK (N = 180)	29.4	15.0	1.12	3	20	27	40	60				
Plains Public	28.3	14.9	.35	0	20	27	40	60	216	1.0	.377	.069
Carnegie Class	29.2	16.2	.09	0	20	27	40	60	182	.1	.909	.008
NSSE 2024 & 2025	29.6	15.8	.04	0	20	27	40	60	180	-.2	.840	-.014
Top 50%	31.2	15.5	.06	7	20	33	40	60	180	-1.8	.104	-.118
Top 10%	33.6	15.6	.13	7	20	33	40	60	184	-4.2	.000	-.269
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UNK (N = 219)	30.2	15.3	1.03	5	20	30	40	60				
Plains Public	28.3	14.0	.29	5	20	30	40	55	253	1.9	.085	.132
Carnegie Class	23.4	16.9	.08	0	10	25	35	55	220	6.7	.000	.399
NSSE 2024 & 2025	28.4	15.6	.04	0	20	30	40	60	218	1.8	.086	.114
Top 50%	33.0	13.9	.05	10	25	30	40	60	219	-2.8	.007	-.204
Top 10%	36.2	13.6	.11	15	25	35	45	60	223	-6.0	.000	-.445
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UNK (N = 181)	38.8	15.4	1.14	15	25	40	50	60				
Plains Public	38.2	15.3	.36	15	25	40	50	60	218	.7	.582	.043
Carnegie Class	35.5	18.0	.10	0	20	40	50	60	183	3.4	.004	.188
NSSE 2024 & 2025	38.0	16.3	.04	10	25	40	50	60	181	.8	.459	.052
Top 50%	40.9	14.9	.06	20	30	40	55	60	181	-2.0	.076	-.137
Top 10%	43.7	13.9	.15	20	35	45	60	60	187	-4.9	.000	-.354

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^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 = 194)	25.5	15.9	1.14	5	15	20	35	60				
Plains Public	22.3	14.7	.32	0	10	20	30	55	226	3.2	.008	.215
Carnegie Class	21.4	15.3	.08	0	10	20	30	55	195	4.1	.000	.268
NSSE 2024 & 2025	22.2	15.3	.04	0	10	20	30	55	194	3.4	.004	.220
Top 50%	25.7	15.3	.07	5	15	25	35	60	195	-.2	.878	-.011
Top 10%	29.6	15.6	.18	5	20	25	40	60	204	-4.1	.000	-.264
Effective Teaching Practices												
UNK (N = 188)	42.3	12.0	.88	21	33	40	52	60				
Plains Public	38.9	13.0	.29	16	32	40	48	60	231	3.4	.000	.263
Carnegie Class	40.1	14.2	.07	16	32	40	52	60	190	2.2	.014	.153
NSSE 2024 & 2025	39.7	13.5	.04	20	32	40	50	60	188	2.6	.003	.195
Top 50%	41.7	13.3	.05	20	32	40	52	60	189	.6	.516	.043
Top 10%	44.4	14.2	.13	20	36	45	60	60	195	-2.2	.015	-.153
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UNK (N = 167)	47.7	9.5	.74	32	42	48	56	60				
Plains Public	43.8	10.9	.27	24	38	44	52	60	213	4.0	.000	.369
Carnegie Class	45.0	12.4	.07	22	38	46	55	60	170	2.7	.000	.222
NSSE 2024 & 2025	44.2	11.6	.03	23	38	46	52	60	167	3.6	.000	.305
Top 50%	46.5	11.5	.05	25	40	48	56	60	168	1.3	.088	.110
Top 10%	49.1	12.0	.11	26	43	52	60	60	173	-1.3	.074	-.112
Supportive Environment												
UNK (N = 168)	36.9	13.8	1.07	13	28	38	47	60				
Plains Public	35.0	13.3	.32	13	25	35	43	60	198	1.8	.106	.136
Carnegie Class	35.1	14.3	.08	10	25	35	45	60	169	1.8	.095	.125
NSSE 2024 & 2025	35.8	13.7	.04	13	25	38	45	60	168	1.0	.327	.077
Top 50%	38.0	13.1	.06	18	30	40	48	60	168	-1.2	.273	-.090
Top 10%	40.6	12.5	.14	20	33	40	50	60	173	-3.7	.001	-.296

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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.

NSSE 2025 Engagement Indicators

Detailed Statistics^a

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile ^d scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^c	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom ^e	Mean diff.	Sig. ^f	Effect size ^g
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UNK (N = 137)	40.1	12.8	1.10	20	30	40	50	60				
Plains Public	40.5	13.7	.33	20	30	40	50	60	162	-.4	.703	-.032
Carnegie Class	41.8	13.8	.08	20	35	40	55	60	137	-1.7	.126	-.123
NSSE 2024 & 2025	41.5	13.7	.04	20	35	40	55	60	136	-1.4	.217	-.099
Top 50%	42.9	13.6	.06	20	35	40	55	60	137	-2.8	.012	-.205
Top 10%	45.5	12.7	.18	20	40	45	60	60	144	-5.4	.000	-.425
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UNK (N = 148)	38.5	12.1	.99	20	29	40	49	60				
Plains Public	38.6	12.8	.30	17	31	40	49	60	175	-.1	.930	-.007
Carnegie Class	39.0	13.1	.08	17	30	40	49	60	149	-.5	.616	-.038
NSSE 2024 & 2025	39.1	12.9	.04	17	31	40	49	60	148	-.5	.606	-.040
Top 50%	40.9	12.4	.06	20	31	40	51	60	148	-2.4	.017	-.195
Top 10%	43.8	12.0	.18	23	34	43	54	60	157	-5.2	.000	-.435
Learning Strategies												
UNK (N = 128)	38.7	14.0	1.24	13	27	40	48	60				
Plains Public	39.2	14.6	.37	13	27	40	53	60	150	-.4	.746	-.029
Carnegie Class	41.1	14.5	.09	20	33	40	53	60	128	-2.4	.054	-.166
NSSE 2024 & 2025	40.3	14.6	.05	20	33	40	53	60	127	-1.6	.196	-.110
Top 50%	42.2	14.4	.06	20	33	40	53	60	127	-3.4	.007	-.237
Top 10%	44.6	14.1	.15	20	33	47	60	60	130	-5.9	.000	-.420
Quantitative Reasoning												
UNK (N = 130)	28.2	16.6	1.45	0	20	27	40	60				
Plains Public	30.8	16.4	.41	0	20	33	40	60	150	-2.6	.086	-.159
Carnegie Class	31.8	16.9	.10	0	20	33	40	60	130	-3.6	.014	-.214
NSSE 2024 & 2025	31.8	16.7	.05	0	20	33	40	60	129	-3.6	.015	-.215
Top 50%	33.6	16.5	.07	7	20	33	47	60	130	-5.4	.000	-.329
Top 10%	36.9	16.1	.19	7	27	40	47	60	134	-8.8	.000	-.546
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UNK (N = 149)	30.9	13.3	1.09	10	20	30	40	53				
Plains Public	28.6	16.4	.38	0	17	30	40	60	186	2.2	.052	.139
Carnegie Class	27.0	17.4	.10	0	15	25	40	60	151	3.9	.000	.225
NSSE 2024 & 2025	29.8	16.5	.05	0	20	30	40	60	149	1.1	.330	.065
Top 50%	34.9	14.4	.06	10	25	35	45	60	149	-4.1	.000	-.281
Top 10%	38.5	13.6	.16	15	30	40	50	60	155	-7.6	.000	-.560
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UNK (N = 128)	38.5	16.6	1.46	2	25	40	53	60				
Plains Public	38.1	16.1	.40	10	25	40	50	60	147	.5	.762	.029
Carnegie Class	38.1	17.6	.11	0	25	40	55	60	128	.4	.764	.025
NSSE 2024 & 2025	39.2	16.5	.05	10	25	40	55	60	127	-.7	.642	-.041
Top 50%	41.8	15.5	.07	15	30	40	60	60	128	-3.3	.027	-.212
Top 10%	44.8	14.5	.23	20	35	45	60	60	134	-6.3	.000	-.430

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Detailed Statistics^a

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

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	Mean	SD ^b	SE ^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 = 144)	27.3	16.1	1.34	2	15	25	40	60				
Plains Public	25.5	16.4	.39	0	15	25	38	60	169	1.8	.203	.109
Carnegie Class	23.7	16.7	.10	0	10	20	35	60	145	3.6	.009	.215
NSSE 2024 & 2025	24.3	16.7	.05	0	10	20	35	60	144	3.0	.028	.178
Top 50%	30.7	16.3	.11	5	20	30	40	60	145	-3.4	.013	-.208
Top 10%	34.8	16.3	.29	10	20	35	50	60	157	-7.5	.000	-.460
Effective Teaching Practices												
UNK (N = 139)	43.0	12.2	1.04	20	36	40	52	60				
Plains Public	41.3	14.0	.34	16	32	40	52	60	170	1.7	.124	.122
Carnegie Class	41.6	14.3	.09	16	32	40	56	60	140	1.4	.181	.098
NSSE 2024 & 2025	41.2	14.0	.04	16	32	40	52	60	139	1.8	.088	.127
Top 50%	43.4	13.6	.07	20	36	44	56	60	139	-.4	.684	-.031
Top 10%	46.2	13.2	.18	20	40	48	60	60	146	-3.2	.003	-.245
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UNK (N = 116)	45.1	9.9	.92	24	40	46	52	60				
Plains Public	45.1	11.4	.30	24	38	46	54	60	141	.0	.981	-.002
Carnegie Class	44.8	12.6	.08	20	38	46	55	60	117	.3	.763	.022
NSSE 2024 & 2025	43.9	12.3	.04	20	36	45	54	60	115	1.2	.196	.097
Top 50%	46.3	12.0	.06	24	40	48	56	60	116	-1.3	.165	-.107
Top 10%	49.1	12.1	.13	24	43	52	60	60	119	-4.1	.000	-.335
Supportive Environment												
UNK (N = 122)	31.8	14.7	1.33	8	20	33	40	60				
Plains Public	32.3	14.2	.36	10	23	33	40	60	140	-.5	.706	-.037
Carnegie Class	32.4	15.0	.10	8	20	33	43	60	123	-.6	.674	-.037
NSSE 2024 & 2025	33.0	14.6	.05	10	23	33	43	60	122	-1.2	.372	-.082
Top 50%	35.9	14.2	.08	13	25	38	45	60	122	-4.0	.003	-.285
Top 10%	39.4	13.5	.25	18	30	40	50	60	130	-7.5	.000	-.555

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