# **NSSE** national survey of student engagement

# NSSE 2021 Snapshot

# Washburn University

# A Summary of Student Engagement Results

Student engagement represents two critical features of collegiate quality. The first is the amount of time and effort students put into their studies and other educationally purposeful activities. The second is how institutional resources, courses, and other learning opportunities facilitate student participation in activities that matter to student learning. NSSE surveys undergraduate students in their first and final years to assess their levels of engagement and related information about their experience at your institution.

Comparison Group The comparison group

featured in this report is

#### **Carnegie Class M**

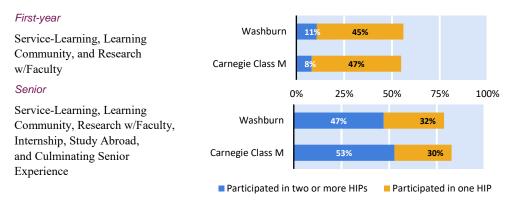
See your *Selected Comparison Groups* report for details.

This *Snapshot* is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2021 administration. We hope this information stimulates discussions about the undergraduate experience. Additional details about these and other results appear in the reports referenced throughout.

<b>Engagement Indicators</b> Sets of items are grouped into ten			Your students compared with Carnegie Class M	
Engagement Indicators, organized	Theme	Engagement Indicator	First-year	Senior
under four broad themes. At right are summary results for your institution. For details, see your <i>Engagement Indicators</i> report.	Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning		$\nabla$
		Reflective & Integrative Learning		
		Learning Strategies	$\nabla$	
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning		
Your students' average was significantly ▲ higher (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	▼	$\nabla$
Your students' average was significantly $\bigwedge$ higher ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.		Discussions with Diverse Others		
No significant difference.	Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	Δ	Δ
Your students' average was significantly $\nabla$ lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.		Effective Teaching Practices	$\nabla$	
<b>Your students' average</b> was significantly lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	$\nabla$	
		Supportive Environment	$\bigtriangledown$	

### **High-Impact Practices**

Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, special undergraduate opportunities are designated "highimpact." For more details and statistical comparisons, see your *High-Impact Practices* report.



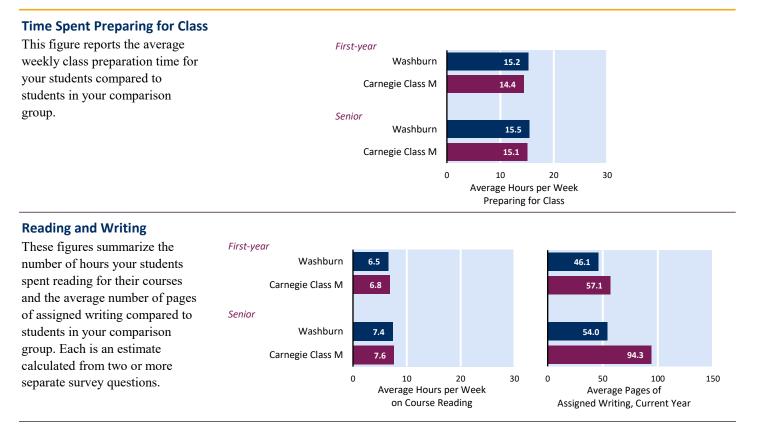


# NSSE 2021 Snapshot

# Washburn University

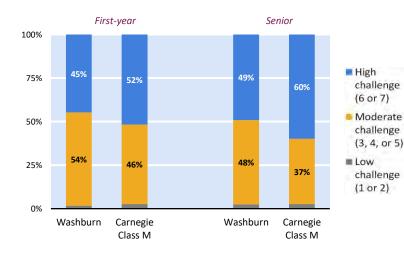
## **Academic Challenge: Additional Results**

The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. The results presented here provide an overview of these individual items. For more information about the Academic Challenge theme, see your *Engagement Indicators* report. To further explore individual item results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons*, the *Major Field Report*, the *Online Institutional Report*, or the Report Builder.



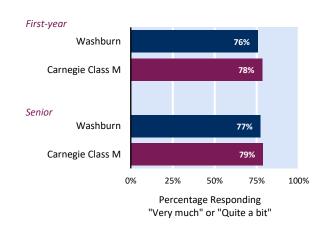
### **Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work**

To what extent did students' courses challenge them to do their best work? Response options ranged from 1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much."



### **Academic Emphasis**

How much did students say their institution emphasizes spending significant time studying and on academic work? Response options included "Very much," "Quite a bit," "Some," and "Very little."





# NSSE 2021 Snapshot

## **Washburn University**

### **Item Comparisons**

By examining individual NSSE questions, you can better understand what contributes to your institution's performance on the

Engagement Indicators. This section displays the five questions<sup>a</sup> on which your students scored the highest and the five questions on which they scored the lowest, relative to students in your comparison group. Parenthetical notes indicate whether an item belongs to a specific Engagement Indicator or is a High-Impact Practice. While these questions represent the largest differences (in percentage points), they may not be the most important to your institutional mission or current program or policy goals. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

#### First-year

Senior

#### **Highest Performing Relative to Carnegie Class M**

**Highest Performing Relative to Carnegie Class M** 

Instructors provided feedback on a draft or work in progress<sup>c</sup> (ET)

Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member<sup>b</sup> (SF)

Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie Class M

Connected your learning to societal problems or issues<sup>b</sup> (RI)

Quality of interactions with academic advisors<sup>d</sup> (QI)

Explained course material to one or more students<sup>b</sup> (CL)

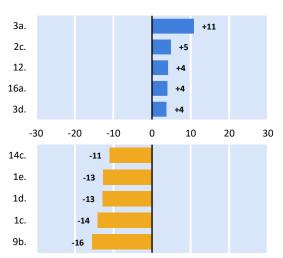
Extent to which courses challenged you to do your best work<sup>d</sup>

Institution emphasis on providing support for your overall well-being...<sup>c</sup> (SE)

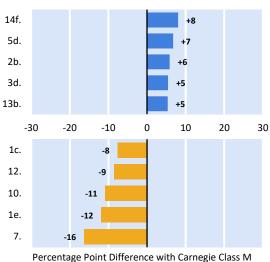
Talked about career plans with a faculty member <sup>b</sup> (SF)					
Included diverse perspectives () in course discussions or assignments <sup>b</sup> (RI)					
About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)? $^{\rm e}$ (HIP)					
Spent more than 15 hours per week preparing for class					
Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member <sup>b</sup> (SF)					
Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie Class M					
Institution emphasis on using learning support services () <sup>c</sup> (SE)					

Worked with other students on course projects or assignments<sup>b</sup> (CL) Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material w/other students<sup>b</sup> (CL) Explained course material to one or more students<sup>b</sup> (CL)

Reviewed your notes after class<sup>b</sup> (LS)



Percentage Point Difference with Carnegie Class M



### Worked with other students on course projects or assignments<sup>b</sup> (CL) 1e Assigned more than 50 pages of writing<sup>g</sup>

About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)?<sup>e</sup> (HIP)

Percentage Point Difference with Carnegie Class M a. The items on this page come from the Engagement Indicators (EIs), High-Impact Practices (HIPs), Sense of Belonging (SB), the academic challenge questions on page 2, and four additional questions about effective teaching (new in 2021). Key to abbreviations for EI items: HO = Higher-Order Learning, RI = Reflective & Integrative Learning, LS = Learning Strategies, QR =

Quantitative Reasoning, CL = Collaborative Learning, DD = Discussions with Diverse Others, SF = Student-Faculty Interaction, ET = Effective Teaching Practices, QI = Quality of Interactions, SE = Supportive Environment.

b. Combination of students responding "very often" or "often."

c. Combination of students responding "very much" or "quite a bit."

d. Rated at least 6 on a 7-point scale.

e. Percentage reporting at least "some."

f. Estimate based on the reported amount of course preparation time spent on assigned reading.

g. Estimate based on number of assigned writing tasks of various lengths.

h. Combination of students responding "strongly agree" or "agree.'



# NSSE 2021 Snapshot

## Washburn University

### **How Students Assess Their Experience**

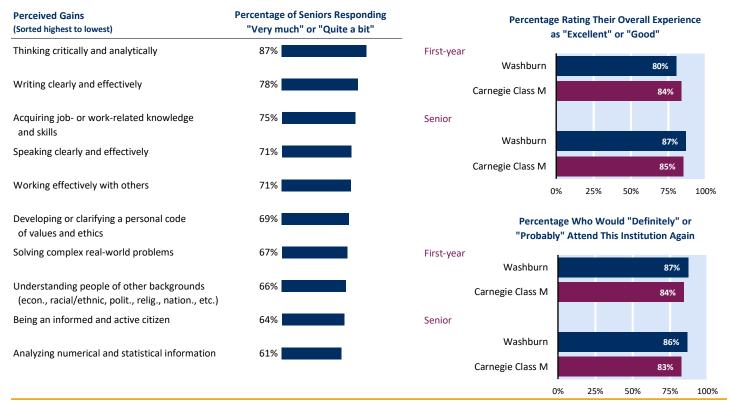
Students' perceptions of their cognitive and affective development, as well as their overall satisfaction with the institution, provide useful evidence of their educational experiences. For more details, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

### **Perceived Gains Among Seniors**

Students reported how much their experience at your institution contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in ten areas.

### Satisfaction with Washburn

Students rated their overall experience at the institution, and whether or not they would choose it again.



## **Administration Details**

#### **Response Summary**

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time			
First-year	285	39%	73%	79%			
Senior	296	29%	76%	81%			
See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for							

### Additional Questions Your institution administered the following additional question set(s):

Academic Advising Coping with Covid

See your Topical Module report(s) for results.

See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for more information.

### What is NSSE?

NSSE annually collects information at hundreds of four-year colleges and universities about student participation in activities and programs that promote their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending their college or university. Institutions use their data to identify aspects of the undergraduate experience that can be improved through changes in policy and practice.

NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used at more than 1,600 colleges and universities in the US and Canada. More than 90% of participating institutions administer the survey on a periodic basis.

Visit our website: nsse.indiana.edu