

# NSSE 2014 ITEM FREQUENCIES AND STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

The percentages that follow represent a *weighted* percentage of students responding to each question adjusted for Longwood's sex and enrollment status. The items are in the same order and wording as they appeared on the 2014 NSSE. Items with mean differences that are larger than would be expected by chance are noted with asterisks referring to three significance levels (\* $p < .05$ , \*\* $p < .01$ , \*\*\* $p < .001$ ). Green shading notes a mean comparison to Longwood's favor; red shading indicates a deficit. The magnitude of the effect size is noted by the strength (brilliance) of the shading. The Darkest Green shading reveals a positive statistically significant difference higher than ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude. The Darkest Red shading reveals a negative statistically significant higher than ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	LU FY	3%	32%	41%	24%	2.9	2.8
	LU SR	1%	20%	35%	44%	3.2	3.1**
b. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	LU FY	21%	43%	25%	11%	2.3	2.5***
	LU SR	24%	39%	23%	14%	2.3	2.4***
c. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	LU FY	3%	7%	68%	22%	3.1	3.0**
	LU SR	22%	57%	15%	5%	3.0	3.0
d. Attended an art exhibit, play or other arts performance (dance, music, etc.)	LU FY	24%	48%	19%	9%	2.1	2.0**
	LU SR	31%	43%	16%	10%	2.1	1.8***
e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	LU FY	6%	44%	35%	14%	2.6	2.6
	LU SR	7%	43%	38%	12%	2.6	2.5*
f. Explained course material to one or more students	LU FY	3%	36%	44%	17%	2.7	2.7
	LU SR	2%	31%	43%	25%	2.9	2.8*
g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	LU FY	10%	33%	33%	24%	2.7	2.6**
	LU SR	12%	32%	29%	27%	2.7	2.6**
h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	LU FY	5%	42%	38%	16%	2.7	2.6
	LU SR	2%	29%	40%	29%	2.9	2.9
i. Gave a course presentation	LU FY	15%	52%	22%	11%	2.3	2.2**
	LU SR	5%	22%	36%	36%	3.0	2.6***

2. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	LU FY	5%	40%	40%	16%	2.7	2.6
	LU SR	1%	19%	44%	35%	3.1	3.0*
b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	LU FY	7%	39%	37%	17%	2.6	2.6
	LU SR	5%	28%	37%	31%	2.9	2.8*

c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	<b>LU FY</b>	7%	42%	34%	17%	2.6	2.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	8%	33%	32%	27%	2.8	2.6***
d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	<b>LU FY</b>	4%	34%	45%	16%	2.7	2.8
	<b>LU SR</b>	5%	27%	44%	25%	2.9	2.9
e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	<b>LU FY</b>	3%	30%	43%	24%	2.9	2.9
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	27%	41%	30%	3.0	3.0
f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	<b>LU FY</b>	3%	34%	41%	21%	2.8	2.8
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	26%	43%	30%	3.0	2.9
g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	19%	44%	35%	3.1	3.0*
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	9%	44%	47%	3.4	3.2***

<b>3. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</b>		<b>Never</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Very Often</b>	<b>LU Mean</b>	<b>SE Pub Mean</b>
a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	<b>LU FY</b>	12%	48%	26%	13%	2.4	2.2***
	<b>LU SR</b>	8%	30%	29%	33%	2.9	2.5***
b. Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	46%	35%	14%	6%	1.8	1.7
	<b>LU SR</b>	23%	34%	23%	20%	2.4	2.0***
c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	<b>LU FY</b>	22%	49%	21%	7%	2.1	2.0***
	<b>LU SR</b>	9%	40%	29%	21%	2.6	2.2***
d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	<b>LU FY</b>	16%	50%	25%	10%	2.3	2.1***
	<b>LU SR</b>	12%	39%	28%	21%	2.6	2.3***

<b>4. During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following?</b>		<b>Very Little</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>Quite a bit</b>	<b>Very much</b>	<b>LU Mean</b>	<b>SE Pub Mean</b>
a. Memorizing course material	<b>LU FY</b>	1%	20%	50%	29%	3.1	3.0
	<b>LU SR</b>	9%	30%	37%	24%	2.8	2.8
b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	25%	51%	22%	2.9	3.0
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	17%	42%	40%	3.2	3.2

c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	<b>LU FY</b>	4%	25%	43%	29%	3.0	3.0
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	17%	41%	40%	3.2	3.1
d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	<b>LU FY</b>	3%	24%	45%	28%	3.0	2.9
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	21%	45%	31%	3.1	3.0*
e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	<b>LU FY</b>	3%	27%	44%	26%	2.9	2.9
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	23%	39%	36%	3.1	3.0*

<b>5. During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors done the following?</b>		<b>Very Little</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>Quite a bit</b>	<b>Very much</b>	<b>LU Mean</b>	<b>SE Pub Mean</b>
a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	<b>LU FY</b>	1%	15%	51%	33%	3.2	3.1
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	14%	47%	38%	3.2	3.2
b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	<b>LU FY</b>	1%	18%	50%	32%	3.1	3.1
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	14%	49%	35%	3.2	3.2
c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	15%	49%	34%	3.2	3.1
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	14%	43%	40%	3.2	3.2
d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	<b>LU FY</b>	5%	26%	38%	32%	3.0	2.8**
	<b>LU SR</b>	5%	18%	36%	42%	3.1	2.8***
e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	<b>LU FY</b>	7%	27%	43%	23%	2.8	2.8
	<b>LU SR</b>	6%	19%	40%	35%	3.0	2.9**

<b>6. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</b>		<b>Never</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Very Often</b>	<b>LU Mean</b>	<b>SE Pub Mean</b>
a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	12%	40%	31%	16%	2.5	2.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	16%	33%	32%	19%	2.6	2.7**
b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	20%	44%	24%	12%	2.3	2.3
	<b>LU SR</b>	21%	41%	24%	14%	2.3	2.5**
c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	<b>LU FY</b>	20%	44%	25%	11%	2.3	2.3
	<b>LU SR</b>	18%	41%	26%	15%	2.4	2.5

7. During the current school year, about how many papers, reports, or other writing tasks of the following length have you been assigned? (Include those not yet completed.)		None	1-2	3-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	>20	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Up to 5 pages	LU FY	2%	18%	32%	30%	11%	4%	4%	6.9	5.9***
	LU SR	4%	16%	36%	20%	12%	6%	6%	7.2	6.5*
b. Between 6 and 10 pages	LU FY	20%	51%	25%	4%	-	-	-	2.1	1.8**
	LU SR	14%	40%	30%	12%	3%	1%	1%	3.4	3.0*
c. 11 pages or more	LU FY	78%	19%	2%	-	-	-	-	.5	.7*
	LU SR	32%	49%	13%	4%	1%	-	1%	1.8	1.8

8. During the current school year, about how often have you had discussions with people from the following groups?		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	LU FY	2%	26%	29%	43%	3.1	3.1
	LU SR	1%	19%	32%	47%	3.3	3.2
b. People from an economic background other than your own	LU FY	2%	20%	33%	45%	3.2	3.1*
	LU SR	1%	17%	34%	48%	3.3	3.2*
c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	LU FY	4%	23%	31%	42%	3.1	3.0
	LU SR	3%	22%	31%	43%	3.1	3.1
d. People with political views other than your own	LU FY	3%	21%	32%	45%	3.2	3.0**
	LU SR	2%	15%	34%	48%	3.3	3.1**

9. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Identified key information from reading assignments	LU FY	2%	16%	48%	35%	3.1	3.2
	LU SR	2%	14%	40%	44%	3.3	3.3
b. Reviewed your notes after class	LU FY	3%	31%	34%	32%	2.9	3.0
	LU SR	7%	30%	32%	31%	2.9	3.0*

c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	<b>LU FY</b>	5%	32%	37%	26%	2.9	2.9
	<b>LU SR</b>	6%	31%	37%	26%	2.8	3.0**

10. During the current school year, to what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	Not at all						Very Much		
<b>LU FY</b>	-	-	2%	11%	36%	37%	14%	5.5	5.6
<b>LU SR</b>	-	-	3%	8%	26%	39%	24%	5.7	5.7

11. Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate? (Means indicate the percentage who responded "Done or in progress")		Have not decided	Do not plan to do	Plan to do	Done or in progress	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	a. Participate in an internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement	<b>LU FY</b>	5%	2%	90%		
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	4%	8%	87%	87%	49%***
b. Hold a formal leadership role in a student organization or group	<b>LU FY</b>	27%	17%	44%	12%	12%	12%
	<b>LU SR</b>	4%	22%	3%	71%	71%	36%***
c. Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	<b>LU FY</b>	36%	21%	31%	12%	12%	16%*
	<b>LU SR</b>	8%	48%	4%	40%	40%	25%***
d. Participate in a study abroad program	<b>LU FY</b>	32%	21%	45%	2%	2%	4%*
	<b>LU SR</b>	6%	70%	2%	22%	22%	12%***
e. Work with a faculty member on a research project	<b>LU FY</b>	45%	21%	31%	2%	2%	6%**
	<b>LU SR</b>	8%	50%	6%	36%	36%	25%***
f. Complete a culminating senior experience (capstone course, Sr project or thesis, comp exam, portfolio, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	32%	5%	62%	1%	1%	3%*
	<b>LU SR</b>	3%	14%	11%	72%	72%	44%***

12. About how many of your courses at this institution have included a community-based project (service-learning)?		1	2	3	4	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
		None	Some	Most	All		
	LU FY	45%	48%	6%	1%	1.6	1.6
	LU SR	23%	62%	15%	1%	1.9	1.7***

13. Indicate the quality of your interactions with the following people at your institution.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
		Poor						Excellent		
a. Students	LU FY	0%	2%	3%	7%	24%	32%	32%	5.8	5.6***
	LU SR	0%	1%	2%	7%	19%	32%	39%	5.9	5.7**
b. Academic advisors	LU FY	2%	4%	6%	10%	20%	23%	33%	5.5	5.1**
	LU SR	3%	4%	6%	10%	18%	21%	39%	5.6	5.1***
c. Faculty	LU FY	1%	3%	4%	13%	24%	31%	25%	5.5	5.2**
	LU SR	0%	0%	2%	10%	16%	35%	37%	5.9	5.5
d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	LU FY	2%	6%	8%	12%	26%	24%	20%	5.1	4.9*
	LU SR	2%	3%	8%	13%	18%	29%	23%	5.3	4.9***
e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	LU FY	2%	7%	8%	16%	20%	26%	19%	5.0	4.7***
	LU SR	2%	4%	8%	14%	23%	26%	21%	5.1	4.7***

14. How much does your institution emphasize the following?			Very Little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	LU FY		0%	13%	46%	41%	3.3	3.2
	LU SR		1%	17%	49%	33%	3.2	3.2
b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	LU FY		1%	12%	40%	47%	3.3	3.1***
	LU SR		2%	13%	48%	37%	3.2	3.0***
c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	LU FY		3%	14%	38%	46%	3.3	3.2*
	LU SR		4%	24%	39%	33%	3.0	2.9*
d. Encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds (social, racial/ethnic, religious, etc.)	LU FY		9%	32%	33%	26%	2.8	2.7
	LU SR		14%	27%	35%	25%	2.7	2.6

e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	16%	39%	43%	3.2	3.1***
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	14%	37%	47%	3.3	3.0***
f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	17%	41%	40%	3.2	3.1**
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	16%	37%	45%	3.2	2.9***
g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	16%	37%	29%	18%	2.5	2.4
	<b>LU SR</b>	20%	38%	27%	15%	2.4	2.1***
h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	4%	19%	43%	34%	3.1	3.0
	<b>LU SR</b>	4%	22%	45%	29%	3.0	2.8**
i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	<b>LU FY</b>	13%	35%	32%	20%	2.6	2.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	11%	36%	33%	20%	2.6	2.5

<b>15. About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing the following?</b>		<b>0 hrs</b>	<b>1-5 hrs</b>	<b>6-10 hrs</b>	<b>11-15 hrs</b>	<b>16-20 hrs</b>	<b>21-25 hrs</b>	<b>26-30 hrs</b>	<b>&gt;30 hrs</b>	<b>LU Mean</b>	<b>SE Pub Mean</b>
a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	<b>LU FY</b>	-	17%	25%	22%	18%	10%	4%	3%	13.2	13.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	-	19%	32%	22%	13%	7%	4%	3%	12.1	14.5***
b. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, Greek life, intercollegiate/intramural sports, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	21%	39%	21%	11%	4%	2%	1%	1%	6.2	5.3**
	<b>LU SR</b>	16%	34%	24%	13%	7%	2%	3%	1%	7.5	4.7***
c. Working for pay <b>on campus</b>	<b>LU FY</b>	88%	3%	8%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1.0	2.0***
	<b>LU SR</b>	70%	3%	13%	10%	3%	1%	-	1%	3.3	3.3
d. Working for pay <b>off campus</b>	<b>LU FY</b>	87%	3%	5%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1.4	5.1***
	<b>LU SR</b>	69%	5%	6%	8%	5%	3%	2%	1%	4.3	11.9***
e. Doing community service or volunteer work	<b>LU FY</b>	57%	32%	7%	2%	1%	-	-	-	2.3	2.5
	<b>LU SR</b>	40%	46%	7%	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	3.3	3.3
f. Relaxing and socializing (time with friends, video games, TV or videos, socializing online, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	13%	27%	22%	16%	9%	4%	7%	13.9	12.9*
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	20%	30%	22%	11%	6%	4%	5%	12.2	10.9**

g. Providing care for dependents (children, parents, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	88%	7%	4%	-	1%	-	-	-	.8	2.6***
	<b>LU SR</b>	86%	6%	3%	3%	-	1%	-	2%	1.5	6.2***
h. Commuting to campus (driving, walking, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	61%	26%	9%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	2.3	4.1***
	<b>LU SR</b>	18%	67%	11%	3%	1%	-	-	1%	3.7	5.2***

16. Of the time you spend preparing for class in a typical 7-day week, about how much is on assigned reading?		1 Very Little	2 Some	3 About Half	4 Most	5 Almost all	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	<b>LU FY</b>	5%	27%	32%	26%	9%	3.1	2.7***
<b>LU SR</b>	14%	31%	25%	21%	9%	2.8	2.8	

17. How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?		Very Little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	a. Writing clearly and effectively	<b>LU FY</b>	5%	23%	44%	28%	3.0
<b>LU SR</b>		1%	15%	41%	44%	3.3	3.0***
b. Speaking clearly and effectively	<b>LU FY</b>	9%	33%	34%	24%	2.7	2.7
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	11%	41%	46%	3.3	3.0***
c. Thinking critically and analytically	<b>LU FY</b>	2%	16%	48%	33%	3.1	3.1
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	11%	37%	52%	3.4	3.3*
d. Analyzing numerical and statistical information	<b>LU FY</b>	14%	36%	33%	17%	2.5	2.7**
	<b>LU SR</b>	14%	32%	28%	26%	2.6	2.9***
e. Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	<b>LU FY</b>	11%	32%	34%	23%	2.7	2.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	2%	19%	33%	46%	3.2	3.0***
f. Working effectively with others	<b>LU FY</b>	5%	25%	40%	29%	2.9	2.8**
	<b>LU SR</b>	3%	15%	32%	51%	3.3	3.1***
g. Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	<b>LU FY</b>	8%	24%	41%	27%	2.9	2.7***
	<b>LU SR</b>	6%	22%	35%	38%	3.0	2.8***
h. Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	<b>LU FY</b>	12%	30%	34%	24%	2.7	2.7
	<b>LU SR</b>	9%	27%	32%	33%	2.9	2.8

i. Solving complex real-world problems	<b>LU FY</b>	13%	31%	38%	18%	2.6	2.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	7%	26%	35%	33%	2.9	2.8
j. Being an informed and active citizen	<b>LU FY</b>	10%	34%	34%	22%	2.7	2.6
	<b>LU SR</b>	8%	17%	35%	40%	3.1	2.7***

18. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?		1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Excellent	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	<b>LU FY</b>	1%	7%	50%	42%	3.3	3.2**
	<b>LU SR</b>	1%	5%	39%	55%	3.5	3.3***

19. If you could start over again, would you go to the <i>same institution</i> you are now attending?		1 Definitely no	2 Probably no	3 Probably yes	4 Definitely yes	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	<b>LU FY</b>	3%	11%	40%	46%	3.3	3.3
	<b>LU SR</b>	3%	8%	35%	54%	3.4	3.3**