

NSSE 2014 Items of Interest to Faculty: Response Frequencies and Mean Comparisons

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With a higher than expected response rate of 47%, 812 Longwood students (439 freshmen/373 seniors) completed the 2014 National Survey of Student Engagement. The following tables compare the response frequencies and mean comparisons of the first-year and senior students from Longwood and the 108 comparable South East Public Institutions on the individual items that were deemed of particular interest to faculty.

The percentages that follow represent a *weighted* percentage of students responding to each question adjusted for Longwood's sex and enrollment status. The selected 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 greater than ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude. The Darkest Red shading reveals a negative statistically significant difference greater than ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Complete reports and presentations of the NSSE 2014 and 2011 results can be found on the Student Affairs Assessment Website within Solomon (<http://solomon.longwood.edu/offices--departments/student-affairs/assessment-evaluation/the-nsse/>). Year by year comparisons with the NSSE 2017 results will be prepared in fall of 2017.

1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Often & Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	LU FY	65%	2.9	2.8
	LU SR	79%	3.2	3.1**
b. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	LU FY	36%	2.3	2.5***
	LU SR	37%	2.3	2.4***
c. Come to class without completing readings or assignments	LU FY	90%	3.1	3.0**
	LU SR	20%	3.0	3.0
d. Attended an art exhibit, play or other arts performance (dance, music, etc.)	LU FY	28%	2.1	2.0**
	LU SR	26%	2.1	1.8***
e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	LU FY	49%	2.6	2.6
	LU SR	50%	2.6	2.5*
f. Explained course material to one or more students	LU FY	61%	2.7	2.7
	LU SR	68%	2.9	2.8*
g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	LU FY	57%	2.7	2.6**
	LU SR	56%	2.7	2.6**
h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	LU FY	54%	2.7	2.6
	LU SR	69%	2.9	2.9
i. Gave a course presentation	LU FY	33%	2.3	2.2**
	LU SR	72%	3.0	2.6***

2. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Often & Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	LU FY	56%	2.7	2.6
	LU SR	79%	3.1	3.0*
b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	LU FY	54%	2.6	2.6
	LU SR	68%	2.9	2.8*
c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	LU FY	51%	2.6	2.6
	LU SR	59%	2.8	2.6***
d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	LU FY	61%	2.7	2.8
	LU SR	69%	2.9	2.9
e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	LU FY	67%	2.9	2.9
	LU SR	71%	3.0	3.0
f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	LU FY	62%	2.8	2.8
	LU SR	73%	3.0	2.9
g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	LU FY	79%	3.1	3.0*
	LU SR	91%	3.4	3.2***

3. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Often & Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	LU FY	39%	2.4	2.2***
	LU SR	62%	2.9	2.5***
b. Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	LU FY	20%	1.8	1.7
	LU SR	43%	2.4	2.0***
c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	LU FY	28%	2.1	2.0***
	LU SR	50%	2.6	2.2***
d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	LU FY	35%	2.3	2.1***
	LU SR	49%	2.6	2.3***

4. During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following?		Quite a bit & Very much	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Memorizing course material	LU FY	79%	3.1	3.0
	LU SR	61%	2.8	2.8
b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	LU FY	73%	2.9	3.0
	LU SR	82%	3.2	3.2
c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	LU FY	72%	3.0	3.0
	LU SR	81%	3.2	3.1
d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	LU FY	73%	3.0	2.9
	LU SR	76%	3.1	3.0*
e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	LU FY	70%	2.9	2.9
	LU SR	75%	3.1	3.0*

5. During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors done the following?		Quite a bit & Very much	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	LU FY	84%	3.2	3.1
	LU SR	85%	3.2	3.2
b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	LU FY	82%	3.1	3.1
	LU SR	84%	3.2	3.2
c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	LU FY	83%	3.2	3.1
	LU SR	83%	3.2	3.2
d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	LU FY	70%	3.0	2.8**
	LU SR	78%	3.1	2.8***
e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	LU FY	66%	2.8	2.8
	LU SR	75%	3.0	2.9**

7. During the current school year, about how many papers, reports, or other writing tasks of the following length have you been assigned?		None	1-2	3-5	6-15	16+	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Up to 5 pages	LU FY	2%	18%	32%	41%	8%	6.9	5.9***
	LU SR	4%	16%	36%	32%	12%	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%	15%	2%	3.4	3.0*
c. 11 pages or more	LU FY	78%	19%	2%	-	-	.5	.7*
	LU SR	32%	49%	13%	4%	1%-	1.8	1.8

9. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?		Often & Very Often	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Identified key information from reading assignments	LU FY	83%	3.1	3.2
	LU SR	84%	3.3	3.3
b. Reviewed your notes after class	LU FY	66%	2.9	3.0
	LU SR	63%	2.9	3.0*
c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	LU FY	63%	2.9	2.9
	LU SR	63%	2.8	3.0**

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

14. How much does your institution emphasize the following?		Quite a bit & Very Much	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	LU FY	87%	3.3	3.2
	LU SR	82%	3.2	3.2
b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	LU FY	87%	3.3	3.1***
	LU SR	85%	3.2	3.0***
c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	LU FY	84%	3.3	3.2*
	LU SR	72%	3.0	2.9*
	LU SR	60%	2.7	2.6

16. Of the time you spend preparing for class in a typical 7-day week, about how much is on assigned reading?	1	2	3	4	5	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
	Very Little	Some	About Half	Most	Almost all		
LU FY	5%	27%	32%	26%	9%	3.1	2.7***
LU SR	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?		Quite a bit & Very much	LU Mean	SE Pub Mean
			LU FY	
a. Writing clearly and effectively	LU FY	72%	3.0	2.9*
	LU SR	85%	3.3	3.0***
b. Speaking clearly and effectively	LU FY	58%	2.7	2.7
	LU SR	87%	3.3	3.0***
c. Thinking critically and analytically	LU FY	81%	3.1	3.1
	LU SR	89%	3.4	3.3*
d. Analyzing numerical and statistical information	LU FY	50%	2.5	2.7**
	LU SR	54%	2.6	2.9***
e. Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	LU FY	67%	2.7	2.6
	LU SR	79%	3.2	3.0***
f. Working effectively with others	LU FY	69%	2.9	2.8**
	LU SR	83%	3.3	3.1***
g. Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	LU FY	68%	2.9	2.7***
	LU SR	73%	3.0	2.8***
h. Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	LU FY	58%	2.7	2.7
	LU SR	65%	2.9	2.8
i. Solving complex real-world problems	LU FY	56%	2.6	2.6
	LU SR	68%	2.9	2.8
j. Being an informed and active citizen	LU FY	56%	2.7	2.6
	LU SR	75%	3.1	2.7***

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