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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

Natl Public R1/R2s

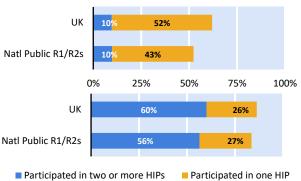
See your Selected Comparison Groups report for details.

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.

Engagement Indicators Sets of items are grouped into ten			Your students compared with Natl Public R1/R2s				
Engagement Indicators, organized	Theme	Engagement Indicator		First-year	•	nior	
under four broad themes. At right are summary results for your	Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning		Δ	-	-	
nstitution. For details, see your Engagement Indicators report.		Reflective & Integrative Learning		Δ	7	V	
глуидетені таксають тероп.		Learning Strategies		Δ			
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning		Δ	4	Δ	
Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Learning	Collaborative Learning		Δ	_		
Your students' average was significantly △ higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others			7	7	
No significant difference.	Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction			4	Δ	
Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices		Δ		Δ	
Your students' average was significantly	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions		Δ	4	Δ	
lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.		Supportive Environment		Δ	4	Δ	
High-Impact Practices							
Due to their positive associations	First-year						
with student learning and	Service-Lear	ning, Learning	10%	52%			
retention, special undergraduate	Community, and Research Natl Public R1/R2s		10% 4	3%			
opportunities are designated "high-	w/Faculty	Add I dolle KL/K25	10/0	370			
mpact." For more details and	Senior	09	6 25%	50%	75%	10	

statistical comparisons, see your High-Impact Practices report.

Service-Learning, Learning Community, Research w/Faculty, Internship, Study Abroad, and Culminating Senior Experience





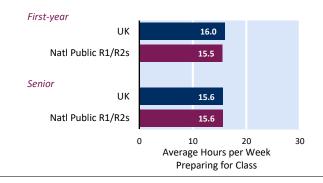
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Academic Challenge: Additional Results

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.

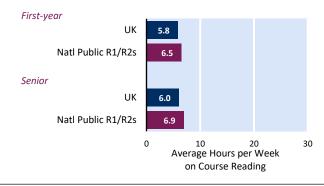
Time Spent Preparing for Class

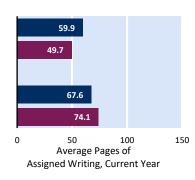
This figure reports the average weekly class preparation time for your students compared to students in your comparison group.



Reading and Writing

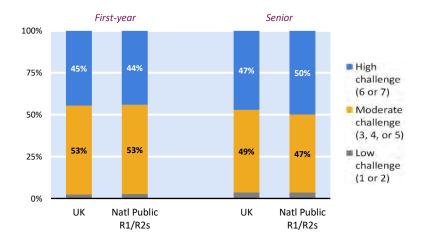
These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.





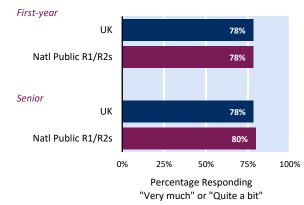
Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work

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."





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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^a 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

Highest Performing Relative to Natl Public R1/R2s

Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (...)^b (QR)

Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information^b (QR)

About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)?^e (HIP)

Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member (SF)

Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (...)^b (SF)

Lowest Performing Relative to Natl Public R1/R2s

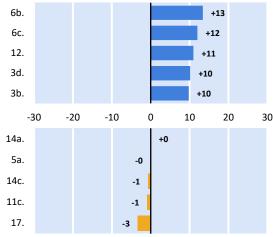
Institution emphasis on studying and academic work^c

Instructors clearly explained course goals and requirements^c (ET)

Institution emphasis on using learning support services (...)^c (SE)

Participated in a learning community or some other formal program where... (HIP)

Spent more than 10 hours per week on assigned reading f



Percentage Point Difference with Natl Public R1/R2s

Senior

Highest Performing Relative to Natl Public R1/R2s

Quality of interactions with academic advisors^d (QI)

Instructors taught in a way that aligns with how you prefer to learn^c

Participated in a learning community or some other formal program where... (HIP)

Institution emphasis on using learning support services (...)^c (SE)

Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (...)^b (QR)

Lowest Performing Relative to Natl Public R1/R2s

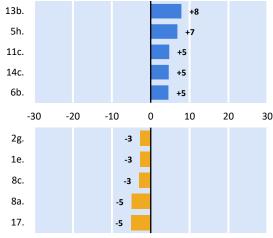
Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge^b (RI)

Worked with other students on course projects or assignments^b (CL)

Discussions with... People with religious beliefs other than your own (DD)

Discussions with... People of a race or ethnicity other than your own^b (DD)

Spent more than 10 hours per week on assigned reading^f



Percentage Point Difference with Natl Public R1/R2s

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."



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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.

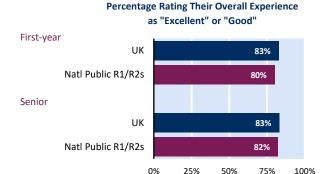
Perceived Gains Among Seniors

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

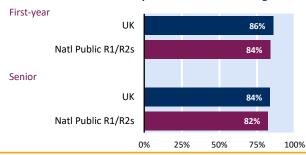
Perceived Gains Percentage of Seniors Responding (Sorted highest to lowest) "Very much" or "Quite a bit" Thinking critically and analytically Working effectively with others Analyzing numerical and statistical information Writing clearly and effectively Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge 68% and skills Solving complex real-world problems Speaking clearly and effectively Understanding people of other backgrounds (econ., racial/ethnic, polit., relig., nation., etc.) Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics Being an informed and active citizen

Satisfaction with UK

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



Percentage Who Would "Definitely" or "Probably" Attend This Institution Again



Administration Details

Response Summary

	Count	Resp. rate	Female	Full-time
First-year	1,719	46%	64%	98%
Senior	2,189	41%	61%	89%

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

Additional Questions

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

First-year Experiences and Senior Transitions
Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity

See your Topical Module report(s) for results.

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.

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