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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

Southeast Public

See your *Selected Comparison Groups* report for details.

This Snapshot is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2023 administration. We hope this information stimulates discussions about the undergraduate experience. Additional details about these and other results appear in the reports referenced throughout.

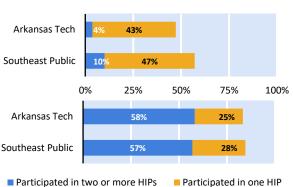
Engagement Indicators Sets of items are grouped into ten			Your students compared with Southeast Public	
Engagement Indicators, organized	Theme	Engagement Indicator	First-year	Senior
under four broad themes. At right are summary results for your institution. For details, see your <i>Engagement Indicators</i> report.		Higher-Order Learning		
	Academic Challenge	Reflective & Integrative Learning	∇	
		Learning Strategies		
Key:		Quantitative Reasoning	∇	∇
Your students' average was significantly higher $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Learning	Collaborative Learning		∇
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No significant difference.	Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction		
Your students' average was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.	with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices		
Your students' average was significantly lower $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.	Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	Δ	Δ
		Supportive Environment		
High-Impact Practices				
Due to their positive associations	First-year			
		Arkansas Tech 4%	43%	

with student learning and retention, certain undergraduate opportunities are designated "high-impact." For more details and statistical comparisons, see your *High-Impact Practices* report.

Service-Learning, Learning Community, and Research w/Faculty

Senior

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





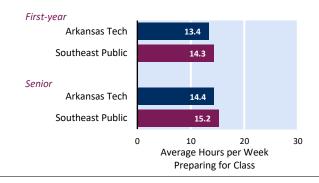
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Academic Challenge: Additional Results

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.

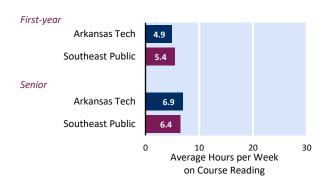
Time Spent Preparing for Class

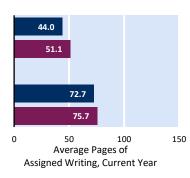
This figure reports the average weekly class preparation time for your students compared to students in your comparison group.



Reading and Writing

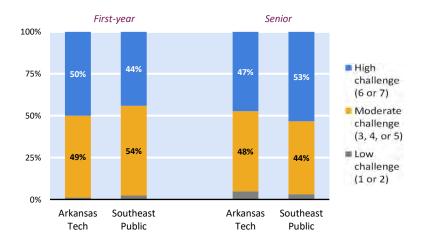
These figures summarize the number of hours your students spent reading for their courses and the average number of pages of assigned writing compared to students in your comparison group. Each is an estimate calculated from two or more separate survey questions.





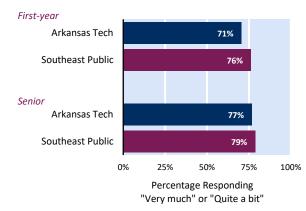
Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work

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, or equally available to all students. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

First-year

Highest Performing Relative to Southeast Public

Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices (...)^d (QI)

Quality of interactions with student services staff (...)^d (QI)

Quality of interactions with academic advisors^d (QI)

Extent to which courses challenged you to do your best work^d

Instructors provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments^c (ET)

Lowest Performing Relative to Southeast Public

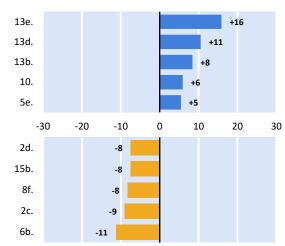
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue^b (RI)

I feel valued by this institution (SB)

Discussions with...People from countries other than your own

Included diverse perspectives (...) in course discussions or assignments^b (RI)

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



Percentage Point Difference with Southeast Public

Senior

Highest Performing Relative to Southeast Public

Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices (...)^d (QI)

Quality of interactions with academic advisors^d (QI)

Completed a culminating senior experience (...) (HIP)

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

Instructors taught course sessions in an organized way^c (ET)

Lowest Performing Relative to Southeast Public

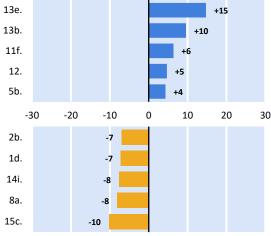
Connected your learning to societal problems or issues^b (RI)

Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material w/other students^b (CL)

Institution emphasis on attending events that address important social/econ./polit. issues^c (SE)

Discussions with... People of races or ethnicities other than your own^b (DD)

I feel like part of the community at this institution (SB)



Percentage Point Difference with Southeast Public

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 certain aspects of 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

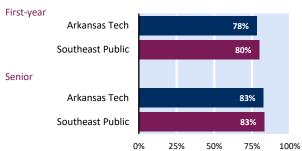
Students reported how much their experience at your institution contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in ten areas.

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

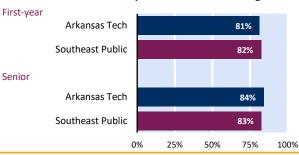
Satisfaction with Arkansas Tech

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	246	19%	68%	93%
Senior	254	22%	67%	77%

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

Additional Questions

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

Inclusiveness & Engagement with Cultural Diversity Experiences with Online Learning

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.

NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used at nearly 1,700 colleges and universities in the US and Canada. More than 90% of participating institutions administer the survey on a periodic basis.

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