



Faculty Survey of Student Engagement

FSSE 2004 and NSSE 2003 Frequencies

Western Michigan University

Faculty Responses

Academic and Intellectual Experiences	Variable	Class	50% or	
			Higher	Never
Frequently ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST	LD	8%	2%
		UD	30%	0%
Frequently come to class without completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPRE	LD	38%	1%
		UD	20%	4%
Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your standards	FWORKHRD	LD	30%	4%
		UD	35%	3%
Occasionally use e-mail to communicate with you	FEMAIL	LD	20%	2%
		UD	37%	0%
Occasionally discuss grades or assignments with you	FGRADE	LD	9%	0%
		UD	30%	0%
At least once, talk about career plans with you	FPLANS	LD	6%	12%
		UD	21%	4%
At least once, discuss ideas from readings or classes with you outside of class	FIDEAS	LD	2%	13%
		UD	15%	6%

Academic and Intellectual Experiences	Variable	Class	Very Often	
			or Often	Never
Have class discussions or writing assignments that include diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)	FDIVCLAS	LD	36%	42%
		UD	45%	25%
Work with other students on projects during class	FCLASSGR	LD	39%	26%
		UD	59%	17%
Participate in a community-based project as part of your course	FCOMMPRO	LD	11%	74%
		UD	21%	59%
Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FITICADE	LD	40%	29%
		UD	45%	22%
Receive prompt feedback (written or oral) from you on their academic performance	FFEED	LD	87%	0%
		UD	92%	0%
Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race or ethnicity than their own	FDIVRSTU	LD	23%	28%
		UD	24%	24%
Have serious conversations in your course with students who are very different from them in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FDIFFSTU	LD	24%	30%
		UD	30%	24%

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Academic and Intellectual Experiences	Variable	Class	Very Often	
			or Often	Never
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	FY	51%	3%
		SR	63%	2%
Come to class without completing assignments	CLUNPREP	FY	27%	14%
		SR	26%	13%
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	FY	45%	12%
		SR	51%	5%
Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL	FY	72%	2%
		SR	77%	2%
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	FY	53%	8%
		SR	61%	2%
Talked about career plans with an instructor	FACPLANS	FY	27%	29%
		SR	31%	22%
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	FY	14%	51%
		SR	19%	33%

Academic and Intellectual Experiences	Variable	Class	Very Often	
			or Often	Never
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS	FY	54%	10%
		SR	54%	7%
Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	FY	46%	10%
		SR	50%	8%
Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part a regular course	COMMPROJ	FY	5%	80%
		SR	12%	57%
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	FY	57%	17%
		SR	61%	16%
Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from faculty on your academic performance	FACFEED	FY	51%	8%
		SR	58%	4%
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	FY	52%	17%
		SR	52%	13%
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	FY	59%	14%
		SR	53%	10%



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Academic and Intellectual experiences	Variable	Class	Very Important	Not
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Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	FREWROPA	LD	37%	39%
		UD	50%	27%
Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources	FINTEGRA	LD	63%	22%
		UD	81%	9%
Work with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	FOCCGRP	LD	50%	25%
		UD	54%	17%
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	FINTIDEA	LD	42%	23%
		UD	68%	7%
Discuss ideas or readings from class with others outside of class (other students, faculty members, coworkers, etc.)	FOOCIDEA	LD	52%	20%
		UD	54%	11%
Tutor or teach other students (paid or voluntary)	FTUTOR	LD	25%	48%
		UD	25%	44%

Evaluations of student performance	Variable	Class	Very Much	Very Little
Select the box that represents the extent to which your evaluations of student performance (e.g., examinations, portfolio) challenge students to do their best work	FEXAMS	LD	20%	1%
		UD	24%	0%

Mental activities	Variable	Class	Very Much or	Very Little
			Quite a Bit	
Coursework emphasizes: Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your course and readings	FMEMORIZ	LD	38%	27%
		UD	23%	42%
Coursework emphasizes: Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory,	FANALYZE	LD	87%	0%
		UD	91%	0%
Coursework emphasizes: Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	FSYNTHES	LD	82%	3%
		UD	89%	2%
Coursework emphasizes: Making judgments about the value of information, arguments or methods	FEVALUAT	LD	64%	16%
		UD	76%	4%
Coursework emphasizes: Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	FAPPLYIN	LD	76%	6%
		UD	84%	2%

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Academic and Intellectual Experiences	Variable	Class	Very Often	Never
			or Often	
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP	FY	63%	12%
		SR	40%	19%
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT	FY	72%	3%
		SR	84%	2%
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	FY	37%	17%
		SR	59%	8%
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS	FY	37%	12%
		SR	67%	2%
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	FY	53%	8%
		SR	60%	4%
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	FY	10%	62%
		SR	20%	50%

Evaluations of student performance	Variable	Class	Very Much	Very Little
Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work.	EXAMS	FY	13%	0%
		SR	14%	2%

Mental activities	Variable	Class	Very Much or	Very Little
			Quite a Bit	
Coursework emphasizes: Memorizing facts, ideas or methods from your course and readings	MEMORIZE	FY	78%	2%
		SR	64%	9%
Coursework emphasizes: Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory	ANALYZE	FY	72%	1%
		SR	76%	2%
Coursework emphasizes: Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	SYNTHESZ	FY	60%	7%
		SR	69%	5%
Coursework emphasizes: Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods	EVALUATE	FY	60%	7%
		SR	60%	6%
Coursework emphasizes: Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	FY	64%	5%
		SR	73%	3%



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Educational and personal growth	Variable	Class	Very Much or	
			Quite a Bit	Very Little
Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWRITE	LD	50%	27%
		UD	65%	13%
Speaking clearly and effectively	FGNSPEAK	LD	37%	31%
		UD	56%	16%
Thinking critically and analytically	FGNANALY	LD	90%	1%
		UD	95%	0%
Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	LD	48%	32%
		UD	46%	35%
Using computing and information technology	FGNCMPTS	LD	35%	28%
		UD	42%	22%
Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	LD	40%	24%
		UD	61%	13%
Learning effectively on their own	FGNINQ	LD	90%	1%
		UD	90%	2%
Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	LD	43%	28%
		UD	52%	19%
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	LD	38%	41%
		UD	42%	33%
Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	LD	60%	11%
		UD	77%	5%
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	FVALUES	LD	33%	29%
		UD	48%	12%
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	FSPIRIT	LD	8%	78%
		UD	10%	70%
Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	LD	63%	19%
		UD	49%	19%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	FGNWORK	LD	67%	9%
		UD	76%	6%

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Educational and personal growth	Variable	Class	Very Much or	
			Quite a Bit	Very Little
Writing clearly and effectively	GNWIRTE	FY	65%	7%
		SR	70%	8%
Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	FY	47%	20%
		SR	64%	10%
Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	FY	71%	3%
		SR	79%	4%
Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT	FY	48%	13%
		SR	58%	7%
Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS	FY	72%	6%
		SR	80%	4%
Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	FY	62%	5%
		SR	79%	4%
Learning effectively on their own	GNINQ	FY	64%	10%
		SR	71%	6%
Understanding yourself	GNSELF	FY	54%	13%
		SR	58%	17%
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	FY	46%	22%
		SR	51%	14%
Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	FY	37%	19%
		SR	50%	14%
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	FY	39%	25%
		SR	53%	17%
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	GNSPIRIT	FY	<i>Note: Item not in NSSE 2003.</i>	
Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	FY	77%	1%
		SR	81%	4%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	FY	49%	13%
		SR	71%	8%



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Enriching Educational Experiences	Variable	Class	Very Important or Important	Not Important
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience	FINTERN	LD	73%	6%
		UD	87%	4%
Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNTR	LD	45%	15%
		UD	56%	14%
Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FLERNCOM	LD	40%	24%
		UD	47%	22%
Work on a research project with you outside of course program requirements	FIMPRES	LD	40%	21%
		UD	47%	22%
Study a foreign language	FFORLANG	LD	55%	13%
		UD	55%	16%
Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	LD	45%	16%
		UD	43%	21%
Culminating senior experience	FSENIOR	LD	62%	10%
		UD	71%	7%

Quality of Student Relationships	Variable	Class	Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation	Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging
With other students	FENVSTU	LD	1%	5%
		UD	0%	12%

	Variable	Class	Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic	Available, Helpful, Sympathetic
With faculty members	FENVFAC	LD	1%	9%
		UD	0%	11%

	Variable	Class	Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid	Helpful, Considerate, Flexible
With administrative personnel and offices	FENVADM	LD	8%	2%
		UD	6%	6%

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Enriching Educational Experiences	Variable	Class	Done or Plan To Do	Do Not Plan To Do
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN	FY	85%	2%
		SR	79%	13%
Community service or volunteer work	VOLUNTR	FY	69%	9%
		SR	66%	23%
Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LEARNCOM	FY	31%	28%
		SR	27%	58%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course program requirements	RESEARCH	FY	22%	36%
		SR	25%	61%
Foreign language coursework	FORLANG	FY	35%	35%
		SR	32%	62%
Study abroad	STUDYABR	FY	28%	38%
		SR	11%	79%
Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)	SENIORX	FY	33%	19%
		SR	45%	38%

Quality of Student Relationships	Variable	Class	Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation	Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging
With other students	ENVSTU	FY	1%	23%
		SR	0%	29%

	Variable	Class	Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic	Available, Helpful, Sympathetic
With faculty members	ENVFAC	FY	0%	13%
		SR	1%	14%

	Variable	Class	Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid	Helpful, Considerate, Flexible
With administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	FY	2%	12%
		SR	4%	7%



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Institutional Environment	Variable	Class	Very Much or	
			Quite a Bit	Very Little
Requiring students to spend significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	FENVSCHO	LD	46%	13%
		UD	54%	11%
Providing students the support they need to help them succeed academically	FENSUPR	LD	58%	8%
		UD	59%	5%
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FENVDIVR	LD	26%	26%
		UD	29%	18%
Helping students cope with their non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FENVACA	LD	16%	31%
		UD	23%	33%
Providing students the support they need to thrive socially	FENVSOCA	LD	18%	26%
		UD	28%	19%
Encouraging students to attend campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural events, symposia, etc.)	FENVEVEN	LD	42%	16%
		UD	48%	11%
Encouraging students to use computers in their academic work	FENVCOMP	LD	90%	1%
		UD	90%	1%

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Institutional Environment	Variable	Class	Very Much or	
			Quite a Bit	Very Little
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	ENVSCHOL	FY	74%	5%
		SR	73%	2%
Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	FY	70%	4%
		SR	59%	7%
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	FY	42%	19%
		SR	31%	26%
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	FY	25%	38%
		SR	13%	55%
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	FY	39%	18%
		SR	20%	33%
Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural events, athletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT	FY	60%	8%
		SR	47%	15%
Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT	FY	88%	2%
		SR	88%	2%