



## Faculty Survey of Student Engagement

## FSSE 2006 and NSSE 2006 Frequencies Western Michigan University

### Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

#### Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that more than half of students from their courses do the following

<i>FSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>50% or Higher</i>
Frequently ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST	LD	<b>20%</b>
		UD	<b>31%</b>
Frequently come to class without completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPRE	LD	<b>30%</b>
		UD	<b>25%</b>
Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your standards	FWORKHRD	LD	<b>25%</b>
		UD	<b>39%</b>
Occasionally use e-mail to communicate with you	FEMAIL	LD	<b>32%</b>
		UD	<b>38%</b>
Occasionally discuss grades or assignments with you	FGRADE	LD	<b>22%</b>
		UD	<b>25%</b>
At least once, talk about career plans with you	FPLANS	LD	<b>10%</b>
		UD	<b>26%</b>
At least once, discuss ideas from readings or classes with you outside of class	FIDEAS	LD	<b>7%</b>
		UD	<b>15%</b>

Percentage of faculty who reported that students from their courses do the following often or very often

<i>FSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Very Often or Often</i>
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#### Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

<i>NSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Very Often</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Never</i>
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	FY	17%	30%	49%	4%
		SR	35%	33%	30%	2%
Come to class without completing assignments	CLUNPREP	FY	9%	21%	54%	16%
		SR	9%	16%	60%	16%
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	FY	12%	33%	42%	12%
		SR	18%	36%	38%	7%
Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL	FY	33%	36%	28%	2%
		SR	53%	32%	14%	1%
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	FY	14%	30%	43%	13%
		SR	31%	30%	35%	4%
Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	FY	9%	17%	46%	28%
		SR	18%	22%	41%	19%
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	FY	5%	9%	35%	51%
		SR	8%	17%	42%	33%

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

<i>NSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Very Often</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Never</i>
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Faculty Responses			
Have class discussions or writing assignments that include diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)	FDIVCLAS	LD	27%
		UD	43%
Work with other students on projects during class	FCLASSGR	LD	47%
		UD	58%
Participate in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of your course	FCOMMPRO	LD	4%
		UD	15%
Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FITICADE	LD	34%
		UD	41%
Receive prompt written or oral feedback from you on their academic performance	FFEED	LD	84%
		UD	88%
Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race or ethnicity than their own	FDIVRSTU	LD	13%
		UD	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	14%
		UD	26%

### Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very important that their students do the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Important or Important
Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	FREWROPA	LD	37%
		UD	50%

Student Responses						
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS	FY	20%	35%	36%	10%
		SR	27%	34%	32%	7%
Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	FY	14%	34%	44%	8%
		SR	21%	34%	37%	8%
Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	FY	2%	7%	21%	70%
		SR	7%	13%	31%	50%
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	FY	27%	28%	30%	15%
		SR	36%	27%	27%	10%
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	FACFEED	FY	9%	37%	43%	11%
		SR	17%	42%	35%	6%
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	FY	20%	26%	35%	19%
		SR	25%	27%	37%	11%
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	FY	25%	28%	35%	13%
		SR	28%	30%	34%	8%

### Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP	FY	24%	31%	31%	14%
		SR	21%	23%	39%	17%



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Faculty Responses			
Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources	FINTEGRA	LD	<b>55%</b>
		UD	<b>78%</b>
Work with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	FOCCGRP	LD	<b>44%</b>
		UD	<b>52%</b>
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	FINTIDEA	LD	<b>46%</b>
		UD	<b>67%</b>
Discuss ideas or readings from class with others outside of class (other students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	FOOCID05	LD	<b>39%</b>
		UD	<b>56%</b>
Tutor or teach other students (paid or voluntary)	FTUTOR	LD	<b>19%</b>
		UD	<b>25%</b>
Examine the strengths and weaknesses of their views on a topic or issue	FOWNVIEW	LD	<b>59%</b>
		UD	<b>69%</b>
Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from that person's perspective	FOTHRVW	LD	<b>56%</b>
		UD	<b>68%</b>
Learn something that changes the way they understand an issue or concept	FCHNGVW	LD	<b>82%</b>
		UD	<b>91%</b>

### Percentage of faculty who reported that their evaluations of student performance are quite challenging for students

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Quite Challenging
Select the box that represents the extent to which your evaluations of student performance (e.g., examinations, portfolio)	FEEXAMS	LD	<b>76%</b>

Student Responses						
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT	FY	28%	45%	25%	2%
		SR	47%	41%	11%	1%
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	FY	12%	28%	45%	15%
		SR	32%	32%	29%	7%
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS	FY	12%	40%	42%	7%
		SR	26%	45%	27%	2%
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	FY	18%	38%	36%	8%
		SR	23%	38%	35%	4%
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	FY	4%	10%	27%	60%
		SR	9%	12%	33%	46%
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	FY	12%	34%	40%	14%
		SR	21%	34%	38%	7%
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	OTHRVIEW	FY	17%	40%	35%	8%
		SR	25%	39%	31%	5%
Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	FY	20%	41%	35%	5%
		SR	26%	41%	31%	3%

### Distribution of student responses to how much their examinations during the current schol year challenged them to do their best work

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Quite Challenging	Not as Challenging
Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the	FEEXAMS	FY	80%	20%



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performance (e.g., examinations, portfolios) <small>EXAMS</small>		
challenge students in your selected course	UD	92%
section to do their best work		

Note: Faculty responded to this item on a 7-point scale (1 = Very little to 7 = Very much). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as quite challenging.

### Percentage of faculty who reported that they place quite a bit or very much emphasis on the following in their courses

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your course and readings	FMEMORIZ	LD	26%
		UD	25%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory	FANALYZE	LD	84%
		UD	90%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	FSYNTHES	LD	78%
		UD	89%
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments or methods	FEVALUAT	LD	56%
		UD	74%
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	FAPPLYIN	LD	77%
		UD	85%

### Percentage of faculty who structured their courses quite a bit or very much so that students learn and develop in the following areas

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWRITE	LD	40%
		UD	68%

Student Responses			
current school year challenged you to do your best work	SR	75%	25%

Note: Students responded to this item on a 7-point scale (1 = Very little to 7 = Very much). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as quite challenging and responses of 1, 2, 3, and 4 are coded as not as challenging.

### Distribution of student responses to how much their coursework during the current school year emphasized the following

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Memorizing facts, ideas or methods from your course and readings	MEMORIZE	FY	31%	41%	24%	5%
		SR	29%	39%	25%	7%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory	ANALYZE	FY	29%	44%	24%	3%
		SR	37%	45%	17%	1%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	SYNTHESZ	FY	18%	36%	40%	6%
		SR	27%	41%	28%	4%
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods	EVALUATE	FY	18%	43%	32%	7%
		SR	30%	40%	26%	5%
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	FY	31%	40%	26%	4%
		SR	39%	35%	22%	3%

### Distribution of student responses to the extent that their college experience contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Writing clearly and effectively	GNWIRTE	FY	22%	39%	29%	9%
		SR	31%	41%	25%	4%



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### Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses			
Speaking clearly and effectively	FGNSPEAK	LD	<b>31%</b>
		UD	<b>51%</b>
Thinking critically and analytically	FGNANALY	LD	<b>89%</b>
		UD	<b>94%</b>
Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	LD	<b>50%</b>
		UD	<b>44%</b>
Using computing and information technology	FGNCMPTS	LD	<b>40%</b>
		UD	<b>40%</b>
Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	LD	<b>50%</b>
		UD	<b>60%</b>
Learning effectively on their own	FGNINQ	LD	<b>86%</b>
		UD	<b>87%</b>

### Percentage of faculty who structured their courses quite a bit or very much so that students learn and develop in the following areas

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	LD	<b>44%</b>
		UD	<b>50%</b>
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	LD	<b>31%</b>
		UD	<b>39%</b>
Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	LD	<b>51%</b>
		UD	

Student Responses						
Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	FY	14%	34%	35%	17%
		SR	25%	38%	31%	6%
Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	FY	26%	48%	21%	5%
		SR	38%	42%	17%	3%
Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT	FY	17%	41%	34%	8%
		SR	28%	37%	27%	8%
Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS	FY	29%	39%	25%	7%
		SR	42%	34%	20%	4%
Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	FY	23%	43%	28%	6%
		SR	38%	39%	20%	3%
Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	FY	16%	45%	30%	9%
		SR	28%	42%	22%	8%

### Distribution of student responses to the extent that their college experience contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Understanding yourself	GNSSELF	FY	17%	36%	32%	15%
		SR	26%	34%	25%	15%
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	FY	15%	30%	34%	21%
		SR	18%	32%	36%	14%
Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	FY	10%	35%	41%	14%
		SR				



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Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	UD	<b>67%</b>
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	FVALUES	LD	<b>32%</b>
		UD	<b>50%</b>
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	FSPIRIT	LD	<b>7%</b>
		UD	<b>9%</b>
Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	LD	<b>51%</b>
		UD	<b>48%</b>
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	FGNWORK	LD	<b>66%</b>
		UD	<b>77%</b>

Student Responses						
Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBS	SR	20%	32%	36%	13%
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	FY	12%	31%	37%	20%
		SR	21%	29%	31%	20%
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	GNSPIRIT	FY	7%	15%	28%	51%
		SR	8%	10%	22%	59%
Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	FY	24%	51%	23%	2%
		SR	32%	47%	20%	2%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	FY	18%	35%	35%	13%
		SR	33%	37%	21%	9%



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### Importance faculty place on campus-facilitated activities and student participation:

#### Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very important that students at their institution do the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Important or Important
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	FINTERN	LD	<b>81%</b>
		UD	<b>82%</b>
Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNTR	LD	<b>52%</b>
		UD	<b>51%</b>
Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FLRNCOM	LD	<b>43%</b>
		UD	<b>46%</b>
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	FIMPR05	LD	<b>53%</b>
		UD	<b>54%</b>
Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	LD	<b>60%</b>
		UD	<b>53%</b>
Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	LD	<b>50%</b>
		UD	<b>44%</b>
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FSENIOR	LD	<b>84%</b>
		UD	<b>82%</b>

#### Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to whether they had done or plan to do the following before graduating

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Done	Plan to do	Do not plan to do	Have not decided
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN04	FY	4%	75%	5%	16%
		SR	64%	14%	17%	4%
Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	FY	32%	38%	9%	21%
		SR	61%	12%	18%	8%
Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LRNCOM04	FY	18%	17%	28%	36%
		SR	28%	5%	56%	11%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	FY	3%	22%	29%	46%
		SR	15%	9%	64%	12%
Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	FY	20%	22%	38%	21%
		SR	32%	8%	53%	6%
Study abroad	STDABR04	FY	2%	31%	31%	35%
		SR	12%	5%	72%	12%
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, thesis, project, comprehensive exam, etc.)	SNRX04	FY	1%	40%	14%	45%
		SR	31%	16%	44%	9%





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### Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

#### Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that their institution emphasizes each of the following quite a bit or very much

<i>FSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Very Much or Quite a Bit</i>
Requiring students to spend significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	FENVSCHO	LD	<b>53%</b>
		UD	<b>54%</b>
Providing students the support they need to help them succeed academically	FENVSUPR	LD	<b>54%</b>
		UD	<b>56%</b>
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FENVDIR	LD	<b>30%</b>
		UD	<b>31%</b>
Helping students cope with their non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FENVNACA	LD	<b>15%</b>
		UD	<b>17%</b>
Providing students the support they need to thrive socially	FENVSOCA	LD	<b>17%</b>
		UD	<b>23%</b>
Encouraging students to attend campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	FENVEVEN	LD	<b>47%</b>
		UD	<b>45%</b>
Encouraging students to use computers in their academic work	FENVCOMP	LD	<b>93%</b>
		UD	<b>93%</b>

Percentage of faculty who reported that students at their institution have positive relationships with the following groups

<i>FSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Positive Quality</i>
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#### Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their institution emphasizes each of the following

<i>NSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Very Much</i>	<i>Quite a Bit</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>Very Little</i>
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	ENVSCHOL	FY	23%	44%	30%	3%
		SR	23%	44%	29%	3%
Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	FY	17%	47%	32%	4%
		SR	15%	39%	38%	9%
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIRS	FY	13%	27%	40%	20%
		SR	11%	20%	41%	29%
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	FY	6%	17%	40%	38%
		SR	3%	11%	34%	51%
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	FY	7%	31%	39%	23%
		SR	6%	20%	44%	29%
Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT	FY	18%	37%	35%	10%
		SR	12%	34%	40%	15%
Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT	FY	47%	36%	14%	3%
		SR	58%	31%	8%	2%

Distribution of student ratings of the quality of their relationships with the following groups

<i>NSSE Item</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Positive Quality</i>	<i>Neutral or Negative</i>
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### Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Faculty Responses			
With other students	FENVSTU	LD	<b>76%</b>
		UD	<b>76%</b>
With faculty members	FENVFAC	LD	<b>75%</b>
		UD	<b>76%</b>
With administrative personnel and offices	FENVADM	LD	<b>27%</b>
		UD	<b>33%</b>

Note: Faculty responded to the items above on 7-point scales (e.g., 1 = Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation to 7 = Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as positive quality.

Student Responses				
With other students	ENVSTU	FY	76%	24%
		SR	83%	17%
With faculty members	ENVFAC	FY	62%	38%
		SR	75%	25%
With administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	FY	42%	58%
		SR	39%	61%

Note: Students responded to the items above on 7-point scales (e.g., 1 = Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation to 7 = Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as positive quality and responses of 1, 2, 3, and 4