

Western Carolina University

Respondent Characteristics August 2012



FSSE 2012 Respondent Characteristics Western Carolina University

	Lower Upper
Total number of respondents	244 (83 Lower Division, 134 Upper Division, 16 Other, 11 Missing course level)
Number of invited faculty	603
Response rate	40%

	Division	Division	Other	Total
-	DIVISION	DIVISION	Other	Total
Rank				
Professor	11%	18%	20%	16%
Associate Professor	19%	37%	13%	29%
Assistant Professor	26%	30%	7%	27%
Instructor	14%	9%	33%	12%
Lecturer	15%	1%	0%	6%
Graduate Teaching Assistant	1%	1%	0%	1%
Other	14%	5%	27%	9%
Fenure status				
Tenured	29%	52%	27%	42%
On tenure track but not tenured	21%	23%	0%	21%
Not on tenure track	49%	22%	73%	35%
No tenure system	1%	2%	0%	2%
Highest degree earned				
First professional degree	2%	2%	7%	2%
Doctoral degree	59%	74%	33%	66%
Master's degree	36%	21%	60%	29%
Bachelor's degree	0%	2%	0%	1%
Associate's degree	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	2%	2%	0%	2%
Full-time/Part Time				
Full-time	81%	91%	73%	86%
Part-time	19%	9%	27%	14%



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_	Lower Division	Upper Division	Other	Total
Number of courses taught 11-12 ¹				
None	0%	0%	0%	0%
1-3	24%	20%	50%	23%
4-6	39%	46%	14%	41%
7 or more	38%	34%	36%	35%
Years of teaching experience				
4 or less	16%	14%	13%	15%
5-9	26%	27%	33%	27%
10-14	22%	14%	7%	16%
15 or more	36%	45%	47%	42%
Age				
34 or younger	15%	8%	7%	10%
35-44	29%	30%	27%	30%
45-54	22%	29%	13%	25%
Older than 54	34%	33%	53%	35%
Gender				
Male	43%	52%	33%	47%
Female	58%	48%	67%	53%
Race / Ethnicity				
American Indian/ Native Amer.	0%	2%	0%	1%
Asian/ Asian Amer./ Pacific Isl.	5%	2%	0%	3%
Black or African American	1%	0%	0%	0%
White (non-Hispanic)	84%	87%	93%	87%
Mexican or Mexican American	1%	0%	0%	0%
Puerto Rican	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1%	0%	0%	0%
Multiracial	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	1%	0%	1%
Prefer not to respond	6%	8%	7%	7%
Citizenship status				
U.S. citizen, native	94%	94%	93%	94%
U.S. citizen, naturalized	5%	0%	7%	2%
Permanent resident of the U.S.	1%	3%	0%	2%
Temporary resident of the U.S.	0%	2%	0%	1%

1: Includes 2011-2012 undergraduate and graduate courses, taught or scheduled, as reported by faculty respondents.

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Frequency Distributions August 2012



Interpreting the Frequency Distributions Report

Course-Based Survey Option

The course-based option asks faculty members to respond to questions about student engagement based on a course taught during the current academic year. This option is valuable for institutions that want to know more about faculty practices and student engagement tied to individual courses taught on campus.

Sample

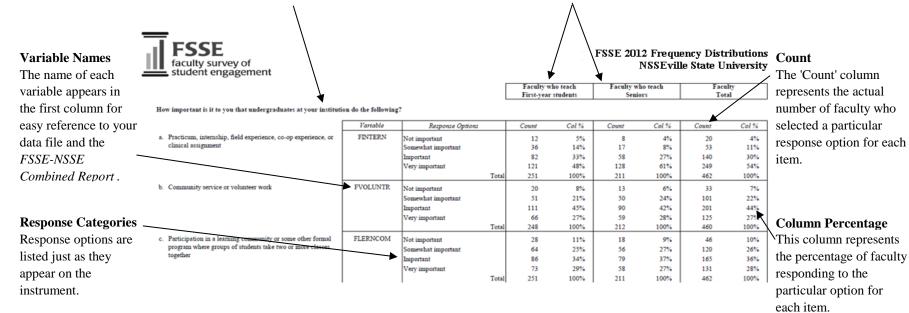
The *Frequency Distributions* report is based on information from all faculty at your institution who responded to the survey based on their experiences teaching either a lower or upper division course. Faculty who responded based on another type of course or who did not report the course level are not included in this report.

Survey Items

The items from the FSSE course-based survey option appear in the left column in the same order and wording as they appear on the instrument.

Course Level

Frequency distributions are reported separately for faculty who teach lower division and upper division courses.





				Lower Division		Upper D	Division	Tot	al
How important is it to you that undergraduates at your instituti	on do the following	g?							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or	FINTERN	Not important		2	2%	1	1%	3	1%
clinical assignment		Somewhat important		12	15%	6	5%	18	8%
		Important		15	18%	31	23%	46	21%
		Very important		53	65%	95	71%	148	69%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%
b. Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNTR	Not important		12	14%	6	5%	18	8%
		Somewhat important		21	25%	29	22%	50	23%
		Important		35	42%	49	37%	84	39%
		Very important		15	18%	49	37%	64	30%
			Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%
c. Participation in a learning community or some other formal	FLERNCOM	Not important		18	22%	26	20%	44	20%
program where groups of students take two or more classes		Somewhat important		31	37%	51	38%	82	38%
together		Important		22	27%	30	23%	52	24%
		Very important		12	14%	26	20%	38	18%
			Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%
d. Work on a research project with a faculty	FIMPR05	Not important		12	14%	13	10%	25	12%
member outside of course or program requirements		Somewhat important		25	30%	45	34%	70	32%
		Important		32	39%	37	28%	69	32%
		Very important		14	17%	39	29%	53	24%
			Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
e. Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	Not important		12	14%	14	11%	26	12%
		Somewhat important		30	36%	47	35%	77	36%
		Important		24	29%	48	36%	72	33%
		Very important		17	20%	24	18%	41	19%
			Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%
f. Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	Not important		18	22%	22	17%	40	19%
		Somewhat important		30	37%	55	41%	85	40%
		Important		23	28%	33	25%	56	26%
		Very important		11	13%	23	17%	34	16%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%



Total

Lower Division	Upper Division

How important is it to you that undergraduates at your institution do the following? (continued)

	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
g. Independent study or self-designed major	FINDST06	Not important		27	33%	38	29%	65	30%
		Somewhat important		34	41%	57	43%	91	42%
		Important		16	19%	26	20%	42	20%
		Very important		6	7%	11	8%	17	8%
		Т	otal	83	100%	132	100%	215	100%
 h. Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior projec or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.) 	FSENIOR	Not important		4	5%	6	4%	10	5%
or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)		Somewhat important		11	13%	14	10%	25	12%
		Important		37	45%	36	27%	73	34%
		Very important		31	37%	78	58%	109	50%
		Т	otal	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%

Select the response that you believe best represents the quality of student relationships with people at your institution.

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
Student relationships with other students	FENVSTU	Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of						
		Alienation	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		2	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		3	3	4%	1	1%	4	2%
		4	9	11%	11	8%	20	9%
		5	26	31%	37	28%	63	29%
		6	39	47%	62	46%	101	47%
		Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging	5	6%	21	16%	26	12%
		Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
Student relationships with faculty members	FENVFAC							
		Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2	2	2%	2	2%	4	2%
		3	6	7%	2	2%	8	4%
		4	6	7%	8	6%	14	6%
		5	28	34%	34	26%	62	29%
		6	33	40%	67	50%	100	46%
		Available, Helpful, Sympathetic	8	10%	20	15%	28	13%
		Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%



Lower Division	Upper Division	Total
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Select the response that you believe best represents the quality of student relationships with people at your institution. (continued)

	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
Student relationships with administrative personnel and	FENVADM	Unhelpful, Inconsiderate,							
offices		Rigid		1	1%	6	5%	7	3%
		2		9	11%	6	5%	15	7%
		3		12	15%	12	9%	24	11%
		4		22	28%	36	27%	58	27%
		5		21	26%	32	24%	53	25%
		6		11	14%	37	28%	48	23%
		Helpful, Considerate, Flexible		4	5%	4	3%	8	4%
		-	Total	80	100%	133	100%	213	100%

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?

	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Requiring students to spend significant amounts	FENVSCHO	Very little		9	11%	10	7%	19	9%
of time studying and on academic work		Some		39	47%	47	35%	86	40%
		Quite a bit		29	35%	57	43%	86	40%
		Very much		6	7%	20	15%	26	12%
			Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
b. Providing students the support they need to help	FENVSUPR	Very little		2	2%	1	1%	3	1%
them succeed academically		Some		12	14%	18	13%	30	14%
		Quite a bit		35	42%	61	46%	96	44%
		Very much		34	41%	54	40%	88	41%
			Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic,	FENVDIVR	Very little		9	11%	18	13%	27	13%
social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds		Some		34	42%	50	37%	84	39%
		Quite a bit		27	33%	47	35%	74	34%
		Very much		11	14%	19	14%	30	14%
			Total	81	100%	134	100%	215	100%



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To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the follow	ving? (continued)								
1	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
d. Helping students cope with their non-academic responsibilities	FENVNACA	Very little		10	12%	19	14%	29	13%
(work, family, etc.)		Some		42	51%	55	41%	97	45%
		Quite a bit		27	33%	48	36%	75	35%
		Very much		4	5%	12	9%	16	7%
-			Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
e. Providing students the support they need	FENVSOCA	Very little		5	6%	13	10%	18	8%
to thrive socially		Some		36	44%	52	39%	88	41%
		Quite a bit		32	40%	57	43%	89	41%
		Very much		8	10%	12	9%	20	9%
			Total	81	100%	134	100%	215	100%
f. Encouraging students to participate in co-curricular activities	FENVACT	Very little		3	4%	5	4%	8	4%
(organizations, campus publications, student government,		Some		33	40%	34	26%	67	31%
fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)		Quite a bit		30	37%	63	47%	93	43%
		Very much		16	20%	31	23%	47	22%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%
g. Encouraging students to attend campus events and activities	FENVEVEN	Very little		6	7%	5	4%	11	5%
(special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)		Some		20	24%	34	26%	54	25%
		Quite a bit		46	56%	67	51%	113	53%
		Very much		10	12%	26	20%	36	17%
			Total	82	100%	132	100%	214	100%
h. Encouraging students to use computers in their academic work	FENVCOMP	Very little		3	4%	1	1%	4	2%
		Some		6	7%	18	13%	24	11%
		Quite a bit		30	36%	30	22%	60	28%
		Very much		44	53%	85	63%	129	59%
		•	Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%



				Lower D	Division	Upper D	oivision	Tot	al
About how many hours do you spend in a <i>typical 7-day we</i>	<i>ek</i> doing each of the foll	owing?							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Teaching undergraduate students in class	UGTEACH	0		0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
		1-4		20	24%	19	14%	39	18%
		5-8		14	17%	29	22%	43	20%
		9-12		37	45%	57	43%	94	44%
		13-16		7	9%	15	11%	22	10%
		17-20		1	1%	11	8%	12	6%
		21-30		2	2%	0	0%	2	1%
		More than 30		1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
			Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%
b. Grading papers and exams	Grading papers and exams GRADEPAP	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1-4		34	41%	35	26%	69	32%
		5-8		24	29%	57	43%	81	38%
		9-12		12	15%	25	19%	37	17%
		13-16		8	10%	8	6%	16	7%
		17-20		1	1%	3	2%	4	2%
		21-30		2	2%	3	2%	5	2%
		More than 30		1	1%	3	2%	4	2%
			Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%
c. Giving other forms of written and oral feedback	GRADEBCK	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
to students		1-4		42	52%	52	39%	94	44%
		5-8		24	30%	46	34%	70	33%
		9-12		5	6%	20	15%	25	12%
		13-16		4	5%	11	8%	15	7%
		17-20		2	2%	1	1%	3	1%
		21-30		3	4%	2	1%	5	2%
		More than 30		1	1%	2	1%	3	1%
			Total	81	100%	134	100%	215	100%



				Lower D	vision	Upper D	Division	Tot	al
About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week	k doing each of the foll	owing? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
d. Preparing for class	CLASSPRP	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1-4		16	20%	21	16%	37	17%
		5-8		27	33%	52	39%	79	37%
		9-12		16	20%	36	27%	52	24%
		13-16		14	17%	13	10%	27	13%
		17-20		4	5%	8	6%	12	6%
		21-30		3	4%	2	1%	5	2%
		More than 30		2	2%	2	1%	4	2%
			Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%
e. Reflecting on ways to improve my teaching	REFLECT	0		1	1%	0	0%	1	0%
		1-4		57	70%	81	60%	138	64%
		5-8		11	13%	35	26%	46	21%
		9-12		8	10%	9	7%	17	8%
		13-16		2	2%	2	1%	4	2%
		17-20		2	2%	4	3%	6	3%
		21-30		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		More than 30		1	1%	2	1%	3	1%
			Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%
f. Research and scholarly activities	SCHOLAR	0		11	13%	5	4%	16	7%
		1-4		32	39%	43	32%	75	35%
		5-8		21	26%	39	29%	60	28%
		9-12		13	16%	19	14%	32	15%
		13-16		1	1%	12	9%	13	6%
		17-20		3	4%	8	6%	11	5%
		21-30		1	1%	4	3%	5	2%
		More than 30		0	0%	4	3%	4	2%
			Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%



				Lower D	vivision	Upper D	oivision	Tot	al
About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week	k doing each of the foll	owing? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
g. Working with undergraduates on research	FRESEARC	0		33	41%	42	31%	75	35%
		1-4		33	41%	68	51%	101	47%
		5-8		10	12%	15	11%	25	12%
		9-12		3	4%	6	4%	9	4%
		13-16		2	2%	2	1%	4	2%
		17-20		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		21-30		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		More than 30		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	81	100%	134	100%	215	100%
h. Advising undergraduate students	ADVISE	0		21	26%	12	9%	33	15%
		1-4		47	57%	80	60%	127	59%
		5-8		4	5%	30	23%	34	16%
		9-12		1	1%	5	4%	6	3%
		13-16		4	5%	1	1%	5	2%
		17-20		1	1%	2	2%	3	1%
		21-30		1	1%	3	2%	4	2%
		More than 30		3	4%	0	0%	3	1%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%
i. Supervising internships or other field experiences	FIELDEXP	0		55	68%	60	45%	115	54%
		1-4		13	16%	37	28%	50	23%
		5-8		9	11%	16	12%	25	12%
		9-12		2	2%	9	7%	11	5%
		13-16		2	2%	3	2%	5	2%
		17-20		0	0%	4	3%	4	2%
		21-30		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		More than 30		0	0%	3	2%	3	1%
			Total	81	100%	133	100%	214	100%



				Lower D	oivision	Upper D	vision	To	al
About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week do	oing each of the follo	owing? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
j. Working with students on activities other than course work	FFACOTHR	0		41	50%	38	29%	79	37%
(committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)		1-4		26	32%	76	58%	102	48%
		5-8		8	10%	10	8%	18	8%
		9-12		5	6%	4	3%	9	4%
		13-16		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		17-20		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		21-30		1	1%	0	0%	1	0%
		More than 30		1	1%	2	2%	3	1%
			Total	82	100%	132	100%	214	100%
k. Other interactions with students outside of the classroom	FINTERAC	0		15	18%	20	15%	35	16%
		1-4		46	56%	81	60%	127	59%
		5-8		10	12%	21	16%	31	14%
		9-12		5	6%	6	4%	11	5%
		13-16		0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
		17-20		5	6%	1	1%	6	3%
		21-30		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		More than 30		1	1%	2	1%	3	1%
			Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%
1. Conducting service activities	SERVICE	0		35	43%	32	24%	67	31%
		1-4		29	36%	57	43%	86	40%
		5-8		11	14%	25	19%	36	17%
		9-12		5	6%	9	7%	14	7%
		13-16		0	0%	4	3%	4	2%
		17-20		0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
		21-30		1	1%	2	1%	3	1%
		More than 30		0	0%	3	2%	3	1%
			Total	81	100%	134	100%	215	100%



			Lower l	Division	Upper I	Division	Tot	al
Please respond to the following questions based on one particula	r undergraduate c	ourse section you are teaching or have	taught during	this academic	year.			
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
In what format do you teach your selected course section?	TEACFORM	Classroom, on-campus	80	98%	116	87%	196	91%
		Classroom, auxiliary location	0	0%	3	2%	3	1%
		Distance education	2	2%	15	11%	17	8%
		Total	82	100%	134	100%	216	100%
Does your selected course section fulfill a general	GENEDREQ	No	33	40%	106	80%	139	65%
education requirement on your campus?		Yes	49	60%	27	20%	76	35%
		Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%
How many students are enrolled in your selected course	CS05	9 or less	2	2%	4	3%	6	3%
section?		10 to 19	9	11%	27	20%	36	17%
		20 to 29	26	31%	52	39%	78	36%
		30 to 49	31	37%	45	34%	76	35%
		50 to 99	12	14%	6	4%	18	8%
		100 or more	3	4%	0	0%	3	1%
		Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
Prior to this semester, how many times have you taught	CT05	0	11	14%	11	8%	22	10%
your selected course?		1 to 2	15	19%	21	16%	36	17%
		3 to 9	25	31%	66	50%	91	43%
		10 to 19	16	20%	21	16%	37	17%
		20 or more	13	16%	14	11%	27	13%
		Total	80	100%	133	100%	213	100%



			[Lower I	Division	Upper D	ivision	Tot	tal
About what <i>percent</i> of students in your selected course section	do the following?								
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Frequently ask questions in class or contribute to class	FCLQUEST								
discussions	ICLQUEST	None		0	0%	2	2%	2	1%
		1-24%		39	47%	37	28%	76	35%
		25-49%		21	25%	29	22%	50	23%
		50-74%		13	16%	40	30%	53	25%
		75% or higher	T-4-1	10 83	12% 100%	24	18% 100%	34	16% 100%
			Total			132		215	
b. Frequently come to class without completing readings or	FCLUNPRE	None		3	4%	4	3%	7	3%
assignments		1-24%		37	45%	54	41%	91	42%
		25-49%		20	24%	40	30%	60	28%
		50-74%		12	15%	26	20%	38	18%
		75% or higher		10	12%	9	7%	19	9%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%
c. Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your	FWORKHRD	None		2	2%	4	3%	6	3%
standards		1-24%		38	47%	33	25%	71	34%
		25-49%		25	31%	42	32%	67	32%
		50-74%		14	17%	41	32%	55	26%
		75% or higher		2	2%	10	8%	12	6%
			Total	81	100%	130	100%	211	100%
d. Occasionally use e-mail to communicate	FEMAIL	None		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
with you		1-24%		27	33%	30	23%	57	26%
		25-49%		23	28%	38	29%	61	28%
		50-74%		18	22%	24	18%	42	19%
		75% or higher		15	18%	40	30%	55	25%
			Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%
e. Occasionally discuss grades or assignments	FGRADE	None		0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
with you		1-24%		32	39%	54	40%	86	40%
		25-49%		30	36%	37	28%	67	31%
		50-74%		15	18%	19	14%	34	16%
		75% or higher		6	7%	22	16%	28	13%
			Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%



Lower Division	Upper Division	Total

About what *percent* of students in your selected course section do the following? (continued)

	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
f. At least once, talk about career plans	FPLANS	None		8	10%	5	4%	13	6%
with you		1-24%		49	59%	56	42%	105	48%
		25-49%		6	7%	31	23%	37	17%
		50-74%		8	10%	19	14%	27	12%
		75% or higher		12	14%	23	17%	35	16%
			Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
g. At least once, discuss ideas from readings or classes with you	FIDEAS	None		11	13%	6	5%	17	8%
outside of class		1-24%		51	62%	68	51%	119	55%
		25-49%		7	9%	29	22%	36	17%
		50-74%		9	11%	26	20%	35	16%
		75% or higher		4	5%	4	3%	8	4%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%

How often do students in your selected course section engage in the following?

	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Have class discussions or writing assignments that include	FDIVCLAS	Never		21	25%	25	19%	46	21%
diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders,		Sometimes		30	36%	39	29%	69	32%
political beliefs, etc.)		Often		20	24%	35	26%	55	25%
		Very often		12	14%	34	26%	46	21%
		-	Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%
b. Work with other students on projects	FCLASSGR	Never		9	11%	6	4%	15	7%
during class		Sometimes		27	33%	32	24%	59	27%
		Often		23	28%	42	31%	65	30%
		Very often		24	29%	54	40%	78	36%
		-	Total	83	100%	134	100%	217	100%
c. Participate in a community-based project (e.g., service	FCOMMPRO	Never		50	62%	65	49%	115	53%
learning) as part of your course		Sometimes		22	27%	31	23%	53	25%
		Often		6	7%	13	10%	19	9%
		Very often		3	4%	25	19%	28	13%
		,	Total	81	100%	134	100%	215	100%



political opinions, or personal values

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				Lower I	Division	Upper D	oivision	То	tal
How often do students in your selected course section engage in	the following? (cor	ntinued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
d. Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet,	FITICADE	Never		24	29%	19	14%	43	20%
instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment		Sometimes		26	32%	49	37%	75	35%
		Often		16	20%	23	17%	39	18%
		Very often		16	20%	42	32%	58	27%
			Total	82	100%	133	100%	215	100%
e. Receive prompt written or oral feedback from you on their	FFEED	Never		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
academic performance		Sometimes		10	12%	11	8%	21	10%
		Often		28	34%	51	39%	79	37%
		Very often		44	54%	70	53%	114	53%
			Total	82	100%	132	100%	214	100%
f. Have serious conversations in your course with students of a	FDIVRSTU	Never		20	24%	30	23%	50	23%
different race or ethnicity than their own		Sometimes		42	51%	66	50%	108	50%
		Often		15	18%	25	19%	40	19%
		Very often		6	7%	12	9%	18	8%
			Total	83	100%	133	100%	216	100%
g. Have serious conversations in your course with students who	FDIFFSTU	Never		22	27%	28	21%	50	23%
are very different from them in terms of their religious beliefs,		Sometimes		32	39%	60	45%	92	43%

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82

Total

21%

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In your selected course section, about how much reading and writing do you assign students?

[Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of	FREADASG	None	8	11%	4	3%	12	6%
course readings		1	46	61%	75	59%	121	60%
		2-3	18	24%	38	30%	56	28%
		4-6	1	1%	8	6%	9	4%
		More than 6	3	4%	2	2%	5	2%
		Total	76	100%	127	100%	203	100%

Very often

Often

22%

12%

100%



			Lower	Division	Upper D	ivision	Tot	al
In your selected course section, about how much reading and wr	riting do you assign	students? (continued)						
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
b. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	FWRTMR05	None	74	91%	105	80%	179	84%
		1	6	7%	19	14%	25	12%
		2-3	1	1%	7	5%	8	4%
		4-6	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		More than 6	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		Tota	1 81	100%	132	100%	213	100%
c. Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	FWRTMD05	None	45	58%	40	31%	85	41%
		1	19	24%	50	38%	69	33%
		2-3	12	15%	29	22%	41	20%
		4-6	2	3%	8	6%	10	5%
		More than 6	0	0%	4	3%	4	2%
		Tota	1 78	100%	131	100%	209	100%
d. Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	FWRITSML	None	25	30%	26	20%	51	24%
		1	12	14%	23	18%	35	16%
		2-3	20	24%	25	19%	45	21%
		4-6	14	17%	27	21%	41	19%
		More than 6	12	14%	29	22%	41	19%
		Tota	1 83	100%	130	100%	213	100%
In a <i>typical week</i> , how many <i>homework problem sets</i> do you req	uire students in yo	ur selected course section to complet	e?					
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %

In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you require students in your selected course section to complete?	
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	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Number of problem sets that take your students more than one	FPROBSTA	None	31	38%	43	33%	74	35%
hour to complete		1-2	37	45%	53	41%	90	42%
		3-4	11	13%	18	14%	29	14%
		5-6	2	2%	6	5%	8	4%
		More than 6	1	1%	10	8%	11	5%
		Tota	1 82	100%	130	100%	212	100%
b. Number of problem sets that take your students less than one	FPROBSTB	None	33	41%	54	42%	87	41%
hour to complete		1-2	38	47%	47	36%	85	40%
		3-4	4	5%	13	10%	17	8%
		5-6	2	2%	7	5%	9	4%
		More than 6	4	5%	9	7%	13	6%
		Tota	1 81	100%	130	100%	211	100%



				Lower I	Division	Upper D	vivision	Tot	al
Time students spend preparing for your selected course section:									
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours	FEXPREP	0		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
do you expect your students to spend preparing		1-2		9	11%	4	3%	13	6%
for your class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data,		3-4		38	46%	44	33%	82	38%
rehearsing, and other academic activities)		5-6		20	24%	43	33%	63	29%
e,		7-8		8	10%	23	17%	31	14%
		9-10		5	6%	15	11%	20	9%
		11-12		2	2%	1	1%	3	1%
		More than 12		1	1%	2	2%	3	1%
			Total	83	100%	132	100%	215	100%
b. In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours	FACTPREP	0		6	7%	2	2%	8	4%
do you think your students actually spend		1-2		51	61%	73	55%	124	58%
preparing for your class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work,		3-4		18	22%	37	28%	55	26%
analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)		5-6		5	6%	12	9%	17	8%
		7-8		2	2%	4	3%	6	3%
		9-10		1	1%	3	2%	4	2%
		11-12		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		More than 12		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	83	100%	132	100%	215	100%

In your selected course section, how *important* to you is it that your students do the following?

	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before	FREWROPA	Not important	20	25%	27	20%	47	22%
turning it in		Somewhat important	20	25%	29	22%	49	23%
		Important	24	30%	41	31%	65	31%
		Very important	17	21%	35	27%	52	24%
		Total	81	100%	132	100%	213	100%



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In your selected course section, how important to you is it that you	our students do the	e following? (continued)							
٦	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
b. Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or	FINTEGRA	Not important		13	16%	8	6%	21	10%
information from various sources		Somewhat important		4	5%	8	6%	12	6%
		Important		28	35%	28	21%	56	27%
		Very important		35	44%	87	66%	122	58%
			Total	80	100%	131	100%	211	100%
c. Work with classmates outside of class to prepare class	FOCCGRP	Not important		14	17%	24	18%	38	18%
assignments		Somewhat important		27	33%	30	23%	57	27%
		Important		22	27%	35	27%	57	27%
		Very important		18	22%	41	32%	59	28%
			Total	81	100%	130	100%	211	100%
 Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions 	FINTIDEA	Not important		10	12%	6	5%	16	8%
		Somewhat important		21	26%	24	18%	45	21%
		Important		31	38%	53	41%	84	40%
		Very important		20	24%	47	36%	67	32%
			Total	82	100%	130	100%	212	100%
e. Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with others outside	FOOCID05	Not important		12	15%	13	10%	25	12%
of class (other students, family members, co-workers, etc.)		Somewhat important		17	21%	35	27%	52	25%
		Important		36	44%	51	39%	87	41%
		Very important		17	21%	31	24%	48	23%
_			Total	82	100%	130	100%	212	100%
f. Tutor or teach other students (paid or voluntary)	FTUTOR	Not important		28	34%	42	32%	70	33%
		Somewhat important		27	33%	51	39%	78	37%
		Important		17	21%	18	14%	35	16%
		Very important		10	12%	20	15%	30	14%
			Total	82	100%	131	100%	213	100%
g. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of their views on a	FOWNVIEW	Not important		11	14%	14	11%	25	12%
topic or issue		Somewhat important		11	14%	20	15%	31	15%
		Important		23	28%	35	27%	58	27%
		Very important		36	44%	62	47%	98	46%
			Total	81	100%	131	100%	212	100%



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In your selected course section, how <i>important</i> to you is it that y	our students do the	following? (continued)						
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
h. Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining	FOTHRVW	Not important	15	19%	15	11%	30	14%
how an issue looks from that person's perspective		Somewhat important	10	12%	17	13%	27	13%
		Important	16	20%	35	27%	51	24%
		Very important	40	49%	64	49%	104	49%
		Total	81	100%	131	100%	212	100%
i. Learn something that changes the way they understand an	FCHNGVW	Not important	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
issue or concept		Somewhat important	6	7%	8	6%	14	7%

Total

Important

Variable

Very important

Response Options

In your selected course section, on average, what *percent of class time* is spent on the following?

a. Lecture

LECTURE 0% 2 2% 5% 8 4% 6 1-9% 13 14% 31 15% 16% 18 10-19% 9 11% 20 15% 29 14% 20-29% 14 17% 20 34 15% 16% 30-39% 22 7 9% 15 11% 10% 40-49% 30 13 16% 17 13% 14% 50-74% 13 22 17% 35 16% 17% 75% or more 10 13 23 12% 10% 11% Total 81 100% 131 100% 212 100% TEACHLED 0% 3 4% 1 1% 4 2% 1-9% 17 45 21% 28 21% 21% 10-19% 17 21% 29 22% 46 22% 20-29% 17 21% 38 29% 55 26% 30-39% 12 15% 14 11% 26 12% 40-49% 9 15 11% 6 5% 7% 50-74% 5 6% 9 7% 14 7% 75% or more 1 1% 6 5% 7 3% Total 81 100% 131 100% 212 100%

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b. Teacher-led discussion



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In your selected course section, on average, what percent of class	<i>s time</i> is spent on t	he following? (continued)	L						
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
c. Teacher-student shared responsibility (seminar, discussion,	TEACHSTU	0%		15	19%	18	14%	33	16%
etc.)		1-9%		25	32%	33	25%	58	28%
		10-19%		13	17%	24	18%	37	18%
		20-29%		7	9%	23	18%	30	14%
		30-39%		10	13%	14	11%	24	12%
		40-49%		3	4%	10	8%	13	6%
		50-74%		2	3%	4	3%	6	3%
		75% or more		3	4%	4	3%	7	3%
			Total	78	100%	130	100%	208	100%
d. Student computer use	COMPMED	0%		46	58%	62	47%	108	51%
		1-9%		15	19%	29	22%	44	21%
		10-19%		7	9%	11	8%	18	9%
		20-29%		3	4%	5	4%	8	4%
		30-39%		3	4%	5	4%	8	4%
		40-49%		1	1%	4	3%	5	2%
		50-74%		0	0%	3	2%	3	1%
		75% or more		4	5%	12	9%	16	8%
			Total	79	100%	131	100%	210	100%
e. Small group activities	GROUPSML	0%		11	14%	18	14%	29	14%
		1-9%		18	23%	29	22%	47	22%
		10-19%		19	24%	23	18%	42	20%
		20-29%		10	13%	25	19%	35	17%
		30-39%		13	16%	21	16%	34	16%
		40-49%		4	5%	5	4%	9	4%
		50-74%		4	5%	9	7%	13	6%
		75% or more		1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
			Total	80	100%	131	100%	211	100%



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In your selected course section, on average, what	percent of class time is spent on t	he following? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
f. Student presentations	STUPRES	0%		23	28%	33	26%	56	27%
		1-9%		28	35%	45	35%	73	35%
		10-19%		15	19%	28	22%	43	20%
		20-29%		5	6%	11	9%	16	8%
		30-39%		6	7%	5	4%	11	5%
		40-49%		2	2%	2	2%	4	2%
		50-74%		2	2%	5	4%	7	3%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	81	100%	129	100%	210	100%
g. In-class writing	CLSWRITE	0%		41	51%	57	44%	98	47%
		1-9%		19	23%	48	37%	67	32%
		10-19%		15	19%	11	9%	26	12%
		20-29%		3	4%	7	5%	10	5%
		30-39%		2	2%	3	2%	5	2%
		40-49%		1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		50-74%		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		75% or more		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
			Total	81	100%	129	100%	210	100%
h. Testing and evaluation	TESTEVAL	0%		9	11%	13	10%	22	11%
		1-9%		35	44%	54	42%	89	43%
		10-19%		24	30%	47	37%	71	34%
		20-29%		9	11%	9	7%	18	9%
		30-39%		1	1%	3	2%	4	2%
		40-49%		0	0%	2	2%	2	1%
		50-74%		1	1%	0	0%	1	0%
		75% or more		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	79	100%	128	100%	207	100%



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In your selected course section, on average, what percent of cla	<i>uss time</i> is spent on t	the following? (continued)							
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
i. Performances in applied and fine arts	PERFORM	0%		67	85%	109	88%	176	87%
(e.g., dance, drama, music)		1-9%		4	5%	6	5%	10	5%
		10-19%		2	3%	1	1%	3	1%
		20-29%		1	1%	2	2%	3	1%
		30-39%		1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		40-49%		0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		50-74%		1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		75% or more		3	4%	3	2%	6	3%
			Total	79	100%	124	100%	203	100%
. Experiential (labs, field work, art exhibits, etc.)	EXPERIEN	0%		34	43%	52	41%	86	42%
		1-9%		12	15%	23	18%	35	17%
		10-19%		13	16%	16	13%	29	14%
		20-29%		9	11%	12	10%	21	10%
		30-39%		7	9%	3	2%	10	5%
		40-49%		3	4%	5	4%	8	4%
		50-74%		2	3%	11	9%	13	6%
		75% or more		0	0%	4	3%	4	2%
			Total	80	100%	126	100%	206	100%
Select the response that represents the extent to which	FEXAMS	Very Little		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
your evaluations of student performance (e.g.,		2		1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
examinations, portfolio) challenge students in your selected course section to do their best work?		3		2	2%	2	2%	4	2%
selected course section to do their best work?		4		10	12%	9	7%	19	9%
		5		29	35%	32	25%	61	29%
		6		30	37%	55	42%	85	40%
		Very much		10	12%	31	24%	41	19%
			Total	82	100%	130	100%	212	100%



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In your selected course section, how much emphasis do you place	on engaging stude	ents in each of these mental ac	tivities?						
[Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your course and	FMEMORIZ	Very little		34	42%	50	39%	84	40%
readings so students can repeat them pretty much in the same		Some		32	40%	49	38%	81	39%
form		Quite a bit		12	15%	20	16%	32	15%
		Very much		3	4%	9	7%	12	6%
			Total	81	100%	128	100%	209	100%
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory,	FANALYZE	Very little		2	2%	2	2%	4	2%
such as examining a particular case or situation in depth, and		Some		12	15%	11	8%	23	11%
considering its components		Quite a bit		39	48%	67	52%	106	50%
		Very much		28	35%	50	38%	78	37%
			Total	81	100%	130	100%	211	100%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information,	FSYNTHES	Very little		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and		Some		7	9%	15	12%	22	11%
relationships		Quite a bit		32	41%	37	29%	69	33%
		Very much		39	50%	76	59%	115	56%
			Total	78	100%	128	100%	206	100%
d. Making judgments about the value of information,	FEVALUAT	Very little		10	12%	3	2%	13	6%
arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered		Some		17	21%	27	21%	44	21%
and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions		Quite a bit		29	36%	46	36%	75	36%
conclusions		Very much		25	31%	53	41%	78	37%
			Total	81	100%	129	100%	210	100%
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new	FAPPLYIN	Very little		4	5%	0	0%	4	2%
situations		Some		13	16%	11	9%	24	11%
		Quite a bit		22	28%	41	32%	63	30%
		Very much		41	51%	77	60%	118	56%
			Total	80	100%	129	100%	209	100%



			Lower	Division	Upper l	Division	Tot	al
To what extent do you structure your selected course section so) that students learn	and develop in the following areas?						
· ·								
	Variable	Response Options	Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
a. Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWRITE	Very little	22	27%	8	6%	30	14%
		Some	15	19%	37	29%	52	25%
		Quite a bit	22	27%	41	32%	63	30%
		Very much	22	27%	43	33%	65	31%
		Tota	81	100%	129	100%	210	100%
b. Speaking clearly and effectively	FGNSPEAK	Very little	13	16%	18	14%	31	15%
		Some	30	38%	45	35%	75	36%
		Quite a bit	19	24%	46	36%	65	31%
		Very much	17	22%	20	16%	37	18%
		Tota	79	100%	129	100%	208	100%
c. Thinking critically and analytically	FGNANALY	Very little	2	3%	0	0%	2	1%
		Some	8	10%	4	3%	12	6%
		Quite a bit	28	35%	40	31%	68	33%
		Very much	42	53%	85	66%	127	61%
		Tota	80	100%	129	100%	209	100%
d. Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	Very little	30	37%	45	35%	75	36%
		Some	22	27%	27	21%	49	24%
		Quite a bit	12	15%	24	19%	36	17%
		Very much	17	21%	31	24%	48	23%
		Tota	81	100%	127	100%	208	100%
e. Using computing and information technology	FGNCMPTS	Very little	28	35%	38	29%	66	32%
		Some	28	35%	42	33%	70	33%
		Quite a bit	15	19%	18	14%	33	16%
		Very much	9	11%	31	24%	40	19%
		Tota	80	100%	129	100%	209	100%



				Lower I	Division	Upper I	Division	Tot	tal
To what extent do you structure your selected course section so	that students learn	and develop in the following a	areas? (co	ontinued)					
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
f. Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	Very little		8	10%	7	5%	15	7%
		Some		28	35%	32	25%	60	29%
		Quite a bit		23	29%	44	34%	67	32%
		Very much		21	26%	47	36%	68	32%
			Total	80	100%	130	100%	210	100%
g. Learning effectively on their own	FGNINQ	Very little		1	1%	0	0%	1	0%
		Some		14	17%	12	9%	26	12%
		Quite a bit		28	35%	57	44%	85	40%
		Very much		38	47%	61	47%	99	47%
			Total	81	100%	130	100%	211	100%
h. Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	Very little		15	19%	18	14%	33	16%
		Some		21	27%	31	24%	52	25%
		Quite a bit		18	23%	45	35%	63	31%
		Very much		24	31%	34	27%	58	28%
			Total	78	100%	128	100%	206	100%
i. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	Very little		32	42%	32	25%	64	32%
		Some		19	25%	38	30%	57	28%
		Quite a bit		15	19%	35	28%	50	25%
		Very much		11	14%	21	17%	32	16%
			Total	77	100%	126	100%	203	100%
j. Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	Very little		8	10%	3	2%	11	5%
		Some		21	27%	19	15%	40	20%
		Quite a bit		27	35%	50	39%	77	38%
		Very much		22	28%	55	43%	77	38%
			Total	78	100%	127	100%	205	100%



				Lower I	Division	Upper D	vivision	Tot	al
To what extent do you structure your selected course section so t	hat students learn	and develop in the following are	eas? (c	ontinued)					
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
k. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	FVALUES	Very little		15	19%	18	14%	33	16%
		Some		31	40%	33	26%	64	31%
		Quite a bit		13	17%	31	24%	44	22%
		Very much		18	23%	45	35%	63	31%
			Total	77	100%	127	100%	204	100%
1. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	FSPIRIT	Very little		52	67%	88	69%	140	68%
		Some		20	26%	26	20%	46	22%
		Quite a bit		5	6%	9	7%	14	7%
		Very much		1	1%	5	4%	6	3%
			Total	78	100%	128	100%	206	100%
m. Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	Very little		11	14%	24	19%	35	17%
		Some		22	28%	48	38%	70	34%
		Quite a bit		23	29%	34	27%	57	28%
		Very much		22	28%	19	15%	41	20%
		-	Total	78	100%	125	100%	203	100%
n. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	FGNWORK	Very little		2	3%	3	2%	5	2%
		Some		16	21%	14	11%	30	15%
		Quite a bit		35	45%	25	20%	60	29%
		Very much		24	31%	86	67%	110	54%
			Total	77	100%	128	100%	205	100%
	Variable	Response Options		Count	Col %	Count	Col %	Count	Col %
Disciplinary Area: Respondents identified the field/discipline	DISCAREA	Arts and Sciences		45	56%	41	32%	86	41%
in which they teach their courses. These responses were first		Business		6	8%	9	7%	15	7%
coded into 84 specific fields/disciplines. Institutions had the option to customize how these were collapsed into as many as		Education		7	9%	31	24%	38	18%
eight disciplinary areas. Institutions choosing not to customize		Fine Arts		7	9%	7	5%	14	7%
receive FSSE's eight categories. All uncategorized fields go		Health		12	15%	31	24%	43	21%
into "Other" or "Unassigned fields/disciplines." In instances of		Other/Undecided		3	4%	9	7%	12	6%
missing responses, the disciplinary area of one's academic		(Unused category)		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
appointment is substituted. See the FSSE codebook for the breakdown of disciplinary areas.		(Unused category)		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
breakdown of disciplinary areas.		Unassigned fields / disciplines		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
			Total	80	100%	128	100%	208	100%



Western Carolina University

FSSE-NSSE Combined Report

August 2012



Interpreting the FSSE-NSSE Combined Report

Course-Based Survey Option

The course-based option asks faculty members to respond to questions about student engagement based on a course taught during the current academic year. This option is valuable for institutions that want to know more about faculty practices and student engagement tied to individual courses taught on campus.

Sample

The FSSE-NSSE Combined Report shows responses from both students and faculty at your institution who completed NSSE and FSSE. This report only contains responses from faculty who responded to the survey based on their experiences teaching either a lower or upper division course. Data from faculty who responded based on another type of course or who did not report a course level are not included in this report. All student responses are the same as those included in the NSSE 2012 Frequency Distrubutions.

Survey Items & Variable Names

Results from the FSSE survey appear in the shaded box on the left, and items from the NSSE survey appear in the box on the right. In each box, the leftmost column contains survey items in the same wording that appears on the FSSE and NSSE instruments. The second column in each box contains the name of each variable for easy reference to your FSSE and NSSE data files and your 2012 Frequency Distributions reports.

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	the response	from their courses do the following			50% or	current school year							Frequency Di		
	categories provided	FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Higher	NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never			
	on the FSSE	Frequently ask questions in class or	FCLQUEST	LD	23%	Asked questions in class or contributed to	CLQUEST	FY	46%	29%	24%	1%			
		contribute to class discussions	PEDQUEST	UD	41%	class discussions	CLQUEST	SR (66%	23%	11%	0%			
	instrument, the	Frequently come to class without		LD	43%	Come to class without completing		FY	4%	6%	42%	49%			
	heading of this	completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPER		FCLUNPER		27%	assignments CLUNPREP		SR	5%	8%	48%	39%	
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	throughout the report.	Frequently work harder than they usually	FWORKHED	LD	2304	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or	WORKHARD	FY	25%	42%	29%	4%			
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Class Level

Frequency distributions are reported separately for faculty who reported teaching a course of mostly first-year and sophomore students (LD) or of mostly juniors and seniors (UD). Student responses are reported separately for first-year students (FY) and seniors (SR). Institution-reported class ranks are used for the student data.



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

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	50% or Higher
Frequently ask questions in class or		LD	28%
contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST	UD	48%
Frequently come to class without	FCLUNPRE	LD	27%
completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPKE	UD	26%
Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your standards	FWORKHRD	LD	20%
	FWUKKHKD	UD	39%
Occasionally use e-mail to communicate	FEMAIL	LD	40%
with you	FEMAIL	UD	48%
Occasionally discuss grades or assignments	FGRADE	LD	25%
with you	FGKADE	UD	31%
At least once, talk about career plans with	FPLANS	LD	24%
you	FPLANS	UD	31%
At least once, discuss ideas from readings		LD	16%
or classes with you outside of class	FIDEAS	UD	23%

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
Asked questions in class or contributed to	CLQUEST	FY	35%	31%	31%	3%
class discussions		SR	51%	29%	18%	2%
Come to class without completing	CLUNPREP	FY	6%	8%	61%	25%
ssignments	CLUNPREP	SR	4%	14%	53%	29%
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or	WORKHARD	FY	22%	40%	33%	5%
expectations	WORKHARD	SR	22%	44%	26%	8%
Used e-mail to communicate with an	EMAIL	FY	57%	29%	14%	1%
nstructor	EMAIL	SR	65%	25%	10%	0%
Discussed grades or assignments with an	FACGRADE	FY	30%	33%	35%	3%
instructor	FACGRADE	SR	33%	38%	26%	3%
Talked about career plans with a faculty	EACDI ANS	FY	21%	23%	42%	14%
member or advisor	FACPLANS	SR	25%	27%	37%	11%
Discussed ideas from your readings or	FACIDEAS	FY	8%	18%	37%	37%
classes with faculty members outside of class	PACIDEAS	SR	11%	19%	48%	22%



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

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

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often or Often
Have class discussions or writing assignments that include diverse		LD	39%
perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)	FDIVCLAS	UD	52%
Work with other students on projects	FCLASSGR	LD	57%
during class	FCLASSOK	UD	72%
Participate in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part	FCOMMPRO	LD	11%
of your course		UD	28%
Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat		LD	39%
group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FITICADE	UD	49%
Receive prompt written or oral feedback	FFEED	LD	88%
from you on their academic performance	TTEED	UD	92%
Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race	FDIVRSTU	LD	25%
or ethnicity than their own	PDIVKSTU	UD	28%
Have serious conversations in your course with students who are very different from		LD	34%
them in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FDIFFSTU	UD	33%

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
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs,	DIVCLASS	FY	27%	41%	28%	5%
etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments		SR	28%	33%	31%	7%
Worked with other students on projects	CLASSGRP	FY	14%	40%	39%	7%
during class		SR	17%	37%	33%	13%
Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as	COMMPROJ	FY	3%	20%	38%	40%
part of a regular course		SR	8%	17%	34%	41%
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.)	ITACADEM	FY	33%	28%	28%	12%
to discuss or complete an assignment		SR	38%	23%	25%	14%
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty	FACFEED	FY	25%	39%	32%	4%
on your academic performance		SR	23%	53%	20%	4%
Had serious conversations with students of	DIVRSTUD	FY	31%	28%	26%	14%
a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVISIOD	SR	25%	31%	28%	16%
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of	DIFFSTU2	FY	34%	35%	20%	12%
their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFS1U2	SR	29%	37%	25%	9%



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses								
Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very								
important that their students do the follo	wing		Very Important					
FSSE Item	Variable	Class	or Important					
Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or	FREWROPA	LD	51%					
assignment before turning it in		UD	58%					
Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from	FINTEGRA	LD	79%					
various sources	HINLOKA	UD	88%					
Work with classmates outside of class to	class to FOCCGRP	LD	49%					
prepare class assignments		UD	58%					
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing	FINTIDEA	LD	62%					
assignments or during class discussions	111111111111	UD	77%					
Discuss ideas or readings from class with others outside of class (other students,	FOOCID05	LD	65%					
family members, coworkers, etc.)	100000000	UD	63%					
Tutor or teach other students (paid or	FTUTOR	LD	33%					
voluntary)		UD	29%					
Examine the strengths and weaknesses of	FOWNVIEW	LD	73%					
their views on a topic or issue	TOWNTED	UD	74%					
Try to better understand someone else's	FOTHRVW	LD	69%					
views by imagining how an issue looks from that person's perspective	FUTHKVW	UD	76%					
Learn something that changes the way they	FCHNGVW	LD	91%					
understand an issue or concept	PERING V W	UD	93%					

Student Responses										
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	REWROPAP	FY	17%	38%	33%	12%				
assignment before turning it in	KEWKOPAP	SR	18%	26%	40%	16%				
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from	INTEGRAT	FY	34%	49%	16%	19				
various sources	INTEGRATI	SR	52%	38%	9%	19				
Worked with classmates outside of class to		FY	19%	38%	37%	69				
repare class assignments	OCCGRP	SR	28%	36%	30%	69				
Put together ideas or concepts from	INTIDEAS	FY	17%	40%	38%	59				
different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions		SR	28%	50%	20%	19				
Discussed ideas from your readings or		FY	28%	30%	33%	99				
classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	SR	28%	41%	27%	49				
Tutored or taught other students (paid or	TUTOR	FY	5%	8%	29%	589				
voluntary)		SR	11%	10%	34%	469				
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of		FY	23%	31%	35%	109				
your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	SR	23%	38%	32%	79				
Tried to better understand someone else's		FY	32%	34%	29%	49				
views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	OTHRVIEW	SR	28%	39%	30%	49				
Learned something that changed the way	CUDICUTE	FY	32%	32%	32%	49				
you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	SR	27%	43%	28%	39				



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

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

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Quite Challenging
Select the response that represents the			0.407
extent to which your evaluations of student		LD	84%
performance (e.g., examinations, portfolio)	FEXAMS		
challenge students in your selected course		UD	91%
section to do their best work			

Note: Faculty reponded 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	FMEMORIZ	LD	19%
your course and readings	FMEMORIZ	UD	23%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea,	FANALYZE	LD	83%
experience, or theory	FANALYZE	UD	90%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas,	FSYNTHES	LD	91%
information, or experiences	FSINIHES	UD	88%
Making judgments about the value of	FEVALUAT	LD	67%
information, arguments, or methods	FEVALUAI	UD	77%
Applying theories or concepts to practical		LD	79%
problems or in new situations	FAPPLYIN	UD	91%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how much their examininations during the current school 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	EXAMS	FY	83%	17%
current school year challenged you to do your best work		SR	81%	19%

Note: Students reponded 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	MEMORIZE	FY	34%	42%	22%	2%
your course and readings	MEMORIZE	SR	27%	35%	30%	8%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea,		FY	42%	40%	17%	1%
experience, or theory	ANALYZE	SR	45%	44%	10%	1%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas,	SYNTHESZ	FY	34%	41%	21%	4%
nformation, or experiences	SINIHESZ	SR	38%	45%	15%	2%
Making judgments about the value of		FY	38%	37%	21%	4%
information, arguments, or methods	EVALUATE	SR	40%	41%	16%	3%
Applying theories or concepts to practical		FY	43%	35%	20%	3%
problems or in new situations	APPLYING	SR	54%	33%	11%	2%



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

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
XX March 1 and 1 are 1 are 1 are	FONDUTE	LD	54%
Writing clearly and effectively	FGNWRITE	UD	65%
	FONDEAW	LD	46%
Speaking clearly and effectively	FGNSPEAK	UD	51%
		LD	88%
Thinking critically and analytically	FGNANALY	UD	97%
		LD	36%
Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	UD	43%
Using computing and information		LD	30%
technology	FGNCMPTS	UD	38%
		LD	55%
Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	UD	70%
		LD	81%
Learning effectively on their own	FGNINQ	UD	91%

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 algority and affectively	GNWIRTE	FY	33%	44%	18%	6%
Writing clearly and effectively	UNWIKIE	SR	44%	36%	16%	4%
Speaking clearly and officially	GNSPEAK	FY	34%	37%	22%	7%
Speaking clearly and effectively	UNSPEAK	SR	41%	34%	21%	5%
Thisking anitically and applytically	GNANALY	FY	44%	41%	13%	2%
Thinking critically and analytically	UNANAL I	SR	53%	34%	11%	2%
Analyzing quantitativa problems	GNQUANT	FY	27%	41%	25%	7%
Analyzing quantitative problems	UNQUAINT	SR	40%	38%	17%	5%
Using computing and information	GNCMPTS	FY	29%	42%	20%	9%
technology	UNCMP15	SR	50%	35%	12%	4%
Woulding offsatively with others	GNOTHERS	FY	36%	42%	16%	6%
Working effectively with others	UNOTHERS	SR	44%	40%	11%	5%
Learning offectively on your own	GNINQ	FY	32%	36%	24%	7%
Learning effectively on your own	UNINQ	SR	35%	42%	16%	7%



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

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
La landon d'a c thanna hao	FGNSELF	LD	54%
Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	UD	62%
Understanding people of other racial and		LD	34%
ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	UD	UD 44%
	FOURDORG	LD 63%	
Solving complex real-world problems	FGNPROBS	UD	83%
Developing a personal code of values and		LD	40%
ethics	FVALUES	UD	60%
Developing a deepened sense of		LD	8%
spirituality	FSPIRIT	UD	11%
		LD	58%
Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	UD	
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge		LD	77%
and skills	FGNWORK	UD	87%

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
	CNICELE	FY	42%	27%	20%	11%
Understanding yourself	GNSELF	SR	31%	33%	24%	12%
Understanding people of other racial and	GNDIVERS	FY	29%	35%	27%	9%
thnic backgrounds	GINDIVERS	SR	25%	31%	28%	16%
Solving complex real world problems	CURPORT	FY	26%	37%	25%	12%
Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	SR	31%	37%	24%	8%
Developing a personal code of values and	GNETHICS	FY	33%	32%	22%	13%
ethics	ONETTICS	SR	28%	32%	32% 22%	18%
Developing a deepened sense of	GNSPIRIT	FY	19%	21%	27%	32%
spirituality	UNSPIKIT	SR	12%	12%	29%	47%
Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	FY	43%	36%	18%	3%
	UNGENLED	SR	40%	41%	14%	5%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge	GNWORK	FY	31%	36%	19%	14%
and skills	GIWOKK	SR	49%	33%	15%	3%



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	Very Important or Important
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-		LD	83%
op experience, or clinical assignment	FINTERN	UD	95%
Community service or volunteer work	LD		60%
	FVOLUNTR	UD	74%
Participation in a learning community or		LD	41%
some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FLERNCOM	UD	42%
Work on a research project with a faculty	FIMPR05	LD	55%
member outside of course or program requirements	FIMPR05	UD	57%
		LD	49%
Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	UD	54%
G (1) 1	FOTUDALD	LD	41%
Study abroad	FSTUDYAB	UD	42%
Culminating senior experience (capstone	EGENHOD	LD	82%
course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FSENIOR	UD	85%

Distribution of student reponses 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	7%	77%	3%	13%
	INTERNO	SR	55%	26%	14%	5%
Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	FY	41%	46%	4%	9%
		SR	70%	16%	10%	4%
Participate in a learning community or some	LRNCOM04	FY	20%	28%	15%	37%
other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	EKINCOM04	SR	34%	8%	49%	10%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	FY	12%	38%	16%	35%
	KL5KC1104	SR	24%	13%	48%	15%
Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	FY	14%	26%	37%	23%
roreign language coursework	TORENGO	SR	29%	10%	53%	8%
Study abroad	STDABR04	FY	0%	42%	23%	35%
Study abroad	515/15/(04	SR	9%	6%	73%	12%
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, thesis, project, comprehensive	SNRX04	FY	3%	43%	12%	43%
exam, etc.)	JUINAU4	SR	34%	30%	27%	10%



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

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FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Requiring students to spend significant		LD	42%
amounts of time studying and on academic work	FENVSCHO	UD	57%
Providing students the support they		LD	83%
need to help them succeed academically	FENVSUPR	UD	86%
Encouraging contact among students		LD	47%
from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FENVDIVR	UD	49%
Helping students cope with their non-		LD	37%
academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FENVNACA	UD	45%
Providing students the support they	FENVSOCA	LD	49%
need to thrive socially	FENVSOCA	UD	51%
Encouraging students to attend campus		LD	68%
events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	FENVEVEN	UD	70%
Encouraging students to use computers in	FENVCOMP	LD	89%
their academic work	TERVCOMP	UD	86%

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

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Spending significant amounts of time	ENVSCHOL	FY	37%	49%	11%	4%
studying and on academic work	SR	35%	44%	19%	2%	
Providing the support you need to		FY	48%	37%	13%	2%
help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	SR	35%	43%	18%	5%
Encouraging contact among students		FY	35%	32%	25%	7%
from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	SR	23%	35%	26%	16%
Helping you cope with your non-academic	ENVNACAD	FY	17%	35%	33%	15%
responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	SR	11%	20%	39%	30%
Providing the support you need	ENWOODAL	FY	22%	42%	26%	10%
to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	SR	15%	29%	36%	21%
Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances,	ENVEVENT	FY	41%	36%	19%	5%
athletic events, etc.)		SR	22%	39%	27%	12%
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Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT	SR	58%	30%	11%	1%



Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Faculty Responses

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

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Positive Quality
With other students	FENVSTU	LD	84%
with other students	TENVSTO	UD	90%
With faculty members	FENVFAC	LD	83%
with faculty members	TENVIAC	UD	91%
With administrative personnal and offices	FENVADM	LD	45%
With administrative personnel and offices	TENVADM	UD	55%

Student Responses

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

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Positive Quality	Neutral or Negative
With other students	ENVSTU	FY	81%	19%
	ENVSIO	SR	86%	14%
With faculty members	ENVFAC	FY	81%	19%
		SR	85%	15%
With administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	FY	60%	40%
		SR	60%	40%

Note: Faculty reponded 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.

Note: Students reponded 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

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