# **NSSE** national survey of student engagement

# NSSE 2021 Snapshot

## **Texas Tech University**

## A Summary of Student Engagement Results

Student engagement represents two critical features of collegiate quality. The first is the amount of time and effort students put into their studies and other educationally purposeful activities. The second is how institutional resources, courses, and other learning opportunities facilitate student participation in activities that matter to student learning. NSSE surveys undergraduate students in their first and final years to assess their levels of engagement and related information about their experience at your institution.

Comparison Group The comparison group

featured in this report is

**Carnegie R1** 

See your Selected Comparison Groups report for details.

This *Snapshot* is a concise collection of key findings from your institution's NSSE 2021 administration. We hope this information stimulates discussions about the undergraduate experience. Additional details about these and other results appear in the reports referenced throughout.

| <b>Engagement Indicators</b><br>Sets of items are grouped into ten  |                             |                                   | Your students compared with<br>Carnegie R1 |          |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Engagement Indicators, organized  | Theme                       | Engagement Indicator              | First-year                                 | Senior   |
| under four broad themes. At right<br>are summary results for your<br>institution. For details, see your<br><i>Engagement Indicators</i> report. | Academic<br>Challenge       | Higher-Order Learning             | $\nabla$                                   |          |
|   |                             | Reflective & Integrative Learning |  | $\nabla$ |
|   |                             | Learning Strategies               |  | Δ        |
| Key:  |                             | Quantitative Reasoning            |  |          |
| Your students' average was significantly<br>higher $(p < .05)$ with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.                                    | Learning<br>with Peers      | Collaborative Learning            | $\nabla$                                   | $\nabla$ |
| Your students' average was significantly<br>higher ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than<br>.3 in magnitude.                              |                             | Discussions with Diverse Others   |  |          |
| No significant difference.  | Experiences<br>with Faculty | Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | $\nabla$ |
| <b>Your students' average</b> was significantly<br>lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than<br>.3 in magnitude.                        |                             | Effective Teaching Practices      |  | $\nabla$ |
| <b>Your students' average</b> was significantly<br>lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.                            | Campus<br>Environment       | Quality of Interactions           | $\nabla$                                   |          |
|   |                             | Supportive Environment            | $\nabla$                                   |          |

## **High-Impact Practices**

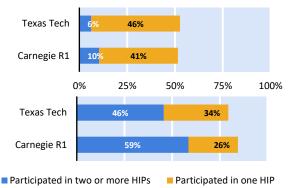
Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, special undergraduate opportunities are designated "highimpact." For more details and statistical comparisons, see your *High-Impact Practices* report.

#### First-year

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

#### Senior

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



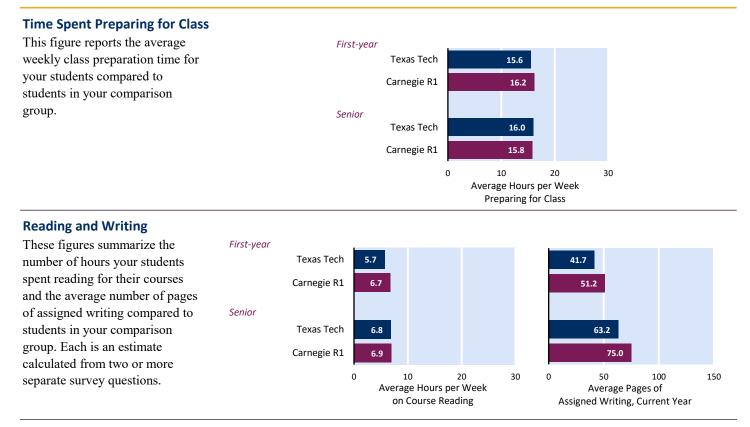


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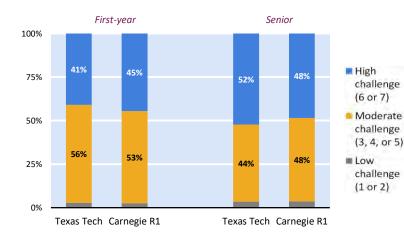
## Academic Challenge: Additional Results

The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. The results presented here provide an overview of these individual items. For more information about the Academic Challenge theme, see your *Engagement Indicators* report. To further explore individual item results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons*, the *Major Field Report*, the *Online Institutional Report*, or the Report Builder.



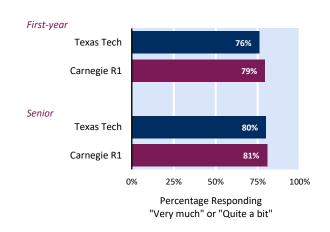
## **Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work**

To what extent did students' courses challenge them to do their best work? Response options ranged from 1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much."



## **Academic Emphasis**

How much did students say their institution emphasizes spending significant time studying and on academic work? Response options included "Very much," "Quite a bit," "Some," and "Very little."





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## **Item Comparisons**

By examining individual NSSE questions, you can better understand what contributes to your institution's performance on the

Engagement Indicators. This section displays the five questions<sup>a</sup> on which your students scored the highest and the five questions on which they scored the lowest, relative to students in your comparison group. Parenthetical notes indicate whether an item belongs to a specific Engagement Indicator or is a High-Impact Practice. While these questions represent the largest differences (in percentage points), they may not be the most important to your institutional mission or current program or policy goals. For additional results, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

#### **First-year**

Senior

#### **Highest Performing Relative to Carnegie R1**

| Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie R1   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Instructors explained in advance the criteria for successfully completing assignments <sup>c</sup>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| About how many courses have included a community-based project (service-learning)? $^{\rm e}$ (HIP) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials <sup>b</sup> (LS)                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Institution emphasis on attending campus activities and events () <sup>c</sup> (SE)                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Discussions with People with political views other than your own <sup>b</sup> (DD)                  |  |  |  |  |  |

Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie R1

Worked with other students on course projects or assignments<sup>b</sup> (CL)

Discussions with... People with political views other than your own<sup>b</sup> (DD)

Institution emphasis on attending campus activities and events (...)<sup>c</sup> (SE)

Institution emphasis on helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (...)<sup>c</sup> (SE)

Participated in an internship, co-op, field exp., student teach., clinical placemt. (HIP)

**Highest Performing Relative to Carnegie R1** 

Lowest Performing Relative to Carnegie R1

Worked with a faculty member on a research project (HIP)

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

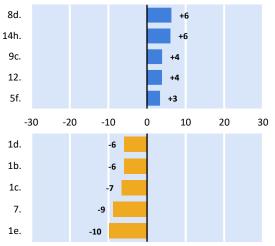
Worked with other students on course projects or assignments<sup>b</sup> (CL)

I feel valued by this institution.<sup>h</sup> (SB)

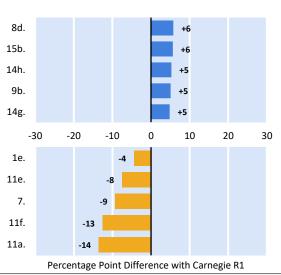
Reviewed your notes after class<sup>b</sup> (LS)

Assigned more than 50 pages of writing<sup>g</sup>

| Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material w/other students <sup>b</sup> (CL) |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Asked another student to help you understand course material $^{ m b}$ (CL)                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Explained course material to one or more students <sup>b</sup> (CL)                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assigned more than 50 pages of writing <sup>g</sup>  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |



Percentage Point Difference with Carnegie R1



a. The items on this page come from the Engagement Indicators (EIs), High-Impact Practices (HIPs), Sense of Belonging (SB), the academic challenge questions on page 2, and four additional questions about effective teaching (new in 2021). Key to abbreviations for EI items: HO = Higher-Order Learning, RI = Reflective & Integrative Learning, LS = Learning Strategies, QR = Quantitative Reasoning, CL = Collaborative Learning, DD = Discussions with Diverse Others, SF = Student-Faculty Interaction, ET = Effective Teaching Practices, QI = Quality of Interactions, SE = Supportive Environment.

b. Combination of students responding "very often" or "often."

c. Combination of students responding "very much" or "quite a bit."

d. Rated at least 6 on a 7-point scale.

e. Percentage reporting at least "some."

f. Estimate based on the reported amount of course preparation time spent on assigned reading.

g. Estimate based on number of assigned writing tasks of various lengths.

h. Combination of students responding "strongly agree" or "agree."



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## **How Students Assess Their Experience**

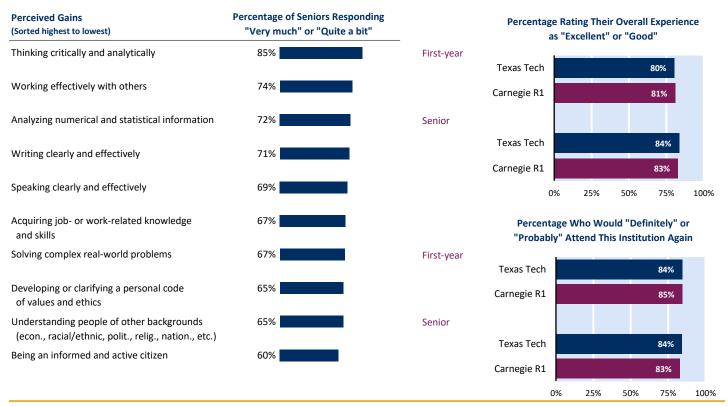
Students' perceptions of their cognitive and affective development, as well as their overall satisfaction with the institution, provide useful evidence of their educational experiences. For more details, see your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report.

### **Perceived Gains Among Seniors**

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

### Satisfaction with Texas Tech

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



## **Administration Details**

#### **Response Summary**

|  | Count | Resp. rate | Female | Full-time |  |  |  |
|--|-------|------------|--------|-----------|--|--|--|
| First-year   | 1,754 | 28%        | 60%    | 77%       |  |  |  |
| Senior   | 2,315 | 23%        | 75%    | 83%       |  |  |  |
| See your Administration Summary and Respondent Profile reports for |       |            |        |           |  |  |  |

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

## **Additional Questions**

Your institution administered the following additional question set(s): **First-year Experiences and Senior Transitions Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity** See your *Topical Module* report(s) for results.

## What is NSSE?

NSSE annually collects information at hundreds of four-year colleges and universities about student participation in activities and programs that promote their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending their college or university. Institutions use their data to identify aspects of the undergraduate experience that can be improved through changes in policy and practice.

NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used at more than 1,600 colleges and universities in the US and Canada. More than 90% of participating institutions administer the survey on a periodic basis.

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