



NSSE 2017

Engagement Indicators

Marymount University

About Your Engagement Indicators Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right.

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning
	Reflective & Integrative Learning
	Learning Strategies
	Quantitative Reasoning
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning Discussions with Diverse Others
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction Effective Teaching Practices
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions Supportive Environment

Report Sections

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)

Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

Mean Comparisons

Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

Score Distributions

Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.

Performance on Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)

Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of 2016 and 2017 participating institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)

Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2015). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder—Institution Version and your *Major Field Report* (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: nsse.indiana.edu

Rocconi, L., & Gonyea, R. M. (2015, May). *Contextualizing student engagement effect sizes: An empirical analysis*. Paper presented at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum, Denver, CO.

Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Use the following key:

- ▲ Your students' **average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- △ Your students' **average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- No significant difference.
- ▼ Your students' **average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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First-Year Students

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your first-year students compared with Catholic C&U	Your first-year students compared with Carnegie Class	Your first-year students compared with NSSE 2016 & 2017
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<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	--	▲	--
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	▲	--
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	--	--	--
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

Seniors

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your seniors compared with		
		Catholic C&U	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	--	▲	▲
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	▲	▲
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	▲	▲	▲
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	▲	▲	▲
	Discussions with Diverse Others	▲	▲	▲
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	▲	▲	▲
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
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Academic Challenge: First-year students

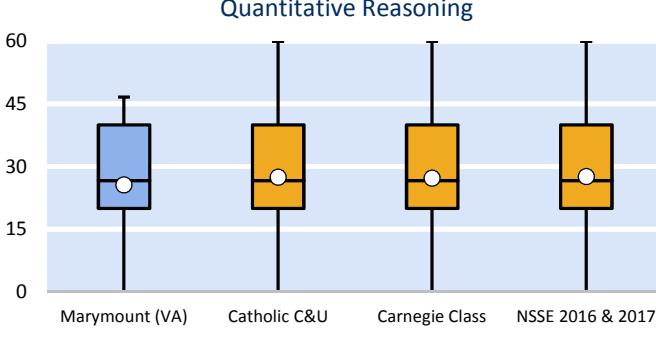
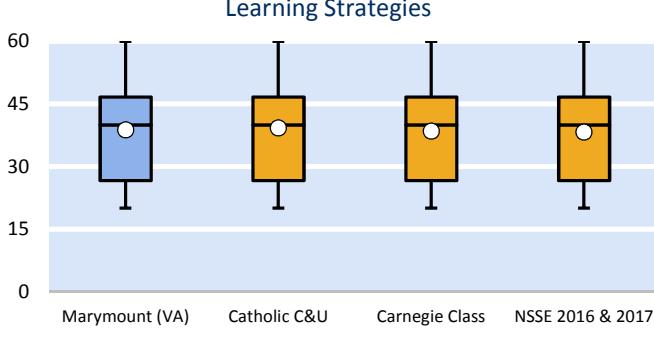
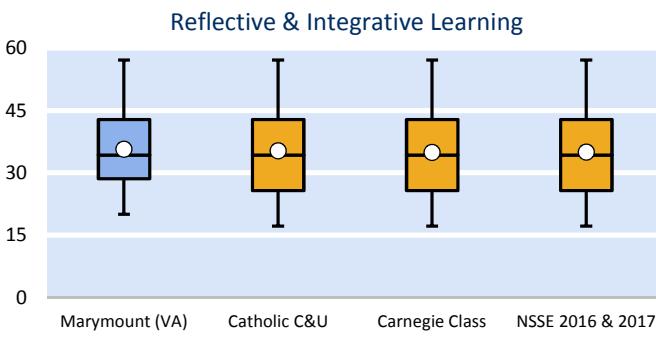
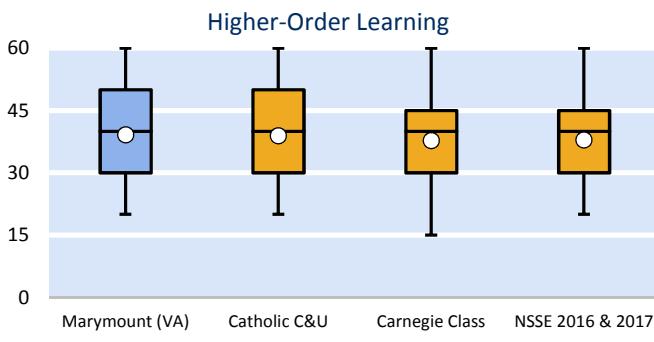
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Mean Comparisons

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		Mean	Catholic C&U Effect size	Mean	Carnegie Class Effect size	
Higher-Order Learning	39.2	39.0	.02	37.8	.11	37.9
Reflective & Integrative Learning	35.7	35.3	.03	34.9	.06	35.0
Learning Strategies	38.8	39.3	-.04	38.5	.02	38.3
Quantitative Reasoning	25.7	27.4	-.11	27.2	-.10	27.6

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		Catholic C&U	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Higher-Order Learning				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	68	-4	-2	-4
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	72	+0	+3	+2
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	76	+4	+6	+7
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	69	-2	+1	+1
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	53	+0	+2	+1
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	55	+2	+3	+4
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	58	+4	+7	+7
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	65	+2	+2	+2
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	71	+3	+2	+2
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	68	+2	+2	+2
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	75	-1	-1	-2
Learning Strategies				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	81	+2	+4	+4
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	64	-4	-2	-1
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	60	-6	-4	-3
Quantitative Reasoning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	48	-3	-3	-4
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	43	+3	+4	+4
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	29	-9	-8	-9

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Academic Challenge: Seniors

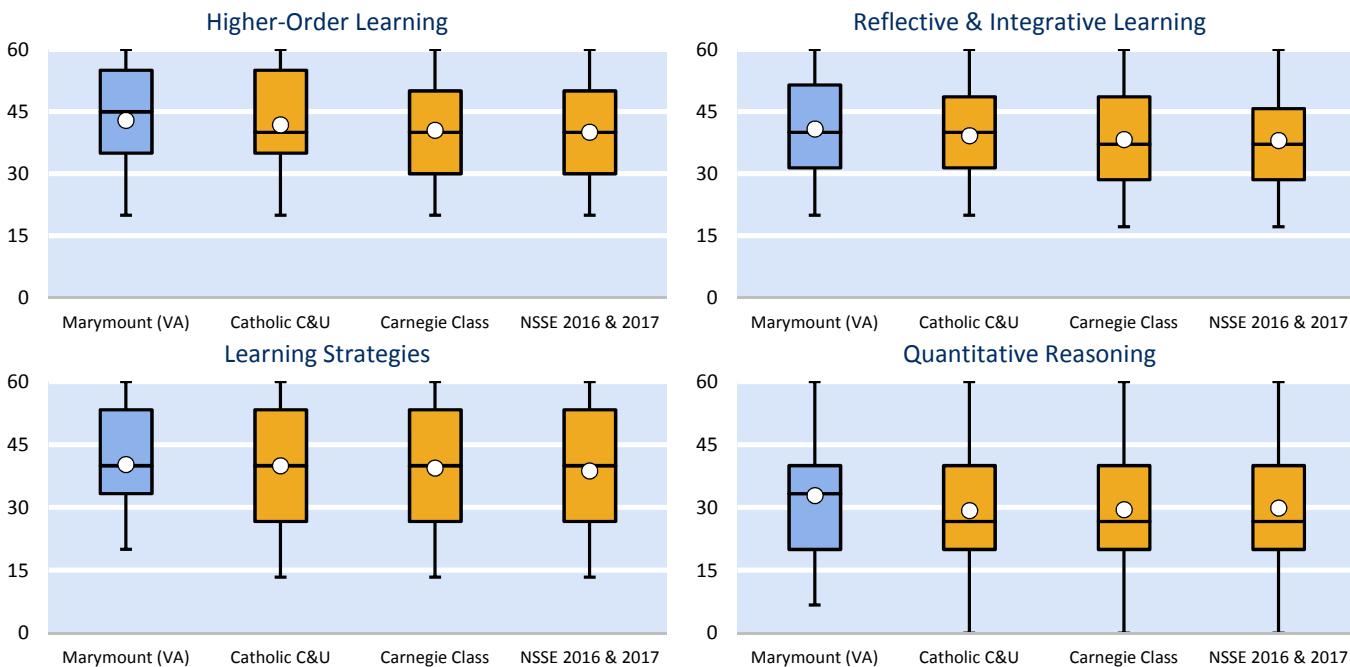
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		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	42.9	41.8	.09	40.5 **	.18	40.0 **	.21
Reflective & Integrative Learning	40.9	39.2	.13	38.3 **	.20	38.0 ***	.23
Learning Strategies	40.3	39.9	.02	39.4	.06	38.7	.10
Quantitative Reasoning	32.8	29.3 **	.22	29.5 **	.21	29.9 **	.18

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<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	79	-1	+0	+0
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	76	-3	-0	+0
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	77	+0	+5	+7
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	76	+1	+4	+5
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	73	+3	+5	+4
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2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	66	+5	+12	+13
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	72	+3	+6	+6
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	82	+8	+9	+10
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	79	+7	+8	+9
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	84	-0	-0	+1
Learning Strategies				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	86	+3	+5	+6
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	63	-1	-1	+1
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	67	-0	+1	+3
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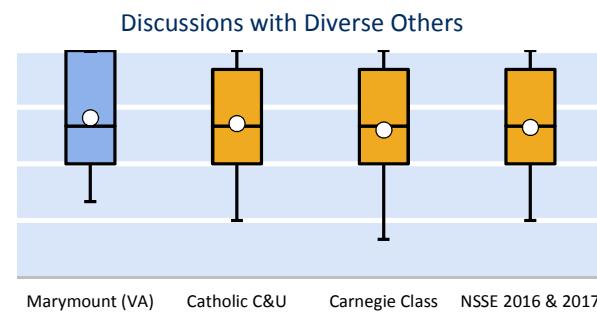
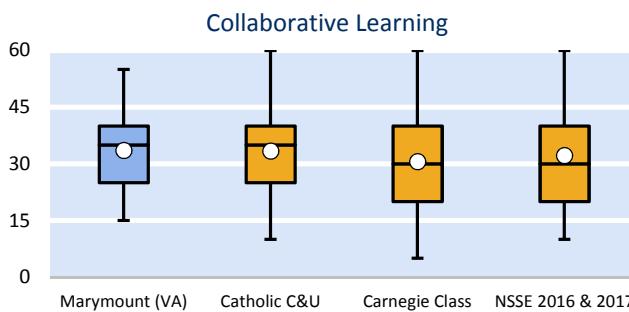
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1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	52	-2	+5	+2
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	64	+8	+13	+11
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	82	+10	+13	+12
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	74	+1	+5	+3
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	72	+2	+6	+5
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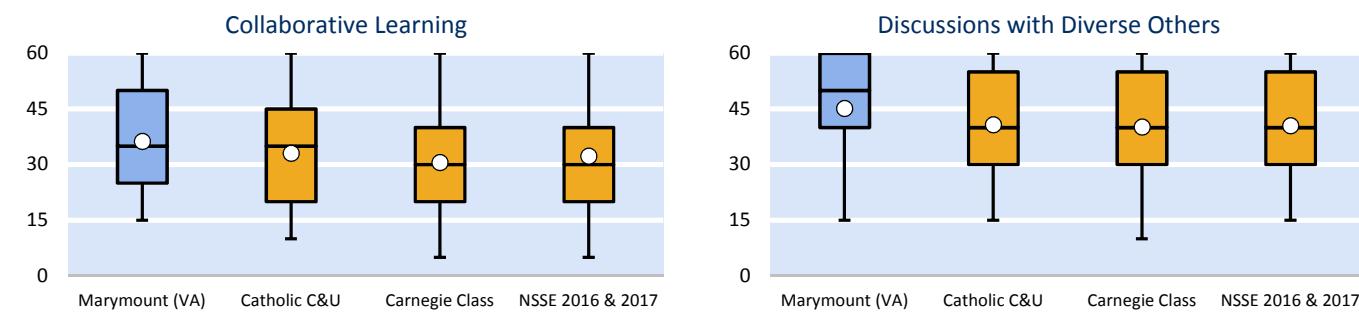
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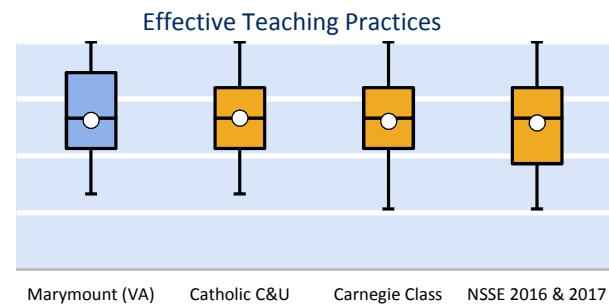
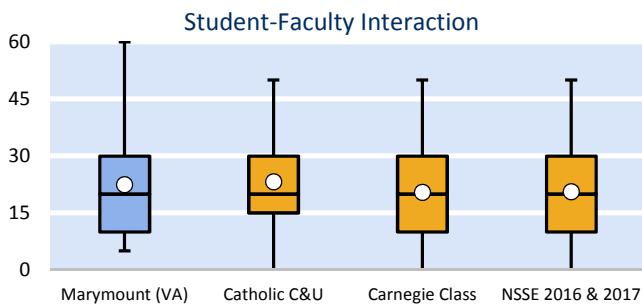
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3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	30	-9	-5	-5
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	24	-0	+4	+4
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	27	-3	+2	+2
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	33	-3	+4	+4
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	80	+1	+2	+2
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	69	-7	-6	-7
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	69	-7	-6	-6
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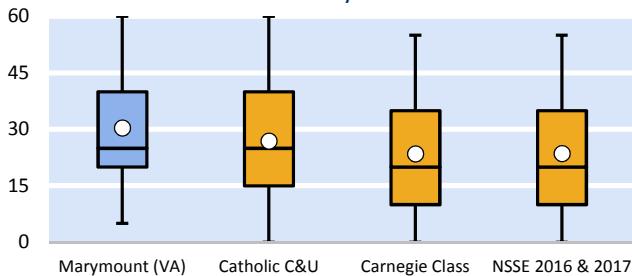
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Effective Teaching Practices	41.0	41.1	.00	40.3	.05	39.6	.10

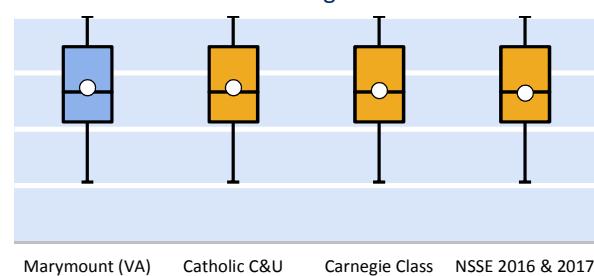
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Score Distributions

Student-Faculty Interaction



Effective Teaching Practices



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Student-Faculty Interaction	Marymount (VA)	Percentage point difference between your seniors and		
		Catholic C&U	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	58	+7	+15	+16
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	35	+4	+10	+9
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	47	+10	+15	+15
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	49	+7	+15	+16
Effective Teaching Practices				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	85	+3	+4	+4
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	73	-6	-6	-6
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	76	-2	-1	-1
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	71	+5	+9	+11
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	69	-1	+2	+5

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Campus Environment: First-year students

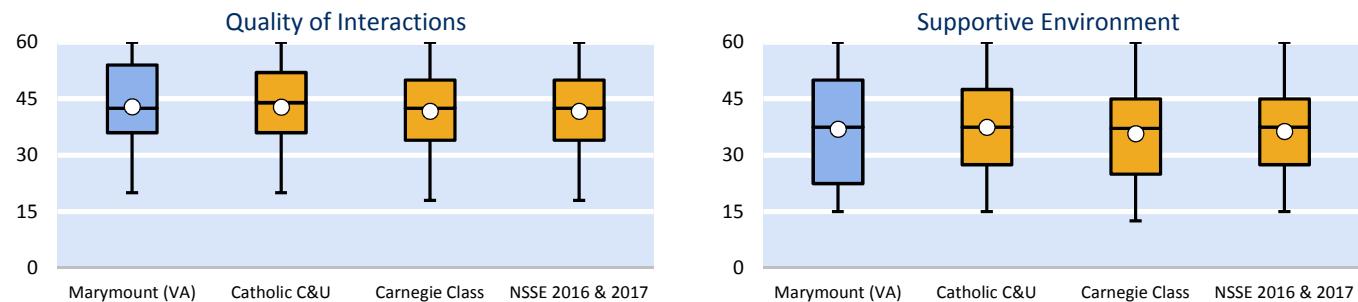
Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	Marymount (VA)	Your first-year students compared with					
		Catholic C&U		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	
Quality of Interactions	42.9	42.8	.00	41.7	.09	41.7	.09
Supportive Environment	36.9	37.5	-.04	35.7	.09	36.3	.04

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	Marymount (VA)	Percentage point difference between your FY students and		
		Catholic C&U	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Quality of Interactions				
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...	%			
13a. Students	51	-5	-0	-1
13b. Academic advisors	60	+8	+11	+10
13c. Faculty	55	+2	+5	+6
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	44	-2	-1	-0
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	44	-2	+0	+2
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	70	-9	-5	-6
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	73	-5	-3	-3
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	67	+2	+5	+5
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	70	-3	+1	-1
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	67	-2	-1	-3
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	53	+5	+9	+9
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	61	-6	+1	-3
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	51	-5	+1	-1

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Campus Environment: Seniors

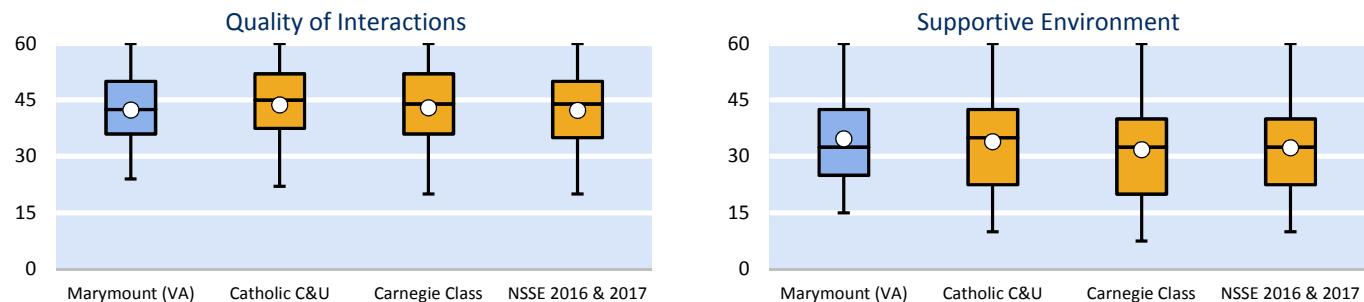
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Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	Marymount (VA) Mean	Your seniors compared with					
		Catholic C&U Mean	Catholic C&U Effect size	Carnegie Class Mean	Carnegie Class Effect size	NSSE 2016 & 2017 Mean	NSSE 2016 & 2017 Effect size
Quality of Interactions	42.4	43.7	-.12	43.0	-.05	42.3	.01
Supportive Environment	34.8	33.9	.06	31.8 **	.20	32.3 * .17	

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	Marymount (VA)	Percentage point difference between your seniors and		
		Catholic C&U	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Quality of Interactions				
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...	%			
13a. Students	60	-2	+2	+3
13b. Academic advisors	62	+4	+9	+11
13c. Faculty	60	-2	+1	+3
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	36	-7	-8	-5
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	34	-10	-11	-7
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	79	+3	+8	+8
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	73	+3	+7	+7
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	75	+16	+20	+21
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	64	-3	+2	+0
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	60	-3	+1	-1
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	37	+1	+5	+6
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	52	-3	+5	-1
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	45	-2	+4	+2

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Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see nsse.indiana.edu/html/position_policies.cfm), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE^a for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable^b to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

First-Year Students		Marymount (VA)	Your first-year students compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%		NSSE Top 10%			
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	39.2	39.2	.00	✓	41.2	-.15	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	35.7	36.6	-.07	✓	38.3 **	-.21	
	Learning Strategies	38.8	39.8	-.08	✓	41.9 **	-.23	
	Quantitative Reasoning	25.7	28.8 **	-.21		30.4 ***	-.31	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	33.6	35.2	-.12		37.1 ***	-.26	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	42.1	41.7	.03	✓	43.8	-.11	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	22.4	23.8	-.10	✓	27.2 ***	-.31	
	Effective Teaching Practices	39.4	40.7	-.10		42.6 **	-.24	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	42.9	43.8	-.08	✓	46.1 **	-.27	
	Supportive Environment	36.9	38.2	-.10	✓	40.0 *	-.23	
Seniors		Marymount (VA)	Your seniors compared with					
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Engagement Indicator		NSSE Top 50%		NSSE Top 10%			
	Mean	Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓	
	42.9	41.8	.08	✓	43.3	-.02	✓	
	40.9	40.0	.07	✓	42.0	-.09	✓	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Learning Strategies	40.3	40.7	-.03	✓	42.9 **	-.18	
	Quantitative Reasoning	32.8	31.1	.10	✓	33.0	-.01	✓
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Collaborative Learning	36.3	35.8	.03	✓	37.9	-.12	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	45.2	42.3 **	.18	✓	44.3	.06	✓
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	30.3	29.2	.07	✓	33.0 *	-.17	
	Effective Teaching Practices	41.0	41.8	-.05	✓	43.8 **	-.21	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	42.4	44.8 **	-.21		46.9 ***	-.37	
	Supportive Environment	34.8	34.8	.00	✓	37.2 *	-.18	

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a. Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2016 and 2017 institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either significant and positive, or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.