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# **NSSE 2019 Topical Module Report**

## **Civic Engagement**

Marymount University

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## About This Topical Module

Adapted from a pilot survey that was developed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, this module asks students to assess their conflict resolution skills and examines how often students have engaged with local or campus and state/national/global issues. The module complements questions on the core survey about service-learning, community service or volunteer work, and becoming an informed and active citizen. Complementary FSSE set available.

## Comparison Group

This section summarizes how this module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the 'Civic Engagement' column of this report.

Group label	Civic Engagement
Date submitted	5/10/19
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution retained the default comparison group (all module participants).
Group description	All other current- and prior-year (if applicable) NSSE institutions who administered module "Civic Engagement"

## Civic Engagement (N=61)

Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX)	Ohio State University-Marion Campus (Marion, OH)
Arkansas Tech University (Russellville, AR)	Rocky Mountain College (Billings, MT)
Augsburg University (Minneapolis, MN)	Saginaw Valley State University (University Center, MI)
Bard College (Annandale-On-Hudson, NY)	Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX)
Bellevue University (Bellevue, NE)	Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT)
Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN)	Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford, OK)
Bennett College (Greensboro, NC)	St. Cloud State University (Saint Cloud, MN)
Berea College (Berea, KY)	St. John Fisher College (Rochester, NY)
Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)	St. Mary's University (San Antonio, TX)
Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)	Texas A&M University - Texarkana (Texarkana, TX)
Dominican University of California (San Rafael, CA)	Texas A&M University-Central Texas (Killeen, TX)
Drake University (Des Moines, IA)	Truman State University (Kirksville, MO)
Framingham State University (Framingham, MA)	Université de Hearst (Hearst, ON)
Frostburg State University (Frostburg, MD)	University of Houston-Victoria (Victoria, TX)
Hamline University (Saint Paul, MN)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign, IL)
Hanover College (Hanover, IN)	University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)
Huron University College (London, ON)	University of Nebraska at Omaha (Omaha, NE)
Illinois State University (Normal, IL)	University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO)
Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)	University of Oklahoma - Norman Campus (Norman, OK)
Keene State College (Keene, NH)	University of Pikeville (Pikeville, KY)
La Salle University (Philadelphia, PA)	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Chickasha, OK)
LaGrange College (Lagrange, GA)	Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA)
Lycoming College (Williamsport, PA)	Virginia Wesleyan University (Virginia Beach, VA)
Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY)	Weber State University (Ogden, UT)
Mercyhurst University (Erie, PA)	West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV)
Metropolitan State University of Denver (Denver, CO)	Western Connecticut State University (Danbury, CT)
Minnesota State University Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)	Wheaton College (Norton, MA)
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO)	Wichita State University (Wichita, KS)
Norfolk State University (Norfolk, VA)	Widener University (Chester, PA)
Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK)	Wingate University (Wingate, NC)

**Civic Engagement (N=61), continued**

Winona State University (Winona, MN)

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\*2018 participant

**First-Year Students**

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values <sup>c</sup>	Response options	Frequency Distributions <sup>a</sup>				Statistical Comparisons <sup>b</sup>		
				Marymount (VA)		Civic Engagement		Marymount (VA)	Civic Engagement	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
<b>1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:</b>										
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a19	1	Poor	0	0	174	2	<b>3.9</b>	3.7 *	.19
		2		7	6	666	6			
		3		27	23	3,481	30			
		4		58	45	5,045	43			
		5	Excellent	34	26	2,431	20			
		Total		126	100	11,797	100			
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b19	1	Poor	2	1	255	2	<b>3.7</b>	3.5 *	.18
		2		4	4	1,203	10			
		3		42	36	4,293	36			
		4		53	41	4,071	35			
		5	Excellent	25	18	1,979	16			
		Total		126	100	11,801	100			
c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c19	1	Poor	3	3	285	2	<b>3.8</b>	3.7	.07
		2		8	6	949	8			
		3		29	26	3,283	28			
		4		49	37	4,310	36			
		5	Excellent	37	28	2,962	25			
		Total		126	100	11,789	100			
d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you	CIV01d19	1	Poor	1	1	226	2	<b>3.8</b>	3.7	.13
		2		7	6	929	8			
		3		36	31	3,589	30			
		4		47	36	4,622	39			
		5	Excellent	35	26	2,420	21			
		Total		126	100	11,786	100			
e. Contribute to the well-being of your community	CIV01e19	1	Poor	1	1	199	2	<b>3.9</b>	3.8	.14
		2		7	5	729	7			
		3		33	29	3,222	28			
		4		44	34	4,762	40			
		5	Excellent	42	31	2,875	24			
		Total		127	100	11,787	100			
<b>2. How much does your institution emphasize the following?</b>										
a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others	CIV02a19	1	Very little	6	4	1,180	10	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	.05
		2	Some	62	49	5,022	43			
		3	Quite a bit	45	36	3,775	32			
		4	Very much	14	11	1,781	15			
		Total		127	100	11,758	100			
b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues	CIV02b19	1	Very little	12	10	1,255	11	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	.00
		2	Some	55	42	4,610	39			
		3	Quite a bit	41	33	4,032	34			
		4	Very much	19	15	1,831	15			
		Total		127	100	11,728	100			
c. Being an informed and active citizen	CIV02c19	1	Very little	10	8	912	8	<b>2.6</b>	2.7	-.06
		2	Some	51	38	3,982	34			
		3	Quite a bit	44	37	4,463	38			
		4	Very much	21	18	2,379	20			
		Total		126	100	11,736	100			

\*p<.05, \*\*p<.01, \*\*\*p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.

## First-Year Students

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				Marymount (VA)		Civic Engagement		Marymount (VA)	Civic Engagement	
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues	CIV02d19	1	Very little	16	12	1,297	12	<b>2.5</b>	2.6	-.03
		2	Some	47	37	4,358	38			
		3	Quite a bit	45	36	4,035	34			
		4	Very much	19	15	2,038	17			
		Total		127	100	11,728	100			
e. Voting in campus, local, state, or national elections	CIV02e19	1	Very little	22	18	1,063	9	<b>2.5</b>	2.8 ***	-.34
		2	Some	42	32	3,128	27			
		3	Quite a bit	38	29	4,139	35			
		4	Very much	25	21	3,395	29			
		Total		127	100	11,725	100			
f. Encouraging free speech and expression	CIV02f19	1	Very little	10	7	750	7	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	-.02
		2	Some	33	25	2,949	25			
		3	Quite a bit	51	41	4,549	39			
		4	Very much	33	27	3,490	29			
		Total		127	100	11,738	100			
<b>3. How much do you feel encouraged addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following?</b>										
a. In course assignments	CIV03a19	1	Very little	13	9	1,278	12	<b>2.6</b>	2.5	.08
		2	Some	51	42	4,576	39			
		3	Quite a bit	39	31	4,109	35			
		4	Very much	23	18	1,758	14			
		Total		126	100	11,721	100			
b. In course discussions	CIV03b19	1	Very little	11	8	1,260	12	<b>2.7</b>	2.6	.12
		2	Some	45	35	4,226	36			
		3	Quite a bit	47	39	4,329	36			
		4	Very much	24	18	1,909	15			
		Total		127	100	11,724	100			
c. Outside of class	CIV03c19	1	Very little	10	7	1,420	13	<b>2.6</b>	2.5	.09
		2	Some	54	42	4,451	39			
		3	Quite a bit	40	34	3,901	32			
		4	Very much	23	17	1,964	16			
		Total		127	100	11,736	100			
<b>4. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?</b>										
a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues	CIV04a19	1	Never	7	4	800	8	<b>2.7</b>	2.6	.11
		2	Sometimes	49	41	4,701	41			
		3	Often	49	39	4,436	37			
		4	Very often	22	16	1,785	15			
		Total		127	100	11,722	100			
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV04b19	1	Never	5	4	676	6	<b>2.8</b>	2.7	.13
		2	Sometimes	38	30	4,351	36			
		3	Often	54	44	4,209	36			
		4	Very often	30	23	2,468	22			
		Total		127	100	11,704	100			
c. Discussed campus or local issues with others	CIV04c19	1	Never	15	11	1,153	11	<b>2.7</b>	2.5 **	.24
		2	Sometimes	33	25	4,873	43			
		3	Often	55	46	3,848	31			
		4	Very often	23	18	1,814	15			
		Total		126	100	11,688	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV04d19	1	Never	12	9	1,047	9	<b>2.7</b>	2.6	.08
		2	Sometimes	44	34	4,794	40			
		3	Often	48	40	3,784	32			
		4	Very often	22	17	2,086	18			
		Total		126	100	11,711	100			
e. Raised awareness about campus or local issues	CIV04e19	1	Never	40	31	4,390	39	<b>2.1</b>	1.9	.17
		2	Sometimes	48	39	4,377	37			
		3	Often	27	22	2,019	17			
		4	Very often	10	8	906	7			
		Total		125	100	11,692	100			
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV04f19	1	Never	40	30	4,151	36	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	.05
		2	Sometimes	53	44	4,399	37			
		3	Often	22	18	2,099	18			
		4	Very often	11	8	1,045	9			
		Total		126	100	11,694	100			
g. Asked others to address campus or local issues	CIV04g19	1	Never	49	36	5,272	47	<b>2.0</b>	1.8 *	.19
		2	Sometimes	45	37	3,863	32			
		3	Often	22	20	1,768	15			
		4	Very often	9	7	773	6			
		Total		125	100	11,676	100			
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV04h19	1	Never	57	43	5,296	46	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	.02
		2	Sometimes	42	35	3,807	32			
		3	Often	19	16	1,758	15			
		4	Very often	8	6	818	7			
		Total		126	100	11,679	100			
i. Organized others to work on campus or local issues	CIV04i19	1	Never	71	54	6,954	60	<b>1.7</b>	1.6	.09
		2	Sometimes	34	28	2,816	24			
		3	Often	13	12	1,308	11			
		4	Very often	7	5	577	5			
		Total		125	100	11,655	100			
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV04j19	1	Never	66	51	7,140	62	<b>1.7</b>	1.6	.17
		2	Sometimes	35	31	2,681	23			
		3	Often	15	13	1,207	10			
		4	Very often	6	5	550	5			
		Total		122	100	11,578	100			

**5. Think about the experiences you may have had with campus, local, state, national, or global issues. What about these experiences has been most meaningful to you?**

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 46 first-year students and 43 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE19 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

*These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.*

## Seniors

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
<b>1. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:</b>										
a. Help people resolve their disagreements with each other	CIV01a19	1	Poor	1	1	173	1	<b>3.9</b>	3.9	.01
		2		7	4	608	4			
		3		35	26	3,746	26			
		4		70	47	6,896	46			
		5	Excellent	33	23	3,410	23			
		Total		146	100	14,833	100			
b. Resolve conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	CIV01b19	1	Poor	2	1	267	2	<b>3.7</b>	3.6	.08
		2		7	5	1,277	8			
		3		47	33	4,985	33			
		4		65	43	5,692	38			
		5	Excellent	24	17	2,613	18			
		Total		145	100	14,834	100			
c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	CIV01c19	1	Poor	1	1	218	2	<b>4.0</b>	4.0	-.03
		2		8	6	703	5			
		3		31	22	3,071	21			
		4		59	40	6,030	40			
		5	Excellent	47	32	4,817	33			
		Total		146	100	14,839	100			
d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you	CIV01d19	1	Poor	1	1	169	1	<b>3.8</b>	3.9	-.10
		2		8	5	734	5			
		3		42	29	3,674	24			
		4		64	43	6,583	44			
		5	Excellent	30	22	3,670	26			
		Total		145	100	14,830	100			
e. Contribute to the well-being of your community	CIV01e19	1	Poor	1	1	170	1	<b>4.0</b>	3.9	.08
		2		5	4	649	5			
		3		33	23	3,301	23			
		4		58	39	6,160	41			
		5	Excellent	48	33	4,560	30			
		Total		145	100	14,840	100			
<b>2. How much does your institution emphasize the following?</b>										
a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others	CIV02a19	1	Very little	17	12	1,711	12	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	-.01
		2	Some	65	44	6,398	43			
		3	Quite a bit	42	29	4,368	29			
		4	Very much	22	15	2,315	16			
			Total	146	100	14,792	100			
b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues	CIV02b19	1	Very little	16	11	1,942	14	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	.02
		2	Some	65	46	6,072	41			
		3	Quite a bit	43	28	4,638	31			
		4	Very much	22	15	2,121	14			
			Total	146	100	14,773	100			
c. Being an informed and active citizen	CIV02c19	1	Very little	13	9	1,465	11	<b>2.6</b>	2.6	-.02
		2	Some	58	41	5,345	36			
		3	Quite a bit	45	31	5,072	34			
		4	Very much	28	19	2,883	20			
			Total	144	100	14,765	100			

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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size <sup>d</sup>
d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues	CIV02d19	1	Very little	23	16	2,069	15	<b>2.4</b>	2.5	-.09
		2	Some	58	41	5,854	40			
		3	Quite a bit	48	32	4,582	30			
		4	Very much	16	11	2,263	15			
		Total		145	100	14,768	100			
e. Voting in campus, local, state, or national elections	CIV02e19	1	Very little	20	14	1,724	12	<b>2.5</b>	2.7 *	-0.21
		2	Some	53	37	4,410	29			
		3	Quite a bit	47	31	4,908	34			
		4	Very much	26	18	3,720	25			
		Total		146	100	14,762	100			
f. Encouraging free speech and expression	CIV02f19	1	Very little	15	11	1,230	9	<b>2.7</b>	2.8	-.08
		2	Some	41	29	4,107	27			
		3	Quite a bit	54	36	5,518	37			
		4	Very much	36	25	3,925	27			
		Total		146	100	14,780	100			
<b>3. How much do you feel encouraged addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following?</b>										
a. In course assignments	CIV03a19	1	Very little	19	13	2,054	16	<b>2.6</b>	2.5	.06
		2	Some	48	33	5,395	36			
		3	Quite a bit	54	37	4,661	30			
		4	Very much	24	16	2,673	18			
		Total		145	100	14,783	100			
b. In course discussions	CIV03b19	1	Very little	17	12	1,907	14	<b>2.7</b>	2.6	.09
		2	Some	43	30	4,885	33			
		3	Quite a bit	57	38	5,033	33			
		4	Very much	29	20	2,937	20			
		Total		146	100	14,762	100			
c. Outside of class	CIV03c19	1	Very little	24	18	1,899	13	<b>2.4</b>	2.6	-.13
		2	Some	55	37	5,279	36			
		3	Quite a bit	42	28	4,861	32			
		4	Very much	24	17	2,722	18			
		Total		145	100	14,761	100			
<b>4. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?</b>										
a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues	CIV04a19	1	Never	13	9	1,171	8	<b>2.6</b>	2.6	-.02
		2	Sometimes	58	40	5,879	40			
		3	Often	51	35	5,027	33			
		4	Very often	24	17	2,684	18			
		Total		146	100	14,761	100			
b. Informed yourself about state, national, or global issues	CIV04b19	1	Never	10	7	578	4	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	-.08
		2	Sometimes	42	30	4,535	30			
		3	Often	53	35	5,392	36			
		4	Very often	41	28	4,259	30			
		Total		146	100	14,764	100			
c. Discussed campus or local issues with others	CIV04c19	1	Never	18	13	1,611	12	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	-.05
		2	Sometimes	63	44	6,021	42			
		3	Often	39	26	4,528	30			
		4	Very often	25	17	2,585	17			
		Total		145	100	14,745	100			



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				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
d. Discussed state, national, or global issues with others	CIV04d19	1	Never	11	8	896	6	<b>2.7</b>	2.7	-.03
		2	Sometimes	51	35	5,465	37			
		3	Often	51	35	4,963	33			
		4	Very often	33	23	3,432	24			
		Total		146	100	14,756	100			
e. Raised awareness about campus or local issues	CIV04e19	1	Never	52	36	5,166	36	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	.03
		2	Sometimes	52	36	5,668	38			
		3	Often	25	17	2,516	16			
		4	Very often	16	11	1,396	9			
		Total		145	100	14,746	100			
f. Raised awareness about state, national, or global issues	CIV04f19	1	Never	45	31	4,429	30	<b>2.2</b>	2.1	.05
		2	Sometimes	49	35	5,780	39			
		3	Often	31	21	2,872	19			
		4	Very often	19	13	1,666	12			
		Total		144	100	14,747	100			
g. Asked others to address campus or local issues	CIV04g19	1	Never	63	43	6,629	46	<b>1.9</b>	1.8	.12
		2	Sometimes	44	31	4,965	33			
		3	Often	22	15	2,082	14			
		4	Very often	15	11	1,065	7			
		Total		144	100	14,741	100			
h. Asked others to address state, national, or global issues	CIV04h19	1	Never	60	42	6,323	44	<b>2.0</b>	1.9	.09
		2	Sometimes	44	31	5,015	33			
		3	Often	26	18	2,217	15			
		4	Very often	13	9	1,177	8			
		Total		143	100	14,732	100			
i. Organized others to work on campus or local issues	CIV04i19	1	Never	83	57	8,788	61	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	.02
		2	Sometimes	42	29	3,518	23			
		3	Often	14	10	1,571	10			
		4	Very often	7	5	820	6			
		Total		146	100	14,697	100			
j. Organized others to work on state, national, or global issues	CIV04j19	1	Never	77	54	8,952	62	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	.05
		2	Sometimes	46	32	3,481	23			
		3	Often	16	11	1,388	10			
		4	Very often	3	2	765	5			
		Total		142	100	14,586	100			

### 5. Think about the experiences you may have had with campus, local, state, national, or global issues. What about these experiences has been most meaningful to you?

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 46 first-year students and 43 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE19 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

*These open-ended responses appear exactly as respondents entered them and may not be suitable for distribution without prior review.*

\*p<.05, \*\*p<.01, \*\*\*p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.