

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
Planning and Institutional Research

NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT 2006

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	Class	Mean	Mean	Mean
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES				
Academic, Intellectual, and Social Experiences				
<i>1=never, 2=occasionally, 3=often, 4=very often</i>				
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	1st Yr.	2.87	2.64	2.78
	Senior	3.17	2.95	3.06
Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	1st Yr.	3.20	3.01	3.01
	Senior	3.58	3.31	3.31
Made a class presentation	1st Yr.	2.18	2.09	2.23
	Senior	2.84	2.69	2.80
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	1st Yr.	2.57	2.62	2.65
	Senior	2.32	2.48	2.49
Came to class without completing readings or assignments	1st Yr.	2.17	2.11	2.03
	Senior	2.24	2.17	2.12
Worked with other students on projects during class	1st Yr.	2.20	2.39	2.40
	Senior	2.38	2.47	2.51
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	1st Yr.	2.52	2.36	2.36
	Senior	2.68	2.79	2.75
Tutored or taught other students	1st Yr.	1.85	1.71	1.67
	Senior	1.90	1.90	1.89
Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	1st Yr.	1.44	1.51	1.50
	Senior	1.68	1.66	1.69
Used an electronic medium (e-mail, list-serve, chat group, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	1st Yr.	2.59	2.69	2.64
	Senior	2.87	2.88	2.85
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	1st Yr.	2.70	2.50	2.56
	Senior	2.84	2.76	2.79
Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	1st Yr.	2.10	2.07	2.10
	Senior	2.60	2.32	2.40

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Academic, Intellectual, and Social Experiences				
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Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with faculty members outside of class	1st Yr.	1.94	1.74	1.81
	Senior	2.23	2.02	2.08
Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance	1st Yr.	2.62	2.50	2.58
	Senior	2.85	2.69	2.76
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	1st Yr.	2.55	2.54	2.58
	Senior	2.74	2.67	2.69
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	1st Yr.	3.03	2.97	3.03
	Senior	3.42	3.24	3.30
Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student-life activities, etc.)	1st Yr.	1.73	1.51	1.56
	Senior	2.00	1.75	1.81
Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	1st Yr.	2.68	2.68	2.68
	Senior	2.84	2.85	2.84
Had serious conversations with other students whose religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values were very different from yours	1st Yr.	3.01	2.65	2.68
	Senior	2.86	2.67	2.71
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	1st Yr.	2.68	2.54	2.55
	Senior	2.69	2.64	2.64
Reading and Writing				
<i>1=none, 2=fewer than 5, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20</i>				
Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	1st Yr.	3.53	3.23	3.26
	Senior	3.30	3.13	3.18
Number of books read on your own (not assigned)	1st Yr.	2.18	2.04	2.06
	Senior	2.34	2.20	2.21
Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	1st Yr.	1.24	1.23	1.25
	Senior	1.73	1.61	1.64
Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	1st Yr.	2.75	2.24	2.29
	Senior	2.80	2.49	2.59
Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	1st Yr.	3.19	3.04	3.05
	Senior	2.94	2.95	2.98

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COLLEGE ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)				
Challenge of Examinations				
<i>1=very little to 7=very much</i>				
To what extent did your exams during the current school year challenge you to do your best work?	1st Yr.	5.35	5.42	5.42
	Senior	5.52	5.41	5.41
Mental Activities				
<i>1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>				
Memorizing facts, ideas or methods from your courses and reading so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	1st Yr.	2.92	2.91	2.87
	Senior	2.65	2.78	2.74
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	1st Yr.	3.15	3.05	3.06
	Senior	3.30	3.21	3.22
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	1st Yr.	2.88	2.81	2.83
	Senior	3.16	2.99	3.01
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	1st Yr.	2.80	2.78	2.82
	Senior	3.09	2.92	2.94
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	1st Yr.	2.96	2.98	2.98
	Senior	3.26	3.16	3.17
Time Usage				
<i>1= 0 hour/week, 2= 5 or fewer hours/week, 3= 6-10 hours/week, 4= 11-15 hours/week, 5= 16-20 hours/week, 6= 21-25 hours/week, 7= 26-30 hours/week, 8= more than 30 hours/week</i>				
Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, lab work, rehearsing, etc., related to your academic program)	1st Yr.	4.41	4.02	3.99
	Senior	4.24	4.10	4.10
Working for pay on campus	1st Yr.	1.91	1.50	1.53
	Senior	1.95	1.87	1.83
Working for pay off campus	1st Yr.	1.69	2.33	2.59
	Senior	2.87	3.66	3.81
Participating in co-curricular activities	1st Yr.	2.76	2.18	2.17
	Senior	2.83	2.01	2.08
Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, playing games, etc.)	1st Yr.	3.77	3.90	3.79
	Senior	3.72	3.49	3.48
Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	1st Yr.	1.31	1.57	1.78
	Senior	1.51	2.30	2.33

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EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH				
Knowledge, Skills, and Personal Development				
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Acquiring a broad general education	1st Yr.	3.09	3.10	3.12
	Senior	3.27	3.21	3.24
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	1st Yr.	2.80	2.68	2.70
	Senior	2.99	3.01	3.02
Writing clearly and effectively	1st Yr.	2.90	2.88	2.95
	Senior	3.09	3.02	3.07
Speaking clearly and effectively	1st Yr.	2.63	2.67	2.75
	Senior	2.93	2.90	2.96
Thinking critically and analytically	1st Yr.	3.03	3.14	3.16
	Senior	3.35	3.32	3.33
Analyzing quantitative problems	1st Yr.	2.63	2.86	2.86
	Senior	2.98	3.04	3.02
Using computing and information technology	1st Yr.	2.78	3.01	3.00
	Senior	3.05	3.23	3.21
Working effectively with others	1st Yr.	2.73	2.89	2.92
	Senior	3.08	3.10	3.14
Voting in elections	1st Yr.	2.05	1.93	1.92
	Senior	2.15	2.08	2.10
Learning effectively on your own	1st Yr.	2.84	2.85	2.85
	Senior	2.95	2.99	3.00
Understanding yourself	1st Yr.	2.68	2.68	2.71
	Senior	2.90	2.74	2.78
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	1st Yr.	2.26	2.55	2.58
	Senior	2.35	2.54	2.57
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	1st Yr.	2.76	2.59	2.59
	Senior	2.91	2.67	2.65
Contributing to the welfare of your community	1st Yr.	2.58	2.36	2.34
	Senior	2.65	2.43	2.42

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OPINIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL				
Institutional Emphasis				
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Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	1st Yr.	3.07	3.04	3.07
	Senior	2.98	3.07	3.08
Providing the support you need to help you succeed	1st Yr.	2.92	2.93	2.99
	Senior	2.88	2.80	2.87
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	1st Yr.	2.26	2.52	2.57
	Senior	2.12	2.34	2.40
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	1st Yr.	2.18	2.09	2.13
	Senior	2.10	1.89	1.91
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	1st Yr.	2.26	2.37	2.37
	Senior	2.23	2.14	2.14
Quality of Relationships				
<i>1=unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation to 7=friendly, supportive, sense of belonging</i>				
Relationships with other students	1st Yr.	5.57	5.44	5.48
	Senior	5.72	5.59	5.60
<i>1=unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic to 7=available, helpful, sympathetic</i>				
Relationships with faculty members	1st Yr.	5.25	5.01	5.19
	Senior	5.59	5.28	5.42
<i>1=unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid to 7=helpful, considerate, flexible</i>				
Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	1st Yr.	4.27	4.47	4.60
	Senior	4.08	4.43	4.50
Satisfaction				
<i>1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent</i>				
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	1st Yr.	3.00	3.15	3.16
	Senior	3.10	3.16	3.19
<i>1=definitely no, 2=probably no, 3=probably yes, 4=definitely yes</i>				
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	1st Yr.	3.01	3.22	3.20
	Senior	3.05	3.16	3.17