

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

Population: First-Year and Senior students

Frequency and Method: An online survey is now being administered every three years. A First-Year cohort takes the survey in the spring and again in the spring of their senior year. The instrument is administered by NSSE through the University of Indiana. We provide a list of ID's and emails. They facilitate the invitations and reminders using the scripts we provide. We have begun to supplement the reminders with personal notes from both the Provost and the President.

Affiliations: The NSSE Institute works with institutions and other organizations to collect and disseminate research on promising practices and to assist schools in using data for institutional improvement and student success initiatives. (*Description as it appears on their website*).

Description: The NSSE has been accepted across the nation in higher education as one of the best assessment tools to measure student engagement. The following paragraph is from the NSSE website and describes their primary objective.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) obtains, on an annual basis, information from hundreds of four-year colleges and universities nationwide about student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending college. Survey items on The National Survey of Student Engagement represent empirically confirmed "good practices" in undergraduate education. That is, they reflect behaviors by students and institutions that are associated with desired outcomes of college.

Reports and Data: NSSE provides several reports (benchmarks, trends, and means) in both hardcopy and electronic form. Additionally, we can create charts and means analysis that compare the responses from the same cohort as first-year students and as seniors. These reports, spreadsheets and charts are available upon request.

Link to instrument: http://nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/survey_instruments/2016/NSSE_2016-US_English.pdf