

Saint Mary's College
College Reading Day Survey
Faculty Responses

How would you rate students' preparation for final exams with the addition of the Reading Day compared to previous semesters?

	Number	Percent
Much better prepared	0	0.0%
Somewhat better prepared	7	21.9%
About the same	24	75.0%
Somewhat less prepared	0	0.0%
Much less prepared	1	3.1%
TOTAL	32	100.0%

How would you rate students' levels of stress during final exams this semester compared to previous semesters without the Reading Day?

Much lower	0	0.0%
Somewhat lower	6	18.8%
About the same	25	78.1%
Somewhat higher	1	3.1%
Much higher	0	0.0%
TOTAL	32	100.0%

Did you offer review sessions on the Reading Day?

Yes	8	23.53%
No	26	76.47%
TOTAL	34	100.00%

About how many students attended the review session(s)?

Most or all	4	11.76%
Some	3	8.82%
A few	2	5.88%
None/Not Applicable	25	73.53%
TOTAL	34	100.00%

Did you organize reviews any differently than in past years?

Yes	7	21.21%
No	20	60.61%
Did not offer reviews/Not applicable	6	18.18%
TOTAL	33	100.00%

Were you available for help with additional office hours?

	Number	Percent
Yes	24	72.73%
No	6	18.18%
Not applicable	3	9.09%
TOTAL	33	100.00%

Did you use the Reading Day for any other organized/scheduled activities?

Yes	4	12.12%
No	29	87.88%
TOTAL	33	100.00%

Do you believe students in general made productive use of the Reading Day?

Yes	18	69.23%
No	8	30.77%
TOTAL	26	100.00%

The loss of a class day had a negative effect on students' learning.

Strongly agree	7	21.9%
Agree	9	28.1%
Disagree	8	25.0%
Strongly disagree	4	12.5%
Not applicable / did not lose a class day	4	12.5%
TOTAL	32	100.0%

Did you administer any full-period exams during the week before finals?

Yes	2	6.25%
No	30	93.75%
Not applicable	0	0.00%
TOTAL	32	100.00%

Did you assign any major papers that were due during the week before finals?

Yes	6	18.18%
No	27	81.82%
Not applicable	0	0.00%
TOTAL	33	100.00%

Were any exams or papers in the week before finals assigned in place of a final exam?

	Number	Percent
Yes	2	6.06%
No	28	84.85%
Not applicable	3	9.09%
TOTAL	33	100.00%

What were the reasons for any "pre-finals week" assignments or exams not on the syllabus?

Faculty decision	4	12.12%
Class request	1	3.03%
Other (please describe in comments below	0	0.00%
Not applicable	28	84.85%
TOTAL	33	100.00%

Should we keep the Reading Day?

Yes	11	35.48%
No	13	41.94%
No opinion	7	22.58%
TOTAL	31	100.00%