

Saint Mary's College
National Survey of Student Engagement Spring 2010
First-Year Survey Summary (2009 Cohort)

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was administered in Spring 2010 to first-years and seniors. Summarized below are some of the select questions with comparisons to national averages and Carnegie peer groups.

	<u>Saint Mary's Responses</u>	<u>Carnegie Peers</u>	<u>National Average</u>
Active and Collaborative Learning (<i>% Often or Very Often</i>):			
Asked questions in class/contributed to class discussions	81%	71%	62%
Discussed ideas for your readings/classes with others outside of class	71%	65%	60%
Level of Academic Challenge: Coursework Emphasizes			
Worked harder than you thought to meet an Instructor's expectations (<i>% Often or Very often</i>)	72%	61%	59%
Number of assigned textbooks or books (<i>% >10</i>)	68%	50%	38%
Time spent preparing for class (<i>% >15 hrs per/wk</i>)	67%	45%	38%
Enriching Educational Experiences: (<i>% Plan to do or done</i>)			
Practicum, internship, field experience, etc.	90%	84%	82%
Community service or volunteer work	96%	83%	82%
Study abroad	60%	59%	45%
Supportive Campus Environment:			
Quality of relationships with other students (<i>friendly and supportive</i>)	83%	81%	79%
Quality of relationships with faculty members (<i>available, helpful, sympathetic</i>)	88%	81%	74%
Quality of relationships with administrative personnel (<i>helpful/considerate</i>)	71%	65%	60%
Student Faculty Interaction: (<i>% Often or Very often</i>)			
Discussed grades or assignments w/ instructor	59%	57%	53%
Talked about career plans w/ faculty/advisor	53%	33%	31%
Other (non-benchmark components): Saint Mary's has contributed to: (<i>% Quite a bit or Very much</i>)			
Acquiring broad general education	92%	86%	82%
Writing clearly and effectively	89%	80%	75%
Thinking critically and analytically	93%	88%	73%
Developing a personal code of ethics/values	69%	65%	60%
Contributing to the welfare of your community	62%	55%	49%
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	64%	38%	38%
Evaluation of entire educational experience at this institution (<i>% indicating good/excellent</i>)			
	92%	90%	87%
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending? (<i>% Probably/Definitely Yes</i>)			
	85%	83%	84%

Source: 2010 National Survey of Student Engagement.