

Saint Mary's College

National Survey of Student Engagement Spring 2010

Seniors Survey Summary (2010 Graduates)

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 for the graduating class of 2010 with comparisons to national averages and Carnegie peers.

	<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	89%	82%	73%
Discussed ideas for your readings/classes with others outside of class	74%	70%	66%
Level of Academic Challenge:			
Worked harder than you thought to meet an Instructor's expectations (<i>% Often or Very often</i>)	72%	62%	61%
Number of assigned textbooks or books (<i>% >10</i>)	68%	50%	38%
Time spent preparing for class (<i>% >15 hrs per/wk</i>)	53%	45%	41%
Enriching Educational Experiences: (<i>% done</i>)			
Practicum, internship, field experience, etc.	80%	59%	50%
Community service or volunteer work	84%	67%	60%
Study abroad	57%	29%	14%
Supportive Campus Environment:			
Quality of relationships with other students (<i>friendly and supportive</i>)	91%	83%	82%
Quality of relationships with faculty members (<i>available, helpful, sympathetic</i>)	94%	87%	80%
Quality of relationships with administrative personnel (<i>helpful/considerate</i>)	57%	59%	57%
Student Faculty Interaction: (<i>% Often or Very often</i>)			
Discussed grades or assignments w/ instructor	73%	65%	61%
Talked about career plans w/ faculty/advisor	60%	52%	42%
Other (non-benchmark components): (<i>% Quite a bit or Very much</i>)			
Acquiring broad general education	95%	88%	84%
Writing clearly and effectively	94%	83%	78%
Thinking critically and analytically	97%	91%	87%
Developing a personal code of ethics/values	81%	65%	61%
Contributing to the welfare of your community	69%	55%	49%
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	54%	31%	30%
Evaluation of entire educational experience at this institution (<i>% indicating good/excellent</i>)	98%	90%	86%
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending? (<i>% Probably/Definitely Yes</i>)	91%	84%	82%

Source: 2010 National Survey of Student Engagement