

Saint Mary's College
College Reading Day Survey
Student Responses

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

	Number	Percent
Much better prepared	285	77.66%
Somewhat better prepared	71	19.35%
About the same	9	2.45%
Somewhat less prepared	1	0.27%
Much less prepared	1	0.27%
TOTAL	367	100.00%

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

Much lower	147	42.98%
Somewhat lower	148	43.27%
About the same	37	10.82%
Somewhat higher	10	2.92%
Much higher	0	0.00%
TOTAL	342	100.00%

Did your professors offer review sessions on the Reading Day?

Yes	186	52.54%
No	168	47.46%
TOTAL	354	100.00%

Did you attend the review session(s) if offered?

Yes	155	43.91%
No	37	10.48%
Not applicable / sessions were not offered	161	45.61%
TOTAL	353	100.00%

Were your professors available for help with additional office hours?

Yes	285	80.74%
No	33	9.35%
Not applicable	35	9.92%
TOTAL	353	100.00%

Did you use the Reading Day for any other activities?

	Number	Percent
Yes	205	58.74%
No	144	41.26%
TOTAL	349	100.00%

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

Strongly agree	2	0.57%
Agree	2	0.57%
Disagree	37	10.51%
Strongly disagree	300	85.23%
Not applicable; did not lose a class day	11	3.13%
TOTAL	352	100.00%

How many full-period exams did you have during the week before finals?

0	129	36.96%
1	118	33.81%
2	64	18.34%
3	20	5.73%
4 or more	18	5.16%
TOTAL	349	100.00%

How many major papers (5 or more pages required) did you have due during the week before finals?

0	67	19.20%
1	120	34.38%
2	95	27.22%
3	47	13.47%
4 or more	20	5.73%
TOTAL	349	100.00%

How many of these papers or exams during the week prior to finals were given in place of a final exam?

0	174	50.29%
1	115	33.24%
2	41	11.85%
3	13	3.76%
4 or more	3	0.87%
TOTAL	346	100.00%

**What were the reasons for any "pre-finals week" assignments or exams that were not on the syllabus
(Check all that apply.)**

	Number	Percent
Faculty decision	86	23.50%
Class request	24	6.56%
Other (describe in comments)	12	3.28%
Not applicable; all assignments were on the syllabus	244	66.67%
TOTAL	366	100.00%

Should we keep the Reading Day?

Yes	347	99.43%
No	2	0.57%
TOTAL	349	100.00%

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