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### **About This Report**

#### **About Your Engagement Indicators Report**

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning Reflective & Integrative Learning Learning Strategies Quantitative Reasoning
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning Discussions with Diverse Others
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction Effective Teaching Practices
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions Supportive Environment

#### Report Sections

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)

Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

#### Mean Comparisons

Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

#### **Score Distributions**

Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.

#### Performance on Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)

Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of 2016 and 2017 participating institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)

Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

#### **Interpreting Comparisons**

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2015). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

Els vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how El scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder—Institution Version and your Major Field Report (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students'

#### **How Engagement Indicators are Computed**

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: nsse.indiana.edu

Rocconi, L., & Gonyea, R. M. (2015, May). Contextualizing student engagement effect sizes: An empirical analysis. Paper presented at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum, Denver, CO.



#### Overview

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### **Engagement Indicators: Overview**

**Supportive Environment** 

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Use the following key:

- **Your students' average** was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- $\triangle$  Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- -- No significant difference.
- $\nabla$  Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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Theme	Engagement Indicator	UT System	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
	Higher-Order Learning	$\nabla$	$\nabla$	$\nabla$
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning	$\nabla$	$\nabla$	$\nabla$
Challenge	Learning Strategies			
	Quantitative Reasoning			
Learning with	Collaborative Learning		Δ	
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others			
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction			
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices			
Campus	Quality of Interactions			
Environment	Supportive Environment	$\nabla$	$\nabla$	$\nabla$

#### **Seniors**

Environment

Theme	Engagement Indicator	UT System	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
	Higher-Order Learning			
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning			
Challenge	Learning Strategies	Δ		Δ
	Quantitative Reasoning			
Learning with	Collaborative Learning			Δ
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	Δ	Δ	Δ
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	Δ		
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices			
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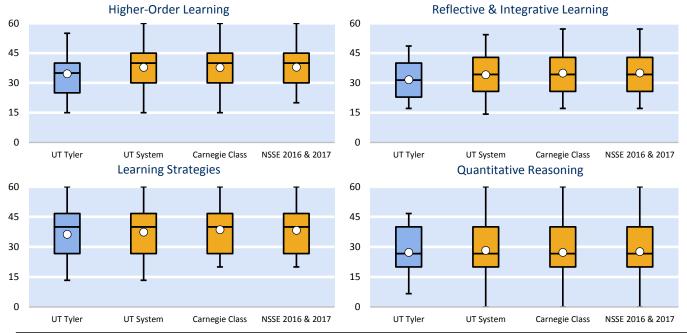
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Mean Comparisons		Your first-year students compared with						
	UT Tyler	UT System  Effe	•	gie Class Effect	NSSE 201	. <b>6 &amp; 2017</b> Effect		
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean size	e Mean	size	Mean	size		
Higher-Order Learning	34.6	37.8 **23	37.8 **	24	37.9 **	25		
Reflective & Integrative Learning	31.6	34.1 *21	1 34.9 **	28	35.0 **	29		
Learning Strategies	36.2	37.308	38.5	17	38.3	15		
Quantitative Reasoning	27.2	28.307	7 27.2	.00	27.6	03		

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Higher-Order Learning	UT Tyler	UT System	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Ouite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized	•	O1 System	Carriegie Class	2017
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	% 64	<b>-</b> 9	-6	<b>I</b> -8
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	62	<b>-</b> 7	<u>-</u> 1 <u>-</u> 7	¬ ■ _ o
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4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	67	+1	-3	-2
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	62	-5	-6	-6
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	42	-9	-9	-10
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	35	-10	-16	-16
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	44	-1	-7	-6
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	55	-8	-8	-8
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	60	-10	-9	-9
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	60	-8	-7	-7
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	71	-4	-5	-6
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	74	+1	-3	-3
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	64	-0	-2	-1
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	52	-8	-12	-11
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	57	+2	+6	+5
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	36	-2	-2	-2
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	39	-1	+2	+1

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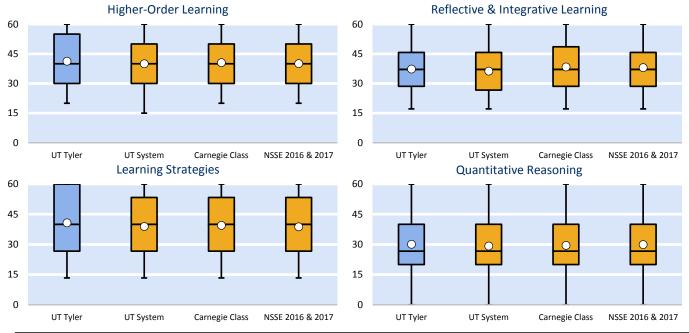
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Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size	
Higher-Order Learning	41.2	40.0	.09	40.5	.05	40.0	.08	
Reflective & Integrative Learning	37.3	36.3	.08	38.3	08	38.0	06	
Learning Strategies	40.7	38.9 *	.12	39.4	.09	38.7 *	.13	
Quantitative Reasoning	30.1	29.2	.05	29.5	.04	29.9	.01	

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4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	81	+3	+2	+2		
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4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	69	<b>∮</b> -1	-4	-2		
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	70	<b>∮</b> -1	-2	-1		
Reflective & Integrative Learning						
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"						
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	67	+1	-2	-2		
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	55	+0	-8	-6		
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2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	63	+1	-4	-3		
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	72	+3	+0	+1		
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	70	+0	-2	-1		
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	83	+2	-1	-0		
Learning Strategies						
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"						
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	80	+1	-1	+0		
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	70	+5	+6	+8		
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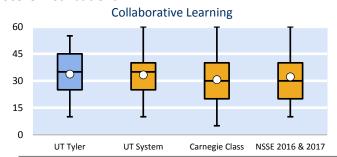
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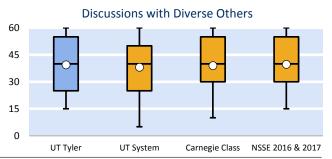
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Collaborative Learning	33.7	33.2	.03	30.6 *	.21	32.2	.11
Discussions with Diverse Others	39.4	38.1	.08	39.0	.02	39.7	02

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Collaborative Learning	UT Tyler	UT System	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%			
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	58	+5	+10	+6
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	56	-3	+2	-1
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	55	+5	+9	+6
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	59	-0	+8	+5
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	69	+1	-0	-2
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	64	-3	-6	-7
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	62	-4	-4	-5
8d. People with political views other than your own	65	+1	-2	-3

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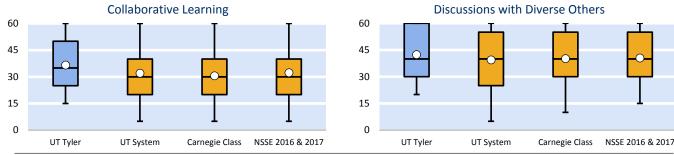
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Collaborative Learning	UT Tyler	UT System	Carnegie Class	2017
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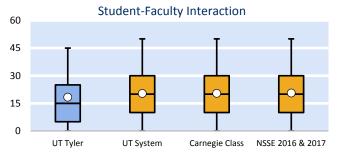
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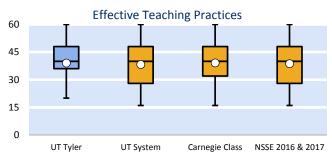
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3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	21	-4	-3	-4
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	19	-10	-11	-10
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	78	-0	-0	+0
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	81	+5	+5	+5
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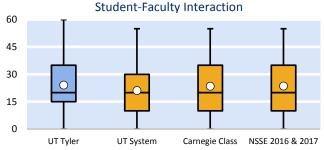
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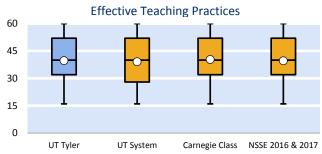
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3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	30	+3	-1	-2
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	37	+8	+3	+4
Effective Teaching Practices		·		,
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	82	+3	+1	+1
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	75	-2	-4	-3
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	79	+4	+1	+1
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	63	+5	+0	+3
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	63	+2	-3	-1

Notes: Refer to your Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your Institutional Report and available on the NSSE website.

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#### **Campus Environment**

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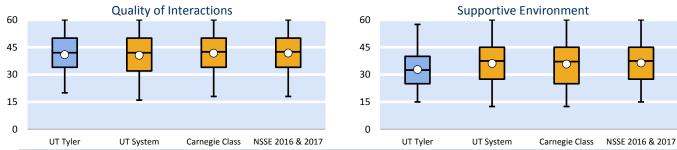
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Mean Comparisons			Your	first-year studer	nts compared v	vith		
	UT Tyler	UT S	ystem Effect	Carne	gie Class Effect	NSSE 201	1 <b>6 &amp; 2017</b> Effect	
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size	
Quality of Interactions	40.9	40.6	.02	41.7	07	41.7	07	
Supportive Environment	32.8	36.1 *	24	35.8 *	21	36.3 **	26	

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and p before rounding; \*p < .05, \*\*p < .01, \*\*\*p < .001 (2-tailed).

#### **Score Distributions**



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#### Performance<sup>a</sup> on Indicator Items

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	-	Percentage point	t difference between your	FY students and
		- contage paint		NSSE 2016 &
Quality of Interactions	UT Tyler	UT System	Carnegie Class	2017
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with	%			
13a. Students	47	-1	-4	-4
13b. Academic advisors	48	+1	-2	-2
13c. Faculty	47	+4	-2	-2
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	38	-5	-7	-6
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	42	+0	-2	-1
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	74	-1	-2	-3
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	70	-6	-6	-6
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	51	-13	-11	-11
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	59	-11	-10	-12
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	64	-5	-4	-6
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	35	-11	-8	-8
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	56	-8	-5	-9
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	38	-12	-12	-14

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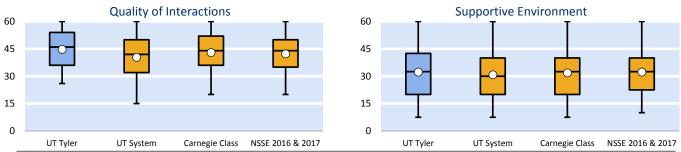
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Mean Comparisons			Your seniors compared with	
	UT Tyler	UT System	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
		Effect	Effect	Effect
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean size	Mean size	Mean size
Quality of Interactions	44.8	40.4 *** .33	43.0 * .15	42.2 *** .21
Supportive Environment	32.3	30.8 .10	31.8 .03	32.3 .00

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and p before rounding; \*p < .05, \*\*p < .01, \*\*\*p < .001 (2-tailed).

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		Percentage po	int difference between y	our seniors and
				NSSE 2016 &
Quality of Interactions	UT Tyler	UT System	Carnegie Class	2017
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13a. Students	67	+12	+9	+10
13b. Academic advisors	54	+9	+1	+3
13c. Faculty	61	+9	+1	+4
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	48	+10	+4	+6
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	52	+12	+7	+10
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	78	+11	+6	+7
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	68	+6	+2	+3
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	59	+5	+3	+4
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	60	+0	-2	-4
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# Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions The University of Texas at Tyler

### Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see nsse.indiana.edu/html/position\_policies.cfm), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE<sup>a</sup> for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark ( $\checkmark$ ) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

irst-Year	Students			Your first-year stude	nts compared with	1		
		UT Tyler	NSSE T	Top 50%	NSSE Top 10%			
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size ✓	Mean	Effect size	✓	
	Higher-Order Learning	34.6	39.2 ***	35	41.2 ***	49		
Academic	Reflective and Integrative Learning	31.6	36.6 ***	42	38.3 ***	54		
Challenge	Learning Strategies	36.2	39.8 **	26	41.9 ***	41		
	Quantitative Reasoning	27.2	28.8	11	30.4 *	21		
Learning	Collaborative Learning	33.7	35.2	11	37.1 **	25		
with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	39.4	41.7	16	43.8 **	30		
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	18.3	23.8 ***	37	27.2 ***	57		
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	39.1	40.7	13	42.6 **	26		
Campus	Quality of Interactions	40.9	43.8 **	26	46.1 ***	44		
Environment	Supportive Environment	32.8	38.2 ***	42	40.0 ***	56		

Seniors				Your sen	iors compared with		
		UT Tyler	NSSE T	op 50%	NSSE T	op 10%	_
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	/ Mean	Effect size 🗸	/_
	Higher-Order Learning	41.2	41.8	05	<b>/</b> 43.3 **	15	
Academic	Reflective and Integrative Learning	37.3	40.0 ***	22	42.0 ***	38	
Challenge	Learning Strategies	40.7	40.7	.00	/ 42.9 **	15	
	Quantitative Reasoning	30.1	31.1	07	33.0 ***	18	
Learning	Collaborative Learning	36.6	35.8	.06	✓ 37.9	10	/
with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	42.4	42.3	.01	44.3 *	12	
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	24.1	29.2 ***	33	33.0 ***	56	
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	39.7	41.8 **	15	43.8 ***	31	
Campus	Quality of Interactions	44.8	44.8	.00	/ 46.9 **	17	
Environment	Supportive Environment	32.3	34.8 **	18	37.2 ***	36	

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a. Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2016 and 2017 institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either significant and positive, or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> The University of Texas at Tyler

## **Detailed Statistics: First-year students**

	Mea	n statist	ics		Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores			Comparison results				
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
Academic Challenge	Wican			307	2501	30111	7501	3507	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		9-	
Higher-Order Learning												
UT Tyler (N = 123)	34.6	11.5	1.04	15	25	35	40	55				
UT System	37.8	13.8	.22	15	30	40	45	60	133	-3.2	.003	234
Carnegie Class	37.8	13.4	.05	15	30	40	45	60	123	-3.1	.003	236
NSSE 2016 & 2017	37.9	13.3	.03	20	30	40	45	60	122	-3.3	.002	251
Top 50%	39.2	13.1	.04	20	30	40	50	60	135,197	-4.5	.000	347
Top 10%	41.2	13.3	.08	20	35	40	50	60	124	-6.6	.000	492
100 1070	11.2	13.3	.00	20	33	10	50	00	121	0.0	.000	.1,2
Reflective & Integrative Learn	ing											
UT Tyler $(N = 126)$	31.6	10.3	.92	17	23	31	40	49				
UT System	34.1	12.1	.19	14	26	34	43	54	4,334	-2.5	.020	211
Carnegie Class	34.9	12.0	.05	17	26	34	43	57	71,114	-3.4	.002	278
NSSE 2016 & 2017	35.0	12.0	.02	17	26	34	43	57	247,021	-3.4	.001	286
Top 50%	36.6	12.0	.03	17	29	37	46	57	125,785	-5.0	.000	416
Top 10%	38.3	12.3	.07	20	29	37	46	60	126	-6.7	.000	544
Learning Strategies												
UT Tyler $(N = 113)$	36.2	12.8	1.21	13	27	40	47	60				
UT System	37.3	13.9	.23	13	27	40	47	60	3,606	-1.1	.399	081
Carnegie Class	38.5	13.8	.06	20	27	40	47	60	60,973	-2.3	.075	168
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.3	13.7	.03	20	27	40	47	60	211,196	-2.1	.111	150
Top 50%	39.8	13.7	.04	20	27	40	53	60	104,490	-3.6	.005	264
Top 10%	41.9	14.1	.09	20	33	40	53	60	26,565	-5.7	.000	408
Quantitative Reasoning												
UT Tyler $(N = 121)$	27.2	14.5	1.32	7	20	27	40	47				
UT System	28.3	15.5	.25	0	20	27	40	60	4,108	-1.1	.459	068
Carnegie Class	27.2	15.4	.06	0	20	27	40	60	67,970	.0	.997	.000
NSSE 2016 & 2017	27.6	15.4	.03	0	20	27	40	60	236,292	4	.782	025
Top 50%	28.8	15.2	.04	0	20	27	40	60	145,693	-1.6	.238	107
Top 10%	30.4	15.2	.08	7	20	27	40	60	35,579	-3.2	.020	211
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning	22.7	10.5	1.10	10	2.5	25	4.5	~ ~				
UT Tyler (N = 130)	33.7	13.5	1.19	10	25 25	35 35	45 40	55	4 405	_	702	024
UT System	33.2	13.7	.21	10		30	40	60	4,485	.5	.703	.034
Carnegie Class	30.6	14.9	.05	5	20	30		60	73,613	3.1	.016	.212
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.2	14.5	.03	10	20	35	40	60	256,073	1.5	.223	.107
Top 50% Top 10%	35.2 37.1	13.6 13.4	.04 .07	15 15	25 25	33 40	45 45	60 60	146,193 35,934	-1.5 -3.4	.216 .004	109 251
	37.1	10	.07	10		.0		00	55,55	5		.201
Discussions with Diverse Other	ers											
UT Tyler $(N = 113)$	39.4	16.0	1.51	15	25	40	55	60				
UT System	38.1	16.6	.28	5	25	40	50	60	3,623	1.3	.420	.077
Carnegie Class	39.0	15.9	.06	10	30	40	55	60	61,517	.4	.794	.025
NSSE 2016 & 2017	39.7	15.5	.03	15	30	40	55	60	213,121	3	.841	019
Top 50%	41.7	14.9	.04	20	30	40	55	60	133,493	-2.4	.093	158
Top 10%	43.8	14.5	.08	20	35	45	60	60	31,485	-4.4	.001	305



# Detailed Statistics<sup>a</sup> The University of Texas at Tyler

### **Detailed Statistics: First-year students**

	Mea	n statist	ics		Perce	ntile <sup>d</sup> sco	ores		Co	mparison	results	
										Mean		Effect
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	freedom <sup>e</sup>	diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	size <sup>g</sup>
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UT Tyler $(N = 124)$	18.3	13.4	1.20	0	5	15	25	45				
UT System	20.3	15.2	.24	0	10	20	30	50	4,212	-2.0	.146	133
Carnegie Class	20.4	14.5	.06	0	10	20	30	50	69,335	-2.1	.103	147
NSSE 2016 & 2017	20.6	14.5	.03	0	10	20	30	50	240,922	-2.3	.079	158
Top 50%	23.8	14.7	.05	0	15	20	35	55	84,605	-5.5	.000	372
Top 10%	27.2	15.6	.13	5	15	25	40	60	126	-8.9	.000	573
Effective Teaching Practices												
UT Tyler $(N = 123)$	39.1	12.0	1.08	20	36	40	48	60				
UT System	38.2	13.6	.21	16	28	40	48	60	132	.8	.460	.060
Carnegie Class	39.1	13.2	.05	16	32	40	48	60	123	1	.957	004
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.7	13.1	.03	16	28	40	48	60	122	.4	.742	.027
Top 50%	40.7	13.0	.04	20	32	40	52	60	123	-1.6	.131	127
Top 10%	42.6	13.6	.09	20	36	44	56	60	124	-3.5	.001	261
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UT Tyler $(N = 112)$	40.9	11.5	1.08	20	34	42	50	60				
UT System	40.6	13.5	.24	16	32	42	50	60	122	.3	.790	.022
Carnegie Class	41.7	12.6	.05	18	34	43	50	60	57,465	9	.471	068
NSSE 2016 & 2017	41.7	12.4	.03	18	34	43	50	60	200,023	9	.450	071
Top 50%	43.8	11.5	.04	22	38	46	52	60	87,621	-3.0	.007	257
Top 10%	46.1	11.7	.10	24	40	48	56	60	15,059	-5.2	.000	443
Supportive Environment												
UT Tyler $(N = 105)$	32.8	12.5	1.22	15	25	33	40	58				
UT System	36.1	13.9	.24	13	28	38	45	60	3,340	-3.3	.015	241
Carnegie Class	35.8	13.8	.06	13	25	37	45	60	56,784	-3.0	.028	215
NSSE 2016 & 2017	36.3	13.6	.03	15	28	38	45	60	196,896	-3.6	.007	263
Top 50%	38.2	13.1	.04	18	30	40	48	60	107,197	-5.5	.000	416
Top 10%	40.0	13.0	.08	18	31	40	50	60	25,553	-7.2	.000	556

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

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b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SEM) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.



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## **Detailed Statistics: Seniors**

Detailed Statistics. Sem		n statist	ics	Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores				Comparison results				
		SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>		25:1	50.1	75.1	05:1	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
Academic Challenge	Mean	30	SEIVI	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Jreedom	uijj.	Sig.	3126
Higher-Order Learning												
UT Tyler (N = 337)	41.2	14.2	.77	20	30	40	55	60				
UT System	40.0	14.2	.21	15	30	40	50	60	4.062	1.2	.130	.085
									4,962	.7		
Carnegie Class	40.5	13.7	.05	20	30	40	50	60	72,771		.331	.053
NSSE 2016 & 2017	40.0	13.7	.03	20	30	40	50	60	234,626	1.2	.120	.085
Top 50%	41.8	13.5	.04	20	35	40	55	60	93,080	6	.392	047
Top 10%	43.3	13.4	.08	20	35	40	55	60	27,854	-2.0	.005	152
Reflective & Integrative Learnin	ng											
UT Tyler $(N = 339)$	37.3	12.4	.67	17	29	37	46	60				
UT System	36.3	12.8	.19	17	27	37	46	60	5,104	1.0	.146	.082
Carnegie Class	38.3	12.6	.05	17	29	37	49	60	75,074	-1.0	.149	079
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.0	12.6	.03	17	29	37	46	60	242,353	7	.295	057
Top 50%	40.0	12.3	.04	20	31	40	49	60	96,258	-2.7	.000	219
Top 10%	42.0	12.2	.09	20	34	43	51	60	20,298	-4.7	.000	384
Learning Strategies	40.7	155	90	12	27	40	60	60				
UT Tyler $(N = 305)$	40.7	15.5	.89	13	27	40		60	1.216	1.0	025	105
UT System	38.9	14.5	.23	13	27	40	53	60	4,316	1.8	.035	.125
Carnegie Class	39.4	14.5	.06	13	27	40	53	60	66,534	1.2	.133	.086
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.7	14.5	.03	13	27	40	53	60	213,528	2.0	.019	.134
Top 50%	40.7	14.4	.04	20	33 33	40 40	53 60	60	112,463	1 -2.2	.946	004
Top 10%	42.9	14.3	.08	20	33	40	60	60	33,047	-2.2	.007	154
Quantitative Reasoning												
UT Tyler $(N = 332)$	30.1	16.9	.93	0	20	27	40	60				
UT System	29.2	16.4	.24	0	20	27	40	60	4,895	.9	.344	.054
Carnegie Class	29.5	16.3	.06	0	20	27	40	60	72,540	.6	.509	.036
NSSE 2016 & 2017	29.9	16.3	.03	0	20	27	40	60	234,106	.2	.811	.013
Top 50%	31.1	16.2	.04	0	20	33	40	60	141,817	-1.1	.229	066
Top 10%	33.0	15.9	.09	7	20	33	40	60	31,645	-2.9	.001	183
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UT Tyler $(N = 342)$	36.6	14.8	.80	15	25	35	50	60				
UT System	32.0	15.2	.22	5	20	30	40	60	5,223	4.6	.000	.301
Carnegie Class	30.6	15.8	.06	5	20	30	40	60	76,441	6.0	.000	.383
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.3	15.1	.03	5	20	30	40	60	247,714	4.3	.000	.288
Top 50%	35.8	13.8	.04	15	25	35	45	60	342	.8	.323	.057
Top 10%	37.9	13.4	.08	15	30	40	50	60	348	-1.3	.102	098
Discussions with Diverse Other												
Discussions with Diverse Other: UT Tyler (N = 310)	42.4	15.9	.90	20	30	40	60	60				
						40			1 251	2.0	002	174
UT System Carnegie Class	39.4 40.1	17.1 16.3	.27 .06	5 10	25 30	40	55 55	60 60	4,354 66,858	3.0 2.3	.003 .015	.174 .139
NSSE 2016 & 2017	40.1	15.9	.03	15	30	40	55 55	60 60	66,858 214,859	2.3 1.9	.015	.139
				15	30	40	55 60					
Top 50%	42.3 44.3	15.6 15.3	.04 .09	20	35	40	60	60 60	142,968	.1 -1.9	.919 .033	.006 122
Top 10%	44.3	15.5	.09	20	33	43	UU	00	31,187	-1.9	.033	122



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#### **Detailed Statistics: Seniors**

	Mea	n statist	tics		Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>	
Experiences with Faculty													
Student-Faculty Interaction													
UT Tyler $(N = 335)$	24.1	15.8	.86	0	15	20	35	60					
UT System	21.1	15.9	.23	0	10	20	30	55	4,997	3.0	.001	.186	
Carnegie Class	23.5	16.1	.06	0	10	20	35	55	73,573	.6	.477	.039	
NSSE 2016 & 2017	23.6	16.0	.03	0	10	20	35	55	237,395	.5	.561	.032	
Top 50%	29.2	15.7	.07	5	20	30	40	60	57,416	-5.2	.000	328	
Top 10%	33.0	16.0	.17	10	20	30	45	60	9,122	-8.9	.000	558	
Effective Teaching Practices													
UT Tyler $(N = 337)$	39.7	13.8	.75	16	32	40	52	60					
UT System	39.1	14.4	.21	16	28	40	52	60	4,977	.7	.419	.046	
Carnegie Class	40.3	13.8	.05	16	32	40	52	60	73,569	6	.437	042	
NSSE 2016 & 2017	39.6	13.7	.03	16	32	40	52	60	237,293	.1	.898	.007	
Top 50%	41.8	13.5	.05	20	32	40	52	60	81,606	-2.1	.005	153	
Top 10%	43.8	13.4	.11	20	36	44	56	60	16,497	-4.1	.000	306	
Campus Environment													
Quality of Interactions													
UT Tyler $(N = 293)$	44.8	11.6	.68	26	36	46	54	60					
UT System	40.4	13.6	.22	15	32	42	50	60	357	4.4	.000	.327	
Carnegie Class	43.0	12.3	.05	20	36	44	52	60	62,057	1.8	.013	.145	
NSSE 2016 & 2017	42.2	12.1	.03	20	35	44	50	60	201,203	2.5	.000	.207	
Top 50%	44.8	11.6	.04	23	38	46	54	60	77,337	.0	.968	002	
Top 10%	46.9	12.1	.08	23	40	50	58	60	21,617	-2.1	.003	175	
Supportive Environment													
UT Tyler $(N = 296)$	32.3	15.0	.87	8	20	33	43	60					
UT System	30.8	15.1	.25	8	20	30	40	60	4,054	1.5	.100	.099	
Carnegie Class	31.8	14.4	.06	8	20	33	40	60	63,311	.5	.580	.032	
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.3	14.2	.03	10	23	33	40	60	203,142	.0	.975	002	
Top 50%	34.8	13.7	.05	13	25	35	45	60	296	-2.4	.005	179	
Top 10%	37.2	13.6	.11	13	28	38	48	60	304	-4.9	.000	356	

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

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b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SEM) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.