

NSSE 2007 Mean Comparisons Report

Purpose: The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information from approximately 1,200 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada to measure the extent to which students engage in effective educational practices. First-year and Senior students are surveyed about the nature and quality of their undergraduate experience. The results from the University of Mississippi are then compared to selected peer groups (SUG Peers and Carnegie Peers) to see the empirical differences in student responses in order to make improvements in institutional practices.

Comparison Groups:

Carnegie Peer Group:

Auburn University	The University of Akron
Binghamton University	The University of Alabama
Bowling Green State University	The University of Texas at Arlington
Brigham Young University	The University of Texas at Dallas
Catholic University of America	The University of Texas at El Paso
Clarkson University	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Clemson University	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Florida Atlantic University	University of Arkansas
Florida Institute of Technology	University of Dayton
Fordham University	University of Idaho
George Washington University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Georgia State University	University of Louisville
Loyola University Chicago	University of Maine
Marquette University	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Miami University-Oxford	University of Missouri-St. Louis
New Mexico State University	University of North Dakota
North Dakota State University	University of North Texas
Northeastern University	University of Rhode Island
Northern Arizona University	University of Southern Mississippi
Polytechnic University	University of Tulsa
Saint Louis University	University of Wyoming
Stevens Institute of Technology	Virginia Commonwealth University
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	West Virginia University
Temple University	Wichita State University
Texas Tech University	

SUG Peer Group:

Arizona State University at Tempe	Georgia State University
Auburn University	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Clemson University	Texas A&M University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Texas Tech University

The University of Alabama
 The University of Tennessee
 The University of Texas at Austin
 University of Arkansas
 University of Georgia
 University of Kentucky

University of Maryland-College Park
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of South Carolina Columbia
 University of Southern Mississippi
 West Virginia University

2007 Response Rates:

	Ole Miss		Sug Group		Carnegie Group	
	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior
Overall	26%		23%		27%	
By Level	22%	31%	23%	24%	26%	29%
Number	2,190	2,199	50,950	53,181	80,567	78,748

Notes: When interpreting the data, not only is the statistical significance given but the effect size is given to indicate the magnitude of significance between means that are being compared. The effect size of .2 is considered “small”, .5 is “moderate”, and .8 is considered “large”. Unless inversely related, a positive effect size indicates that the difference between the means is a confirmatory difference where Ole Miss is above those being compared, while a negative effect size indicates that the University is below the comparison groups.