

## NSSE 2008 Overview

**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:

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| Auburn University                                       | Stevens Institute of Technology                    |
| Baylor University                                       | SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry |
| Binghamton University<br>(State University of New York) | The Catholic University of America                 |
| Brigham Young University                                | The University of Alabama                          |
| Clark University  | The University of Texas at Arlington               |
| Clarkson University                                     | The University of Texas at Dallas                  |
| Clemson University                                      | The University of Texas at El Paso                 |
| Drexel University                                       | University of Central Florida                      |
| Florida International University                        | University of Denver                               |
| Georgia State University                                | University of Maryland-Baltimore County            |
| Illinois Institute of Technology                        | University of New Orleans                          |
| Kent State University                                   | University of Oklahoma                             |
| Loyola University Chicago                               | University of Southern Mississippi                 |
| Mississippi State University                            | University of Toledo                               |
| Missouri University of Science & Technology             | University of Vermont                              |
| New Jersey Institute of Technology                      | University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee                  |
| North Carolina A&T State University                     | Utah State University                              |
| Northern Arizona University                             | Virginia Commonwealth University                   |
| Ohio University   | Western Michigan University                        |
| Polytechnic University                                  | Wichita State University                           |
| Rutgers University-Newark                               | Wright State University                            |
| Saint Louis University                                  |  |
| South Dakota State University                           |  |

#### SUG Peer Group:

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| Auburn University               | University of Arkansas - Fort Smith         |
| Clemson University              | University of Delaware                      |
| Florida State University        | University of Florida                       |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | University of Georgia                       |
| Georgia State University        | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| Mississippi State University    | University of South Carolina Aiken          |
| The University of Alabama       | University of Southern Mississippi          |
| The University of Tennessee     | University of Virginia                      |

**2008 Response Rates:**

|                 | Ole Miss |        | SUG Group |        | Carnegie Group |        |
|-----------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------------|--------|
|                 | First-Yr | Senior | First-Yr  | Senior | First-Yr       | Senior |
| <b>Overall</b>  | 31%      |        | 30%       |        | 30%            |        |
| <b>By Level</b> | 27%      | 35%    | 30%       | 31%    | 28%            | 31%    |
| <b>Number</b>   | 2,176    | 2,188  | 40,847    | 42,321 | 79,946         | 78,931 |

**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.