

## NSSE 2012 Overview

**Purpose:** The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information from approximately 1,500 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	Old Dominion University
Ball State University	Polytechnic Institute of New York Univ.
Baylor University	Rutgers University-Newark
Brigham Young University	South Dakota State University
Catholic University of America, The	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Clarkson University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Clemson University	Syracuse University
Cleveland State University	Texas Tech University
Colorado School of Mines	University of Akron, The
Drexel University	University of Denver
Florida International University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
George Mason University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Howard University	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Lehigh University	University of New Orleans, The
Louisiana Tech University	University of South Dakota
Loyola University Chicago	University of Texas at Arlington, The
Michigan Technological University	University of Texas at Dallas, The
New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Texas at El Paso, The
Northern Arizona University	University of Texas at San Antonio, The
Northern Illinois University	University of Wyoming
Oklahoma State University	

#### SUG Peer Group:

- Auburn University
- Clemson University
- Mississippi State University
- Oklahoma State University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- University of Kentucky
- University of South Carolina Columbia

**2012 Response Rates:**

	Ole Miss		SUG Group		Carnegie Group	
	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior
<b>Overall</b>	23%		20%		22%	
<b>By Level</b>	21%	24%	19%	21%	20%	24%
<b>Number</b>	3,157	4,091	30,681	38,298	98,487	129,363

**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.