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

SUG Peer Group:
Arizona State University at Tempe
Auburn University
Clemson University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
### 2007 Response Rates:

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**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.