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

SUG Peer Group:
- Auburn University
- Clemson University
- Florida State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia State University
- Mississippi State University
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Tennessee
- University of Arkansas - Fort Smith
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of South Carolina Aiken
- University of Southern Mississippi
- University of Virginia
### 2008 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.