

## NSSE 2009 Overview

**Purpose:** The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information from approximately 1,400 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 Catholic University of America
Boston College	The University of Akron
Bowling Green State University	The University of Montana
Brigham Young University	The University of Texas at Arlington
Clark Atlanta University	The University of Texas at Dallas
Clark University	The University of Texas at El Paso
Clarkson University	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Clemson University	University of Denver
Colorado School of Mines	University of Houston
Drexel University	University of Louisville
Florida Institute of Technology	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
George Mason University	University of Memphis
Howard University	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Missouri-St Louis
Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Lehigh University	University of Nevada-Reno
Loyola University Chicago	University of North Dakota
Miami University-Oxford	University of Oregon
Michigan Technological University	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus
North Dakota State University	University of Southern Mississippi
Northeastern University	University of Toledo
Northern Illinois University	University of Wyoming
Oklahoma State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Polytechnic Institute of New York University	Western Michigan University
Saint Louis University	Wichita State University
Stevens Institute of Technology	Wright State University
Syracuse University	
Temple University	
Texas Tech University	

**SUG Peer Group:**

Auburn University  
Clemson University  
LSU and Agricultural & Mech. College  
North Carolina State University  
Oklahoma State University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Tech University  
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
The University of Texas at Austin  
University of Alabama-Birmingham  
University of Kentucky

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

**2009 Response Rates:**

	Ole Miss		SUG Group		Carnegie Group	
	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior	First-Yr	Senior
<b>Overall</b>	31%		29%		28%	
<b>By Level</b>	28%	34%	27%	30%	26%	31%
<b>Number</b>	1,993	1,996	39,565	42,003	94,114	96,203

**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.