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

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:

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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.