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**Western Carolina University**  
***NSSE 2012 Major Field Report***  
***Part II. Comparisons to Other Institutions***  
**Arts and Sciences**

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*Comparing your students majoring in Arts and Sciences fields to those  
in Arts and Sciences fields at your comparison group institutions*

*The major field report category 'Arts and Sciences' includes the following majors: Anthropology; Astronomy; Atmospheric science (including meteorology); Biochemistry or biophysics; Biology (general); Botany; Chemistry; Communications; Computer science; Earth science (including geology); English (language and literature); Environmental science; Ethnic studies; Gender studies; Geography; History; Journalism; Language and literature (except English); Marine (life) science; Mathematics; Microbiology or bacteriology; Natural resources and conservation; Other arts & humanities; Other biological science; Other physical science; Other social science; Philosophy; Physics; Political science (includes govt, int. relations); Public administration; Sociology; Speech; Statistics; Theology or religion; Zoology.*



# *Frequency Distributions*

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## NSSE 2012 Major Field Report: Part II. Comparisons to Other Institutions *Interpreting the Frequency Distributions*

### Sample

This report is based on information from all randomly selected or census-administered Arts and Sciences students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples and other non-randomly selected students are not included.

### Variable Names

The name of each variable appears in the first column for easy reference to your raw data file.

### Survey Item

The items from the NSSE survey appear in the left column in the same order and wording as they appear on the instrument.

### Benchmark

Items that make up the five "Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice" are indicated by the following:

- LAC:** Level of Academic Challenge
- ACL:** Active and Collaborative Learning
- SFI:** Student-Faculty Interaction
- EEE:** Enriching Educational
- SCE:** Supportive Campus Environment

### Response Options

Response options are listed as they appear on the instrument.

### Class

Frequency distributions are given separately by institution-reported class level. Of course, first-year student majors may be unstable, and their results should be interpreted with caution.

### Count

The Count column represents the actual number of students who selected the particular option in each question.

### BETWEEN Institution Comparisons on Major Categories

NSSE data serve to identify institutional strengths and weaknesses in reference to selected comparison institutions, yet institution-level comparisons may not capture important variation in student engagement that can be found within key sub-populations such as major. This report displays the frequency distributions for the Arts and Sciences major category at your institution and at your selected comparison institutions.

### Major Categories

Self-reported majors (primary major if two were reported) were identified from the survey. Institutions had the option to customize how these were grouped, using up to eight related-major categories.

Major categories with fewer than five respondents in a given class are not reported. Comparison groups must contain at least three institutions with five or more respondents in the major category, or they remain blank.

| Variable  | Response Options | First-Year Students |      |                  |      |                |      |           |      | Seniors         |      |                  |      |                |      |           |      |
|---|------------------|---------------------|------|------------------|------|----------------|------|-----------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|----------------|------|-----------|------|
|   |                  | NSSEville State     |      | Mid East Private |      | Carnegie Class |      | NSSE 2012 |      | NSSEville State |      | Mid East Private |      | Carnegie Class |      | NSSE 2012 |      |
|   |                  | Count               | %    | Count            | %    | Count          | %    | Count     | %    | Count           | %    | Count            | %    | Count          | %    |           |      |
| la. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions              | CLQUEST (ACL)    | 0                   | 0%   | 21               | 1%   | 87             | 2%   | 358       | 2%   | 2               | 2%   | 33               | 1%   | 86             | 1%   | 344       | 1%   |
|   |                  | 27                  | 25%  | 432              | 21%  | 1,619          | 31%  | 5,773     | 28%  | 20              | 17%  | 391              | 14%  | 1,757          | 20%  | 5,623     | 18%  |
|   |                  | 36                  | 34%  | 721              | 35%  | 1,894          | 36%  | 7,319     | 35%  | 27              | 23%  | 757              | 28%  | 2,662          | 30%  | 8,997     | 30%  |
|   |                  | 44                  | 41%  | 882              | 43%  | 1,688          | 32%  | 7,196     | 35%  | 70              | 59%  | 1,547            | 57%  | 4,235          | 48%  | 15,469    | 51%  |
|   | Total            | 107                 | 100% | 2,056            | 100% | 5,288          | 100% | 20,646    | 100% | 119             | 100% | 2,728            | 100% | 8,740          | 100% | 30,433    | 100% |
| lb. Made a class presentation   | CLPRESEN (ACL)   | 9                   | 8%   | 141              | 7%   | 437            | 8%   | 2,050     | 10%  | 15              | 13%  | 181              | 7%   | 328            | 4%   | 1,464     | 5%   |
|   |                  | 44                  | 42%  | 1,024            | 50%  | 2,650          | 50%  | 10,505    | 51%  | 32              | 27%  | 829              | 30%  | 2,923          | 33%  | 10,934    | 36%  |
|   |                  | 39                  | 37%  | 620              | 30%  | 1,633          | 31%  | 5,904     | 29%  | 42              | 36%  | 1,047            | 38%  | 3,411          | 39%  | 11,451    | 38%  |
|   |                  | 14                  | 13%  | 272              | 13%  | 559            | 11%  | 2,175     | 11%  | 29              | 25%  | 672              | 25%  | 2,078          | 24%  | 6,604     | 22%  |
|   | Total            | 106                 | 100% | 2,057            | 100% | 5,279          | 100% | 20,634    | 100% | 118             | 100% | 2,729            | 100% | 8,740          | 100% | 30,453    | 100% |
| lc. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in | REWROPAP         | 15                  | 14%  | 293              | 14%  | 674            | 13%  | 2,832     | 14%  | 23              | 19%  | 461              | 17%  | 1,339          | 15%  | 5,035     | 17%  |
|   |                  | 24                  | 22%  | 744              | 36%  | 1,656          | 31%  | 6,852     | 33%  | 42              | 36%  | 1,049            | 39%  | 3,226          | 37%  | 11,403    | 38%  |
|   |                  | 36                  | 34%  | 622              | 30%  | 1,685          | 32%  | 6,493     | 32%  | 27              | 23%  | 661              | 24%  | 2,289          | 26%  | 7,686     | 25%  |
|   |                  | 32                  | 30%  | 387              | 19%  | 1,252          | 24%  | 4,382     | 21%  | 26              | 22%  | 552              | 20%  | 1,869          | 21%  | 6,243     | 21%  |
|   | Total            | 107                 | 100% | 2,046            | 100% | 5,267          | 100% | 20,559    | 100% | 118             | 100% | 2,723            | 100% | 8,723          | 100% | 30,367    | 100% |

### Column Percentage (%)

The '%' column represents the percentage of students who selected the particular option in each question.

### Weighting

All results displayed in this report are unweighted.



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|            |  |                  | First-Year Students |      |            |      |                     |        |           |       | Seniors |      |            |      |                     |        |           |        |     |
|------------|--|------------------|---------------------|------|------------|------|---------------------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|------|------------|------|---------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----|
|            |  |                  | WCU                 |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |       | WCU     |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |        |     |
|            | Variable   | Response Options | Count               | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %      | Count     | %     | Count   | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %      | Count     | %      |     |
| 1a.        | Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions   | CLQUEST (ACL)    | Never               | 0    | 0%         | 7    | 1%                  | 12     | 3%        | 1,202 | 3%      | 2    | 3%         | 8    | 1%                  | 7      | 2%        | 1,059  | 2%  |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 9                   | 24%  | 168        | 34%  | 137                 | 36%    | 11,678    | 32%   | 14      | 23%  | 112        | 16%  | 109                 | 24%    | 11,148    | 22%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 11                  | 30%  | 166        | 34%  | 117                 | 31%    | 11,808    | 33%   | 14      | 23%  | 226        | 31%  | 148                 | 33%    | 14,994    | 30%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 17                  | 46%  | 149        | 30%  | 111                 | 29%    | 11,267    | 31%   | 30      | 50%  | 374        | 52%  | 189                 | 42%    | 23,461    | 46%    |     |
| Total      |  | 37               | 100%                | 490  | 100%       | 377  | 100%                | 35,955 | 100%      | 60    | 100%    | 720  | 100%       | 453  | 100%                | 50,662 | 100%      |        |     |
| 1b.        | Made a class presentation  | CLPRESEN (ACL)   | Never               | 2    | 5%         | 64   | 13%                 | 48     | 13%       | 5,542 | 15%     | 4    | 7%         | 40   | 6%                  | 22     | 5%        | 3,406  | 7%  |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 13                  | 35%  | 261        | 53%  | 184                 | 49%    | 18,628    | 52%   | 17      | 28%  | 243        | 34%  | 173                 | 38%    | 18,481    | 37%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 16                  | 43%  | 134        | 27%  | 106                 | 28%    | 8,941     | 25%   | 30      | 50%  | 260        | 36%  | 147                 | 32%    | 18,162    | 36%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 6                   | 16%  | 30         | 6%   | 38                  | 10%    | 2,795     | 8%    | 9       | 15%  | 180        | 25%  | 112                 | 25%    | 10,536    | 21%    |     |
| Total      | 37   | 100%             | 489                 | 100% | 376        | 100% | 35,906              | 100%   | 60        | 100%  | 723     | 100% | 454        | 100% | 50,585              | 100%   |           |        |     |
| 1c.        | Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in  | REWROPAP         | Never               | 6    | 16%        | 42   | 9%                  | 52     | 14%       | 5,258 | 15%     | 9    | 15%        | 86   | 12%                 | 85     | 19%       | 8,696  | 17% |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 10                  | 27%  | 130        | 27%  | 105                 | 28%    | 11,373    | 32%   | 26      | 43%  | 258        | 36%  | 172                 | 38%    | 19,097    | 38%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 12                  | 32%  | 183        | 38%  | 135                 | 36%    | 11,117    | 31%   | 15      | 25%  | 222        | 31%  | 120                 | 27%    | 13,025    | 26%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 9                   | 24%  | 132        | 27%  | 83                  | 22%    | 8,073     | 23%   | 10      | 17%  | 152        | 21%  | 73                  | 16%    | 9,664     | 19%    |     |
| Total      | 37   | 100%             | 487                 | 100% | 375        | 100% | 35,821              | 100%   | 60        | 100%  | 718     | 100% | 450        | 100% | 50,482              | 100%   |           |        |     |
| 1d.        | Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources   | INTEGRAT         | Never               | 0    | 0%         | 6    | 1%                  | 5      | 1%        | 677   | 2%      | 0    | 0%         | 4    | 1%                  | 7      | 2%        | 651    | 1%  |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 10                  | 28%  | 68         | 14%  | 57                  | 15%    | 6,244     | 17%   | 4       | 7%   | 77         | 11%  | 55                  | 12%    | 5,314     | 10%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 10                  | 28%  | 222        | 45%  | 162                 | 43%    | 14,986    | 42%   | 24      | 41%  | 246        | 34%  | 162                 | 36%    | 16,879    | 33%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 16                  | 44%  | 195        | 40%  | 152                 | 40%    | 14,030    | 39%   | 31      | 53%  | 396        | 55%  | 229                 | 51%    | 27,773    | 55%    |     |
| Total      | 36   | 100%             | 491                 | 100% | 376        | 100% | 35,937              | 100%   | 59        | 100%  | 723     | 100% | 453        | 100% | 50,617              | 100%   |           |        |     |
| 1e.        | Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments | DIVCLASS         | Never               | 4    | 11%        | 28   | 6%                  | 32     | 8%        | 2,478 | 7%      | 6    | 10%        | 44   | 6%                  | 38     | 8%        | 4,021  | 8%  |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 9                   | 24%  | 131        | 27%  | 121                 | 32%    | 10,476    | 29%   | 17      | 28%  | 160        | 22%  | 139                 | 31%    | 13,732    | 27%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 9                   | 24%  | 176        | 36%  | 135                 | 36%    | 13,327    | 37%   | 19      | 32%  | 248        | 34%  | 157                 | 35%    | 16,715    | 33%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 15                  | 41%  | 153        | 31%  | 89                  | 24%    | 9,604     | 27%   | 18      | 30%  | 269        | 37%  | 120                 | 26%    | 16,111    | 32%    |     |
| Total      | 37   | 100%             | 488                 | 100% | 377        | 100% | 35,885              | 100%   | 60        | 100%  | 721     | 100% | 454        | 100% | 50,579              | 100%   |           |        |     |
| 1f.        | Come to class without completing readings or assignments   | CLUNPREP         | Never               | 12   | 32%        | 123  | 25%                 | 115    | 31%       | 9,703 | 27%     | 13   | 22%        | 176  | 24%                 | 111    | 24%       | 10,948 | 22% |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 19                  | 51%  | 297        | 61%  | 190                 | 50%    | 20,156    | 56%   | 37      | 62%  | 439        | 61%  | 244                 | 54%    | 28,867    | 57%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 1                   | 3%   | 43         | 9%   | 48                  | 13%    | 4,152     | 12%   | 9       | 15%  | 62         | 9%   | 56                  | 12%    | 7,126     | 14%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 5                   | 14%  | 27         | 6%   | 24                  | 6%     | 1,953     | 5%    | 1       | 2%   | 42         | 6%   | 43                  | 9%     | 3,719     | 7%     |     |
| Total      | 37   | 100%             | 490                 | 100% | 377        | 100% | 35,964              | 100%   | 60        | 100%  | 719     | 100% | 454        | 100% | 50,660              | 100%   |           |        |     |
| 1g.        | Worked with other students on projects during class  | CLASSGRP (ACL)   | Never               | 3    | 8%         | 52   | 11%                 | 35     | 9%        | 5,512 | 15%     | 3    | 5%         | 78   | 11%                 | 35     | 8%        | 6,967  | 14% |
| Sometimes  |  |                  | 16                  | 44%  | 224        | 46%  | 161                 | 43%    | 15,694    | 44%   | 21      | 35%  | 308        | 43%  | 207                 | 45%    | 22,521    | 44%    |     |
| Often      |  |                  | 8                   | 22%  | 167        | 34%  | 141                 | 37%    | 10,737    | 30%   | 28      | 47%  | 220        | 30%  | 139                 | 31%    | 14,236    | 28%    |     |
| Very often |  |                  | 9                   | 25%  | 45         | 9%   | 41                  | 11%    | 4,007     | 11%   | 8       | 13%  | 117        | 16%  | 74                  | 16%    | 6,986     | 14%    |     |
| Total      | 36   | 100%             | 488                 | 100% | 378        | 100% | 35,950              | 100%   | 60        | 100%  | 723     | 100% | 455        | 100% | 50,710              | 100%   |           |        |     |

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|       |  |                  | First-Year Students |     |            |     |                     |     |           |        | Seniors |     |            |     |                     |     |           |        |
|-------|--|------------------|---------------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|-----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|
|       |  |                  | WCU                 |     | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |     | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        |
|       | Variable   | Response Options | Count               | %   | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      | Count   | %   | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      |
| lh.   | Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments   | OCCGRP           | 3                   | 8%  | 44         | 9%  | 64                  | 17% | 4,326     | 12%    | 2       | 3%  | 57         | 8%  | 28                  | 6%  | 4,525     | 9%     |
| (ACL) |  | Sometimes        | 15                  | 41% | 227        | 46% | 180                 | 48% | 14,812    | 41%    | 18      | 30% | 257        | 35% | 168                 | 37% | 18,966    | 37%    |
|       |  | Often            | 12                  | 32% | 162        | 33% | 91                  | 24% | 11,579    | 32%    | 24      | 40% | 254        | 35% | 153                 | 34% | 16,984    | 33%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 7                   | 19% | 57         | 12% | 43                  | 11% | 5,358     | 15%    | 16      | 27% | 156        | 22% | 104                 | 23% | 10,367    | 20%    |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 37  | 100%       | 490 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 36,075 | 100%    | 60  | 100%       | 724 | 100%                | 453 | 100%      | 50,842 |
| li.   | Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions            | INTIDEAS         | 2                   | 5%  | 28         | 6%  | 26                  | 7%  | 1,972     | 5%     | 1       | 2%  | 18         | 2%  | 9                   | 2%  | 1,389     | 3%     |
|       |  | Sometimes        | 15                  | 41% | 166        | 34% | 148                 | 39% | 12,598    | 35%    | 9       | 16% | 168        | 23% | 117                 | 26% | 12,490    | 25%    |
|       |  | Often            | 8                   | 22% | 197        | 40% | 147                 | 39% | 14,117    | 39%    | 30      | 52% | 296        | 41% | 196                 | 44% | 21,018    | 42%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 12                  | 32% | 99         | 20% | 55                  | 15% | 7,201     | 20%    | 18      | 31% | 242        | 33% | 127                 | 28% | 15,619    | 31%    |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 37  | 100%       | 490 | 100%                | 376 | 100%      | 35,888 | 100%    | 58  | 100%       | 724 | 100%                | 449 | 100%      | 50,516 |
| lj.   | Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)   | TUTOR            | 20                  | 54% | 272        | 56% | 188                 | 50% | 17,734    | 49%    | 26      | 44% | 320        | 44% | 206                 | 46% | 20,897    | 41%    |
| (ACL) |  | Sometimes        | 10                  | 27% | 150        | 31% | 111                 | 29% | 11,806    | 33%    | 16      | 27% | 225        | 31% | 133                 | 30% | 16,501    | 33%    |
|       |  | Often            | 4                   | 11% | 49         | 10% | 58                  | 15% | 4,286     | 12%    | 6       | 10% | 77         | 11% | 54                  | 12% | 6,640     | 13%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 3                   | 8%  | 19         | 4%  | 22                  | 6%  | 2,097     | 6%     | 11      | 19% | 103        | 14% | 57                  | 13% | 6,538     | 13%    |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 37  | 100%       | 490 | 100%                | 379 | 100%      | 35,923 | 100%    | 59  | 100%       | 725 | 100%                | 450 | 100%      | 50,576 |
| lk.   | Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a regular course                            | COMMPROJ         | 19                  | 51% | 252        | 51% | 246                 | 66% | 21,875    | 61%    | 24      | 41% | 327        | 46% | 241                 | 54% | 27,925    | 55%    |
| (ACL) |  | Sometimes        | 11                  | 30% | 154        | 31% | 77                  | 21% | 8,768     | 25%    | 29      | 50% | 215        | 30% | 140                 | 31% | 14,603    | 29%    |
|       |  | Often            | 5                   | 14% | 63         | 13% | 41                  | 11% | 3,423     | 10%    | 5       | 9%  | 125        | 17% | 40                  | 9%  | 4,877     | 10%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 2                   | 5%  | 23         | 5%  | 10                  | 3%  | 1,666     | 5%     | 0       | 0%  | 49         | 7%  | 24                  | 5%  | 2,915     | 6%     |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 37  | 100%       | 492 | 100%                | 374 | 100%      | 35,732 | 100%    | 58  | 100%       | 716 | 100%                | 445 | 100%      | 50,320 |
| ll.   | Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment | ITACADEM         | 5                   | 14% | 49         | 10% | 51                  | 14% | 4,810     | 13%    | 10      | 17% | 68         | 9%  | 39                  | 9%  | 5,271     | 10%    |
| (EEE) |  | Sometimes        | 9                   | 24% | 131        | 27% | 118                 | 31% | 10,293    | 29%    | 18      | 31% | 195        | 27% | 117                 | 26% | 14,211    | 28%    |
|       |  | Often            | 5                   | 14% | 136        | 28% | 105                 | 28% | 10,281    | 29%    | 15      | 26% | 203        | 28% | 134                 | 30% | 13,769    | 27%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 18                  | 49% | 172        | 35% | 102                 | 27% | 10,562    | 29%    | 15      | 26% | 260        | 36% | 162                 | 36% | 17,355    | 34%    |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 37  | 100%       | 488 | 100%                | 376 | 100%      | 35,946 | 100%    | 58  | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 452 | 100%      | 50,606 |
| lm.   | Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor  | EMAIL            | 0                   | 0%  | 1          | 0%  | 4                   | 1%  | 393       | 1%     | 0       | 0%  | 1          | 0%  | 1                   | 0%  | 241       | 0%     |
|       |  | Sometimes        | 3                   | 8%  | 76         | 15% | 65                  | 17% | 6,165     | 17%    | 2       | 3%  | 59         | 8%  | 39                  | 9%  | 5,324     | 11%    |
|       |  | Often            | 8                   | 22% | 154        | 31% | 130                 | 34% | 12,348    | 34%    | 22      | 37% | 171        | 24% | 128                 | 28% | 14,125    | 28%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 25                  | 69% | 260        | 53% | 179                 | 47% | 17,031    | 47%    | 35      | 59% | 493        | 68% | 284                 | 63% | 30,872    | 61%    |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 36  | 100%       | 491 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 35,937 | 100%    | 59  | 100%       | 724 | 100%                | 452 | 100%      | 50,562 |
| ln.   | Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor   | FACGRADE         | 1                   | 3%  | 18         | 4%  | 32                  | 8%  | 2,911     | 8%     | 2       | 3%  | 17         | 2%  | 18                  | 4%  | 2,399     | 5%     |
| (SFI) |  | Sometimes        | 13                  | 35% | 184        | 38% | 141                 | 37% | 14,340    | 40%    | 16      | 27% | 227        | 31% | 146                 | 32% | 17,391    | 34%    |
|       |  | Often            | 10                  | 27% | 153        | 31% | 125                 | 33% | 11,178    | 31%    | 22      | 37% | 217        | 30% | 158                 | 35% | 16,593    | 33%    |
|       |  | Very often       | 13                  | 35% | 134        | 27% | 81                  | 21% | 7,454     | 21%    | 19      | 32% | 265        | 37% | 128                 | 28% | 14,170    | 28%    |
|       |  | Total            |                     | 37  | 100%       | 489 | 100%                | 379 | 100%      | 35,883 | 100%    | 59  | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 450 | 100%      | 50,553 |

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|-----|--|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|     |  |                  | WCU                 |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               | WCU         |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               |             |
|     | Variable   | Response Options | Count               | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             | Count       | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             |             |
| 1o. | Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor   | FACPLANS (SFI)   | Never               | 5         | 14%         | 69         | 14%                 | 76         | 20%         | 8,579         | 24%         | 5         | 8%          | 95         | 13%                 | 53         | 12%         | 7,957         | 16%         |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 14        | 39%         | 231        | 47%                 | 169        | 45%         | 15,726        | 44%         | 26        | 44%         | 254        | 35%                 | 178        | 40%         | 19,506        | 39%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 6         | 17%         | 121        | 25%                 | 88         | 23%         | 7,517         | 21%         | 12        | 20%         | 200        | 28%                 | 115        | 26%         | 12,897        | 26%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 11        | 31%         | 69         | 14%                 | 44         | 12%         | 4,064         | 11%         | 16        | 27%         | 173        | 24%                 | 104        | 23%         | 10,182        | 20%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>36</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>490</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>377</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,886</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>722</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>450</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,542</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 1p. | Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class                                      | FACIDEAS (SFI)   | Never               | 12        | 32%         | 182        | 37%                 | 160        | 42%         | 13,489        | 37%         | 12        | 20%         | 160        | 22%                 | 106        | 23%         | 12,625        | 25%         |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 15        | 41%         | 202        | 41%                 | 137        | 36%         | 13,918        | 39%         | 34        | 58%         | 286        | 39%                 | 187        | 41%         | 21,404        | 42%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 4         | 11%         | 70         | 14%                 | 48         | 13%         | 5,697         | 16%         | 8         | 14%         | 167        | 23%                 | 98         | 22%         | 10,120        | 20%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 6         | 16%         | 37         | 8%                  | 32         | 8%          | 2,867         | 8%          | 5         | 8%          | 112        | 15%                 | 61         | 13%         | 6,526         | 13%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>377</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,971</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>725</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>452</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,675</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 1q. | Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance                                       | FACFEED (SFI)    | Never               | 1         | 3%          | 13         | 3%                  | 16         | 4%          | 2,279         | 6%          | 0         | 0%          | 22         | 3%                  | 8          | 2%          | 2,093         | 4%          |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 11        | 30%         | 153        | 31%                 | 125        | 33%         | 11,258        | 31%         | 14        | 23%         | 201        | 28%                 | 139        | 31%         | 13,633        | 27%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 14        | 38%         | 212        | 43%                 | 166        | 44%         | 14,968        | 42%         | 39        | 65%         | 324        | 45%                 | 205        | 45%         | 22,663        | 45%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 11        | 30%         | 111        | 23%                 | 67         | 18%         | 7,485         | 21%         | 7         | 12%         | 178        | 25%                 | 101        | 22%         | 12,341        | 24%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>374</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,990</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>725</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>453</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,730</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 1r. | Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations                               | WORKHARD (LAC)   | Never               | 2         | 5%          | 32         | 7%                  | 27         | 7%          | 2,439         | 7%          | 4         | 7%          | 30         | 4%                  | 24         | 5%          | 3,019         | 6%          |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 15        | 41%         | 157        | 32%                 | 114        | 30%         | 11,997        | 33%         | 23        | 38%         | 214        | 30%                 | 155        | 34%         | 16,526        | 33%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 11        | 30%         | 168        | 34%                 | 143        | 38%         | 13,936        | 39%         | 21        | 35%         | 298        | 41%                 | 179        | 40%         | 19,304        | 38%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 9         | 24%         | 131        | 27%                 | 92         | 24%         | 7,566         | 21%         | 12        | 20%         | 183        | 25%                 | 94         | 21%         | 11,764        | 23%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>376</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,938</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>725</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>452</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,613</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 1s. | Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.) | FACOTHER (SFI)   | Never               | 15        | 41%         | 233        | 48%                 | 202        | 54%         | 19,286        | 54%         | 21        | 35%         | 285        | 40%                 | 149        | 33%         | 20,963        | 41%         |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 12        | 32%         | 157        | 32%                 | 108        | 29%         | 10,297        | 29%         | 21        | 35%         | 214        | 30%                 | 165        | 37%         | 15,869        | 31%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 4         | 11%         | 69         | 14%                 | 45         | 12%         | 4,218         | 12%         | 14        | 23%         | 135        | 19%                 | 90         | 20%         | 7,976         | 16%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 6         | 16%         | 28         | 6%                  | 22         | 6%          | 2,036         | 6%          | 4         | 7%          | 84         | 12%                 | 48         | 11%         | 5,745         | 11%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>487</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>377</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,837</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>718</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>452</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,553</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 1t. | Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)  | OOCIDEAS (ACL)   | Never               | 2         | 5%          | 15         | 3%                  | 29         | 8%          | 1,829         | 5%          | 2         | 3%          | 25         | 3%                  | 17         | 4%          | 1,708         | 3%          |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 15        | 41%         | 163        | 33%                 | 125        | 33%         | 10,939        | 30%         | 16        | 27%         | 173        | 24%                 | 144        | 32%         | 13,434        | 27%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 3         | 8%          | 170        | 35%                 | 123        | 33%         | 12,856        | 36%         | 24        | 40%         | 268        | 37%                 | 164        | 36%         | 18,544        | 37%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 17        | 46%         | 141        | 29%                 | 98         | 26%         | 10,273        | 29%         | 18        | 30%         | 255        | 35%                 | 126        | 28%         | 16,972        | 34%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>375</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,897</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>721</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>451</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,658</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 1u. | Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own                                   | DIVRSTUD (EEE)   | Never               | 1         | 3%          | 57         | 12%                 | 66         | 17%         | 4,799         | 13%         | 9         | 15%         | 91         | 13%                 | 50         | 11%         | 5,647         | 11%         |
|     |  |                  | Sometimes           | 9         | 24%         | 145        | 30%                 | 107        | 28%         | 10,702        | 30%         | 18        | 30%         | 263        | 36%                 | 155        | 34%         | 15,786        | 31%         |
|     |  |                  | Often               | 6         | 16%         | 140        | 29%                 | 112        | 30%         | 9,856         | 27%         | 17        | 28%         | 174        | 24%                 | 130        | 29%         | 14,041        | 28%         |
|     |  |                  | Very often          | 21        | 57%         | 146        | 30%                 | 93         | 25%         | 10,623        | 30%         | 16        | 27%         | 199        | 27%                 | 120        | 26%         | 15,258        | 30%         |
|     |  |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,980</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>727</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>455</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,732</b> | <b>100%</b> |

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|     |   |                  | First-Year Students |           |             |            |                     |            |             |               | Seniors     |           |             |            |                     |            |             |               |             |
|-----|---|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|     |   |                  | WCU                 |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               | WCU         |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               |             |
|     | Variable  | Response Options | Count               | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             | Count       | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             |             |
| 1v. | Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values | DIFFSTU2 (EEE)   | Never               | 1         | 3%          | 43         | 9%                  | 49         | 13%         | 3,895         | 11%         | 4         | 7%          | 69         | 10%                 | 34         | 7%          | 4,607         | 9%          |
|     |   |                  | Sometimes           | 9         | 24%         | 138        | 28%                 | 104        | 28%         | 10,583        | 29%         | 15        | 25%         | 212        | 29%                 | 137        | 30%         | 15,664        | 31%         |
|     |   |                  | Often               | 9         | 24%         | 150        | 31%                 | 123        | 33%         | 10,322        | 29%         | 22        | 37%         | 229        | 32%                 | 148        | 33%         | 14,974        | 29%         |
|     |   |                  | Very often          | 18        | 49%         | 160        | 33%                 | 102        | 27%         | 11,213        | 31%         | 18        | 31%         | 216        | 30%                 | 136        | 30%         | 15,526        | 31%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,013</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>726</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>455</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,771</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 2a. | Coursework emphasizes: <b>Memorizing</b> facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings  | MEMORIZE         | Very little         | 2         | 5%          | 18         | 4%                  | 19         | 5%          | 1,955         | 5%          | 4         | 7%          | 53         | 7%                  | 33         | 7%          | 5,008         | 10%         |
|     |   |                  | Some                | 7         | 19%         | 115        | 23%                 | 80         | 21%         | 9,091         | 25%         | 13        | 22%         | 188        | 26%                 | 115        | 25%         | 15,022        | 30%         |
|     |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 17        | 46%         | 219        | 45%                 | 135        | 36%         | 14,091        | 39%         | 24        | 40%         | 272        | 38%                 | 191        | 42%         | 17,371        | 34%         |
|     |   |                  | Very much           | 11        | 30%         | 140        | 28%                 | 145        | 38%         | 10,844        | 30%         | 19        | 32%         | 211        | 29%                 | 116        | 25%         | 13,304        | 26%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>379</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,981</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>724</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>455</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,705</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 2b. | Coursework emphasizes: <b>Analyzing</b> the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory  | ANALYZE (LAC)    | Very little         | 1         | 3%          | 5          | 1%                  | 6          | 2%          | 487           | 1%          | 1         | 2%          | 9          | 1%                  | 2          | 0%          | 600           | 1%          |
|     |   |                  | Some                | 3         | 8%          | 72         | 15%                 | 63         | 17%         | 4,596         | 13%         | 3         | 5%          | 82         | 11%                 | 64         | 14%         | 5,266         | 10%         |
|     |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 16        | 43%         | 204        | 42%                 | 152        | 40%         | 14,680        | 41%         | 28        | 47%         | 248        | 34%                 | 189        | 42%         | 18,932        | 37%         |
|     |   |                  | Very much           | 17        | 46%         | 210        | 43%                 | 157        | 42%         | 16,095        | 45%         | 28        | 47%         | 383        | 53%                 | 196        | 43%         | 25,763        | 51%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,858</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>722</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>451</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,561</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 2c. | Coursework emphasizes: <b>Synthesizing</b> and organizing ideas, information, or experiences  | SYNTHESZ (LAC)   | Very little         | 1         | 3%          | 10         | 2%                  | 13         | 3%          | 1,169         | 3%          | 1         | 2%          | 20         | 3%                  | 7          | 2%          | 1,391         | 3%          |
|     |   |                  | Some                | 9         | 25%         | 115        | 23%                 | 84         | 23%         | 7,645         | 21%         | 8         | 13%         | 121        | 17%                 | 101        | 22%         | 8,439         | 17%         |
|     |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 13        | 36%         | 208        | 42%                 | 149        | 40%         | 14,658        | 41%         | 29        | 48%         | 261        | 36%                 | 198        | 44%         | 18,892        | 37%         |
|     |   |                  | Very much           | 13        | 36%         | 157        | 32%                 | 127        | 34%         | 12,334        | 34%         | 22        | 37%         | 317        | 44%                 | 147        | 32%         | 21,728        | 43%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>36</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>490</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>373</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,806</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>719</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>453</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,450</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 2d. | Coursework emphasizes: <b>Making judgments</b> about the value of information, arguments, or methods  | EVALUATE (LAC)   | Very little         | 1         | 3%          | 12         | 2%                  | 12         | 3%          | 1,561         | 4%          | 2         | 3%          | 28         | 4%                  | 7          | 2%          | 2,245         | 4%          |
|     |   |                  | Some                | 7         | 19%         | 101        | 21%                 | 90         | 24%         | 8,331         | 23%         | 10        | 17%         | 133        | 18%                 | 106        | 23%         | 10,367        | 21%         |
|     |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 15        | 41%         | 217        | 44%                 | 150        | 40%         | 14,515        | 40%         | 28        | 47%         | 270        | 37%                 | 203        | 45%         | 19,033        | 38%         |
|     |   |                  | Very much           | 14        | 38%         | 159        | 33%                 | 124        | 33%         | 11,461        | 32%         | 19        | 32%         | 292        | 40%                 | 140        | 31%         | 18,917        | 37%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>376</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,868</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>723</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,562</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 2e. | Coursework emphasizes: <b>Applying</b> theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations  | APPLYING (LAC)   | Very little         | 3         | 8%          | 14         | 3%                  | 7          | 2%          | 1,246         | 3%          | 2         | 3%          | 16         | 2%                  | 8          | 2%          | 1,572         | 3%          |
|     |   |                  | Some                | 6         | 16%         | 97         | 20%                 | 71         | 19%         | 6,967         | 19%         | 7         | 12%         | 121        | 17%                 | 74         | 16%         | 8,481         | 17%         |
|     |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 11        | 30%         | 181        | 37%                 | 156        | 41%         | 13,485        | 38%         | 20        | 33%         | 248        | 34%                 | 194        | 43%         | 17,725        | 35%         |
|     |   |                  | Very much           | 17        | 46%         | 198        | 40%                 | 144        | 38%         | 14,238        | 40%         | 31        | 52%         | 338        | 47%                 | 179        | 39%         | 22,887        | 45%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>490</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,936</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>723</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>455</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,665</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 3a. | Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings  | READASGN (LAC)   | None                | 0         | 0%          | 5          | 1%                  | 6          | 2%          | 221           | 1%          | 1         | 2%          | 10         | 1%                  | 7          | 2%          | 622           | 1%          |
|     |   |                  | 1-4                 | 9         | 24%         | 107        | 22%                 | 102        | 27%         | 6,572         | 18%         | 14        | 24%         | 197        | 27%                 | 128        | 28%         | 11,945        | 24%         |
|     |   |                  | 5-10                | 19        | 51%         | 216        | 44%                 | 157        | 42%         | 14,565        | 40%         | 27        | 46%         | 261        | 36%                 | 165        | 36%         | 17,590        | 35%         |
|     |   |                  | 11-20               | 5         | 14%         | 111        | 23%                 | 74         | 20%         | 9,540         | 27%         | 7         | 12%         | 152        | 21%                 | 96         | 21%         | 11,744        | 23%         |
|     |   |                  | More than 20        | 4         | 11%         | 49         | 10%                 | 37         | 10%         | 5,096         | 14%         | 10        | 17%         | 107        | 15%                 | 60         | 13%         | 8,840         | 17%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>376</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,994</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>727</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,741</b> | <b>100%</b> |



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|------|---|------------------|---------------------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|------|
|      |   |                  | WCU                 |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        |      |
| Item | Variable  | Response Options | Count               | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      | Count   | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      |      |
| 3b.  | Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment | READOWN          | None                | 11 | 30%        | 93  | 19%                 | 91  | 24%       | 8,162  | 23%     | 7  | 12%        | 116 | 16%                 | 97  | 21%       | 9,572  | 19%  |
|      |   |                  | 1-4                 | 20 | 54%        | 295 | 60%                 | 168 | 45%       | 19,217 | 53%     | 30 | 52%        | 371 | 51%                 | 215 | 47%       | 26,523 | 52%  |
|      |   |                  | 5-10                | 3  | 8%         | 67  | 14%                 | 67  | 18%       | 5,523  | 15%     | 10 | 17%        | 137 | 19%                 | 87  | 19%       | 8,982  | 18%  |
|      |   |                  | 11-20               | 0  | 0%         | 16  | 3%                  | 26  | 7%        | 1,600  | 4%      | 5  | 9%         | 62  | 9%                  | 30  | 7%        | 2,974  | 6%   |
|      |   |                  | More than 20        | 3  | 8%         | 18  | 4%                  | 22  | 6%        | 1,475  | 4%      | 6  | 10%        | 36  | 5%                  | 25  | 6%        | 2,655  | 5%   |
|      |   | Total            |                     | 37 | 100%       | 489 | 100%                | 374 | 100%      | 35,977 | 100%    | 58 | 100%       | 722 | 100%                | 454 | 100%      | 50,706 | 100% |
| 3c.  | Number of written papers or reports of <b>20 pages or more</b>                                | WRITEMOR (LAC)   | None                | 32 | 86%        | 421 | 86%                 | 319 | 85%       | 29,931 | 83%     | 33 | 56%        | 353 | 49%                 | 273 | 60%       | 24,671 | 49%  |
|      |   |                  | 1-4                 | 3  | 8%         | 47  | 10%                 | 38  | 10%       | 4,379  | 12%     | 23 | 39%        | 307 | 43%                 | 148 | 32%       | 21,750 | 43%  |
|      |   |                  | 5-10                | 1  | 3%         | 8   | 2%                  | 10  | 3%        | 877    | 2%      | 2  | 3%         | 42  | 6%                  | 25  | 5%        | 2,831  | 6%   |
|      |   |                  | 11-20               | 1  | 3%         | 6   | 1%                  | 5   | 1%        | 413    | 1%      | 0  | 0%         | 10  | 1%                  | 5   | 1%        | 774    | 2%   |
|      |   |                  | More than 20        | 0  | 0%         | 5   | 1%                  | 3   | 1%        | 348    | 1%      | 1  | 2%         | 9   | 1%                  | 5   | 1%        | 674    | 1%   |
|      |   | Total            |                     | 37 | 100%       | 487 | 100%                | 375 | 100%      | 35,948 | 100%    | 59 | 100%       | 721 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 50,700 | 100% |
| 3d.  | Number of written papers or reports <b>between 5 and 19 pages</b>                             | WRITEMID (LAC)   | None                | 7  | 19%        | 73  | 15%                 | 59  | 16%       | 4,276  | 12%     | 7  | 12%        | 58  | 8%                  | 60  | 13%       | 4,192  | 8%   |
|      |   |                  | 1-4                 | 22 | 59%        | 274 | 56%                 | 214 | 57%       | 18,992 | 53%     | 24 | 40%        | 283 | 39%                 | 194 | 43%       | 19,600 | 39%  |
|      |   |                  | 5-10                | 6  | 16%        | 114 | 23%                 | 81  | 21%       | 9,746  | 27%     | 18 | 30%        | 252 | 35%                 | 135 | 30%       | 17,251 | 34%  |
|      |   |                  | 11-20               | 2  | 5%         | 26  | 5%                  | 21  | 6%        | 2,481  | 7%      | 9  | 15%        | 85  | 12%                 | 50  | 11%       | 6,968  | 14%  |
|      |   |                  | More than 20        | 0  | 0%         | 5   | 1%                  | 3   | 1%        | 549    | 2%      | 2  | 3%         | 47  | 6%                  | 17  | 4%        | 2,799  | 6%   |
|      |   | Total            |                     | 37 | 100%       | 492 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 36,044 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 725 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 50,810 | 100% |
| 3e.  | Number of written papers or reports of <b>fewer than 5 pages</b>                              | WRITESML (LAC)   | None                | 1  | 3%         | 11  | 2%                  | 5   | 1%        | 1,071  | 3%      | 1  | 2%         | 36  | 5%                  | 22  | 5%        | 3,142  | 6%   |
|      |   |                  | 1-4                 | 9  | 24%        | 165 | 34%                 | 96  | 25%       | 11,226 | 31%     | 23 | 38%        | 250 | 34%                 | 162 | 36%       | 16,550 | 33%  |
|      |   |                  | 5-10                | 17 | 46%        | 175 | 36%                 | 147 | 39%       | 12,373 | 34%     | 20 | 33%        | 215 | 30%                 | 137 | 30%       | 14,390 | 28%  |
|      |   |                  | 11-20               | 9  | 24%        | 86  | 17%                 | 93  | 25%       | 7,422  | 21%     | 12 | 20%        | 131 | 18%                 | 89  | 20%       | 9,298  | 18%  |
|      |   |                  | More than 20        | 1  | 3%         | 55  | 11%                 | 37  | 10%       | 4,008  | 11%     | 4  | 7%         | 94  | 13%                 | 46  | 10%       | 7,482  | 15%  |
|      |   | Total            |                     | 37 | 100%       | 492 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 36,100 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 50,862 | 100% |
| 4a.  | Number of problem sets that take you <b>more</b> than an hour to complete                     | PROBSETA         | None                | 12 | 32%        | 64  | 13%                 | 48  | 13%       | 4,350  | 12%     | 13 | 22%        | 131 | 18%                 | 93  | 21%       | 10,933 | 22%  |
|      |   |                  | 1-2                 | 12 | 32%        | 186 | 38%                 | 145 | 38%       | 11,860 | 33%     | 16 | 27%        | 207 | 29%                 | 167 | 37%       | 15,486 | 31%  |
|      |   |                  | 3-4                 | 8  | 22%        | 141 | 29%                 | 101 | 27%       | 11,615 | 32%     | 13 | 22%        | 233 | 32%                 | 102 | 23%       | 13,853 | 27%  |
|      |   |                  | 5-6                 | 4  | 11%        | 44  | 9%                  | 37  | 10%       | 3,950  | 11%     | 8  | 14%        | 73  | 10%                 | 38  | 8%        | 4,756  | 9%   |
|      |   |                  | More than 6         | 1  | 3%         | 56  | 11%                 | 46  | 12%       | 4,244  | 12%     | 9  | 15%        | 78  | 11%                 | 53  | 12%       | 5,643  | 11%  |
|      |   | Total            |                     | 37 | 100%       | 491 | 100%                | 377 | 100%      | 36,019 | 100%    | 59 | 100%       | 722 | 100%                | 453 | 100%      | 50,671 | 100% |
| 4b.  | Number of problem sets that take you <b>less</b> than an hour to complete                     | PROBSETB         | None                | 5  | 14%        | 52  | 11%                 | 35  | 9%        | 5,572  | 15%     | 13 | 22%        | 191 | 26%                 | 96  | 21%       | 16,306 | 32%  |
|      |   |                  | 1-2                 | 14 | 38%        | 156 | 32%                 | 120 | 32%       | 12,954 | 36%     | 25 | 42%        | 262 | 36%                 | 170 | 37%       | 17,335 | 34%  |
|      |   |                  | 3-4                 | 10 | 27%        | 139 | 28%                 | 108 | 29%       | 8,902  | 25%     | 16 | 27%        | 143 | 20%                 | 104 | 23%       | 9,444  | 19%  |
|      |   |                  | 5-6                 | 2  | 5%         | 68  | 14%                 | 45  | 12%       | 3,889  | 11%     | 3  | 5%         | 58  | 8%                  | 39  | 9%        | 3,363  | 7%   |
|      |   |                  | More than 6         | 6  | 16%        | 77  | 16%                 | 68  | 18%       | 4,669  | 13%     | 3  | 5%         | 68  | 9%                  | 48  | 11%       | 4,132  | 8%   |
|      |   | Total            |                     | 37 | 100%       | 492 | 100%                | 376 | 100%      | 35,986 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 722 | 100%                | 457 | 100%      | 50,580 | 100% |





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|  |                  |               | First-Year Students |      |            |      |                     |      |           |      | Seniors |      |            |      |                     |      |           |      |
|--|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|---------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|
|  |                  |               | WCU                 |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |      | WCU     |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |      |
| Variable   | Response Options |               | Count               | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %    | Count   | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %    |
| 5. Select the circle that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work | EXAMS            | 1 Very little | 0                   | 0%   | 1          | 0%   | 2                   | 1%   | 218       | 1%   | 2       | 3%   | 10         | 1%   | 4                   | 1%   | 650       | 1%   |
|  |                  | 2             | 0                   | 0%   | 5          | 1%   | 7                   | 2%   | 367       | 1%   | 1       | 2%   | 12         | 2%   | 7                   | 2%   | 796       | 2%   |
|  |                  | 3             | 1                   | 3%   | 14         | 3%   | 14                  | 4%   | 1,047     | 3%   | 3       | 5%   | 22         | 3%   | 23                  | 5%   | 1,876     | 4%   |
|  |                  | 4             | 7                   | 19%  | 54         | 11%  | 39                  | 10%  | 3,708     | 10%  | 6       | 10%  | 74         | 10%  | 57                  | 12%  | 5,287     | 10%  |
|  |                  | 5             | 12                  | 32%  | 179        | 36%  | 126                 | 33%  | 10,859    | 30%  | 16      | 27%  | 220        | 30%  | 139                 | 30%  | 14,673    | 29%  |
|  |                  | 6             | 11                  | 30%  | 164        | 33%  | 123                 | 32%  | 12,302    | 34%  | 20      | 33%  | 208        | 29%  | 132                 | 29%  | 16,475    | 32%  |
|  |                  | 7 Very much   | 6                   | 16%  | 76         | 15%  | 68                  | 18%  | 7,627     | 21%  | 12      | 20%  | 181        | 25%  | 96                  | 21%  | 11,109    | 22%  |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 493        | 100% | 379                 | 100% | 36,128    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 727        | 100% | 458                 | 100% | 50,866    | 100% |
| 6a. Attended an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theater, or other performance   | ATDART07         | Never         | 2                   | 5%   | 81         | 16%  | 95                  | 25%  | 8,183     | 23%  | 14      | 23%  | 181        | 25%  | 134                 | 29%  | 13,492    | 27%  |
|  |                  | Sometimes     | 18                  | 49%  | 226        | 46%  | 158                 | 42%  | 16,675    | 46%  | 28      | 47%  | 345        | 48%  | 217                 | 48%  | 23,777    | 47%  |
|  |                  | Often         | 14                  | 38%  | 113        | 23%  | 86                  | 23%  | 7,455     | 21%  | 12      | 20%  | 130        | 18%  | 73                  | 16%  | 8,920     | 18%  |
|  |                  | Very often    | 3                   | 8%   | 71         | 14%  | 39                  | 10%  | 3,752     | 10%  | 6       | 10%  | 69         | 10%  | 31                  | 7%   | 4,621     | 9%   |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 491        | 100% | 378                 | 100% | 36,065    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 725        | 100% | 455                 | 100% | 50,810    | 100% |
| 6b. Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities   | EXRCSE05         | Never         | 6                   | 16%  | 40         | 8%   | 44                  | 12%  | 4,330     | 12%  | 8       | 14%  | 102        | 14%  | 66                  | 15%  | 6,486     | 13%  |
|  |                  | Sometimes     | 12                  | 32%  | 146        | 30%  | 96                  | 25%  | 10,102    | 28%  | 23      | 39%  | 240        | 33%  | 137                 | 30%  | 15,860    | 31%  |
|  |                  | Often         | 7                   | 19%  | 137        | 28%  | 104                 | 28%  | 9,127     | 25%  | 13      | 22%  | 189        | 26%  | 121                 | 27%  | 12,190    | 24%  |
|  |                  | Very often    | 12                  | 32%  | 169        | 34%  | 133                 | 35%  | 12,408    | 34%  | 15      | 25%  | 190        | 26%  | 130                 | 29%  | 16,163    | 32%  |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 492        | 100% | 377                 | 100% | 35,967    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 721        | 100% | 454                 | 100% | 50,699    | 100% |
| 6c. Participated in activities to enhance your spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)  | WORSH05          | Never         | 16                  | 43%  | 213        | 44%  | 164                 | 44%  | 16,063    | 45%  | 25      | 42%  | 305        | 42%  | 222                 | 49%  | 21,832    | 43%  |
|  |                  | Sometimes     | 7                   | 19%  | 127        | 26%  | 93                  | 25%  | 8,944     | 25%  | 19      | 32%  | 182        | 25%  | 101                 | 22%  | 12,580    | 25%  |
|  |                  | Often         | 5                   | 14%  | 70         | 14%  | 54                  | 14%  | 4,938     | 14%  | 7       | 12%  | 97         | 13%  | 57                  | 12%  | 6,599     | 13%  |
|  |                  | Very often    | 9                   | 24%  | 79         | 16%  | 63                  | 17%  | 5,992     | 17%  | 9       | 15%  | 135        | 19%  | 77                  | 17%  | 9,614     | 19%  |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 489        | 100% | 374                 | 100% | 35,937    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 719        | 100% | 457                 | 100% | 50,625    | 100% |
| 6d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue  | OWNVIEW          | Never         | 3                   | 8%   | 29         | 6%   | 45                  | 12%  | 3,260     | 9%   | 2       | 3%   | 44         | 6%   | 43                  | 9%   | 3,515     | 7%   |
|  |                  | Sometimes     | 13                  | 35%  | 165        | 34%  | 120                 | 32%  | 12,157    | 34%  | 22      | 38%  | 187        | 26%  | 151                 | 33%  | 15,645    | 31%  |
|  |                  | Often         | 8                   | 22%  | 181        | 38%  | 130                 | 35%  | 12,593    | 35%  | 19      | 33%  | 280        | 39%  | 169                 | 37%  | 18,457    | 36%  |
|  |                  | Very often    | 13                  | 35%  | 106        | 22%  | 77                  | 21%  | 7,874     | 22%  | 15      | 26%  | 213        | 29%  | 94                  | 21%  | 12,985    | 26%  |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 481        | 100% | 372                 | 100% | 35,884    | 100% | 58      | 100% | 724        | 100% | 457                 | 100% | 50,602    | 100% |
| 6e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective                                    | OTHRVIEW         | Never         | 3                   | 8%   | 15         | 3%   | 25                  | 7%   | 1,814     | 5%   | 1       | 2%   | 23         | 3%   | 21                  | 5%   | 2,129     | 4%   |
|  |                  | Sometimes     | 11                  | 30%  | 135        | 28%  | 114                 | 30%  | 10,434    | 29%  | 23      | 39%  | 171        | 24%  | 137                 | 30%  | 13,361    | 26%  |
|  |                  | Often         | 10                  | 27%  | 198        | 41%  | 144                 | 38%  | 13,848    | 38%  | 18      | 31%  | 288        | 40%  | 177                 | 39%  | 19,990    | 39%  |
|  |                  | Very often    | 13                  | 35%  | 138        | 28%  | 96                  | 25%  | 9,898     | 27%  | 17      | 29%  | 241        | 33%  | 118                 | 26%  | 15,226    | 30%  |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 486        | 100% | 379                 | 100% | 35,994    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 723        | 100% | 453                 | 100% | 50,706    | 100% |
| 6f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept  | CHNGVIEW         | Never         | 0                   | 0%   | 14         | 3%   | 18                  | 5%   | 1,207     | 3%   | 1       | 2%   | 20         | 3%   | 14                  | 3%   | 1,321     | 3%   |
|  |                  | Sometimes     | 13                  | 35%  | 113        | 23%  | 113                 | 30%  | 9,810     | 27%  | 19      | 32%  | 167        | 23%  | 141                 | 31%  | 13,358    | 26%  |
|  |                  | Often         | 11                  | 30%  | 209        | 43%  | 157                 | 41%  | 13,985    | 39%  | 29      | 49%  | 292        | 40%  | 180                 | 39%  | 20,121    | 40%  |
|  |                  | Very often    | 13                  | 35%  | 153        | 31%  | 91                  | 24%  | 11,055    | 31%  | 10      | 17%  | 245        | 34%  | 121                 | 27%  | 16,030    | 32%  |
|  | Total            |               | 37                  | 100% | 489        | 100% | 379                 | 100% | 36,057    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 724        | 100% | 456                 | 100% | 50,830    | 100% |

NOTE: All results are unweighted.

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|                   |   |                  | First-Year Students |      |            |      |                     |        |           |        | Seniors |      |            |      |                     |        |           |       |     |
|-------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|------|------------|------|---------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|------|------------|------|---------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-----|
|                   |   |                  | WCU                 |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |       |     |
|                   | Variable  | Response Options | Count               | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %      | Count     | %      | Count   | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %      | Count     | %     |     |
| 7a.               | Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment   | INTERN04 (EEE)   | Have not decided    | 3    | 8%         | 61   | 12%                 | 49     | 13%       | 4,412  | 12%     | 2    | 3%         | 70   | 10%                 | 26     | 6%        | 4,362 | 9%  |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 2                   | 5%   | 12         | 2%   | 19                  | 5%     | 1,459     | 4%     | 7       | 12%  | 145        | 20%  | 62                  | 14%    | 9,632     | 19%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 29                  | 78%  | 386        | 79%  | 294                 | 78%    | 27,657    | 77%    | 18      | 30%  | 188        | 26%  | 123                 | 27%    | 10,817    | 21%   |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 3                   | 8%   | 32         | 7%   | 16                  | 4%     | 2,477     | 7%     | 33      | 55%  | 318        | 44%  | 245                 | 54%    | 25,935    | 51%   |     |
| Total             |   | 37               | 100%                | 491  | 100%       | 378  | 100%                | 36,005 | 100%      | 60     | 100%    | 721  | 100%       | 456  | 100%                | 50,746 | 100%      |       |     |
| 7b.               | Community service or volunteer work   | VOLNTR04 (EEE)   | Have not decided    | 3    | 8%         | 36   | 7%                  | 59     | 16%       | 3,811  | 11%     | 5    | 8%         | 46   | 6%                  | 34     | 7%        | 4,107 | 8%  |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 1                   | 3%   | 13         | 3%   | 31                  | 8%     | 1,901     | 5%     | 6       | 10%  | 78         | 11%  | 71                  | 16%    | 7,282     | 14%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 15                  | 42%  | 208        | 43%  | 143                 | 38%    | 14,891    | 42%    | 7       | 12%  | 117        | 16%  | 55                  | 12%    | 6,673     | 13%   |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 17                  | 47%  | 232        | 47%  | 143                 | 38%    | 15,256    | 43%    | 41      | 69%  | 481        | 67%  | 295                 | 65%    | 32,481    | 64%   |     |
| Total             | 36  | 100%             | 489                 | 100% | 376        | 100% | 35,859              | 100%   | 59        | 100%   | 722     | 100% | 455        | 100% | 50,543              | 100%   |           |       |     |
| 7c.               | Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together | LRNCOM04 (EEE)   | Have not decided    | 15   | 41%        | 127  | 26%                 | 121    | 32%       | 11,801 | 33%     | 8    | 13%        | 92   | 13%                 | 64     | 14%       | 6,563 | 13% |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 9                   | 24%  | 104        | 21%  | 106                 | 28%    | 9,463     | 26%    | 37      | 62%  | 353        | 49%  | 239                 | 53%    | 27,862    | 55%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 8                   | 22%  | 147        | 30%  | 93                  | 25%    | 8,471     | 24%    | 4       | 7%   | 71         | 10%  | 28                  | 6%     | 3,435     | 7%    |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 5                   | 14%  | 109        | 22%  | 56                  | 15%    | 6,059     | 17%    | 11      | 18%  | 202        | 28%  | 122                 | 27%    | 12,605    | 25%   |     |
| Total             |   | 37               | 100%                | 487  | 100%       | 376  | 100%                | 35,794 | 100%      | 60     | 100%    | 718  | 100%       | 453  | 100%                | 50,465 | 100%      |       |     |
| 7d.               | Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements                                  | RESRCH04 (SFI)   | Have not decided    | 9    | 24%        | 168  | 34%                 | 118    | 31%       | 12,468 | 35%     | 10   | 17%        | 97   | 13%                 | 83     | 18%       | 7,337 | 14% |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 5                   | 14%  | 62         | 13%  | 71                  | 19%    | 6,158     | 17%    | 22      | 37%  | 275        | 38%  | 191                 | 42%    | 22,646    | 45%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 19                  | 51%  | 221        | 45%  | 161                 | 43%    | 15,463    | 43%    | 6       | 10%  | 119        | 16%  | 62                  | 14%    | 6,940     | 14%   |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 4                   | 11%  | 39         | 8%   | 25                  | 7%     | 1,796     | 5%     | 22      | 37%  | 234        | 32%  | 121                 | 26%    | 13,734    | 27%   |     |
| Total             |   | 37               | 100%                | 490  | 100%       | 375  | 100%                | 35,885 | 100%      | 60     | 100%    | 725  | 100%       | 457  | 100%                | 50,657 | 100%      |       |     |
| 7e.               | Foreign language coursework   | FORLNG04 (EEE)   | Have not decided    | 7    | 19%        | 73   | 15%                 | 56     | 15%       | 5,405  | 15%     | 1    | 2%         | 42   | 6%                  | 38     | 8%        | 3,175 | 6%  |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 15                  | 41%  | 83         | 17%  | 130                 | 34%    | 7,797     | 22%    | 25      | 42%  | 216        | 30%  | 217                 | 47%    | 16,963    | 33%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 5                   | 14%  | 204        | 42%  | 104                 | 28%    | 12,304    | 34%    | 4       | 7%   | 56         | 8%   | 28                  | 6%     | 3,692     | 7%    |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 10                  | 27%  | 130        | 27%  | 88                  | 23%    | 10,476    | 29%    | 30      | 50%  | 408        | 57%  | 174                 | 38%    | 26,900    | 53%   |     |
| Total             |   | 37               | 100%                | 490  | 100%       | 378  | 100%                | 35,982 | 100%      | 60     | 100%    | 722  | 100%       | 457  | 100%                | 50,730 | 100%      |       |     |
| 7f.               | Study abroad  | STDABR04 (EEE)   | Have not decided    | 15   | 41%        | 115  | 23%                 | 106    | 28%       | 9,035  | 25%     | 5    | 8%         | 86   | 12%                 | 63     | 14%       | 5,561 | 11% |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 7                   | 19%  | 80         | 16%  | 102                 | 27%    | 7,386     | 21%    | 43      | 72%  | 400        | 56%  | 282                 | 62%    | 29,486    | 58%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 15                  | 41%  | 288        | 58%  | 148                 | 39%    | 18,458    | 51%    | 4       | 7%   | 88         | 12%  | 37                  | 8%     | 4,639     | 9%    |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 0                   | 0%   | 10         | 2%   | 19                  | 5%     | 998       | 3%     | 8       | 13%  | 142        | 20%  | 71                  | 16%    | 10,788    | 21%   |     |
| Total             |   | 37               | 100%                | 493  | 100%       | 375  | 100%                | 35,877 | 100%      | 60     | 100%    | 716  | 100%       | 453  | 100%                | 50,474 | 100%      |       |     |
| 7g.               | Independent study or self-designed major  | INDSTD04 (EEE)   | Have not decided    | 15   | 42%        | 151  | 31%                 | 107    | 29%       | 11,951 | 33%     | 5    | 8%         | 68   | 9%                  | 56     | 12%       | 5,333 | 11% |
| Do not plan to do |   |                  | 15                  | 42%  | 207        | 43%  | 178                 | 48%    | 16,287    | 46%    | 39      | 66%  | 402        | 56%  | 268                 | 59%    | 29,376    | 58%   |     |
| Plan to do        |   |                  | 4                   | 11%  | 101        | 21%  | 67                  | 18%    | 6,274     | 18%    | 5       | 8%   | 82         | 11%  | 50                  | 11%    | 4,365     | 9%    |     |
| Done              |   |                  | 2                   | 6%   | 27         | 6%   | 19                  | 5%     | 1,258     | 4%     | 10      | 17%  | 168        | 23%  | 80                  | 18%    | 11,299    | 22%   |     |
| Total             |   | 36               | 100%                | 486  | 100%       | 371  | 100%                | 35,770 | 100%      | 59     | 100%    | 720  | 100%       | 454  | 100%                | 50,373 | 100%      |       |     |

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|-----|---|------------------|---|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|     |   |                  | WCU   |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               | WCU         |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               |             |
|     |   |                  | Count   | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             | Count       | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             |             |
| 7h. | Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.) | SNRX04 (EEE)     | Have not decided                                | 10        | 27%         | 150        | 31%                 | 132        | 35%         | 12,253        | 34%         | 7         | 12%         | 57         | 8%                  | 44         | 10%         | 4,570         | 9%          |
|     |   |                  | Do not plan to do                               | 5         | 14%         | 40         | 8%                  | 29         | 8%          | 3,247         | 9%          | 19        | 32%         | 118        | 16%                 | 89         | 19%         | 11,432        | 23%         |
|     |   |                  | Plan to do                                      | 19        | 51%         | 281        | 57%                 | 210        | 56%         | 19,906        | 55%         | 12        | 20%         | 256        | 35%                 | 158        | 34%         | 14,496        | 29%         |
|     |   |                  | Done  | 3         | 8%          | 18         | 4%                  | 6          | 2%          | 584           | 2%          | 21        | 36%         | 291        | 40%                 | 167        | 36%         | 20,256        | 40%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>377</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,990</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>722</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>458</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,754</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 8a. | Quality of relationships with other students  | ENVSTU (SCE)     | 1 Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of alienation | 0         | 0%          | 5          | 1%                  | 3          | 1%          | 406           | 1%          | 1         | 2%          | 8          | 1%                  | 3          | 1%          | 499           | 1%          |
|     |   |                  | 2   | 0         | 0%          | 11         | 2%                  | 10         | 3%          | 957           | 3%          | 0         | 0%          | 14         | 2%                  | 8          | 2%          | 1,224         | 2%          |
|     |   |                  | 3   | 2         | 5%          | 21         | 4%                  | 28         | 7%          | 1,761         | 5%          | 4         | 7%          | 36         | 5%                  | 16         | 4%          | 2,261         | 4%          |
|     |   |                  | 4   | 4         | 11%         | 58         | 12%                 | 48         | 13%         | 4,101         | 11%         | 6         | 10%         | 73         | 10%                 | 49         | 11%         | 5,450         | 11%         |
|     |   |                  | 5   | 7         | 19%         | 96         | 20%                 | 96         | 25%         | 7,581         | 21%         | 11        | 18%         | 160        | 22%                 | 94         | 21%         | 10,428        | 21%         |
|     |   |                  | 6   | 12        | 32%         | 159        | 32%                 | 96         | 25%         | 11,073        | 31%         | 18        | 30%         | 207        | 29%                 | 156        | 34%         | 15,901        | 31%         |
|     |   |                  | 7 Friendly, Supportive, Sense of belonging      | 12        | 32%         | 142        | 29%                 | 97         | 26%         | 10,165        | 28%         | 20        | 33%         | 227        | 31%                 | 130        | 29%         | 15,007        | 30%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,044</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>725</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,770</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 8b. | Quality of relationships with faculty members   | ENVFAC (SCE)     | 1 Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic         | 0         | 0%          | 2          | 0%                  | 2          | 1%          | 207           | 1%          | 0         | 0%          | 9          | 1%                  | 7          | 2%          | 405           | 1%          |
|     |   |                  | 2   | 0         | 0%          | 6          | 1%                  | 6          | 2%          | 622           | 2%          | 2         | 3%          | 18         | 2%                  | 11         | 2%          | 956           | 2%          |
|     |   |                  | 3   | 1         | 3%          | 25         | 5%                  | 23         | 6%          | 1,604         | 4%          | 1         | 2%          | 35         | 5%                  | 14         | 3%          | 2,002         | 4%          |
|     |   |                  | 4   | 3         | 8%          | 81         | 17%                 | 63         | 17%         | 4,902         | 14%         | 6         | 10%         | 62         | 9%                  | 46         | 10%         | 5,129         | 10%         |
|     |   |                  | 5   | 10        | 27%         | 116        | 24%                 | 101        | 27%         | 9,072         | 25%         | 10        | 17%         | 134        | 19%                 | 85         | 19%         | 10,696        | 21%         |
|     |   |                  | 6   | 11        | 30%         | 156        | 32%                 | 105        | 28%         | 11,754        | 33%         | 19        | 32%         | 246        | 34%                 | 164        | 36%         | 16,961        | 33%         |
|     |   |                  | 7 Available, Helpful, Sympathetic               | 12        | 32%         | 101        | 21%                 | 77         | 20%         | 7,894         | 22%         | 21        | 36%         | 220        | 30%                 | 130        | 28%         | 14,610        | 29%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>487</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>377</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,055</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>724</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>457</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,759</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 8c. | Quality of relationships with administrative personnel and offices                                  | ENVADM (SCE)     | 1 Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid               | 0         | 0%          | 9          | 2%                  | 7          | 2%          | 838           | 2%          | 3         | 5%          | 35         | 5%                  | 18         | 4%          | 2,504         | 5%          |
|     |   |                  | 2   | 3         | 8%          | 19         | 4%                  | 18         | 5%          | 1,679         | 5%          | 2         | 3%          | 64         | 9%                  | 36         | 8%          | 3,791         | 7%          |
|     |   |                  | 3   | 2         | 5%          | 56         | 11%                 | 38         | 10%         | 3,212         | 9%          | 11        | 18%         | 72         | 10%                 | 46         | 10%         | 5,436         | 11%         |
|     |   |                  | 4   | 6         | 16%         | 117        | 24%                 | 90         | 24%         | 7,753         | 22%         | 13        | 22%         | 167        | 23%                 | 89         | 19%         | 10,116        | 20%         |
|     |   |                  | 5   | 6         | 16%         | 97         | 20%                 | 92         | 24%         | 8,723         | 24%         | 11        | 18%         | 162        | 22%                 | 99         | 22%         | 10,828        | 21%         |
|     |   |                  | 6   | 8         | 22%         | 118        | 24%                 | 78         | 21%         | 8,102         | 22%         | 12        | 20%         | 121        | 17%                 | 105        | 23%         | 10,312        | 20%         |
|     |   |                  | 7 Helpful, Considerate, Flexible                | 12        | 32%         | 76         | 15%                 | 55         | 15%         | 5,735         | 16%         | 8         | 13%         | 105        | 14%                 | 65         | 14%         | 7,826         | 15%         |
|     |   |                  | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,042</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>726</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>458</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,813</b> | <b>100%</b> |



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|-----|--|------------------|---------------------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|---------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|
|     |  |                  | WCU                 |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |      | WCU     |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |      |
| 9a. | Variable   | Response Options | Count               | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %    | Count   | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %    |
| 9a. | Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)                                | ACADPR01 0 hr/wk | 0                   | 0%   | 3          | 1%   | 0                   | 0%   | 87        | 0%   | 1       | 2%   | 3          | 0%   | 2                   | 0%   | 139       | 0%   |
|     |  | (LAC) 1-5 hr/wk  | 6                   | 16%  | 82         | 17%  | 60                  | 16%  | 4,000     | 11%  | 14      | 23%  | 99         | 14%  | 82                  | 18%  | 6,132     | 12%  |
|     |  | 6-10 hr/wk       | 7                   | 19%  | 125        | 26%  | 111                 | 29%  | 7,682     | 21%  | 10      | 17%  | 169        | 23%  | 112                 | 25%  | 10,883    | 21%  |
|     |  | 11-15 hr/wk      | 8                   | 22%  | 106        | 22%  | 74                  | 20%  | 7,792     | 22%  | 12      | 20%  | 149        | 21%  | 84                  | 19%  | 10,451    | 21%  |
|     |  | 16-20 hr/wk      | 6                   | 16%  | 88         | 18%  | 66                  | 18%  | 7,002     | 19%  | 6       | 10%  | 120        | 17%  | 74                  | 16%  | 9,251     | 18%  |
|     |  | 21-25 hr/wk      | 5                   | 14%  | 50         | 10%  | 31                  | 8%   | 4,485     | 12%  | 7       | 12%  | 79         | 11%  | 35                  | 8%   | 6,015     | 12%  |
|     |  | 26-30 hr/wk      | 2                   | 5%   | 14         | 3%   | 14                  | 4%   | 2,523     | 7%   | 6       | 10%  | 52         | 7%   | 28                  | 6%   | 3,674     | 7%   |
|     |  | 30+ hr/wk        | 3                   | 8%   | 19         | 4%   | 21                  | 6%   | 2,430     | 7%   | 4       | 7%   | 54         | 7%   | 35                  | 8%   | 4,188     | 8%   |
|     | Total  |                  | 37                  | 100% | 487        | 100% | 377                 | 100% | 36,001    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 725        | 100% | 452                 | 100% | 50,733    | 100% |
| 9b. | Working for pay <b>on campus</b>   | WORKON01 0 hr/wk | 33                  | 89%  | 418        | 85%  | 284                 | 75%  | 28,045    | 78%  | 33      | 55%  | 507        | 70%  | 290                 | 64%  | 31,535    | 62%  |
|     |  | 1-5 hr/wk        | 0                   | 0%   | 12         | 2%   | 23                  | 6%   | 1,974     | 5%   | 2       | 3%   | 40         | 6%   | 19                  | 4%   | 3,549     | 7%   |
|     |  | 6-10 hr/wk       | 1                   | 3%   | 33         | 7%   | 34                  | 9%   | 3,186     | 9%   | 11      | 18%  | 61         | 8%   | 36                  | 8%   | 5,822     | 11%  |
|     |  | 11-15 hr/wk      | 2                   | 5%   | 20         | 4%   | 12                  | 3%   | 1,554     | 4%   | 5       | 8%   | 46         | 6%   | 37                  | 8%   | 4,155     | 8%   |
|     |  | 16-20 hr/wk      | 0                   | 0%   | 4          | 1%   | 16                  | 4%   | 846       | 2%   | 6       | 10%  | 32         | 4%   | 50                  | 11%  | 3,407     | 7%   |
|     |  | 21-25 hr/wk      | 0                   | 0%   | 1          | 0%   | 4                   | 1%   | 201       | 1%   | 2       | 3%   | 14         | 2%   | 6                   | 1%   | 960       | 2%   |
|     |  | 26-30 hr/wk      | 1                   | 3%   | 0          | 0%   | 1                   | 0%   | 67        | 0%   | 0       | 0%   | 14         | 2%   | 5                   | 1%   | 438       | 1%   |
|     |  | 30+ hr/wk        | 0                   | 0%   | 2          | 0%   | 3                   | 1%   | 137       | 0%   | 1       | 2%   | 10         | 1%   | 10                  | 2%   | 787       | 2%   |
|     | Total  |                  | 37                  | 100% | 490        | 100% | 377                 | 100% | 36,010    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 724        | 100% | 453                 | 100% | 50,653    | 100% |
| 9c. | Working for pay <b>off campus</b>  | WORKOF01 0 hr/wk | 35                  | 97%  | 413        | 85%  | 297                 | 79%  | 26,798    | 75%  | 41      | 69%  | 367        | 51%  | 240                 | 53%  | 26,681    | 53%  |
|     |  | 1-5 hr/wk        | 1                   | 3%   | 16         | 3%   | 14                  | 4%   | 1,608     | 4%   | 4       | 7%   | 34         | 5%   | 27                  | 6%   | 2,944     | 6%   |
|     |  | 6-10 hr/wk       | 0                   | 0%   | 8          | 2%   | 12                  | 3%   | 1,753     | 5%   | 3       | 5%   | 39         | 5%   | 28                  | 6%   | 3,099     | 6%   |
|     |  | 11-15 hr/wk      | 0                   | 0%   | 13         | 3%   | 13                  | 3%   | 1,439     | 4%   | 1       | 2%   | 41         | 6%   | 19                  | 4%   | 3,097     | 6%   |
|     |  | 16-20 hr/wk      | 0                   | 0%   | 16         | 3%   | 15                  | 4%   | 1,559     | 4%   | 6       | 10%  | 74         | 10%  | 44                  | 10%  | 3,866     | 8%   |
|     |  | 21-25 hr/wk      | 0                   | 0%   | 8          | 2%   | 9                   | 2%   | 958       | 3%   | 3       | 5%   | 46         | 6%   | 32                  | 7%   | 2,875     | 6%   |
|     |  | 26-30 hr/wk      | 0                   | 0%   | 2          | 0%   | 7                   | 2%   | 566       | 2%   | 0       | 0%   | 25         | 3%   | 19                  | 4%   | 1,933     | 4%   |
|     |  | 30+ hr/wk        | 0                   | 0%   | 8          | 2%   | 10                  | 3%   | 1,234     | 3%   | 1       | 2%   | 96         | 13%  | 47                  | 10%  | 6,123     | 12%  |
|     | Total  |                  | 36                  | 100% | 484        | 100% | 377                 | 100% | 35,915    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 722        | 100% | 456                 | 100% | 50,618    | 100% |
| 9d. | Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.) | COCURR01 0 hr/wk | 14                  | 38%  | 157        | 32%  | 149                 | 39%  | 12,381    | 34%  | 27      | 45%  | 347        | 48%  | 165                 | 36%  | 20,638    | 41%  |
|     |  | (EEE) 1-5 hr/wk  | 7                   | 19%  | 180        | 37%  | 115                 | 30%  | 11,728    | 33%  | 20      | 33%  | 210        | 29%  | 145                 | 32%  | 14,366    | 28%  |
|     |  | 6-10 hr/wk       | 8                   | 22%  | 81         | 17%  | 49                  | 13%  | 5,583     | 15%  | 6       | 10%  | 73         | 10%  | 51                  | 11%  | 6,812     | 13%  |
|     |  | 11-15 hr/wk      | 4                   | 11%  | 31         | 6%   | 27                  | 7%   | 2,851     | 8%   | 1       | 2%   | 40         | 6%   | 37                  | 8%   | 3,689     | 7%   |
|     |  | 16-20 hr/wk      | 2                   | 5%   | 20         | 4%   | 20                  | 5%   | 1,716     | 5%   | 3       | 5%   | 21         | 3%   | 31                  | 7%   | 2,301     | 5%   |
|     |  | 21-25 hr/wk      | 1                   | 3%   | 9          | 2%   | 8                   | 2%   | 826       | 2%   | 1       | 2%   | 12         | 2%   | 9                   | 2%   | 1,224     | 2%   |
|     |  | 26-30 hr/wk      | 1                   | 3%   | 3          | 1%   | 3                   | 1%   | 342       | 1%   | 1       | 2%   | 11         | 2%   | 7                   | 2%   | 606       | 1%   |
|     |  | 30+ hr/wk        | 0                   | 0%   | 8          | 2%   | 8                   | 2%   | 620       | 2%   | 1       | 2%   | 11         | 2%   | 12                  | 3%   | 1,154     | 2%   |
|     | Total  |                  | 37                  | 100% | 489        | 100% | 379                 | 100% | 36,047    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 725        | 100% | 457                 | 100% | 50,790    | 100% |

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|------|---|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|      |   |                  | WCU                 |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               | WCU         |           | UNC System  |            | Participating Peers |            | NSSE 2012   |               |             |
|      | Variable  | Response Options | Count               | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             | Count       | %         | Count       | %          | Count               | %          | Count       | %             |             |
| 9e.  | Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)                          | SOCIAL05         | 0 hr/wk             | 0         | 0%          | 2          | 0%                  | 5          | 1%          | 386           | 1%          | 0         | 0%          | 18         | 2%                  | 4          | 1%          | 666           | 1%          |
|      |   |                  | 1-5 hr/wk           | 9         | 24%         | 122        | 25%                 | 77         | 20%         | 8,242         | 23%         | 15        | 25%         | 217        | 30%                 | 116        | 25%         | 13,270        | 26%         |
|      |   |                  | 6-10 hr/wk          | 8         | 22%         | 129        | 26%                 | 108        | 29%         | 10,701        | 30%         | 14        | 23%         | 220        | 31%                 | 138        | 30%         | 15,807        | 31%         |
|      |   |                  | 11-15 hr/wk         | 5         | 14%         | 88         | 18%                 | 74         | 20%         | 7,497         | 21%         | 18        | 30%         | 134        | 19%                 | 90         | 20%         | 10,075        | 20%         |
|      |   |                  | 16-20 hr/wk         | 6         | 16%         | 70         | 14%                 | 52         | 14%         | 4,457         | 12%         | 9         | 15%         | 77         | 11%                 | 61         | 13%         | 5,652         | 11%         |
|      |   |                  | 21-25 hr/wk         | 2         | 5%          | 35         | 7%                  | 20         | 5%          | 2,063         | 6%          | 3         | 5%          | 24         | 3%                  | 20         | 4%          | 2,296         | 5%          |
|      |   |                  | 26-30 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 13         | 3%                  | 8          | 2%          | 901           | 3%          | 0         | 0%          | 15         | 2%                  | 15         | 3%          | 1,039         | 2%          |
|      |   |                  | 30+ hr/wk           | 7         | 19%         | 29         | 6%                  | 34         | 9%          | 1,697         | 5%          | 1         | 2%          | 16         | 2%                  | 12         | 3%          | 1,889         | 4%          |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,944</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>721</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,694</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 9f.  | Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.) | CAREDE01         | 0 hr/wk             | 34        | 92%         | 402        | 83%                 | 295        | 78%         | 27,570        | 77%         | 47        | 80%         | 455        | 63%                 | 316        | 69%         | 33,251        | 66%         |
|      |   |                  | 1-5 hr/wk           | 3         | 8%          | 40         | 8%                  | 39         | 10%         | 3,948         | 11%         | 4         | 7%          | 68         | 9%                  | 47         | 10%         | 6,052         | 12%         |
|      |   |                  | 6-10 hr/wk          | 0         | 0%          | 19         | 4%                  | 20         | 5%          | 1,711         | 5%          | 3         | 5%          | 44         | 6%                  | 21         | 5%          | 3,131         | 6%          |
|      |   |                  | 11-15 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 8          | 2%                  | 6          | 2%          | 821           | 2%          | 0         | 0%          | 25         | 3%                  | 19         | 4%          | 1,762         | 3%          |
|      |   |                  | 16-20 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 2          | 0%                  | 5          | 1%          | 518           | 1%          | 1         | 2%          | 16         | 2%                  | 8          | 2%          | 1,276         | 3%          |
|      |   |                  | 21-25 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 4          | 1%                  | 2          | 1%          | 249           | 1%          | 1         | 2%          | 15         | 2%                  | 6          | 1%          | 656           | 1%          |
|      |   |                  | 26-30 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 1          | 0%                  | 3          | 1%          | 145           | 0%          | 1         | 2%          | 9          | 1%                  | 0          | 0%          | 471           | 1%          |
|      |   |                  | 30+ hr/wk           | 0         | 0%          | 11         | 2%                  | 9          | 2%          | 954           | 3%          | 2         | 3%          | 91         | 13%                 | 39         | 9%          | 4,016         | 8%          |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>487</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>379</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,916</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>723</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,615</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 9g.  | Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)                                     | COMMUTE          | 0 hr/wk             | 6         | 16%         | 76         | 15%                 | 76         | 20%         | 7,940         | 22%         | 9         | 15%         | 84         | 12%                 | 52         | 11%         | 7,113         | 14%         |
|      |   |                  | 1-5 hr/wk           | 26        | 70%         | 304        | 62%                 | 232        | 61%         | 20,755        | 58%         | 38        | 63%         | 442        | 61%                 | 296        | 65%         | 30,915        | 61%         |
|      |   |                  | 6-10 hr/wk          | 4         | 11%         | 55         | 11%                 | 44         | 12%         | 4,421         | 12%         | 9         | 15%         | 115        | 16%                 | 72         | 16%         | 8,584         | 17%         |
|      |   |                  | 11-15 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 29         | 6%                  | 12         | 3%          | 1,641         | 5%          | 2         | 3%          | 40         | 6%                  | 25         | 5%          | 2,522         | 5%          |
|      |   |                  | 16-20 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 17         | 3%                  | 5          | 1%          | 632           | 2%          | 2         | 3%          | 22         | 3%                  | 8          | 2%          | 805           | 2%          |
|      |   |                  | 21-25 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 5          | 1%                  | 2          | 1%          | 234           | 1%          | 0         | 0%          | 5          | 1%                  | 1          | 0%          | 298           | 1%          |
|      |   |                  | 26-30 hr/wk         | 0         | 0%          | 0          | 0%                  | 2          | 1%          | 96            | 0%          | 0         | 0%          | 4          | 1%                  | 1          | 0%          | 144           | 0%          |
|      |   |                  | 30+ hr/wk           | 1         | 3%          | 5          | 1%                  | 6          | 2%          | 315           | 1%          | 0         | 0%          | 14         | 2%                  | 1          | 0%          | 421           | 1%          |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>379</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,034</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>726</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,802</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 10a. | Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work              | ENVSCHOL (LAC)   | Very little         | 1         | 3%          | 7          | 1%                  | 5          | 1%          | 532           | 1%          | 3         | 5%          | 11         | 2%                  | 10         | 2%          | 1,065         | 2%          |
|      |   |                  | Some                | 2         | 5%          | 68         | 14%                 | 59         | 16%         | 5,044         | 14%         | 12        | 20%         | 109        | 15%                 | 91         | 20%         | 7,946         | 16%         |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 19        | 51%         | 235        | 48%                 | 179        | 47%         | 15,991        | 44%         | 27        | 45%         | 319        | 44%                 | 215        | 47%         | 22,173        | 44%         |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 15        | 41%         | 178        | 36%                 | 135        | 36%         | 14,471        | 40%         | 18        | 30%         | 285        | 39%                 | 140        | 31%         | 19,572        | 39%         |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>378</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,038</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>724</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>456</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,756</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 10b. | Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically                 | ENVSUPRT (SCE)   | Very little         | 1         | 3%          | 5          | 1%                  | 9          | 2%          | 821           | 2%          | 2         | 3%          | 38         | 5%                  | 16         | 4%          | 2,145         | 4%          |
|      |   |                  | Some                | 2         | 5%          | 72         | 15%                 | 75         | 20%         | 5,760         | 16%         | 12        | 20%         | 129        | 18%                 | 98         | 22%         | 10,782        | 21%         |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 15        | 41%         | 211        | 43%                 | 170        | 45%         | 14,879        | 41%         | 30        | 51%         | 323        | 45%                 | 211        | 46%         | 21,293        | 42%         |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 19        | 51%         | 200        | 41%                 | 121        | 32%         | 14,417        | 40%         | 15        | 25%         | 230        | 32%                 | 129        | 28%         | 16,331        | 32%         |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        | <b>37</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>375</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,877</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>720</b> | <b>100%</b>         | <b>454</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,551</b> | <b>100%</b> |

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|      |   |                  | First-Year Students |    |            |      |                     |      |           |        | Seniors |      |            |      |                     |      |           |        |        |
|------|---|------------------|---------------------|----|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|--------|---------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|
|      |   |                  | WCU                 |    | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |        |        |
|      | Variable  | Response Options | Count               | %  | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %      | Count   | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %      |        |
| 10c. | Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds    | ENVDIVRS         | Very little         | 2  | 5%         | 42   | 9%                  | 51   | 14%       | 4,082  | 11%     | 10   | 17%        | 119  | 17%                 | 69   | 15%       | 8,493  | 17%    |
|      |   | (EEE)            | Some                | 9  | 24%        | 131  | 27%                 | 114  | 30%       | 9,932  | 28%     | 19   | 32%        | 211  | 29%                 | 152  | 33%       | 16,222 | 32%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 11 | 30%        | 164  | 34%                 | 117  | 31%       | 11,635 | 32%     | 18   | 31%        | 231  | 32%                 | 144  | 32%       | 14,808 | 29%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 15 | 41%        | 148  | 31%                 | 94   | 25%       | 10,236 | 29%     | 12   | 20%        | 160  | 22%                 | 90   | 20%       | 11,029 | 22%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 37         | 100% | 485                 | 100% | 376       | 100%   | 35,885  | 100% | 59         | 100% | 721                 | 100% | 455       | 100%   | 50,552 |
| 10d. | Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)                           | ENVNACAD         | Very little         | 7  | 19%        | 72   | 15%                 | 97   | 26%       | 8,070  | 22%     | 17   | 29%        | 243  | 34%                 | 157  | 34%       | 16,832 | 33%    |
|      |   | (SCE)            | Some                | 6  | 17%        | 192  | 39%                 | 150  | 40%       | 13,537 | 38%     | 27   | 46%        | 247  | 34%                 | 160  | 35%       | 19,007 | 38%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 17 | 47%        | 129  | 26%                 | 91   | 24%       | 9,337  | 26%     | 11   | 19%        | 148  | 20%                 | 87   | 19%       | 9,839  | 19%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 6  | 17%        | 96   | 20%                 | 40   | 11%       | 5,013  | 14%     | 4    | 7%         | 86   | 12%                 | 52   | 11%       | 4,957  | 10%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 36         | 100% | 489                 | 100% | 378       | 100%   | 35,957  | 100% | 59         | 100% | 724                 | 100% | 456       | 100%   | 50,635 |
| 10e. | Providing the support you need to thrive socially   | ENVSOCAL         | Very little         | 2  | 5%         | 39   | 8%                  | 64   | 17%       | 5,216  | 15%     | 10   | 17%        | 154  | 22%                 | 86   | 19%       | 11,174 | 22%    |
|      |   | (SCE)            | Some                | 8  | 22%        | 164  | 33%                 | 123  | 33%       | 12,080 | 34%     | 23   | 39%        | 232  | 32%                 | 169  | 37%       | 18,997 | 38%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 19 | 51%        | 174  | 35%                 | 126  | 33%       | 11,988 | 34%     | 18   | 31%        | 218  | 30%                 | 132  | 29%       | 13,803 | 27%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 8  | 22%        | 114  | 23%                 | 65   | 17%       | 6,500  | 18%     | 8    | 14%        | 112  | 16%                 | 64   | 14%       | 6,427  | 13%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 37         | 100% | 491                 | 100% | 378       | 100%   | 35,784  | 100% | 59         | 100% | 716                 | 100% | 451       | 100%   | 50,401 |
| 10f. | Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.) | ENVEVENT         | Very little         | 0  | 0%         | 18   | 4%                  | 29   | 8%        | 2,648  | 7%      | 2    | 3%         | 66   | 9%                  | 24   | 5%        | 5,381  | 11%    |
|      |   |                  | Some                | 6  | 16%        | 79   | 16%                 | 93   | 25%       | 7,796  | 22%     | 16   | 27%        | 173  | 24%                 | 126  | 28%       | 13,548 | 27%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 16 | 43%        | 204  | 42%                 | 153  | 40%       | 13,632 | 38%     | 28   | 47%        | 278  | 39%                 | 189  | 42%       | 18,749 | 37%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 15 | 41%        | 185  | 38%                 | 104  | 27%       | 11,841 | 33%     | 14   | 23%        | 202  | 28%                 | 115  | 25%       | 12,823 | 25%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 37         | 100% | 486                 | 100% | 379       | 100%   | 35,917  | 100% | 60         | 100% | 719                 | 100% | 454       | 100%   | 50,501 |
| 10g. | Using computers in academic work  | ENVCOMPT         | Very little         | 4  | 11%        | 8    | 2%                  | 6    | 2%        | 950    | 3%      | 0    | 0%         | 7    | 1%                  | 6    | 1%        | 1,178  | 2%     |
|      |   |                  | Some                | 8  | 22%        | 42   | 9%                  | 50   | 13%       | 5,346  | 15%     | 6    | 10%        | 66   | 9%                  | 45   | 10%       | 5,933  | 12%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 10 | 27%        | 159  | 33%                 | 130  | 34%       | 12,261 | 34%     | 19   | 32%        | 189  | 26%                 | 146  | 32%       | 15,527 | 31%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 15 | 41%        | 277  | 57%                 | 191  | 51%       | 17,415 | 48%     | 35   | 58%        | 462  | 64%                 | 257  | 57%       | 28,077 | 55%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 37         | 100% | 486                 | 100% | 377       | 100%   | 35,972  | 100% | 60         | 100% | 724                 | 100% | 454       | 100%   | 50,715 |
| 11a. | Acquiring a broad general education   | NGENLED          | Very little         | 0  | 0%         | 9    | 2%                  | 12   | 3%        | 756    | 2%      | 2    | 3%         | 15   | 2%                  | 12   | 3%        | 1,255  | 2%     |
|      |   |                  | Some                | 8  | 22%        | 68   | 14%                 | 53   | 14%       | 4,943  | 14%     | 6    | 10%        | 82   | 11%                 | 70   | 15%       | 6,345  | 13%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 16 | 43%        | 200  | 41%                 | 162  | 43%       | 14,653 | 41%     | 28   | 47%        | 241  | 34%                 | 161  | 36%       | 17,729 | 35%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 13 | 35%        | 211  | 43%                 | 150  | 40%       | 15,529 | 43%     | 24   | 40%        | 381  | 53%                 | 210  | 46%       | 25,242 | 50%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 37         | 100% | 488                 | 100% | 377       | 100%   | 35,881  | 100% | 60         | 100% | 719                 | 100% | 453       | 100%   | 50,571 |
| 11b. | Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills  | GNWORK           | Very little         | 10 | 27%        | 41   | 8%                  | 28   | 7%        | 3,377  | 9%      | 4    | 7%         | 57   | 8%                  | 24   | 5%        | 4,219  | 8%     |
|      |   |                  | Some                | 5  | 14%        | 155  | 32%                 | 102  | 27%       | 10,246 | 29%     | 7    | 12%        | 182  | 25%                 | 90   | 20%       | 12,424 | 25%    |
|      |   |                  | Quite a bit         | 9  | 24%        | 171  | 35%                 | 147  | 39%       | 12,625 | 35%     | 27   | 45%        | 232  | 32%                 | 170  | 37%       | 16,862 | 33%    |
|      |   |                  | Very much           | 13 | 35%        | 120  | 25%                 | 98   | 26%       | 9,546  | 27%     | 22   | 37%        | 249  | 35%                 | 170  | 37%       | 17,039 | 34%    |
|      |   |                  | <b>Total</b>        |    | 37         | 100% | 487                 | 100% | 375       | 100%   | 35,794  | 100% | 60         | 100% | 720                 | 100% | 454       | 100%   | 50,544 |



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|--|----------|------------------|---------------------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|---------|------|------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|
|  |          |                  | WCU                 |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |      | WCU     |      | UNC System |      | Participating Peers |      | NSSE 2012 |      |
|  |          |                  | Count               | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %    | Count   | %    | Count      | %    | Count               | %    | Count     | %    |
| 11c. Writing clearly and effectively               | GNWRITE  | Very little      | 3                   | 8%   | 6          | 1%   | 21                  | 6%   | 1,485     | 4%   | 1       | 2%   | 21         | 3%   | 17                  | 4%   | 1,698     | 3%   |
|  |          | Some             | 6                   | 16%  | 85         | 17%  | 68                  | 18%  | 6,880     | 19%  | 7       | 12%  | 99         | 14%  | 77                  | 17%  | 7,914     | 16%  |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 16                  | 43%  | 215        | 44%  | 157                 | 42%  | 13,926    | 39%  | 19      | 32%  | 253        | 35%  | 169                 | 37%  | 17,775    | 35%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 12                  | 32%  | 180        | 37%  | 129                 | 34%  | 13,562    | 38%  | 33      | 55%  | 349        | 48%  | 188                 | 42%  | 23,193    | 46%  |
|  |          | Total            | 37                  | 100% | 486        | 100% | 375                 | 100% | 35,853    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 722        | 100% | 451                 | 100% | 50,580    | 100% |
| 11d. Speaking clearly and effectively              | GNSPEAK  | Very little      | 4                   | 11%  | 26         | 5%   | 30                  | 8%   | 2,992     | 8%   | 1       | 2%   | 40         | 6%   | 23                  | 5%   | 2,920     | 6%   |
|  |          | Some             | 7                   | 19%  | 132        | 27%  | 86                  | 23%  | 9,200     | 26%  | 10      | 17%  | 135        | 19%  | 82                  | 18%  | 10,566    | 21%  |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 15                  | 41%  | 189        | 39%  | 139                 | 37%  | 12,815    | 36%  | 22      | 37%  | 243        | 34%  | 176                 | 39%  | 17,920    | 36%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 11                  | 30%  | 139        | 29%  | 121                 | 32%  | 10,758    | 30%  | 26      | 44%  | 301        | 42%  | 169                 | 38%  | 19,056    | 38%  |
|  |          | Total            | 37                  | 100% | 486        | 100% | 376                 | 100% | 35,765    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 719        | 100% | 450                 | 100% | 50,462    | 100% |
| 11e. Thinking critically and analytically          | GNANALY  | Very little      | 0                   | 0%   | 6          | 1%   | 13                  | 3%   | 682       | 2%   | 0       | 0%   | 9          | 1%   | 5                   | 1%   | 860       | 2%   |
|  |          | Some             | 5                   | 14%  | 68         | 14%  | 45                  | 12%  | 4,292     | 12%  | 5       | 8%   | 56         | 8%   | 50                  | 11%  | 4,717     | 9%   |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 17                  | 47%  | 184        | 38%  | 161                 | 43%  | 13,328    | 37%  | 21      | 36%  | 224        | 31%  | 170                 | 38%  | 15,956    | 32%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 14                  | 39%  | 229        | 47%  | 158                 | 42%  | 17,479    | 49%  | 33      | 56%  | 428        | 60%  | 228                 | 50%  | 28,898    | 57%  |
|  |          | Total            | 36                  | 100% | 487        | 100% | 377                 | 100% | 35,781    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 717        | 100% | 453                 | 100% | 50,431    | 100% |
| 11f. Analyzing quantitative problems               | GNQUANT  | Very little      | 1                   | 3%   | 15         | 3%   | 15                  | 4%   | 1,931     | 5%   | 2       | 3%   | 43         | 6%   | 23                  | 5%   | 2,915     | 6%   |
|  |          | Some             | 9                   | 24%  | 114        | 23%  | 74                  | 20%  | 7,728     | 22%  | 7       | 12%  | 126        | 18%  | 103                 | 23%  | 10,752    | 21%  |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 14                  | 38%  | 194        | 40%  | 161                 | 43%  | 13,626    | 38%  | 28      | 47%  | 237        | 33%  | 167                 | 37%  | 17,035    | 34%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 13                  | 35%  | 163        | 34%  | 124                 | 33%  | 12,375    | 35%  | 22      | 37%  | 310        | 43%  | 160                 | 35%  | 19,646    | 39%  |
|  |          | Total            | 37                  | 100% | 486        | 100% | 374                 | 100% | 35,660    | 100% | 59      | 100% | 716        | 100% | 453                 | 100% | 50,348    | 100% |
| 11g. Using computing and information technology    | GNCMPTS  | Very little      | 3                   | 8%   | 21         | 4%   | 26                  | 7%   | 2,557     | 7%   | 3       | 5%   | 30         | 4%   | 15                  | 3%   | 2,757     | 5%   |
|  |          | Some             | 10                  | 27%  | 97         | 20%  | 71                  | 19%  | 8,622     | 24%  | 9       | 15%  | 106        | 15%  | 77                  | 17%  | 10,773    | 21%  |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 15                  | 41%  | 173        | 35%  | 140                 | 37%  | 12,605    | 35%  | 23      | 38%  | 245        | 34%  | 160                 | 35%  | 16,953    | 34%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 9                   | 24%  | 197        | 40%  | 139                 | 37%  | 12,055    | 34%  | 25      | 42%  | 341        | 47%  | 200                 | 44%  | 20,086    | 40%  |
|  |          | Total            | 37                  | 100% | 488        | 100% | 376                 | 100% | 35,839    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 722        | 100% | 452                 | 100% | 50,569    | 100% |
| 11h. Working effectively with others               | GNOTHERS | Very little      | 2                   | 5%   | 17         | 4%   | 22                  | 6%   | 2,026     | 6%   | 3       | 5%   | 32         | 4%   | 14                  | 3%   | 2,240     | 4%   |
|  |          | Some             | 8                   | 22%  | 96         | 20%  | 83                  | 22%  | 8,425     | 23%  | 9       | 15%  | 118        | 16%  | 83                  | 18%  | 10,289    | 20%  |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 14                  | 38%  | 187        | 39%  | 158                 | 42%  | 13,514    | 38%  | 27      | 45%  | 272        | 38%  | 172                 | 38%  | 18,324    | 36%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 13                  | 35%  | 184        | 38%  | 113                 | 30%  | 11,907    | 33%  | 21      | 35%  | 299        | 41%  | 181                 | 40%  | 19,720    | 39%  |
|  |          | Total            | 37                  | 100% | 484        | 100% | 376                 | 100% | 35,872    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 721        | 100% | 450                 | 100% | 50,573    | 100% |
| 11i. Voting in local, state, or national elections | GNCITIZN | Very little      | 13                  | 35%  | 166        | 34%  | 180                 | 49%  | 16,235    | 46%  | 22      | 37%  | 191        | 27%  | 196                 | 43%  | 20,204    | 40%  |
|  |          | Some             | 7                   | 19%  | 146        | 30%  | 92                  | 25%  | 10,171    | 29%  | 15      | 25%  | 210        | 29%  | 122                 | 27%  | 15,091    | 30%  |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 9                   | 24%  | 88         | 18%  | 60                  | 16%  | 5,739     | 16%  | 16      | 27%  | 152        | 21%  | 77                  | 17%  | 8,478     | 17%  |
|  |          | Very much        | 8                   | 22%  | 87         | 18%  | 39                  | 11%  | 3,480     | 10%  | 7       | 12%  | 162        | 23%  | 57                  | 13%  | 6,489     | 13%  |
|  |          | Total            | 37                  | 100% | 487        | 100% | 371                 | 100% | 35,625    | 100% | 60      | 100% | 715        | 100% | 452                 | 100% | 50,262    | 100% |





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|--|----------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|  |          |                  | WCU                 |             | UNC System |             | Participating Peers |             | NSSE 2012     |             | WCU       |             | UNC System |             | Participating Peers |             | NSSE 2012     |             |
|  |          |                  | Count               | %           | Count      | %           | Count               | %           | Count         | %           | Count     | %           | Count      | %           | Count               | %           | Count         | %           |
| 11j. Learning effectively on your own                            | GNINQ    | Very little      | 4                   | 11%         | 12         | 2%          | 23                  | 6%          | 1,773         | 5%          | 5         | 8%          | 41         | 6%          | 22                  | 5%          | 2,557         | 5%          |
|  |          | Some             | 12                  | 32%         | 99         | 20%         | 81                  | 22%         | 7,723         | 22%         | 9         | 15%         | 106        | 15%         | 101                 | 22%         | 8,739         | 17%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 12                  | 32%         | 181        | 37%         | 148                 | 40%         | 15,037        | 42%         | 29        | 48%         | 263        | 37%         | 180                 | 40%         | 19,438        | 39%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 9                   | 24%         | 193        | 40%         | 121                 | 32%         | 11,025        | 31%         | 17        | 28%         | 301        | 42%         | 149                 | 33%         | 19,426        | 39%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>485</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>373</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,558</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>711</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>452</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,160</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 11k. Understanding yourself                                      | GNSELF   | Very little      | 5                   | 14%         | 31         | 6%          | 45                  | 12%         | 3,540         | 10%         | 6         | 10%         | 72         | 10%         | 49                  | 11%         | 5,135         | 10%         |
|  |          | Some             | 10                  | 27%         | 88         | 18%         | 94                  | 25%         | 8,760         | 25%         | 16        | 27%         | 144        | 20%         | 132                 | 29%         | 11,183        | 22%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 11                  | 30%         | 172        | 35%         | 119                 | 32%         | 12,603        | 36%         | 22        | 37%         | 217        | 31%         | 135                 | 30%         | 16,451        | 33%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 11                  | 30%         | 194        | 40%         | 113                 | 30%         | 10,567        | 30%         | 16        | 27%         | 275        | 39%         | 137                 | 30%         | 17,288        | 35%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>485</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>371</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,470</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>708</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>453</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,057</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 11l. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds | GNDIVERS | Very little      | 4                   | 11%         | 46         | 10%         | 52                  | 14%         | 4,508         | 13%         | 8         | 14%         | 88         | 12%         | 58                  | 13%         | 6,780         | 14%         |
|  |          | Some             | 12                  | 32%         | 130        | 27%         | 115                 | 31%         | 10,579        | 30%         | 18        | 31%         | 185        | 26%         | 156                 | 34%         | 14,874        | 30%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 11                  | 30%         | 160        | 33%         | 128                 | 34%         | 11,867        | 33%         | 20        | 34%         | 228        | 32%         | 143                 | 32%         | 15,704        | 31%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 10                  | 27%         | 148        | 31%         | 77                  | 21%         | 8,629         | 24%         | 13        | 22%         | 213        | 30%         | 96                  | 21%         | 12,857        | 26%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>484</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>372</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,583</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>714</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>453</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,215</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 11m. Solving complex real-world problems                         | GNPROBSV | Very little      | 5                   | 14%         | 30         | 6%          | 27                  | 7%          | 3,596         | 10%         | 5         | 8%          | 65         | 9%          | 39                  | 9%          | 4,980         | 10%         |
|  |          | Some             | 12                  | 32%         | 150        | 31%         | 126                 | 34%         | 10,973        | 31%         | 14        | 23%         | 186        | 26%         | 118                 | 26%         | 13,799        | 27%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 11                  | 30%         | 174        | 36%         | 133                 | 36%         | 12,848        | 36%         | 27        | 45%         | 244        | 34%         | 178                 | 39%         | 17,620        | 35%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 9                   | 24%         | 132        | 27%         | 85                  | 23%         | 8,162         | 23%         | 14        | 23%         | 222        | 31%         | 118                 | 26%         | 13,829        | 28%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>486</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>371</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,579</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>717</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>453</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,228</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 11n. Developing a personal code of values and ethics             | GNETHICS | Very little      | 6                   | 16%         | 34         | 7%          | 57                  | 15%         | 4,488         | 13%         | 10        | 17%         | 89         | 12%         | 72                  | 16%         | 7,158         | 14%         |
|  |          | Some             | 8                   | 22%         | 116        | 24%         | 104                 | 28%         | 9,241         | 26%         | 15        | 25%         | 172        | 24%         | 126                 | 28%         | 12,450        | 25%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 12                  | 32%         | 161        | 33%         | 120                 | 32%         | 11,837        | 33%         | 19        | 32%         | 219        | 31%         | 135                 | 30%         | 15,090        | 30%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 11                  | 30%         | 173        | 36%         | 90                  | 24%         | 10,007        | 28%         | 16        | 27%         | 236        | 33%         | 121                 | 27%         | 15,548        | 31%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>484</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>371</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,573</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>716</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>454</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,246</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 11o. Contributing to the welfare of your community               | GNCOMMUN | Very little      | 6                   | 16%         | 54         | 11%         | 87                  | 23%         | 5,978         | 17%         | 8         | 13%         | 108        | 15%         | 91                  | 20%         | 9,172         | 18%         |
|  |          | Some             | 12                  | 32%         | 164        | 34%         | 115                 | 31%         | 11,367        | 32%         | 20        | 33%         | 216        | 30%         | 159                 | 35%         | 15,648        | 31%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 9                   | 24%         | 159        | 33%         | 106                 | 29%         | 10,746        | 30%         | 20        | 33%         | 196        | 27%         | 117                 | 26%         | 13,893        | 28%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 10                  | 27%         | 110        | 23%         | 63                  | 17%         | 7,462         | 21%         | 12        | 20%         | 196        | 27%         | 84                  | 19%         | 11,488        | 23%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>487</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>371</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,553</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>716</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>451</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,201</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 11p. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality                 | GNSPIRIT | Very little      | 15                  | 41%         | 155        | 32%         | 151                 | 41%         | 14,319        | 40%         | 26        | 43%         | 328        | 46%         | 213                 | 47%         | 23,874        | 47%         |
|  |          | Some             | 9                   | 24%         | 139        | 29%         | 105                 | 28%         | 8,738         | 25%         | 20        | 33%         | 149        | 21%         | 128                 | 28%         | 11,256        | 22%         |
|  |          | Quite a bit      | 7                   | 19%         | 90         | 19%         | 62                  | 17%         | 6,501         | 18%         | 9         | 15%         | 111        | 15%         | 58                  | 13%         | 7,072         | 14%         |
|  |          | Very much        | 6                   | 16%         | 98         | 20%         | 51                  | 14%         | 6,044         | 17%         | 5         | 8%          | 129        | 18%         | 55                  | 12%         | 8,068         | 16%         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b> | <b>482</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>369</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>35,602</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>717</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>454</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,270</b> | <b>100%</b> |

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|-----|---|------------------|---------------------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|------|
|     |   |                  | WCU                 |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        |      |
|     |   |                  | Count               | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      | Count   | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      |      |
| 12. | Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution? | ADVISE           | Poor                | 1  | 3%         | 12  | 2%                  | 19  | 5%        | 1,509  | 4%      | 3  | 5%         | 57  | 8%                  | 32  | 7%        | 4,166  | 8%   |
|     |   |                  | Fair                | 3  | 8%         | 67  | 14%                 | 55  | 15%       | 5,367  | 15%     | 9  | 15%        | 122 | 17%                 | 93  | 20%       | 8,994  | 18%  |
|     |   |                  | Good                | 17 | 46%        | 239 | 49%                 | 184 | 49%       | 16,224 | 45%     | 25 | 42%        | 284 | 39%                 | 176 | 39%       | 19,613 | 39%  |
|     |   |                  | Excellent           | 16 | 43%        | 172 | 35%                 | 121 | 32%       | 12,950 | 36%     | 23 | 38%        | 263 | 36%                 | 156 | 34%       | 18,071 | 36%  |
|     |   |                  | Total               | 37 | 100%       | 490 | 100%                | 379 | 100%      | 36,050 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 457 | 100%      | 50,844 | 100% |
| 13. | How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?                          | ENTIREXP         | Poor                | 0  | 0%         | 5   | 1%                  | 6   | 2%        | 574    | 2%      | 2  | 3%         | 16  | 2%                  | 12  | 3%        | 1,151  | 2%   |
|     |   |                  | Fair                | 3  | 8%         | 47  | 10%                 | 40  | 11%       | 3,511  | 10%     | 6  | 10%        | 91  | 13%                 | 49  | 11%       | 5,498  | 11%  |
|     |   |                  | Good                | 18 | 49%        | 237 | 48%                 | 194 | 51%       | 16,743 | 47%     | 26 | 43%        | 309 | 43%                 | 226 | 50%       | 21,972 | 43%  |
|     |   |                  | Excellent           | 16 | 43%        | 200 | 41%                 | 137 | 36%       | 15,174 | 42%     | 26 | 43%        | 309 | 43%                 | 169 | 37%       | 22,169 | 44%  |
|     |   |                  | Total               | 37 | 100%       | 489 | 100%                | 377 | 100%      | 36,002 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 725 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 50,790 | 100% |
| 14. | If you could start over again, would you go to the <i>same</i> institution you are now attending?       | SAMECOLL         | Definitely no       | 2  | 5%         | 19  | 4%                  | 6   | 2%        | 1,307  | 4%      | 4  | 7%         | 50  | 7%                  | 15  | 3%        | 2,746  | 5%   |
|     |   |                  | Probably no         | 3  | 8%         | 51  | 10%                 | 58  | 15%       | 3,917  | 11%     | 6  | 10%        | 96  | 13%                 | 79  | 17%       | 6,466  | 13%  |
|     |   |                  | Probably yes        | 9  | 24%        | 170 | 35%                 | 148 | 39%       | 13,992 | 39%     | 22 | 37%        | 233 | 32%                 | 181 | 40%       | 18,507 | 36%  |
|     |   |                  | Definitely yes      | 23 | 62%        | 251 | 51%                 | 167 | 44%       | 16,877 | 47%     | 28 | 47%        | 347 | 48%                 | 182 | 40%       | 23,157 | 46%  |
|     |   |                  | Total               | 37 | 100%       | 491 | 100%                | 379 | 100%      | 36,093 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 457 | 100%      | 50,876 | 100% |



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|-----|--|------------------|--|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|------|
|     |  |                  | WCU  |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        |      |
|     |  |                  | Count                                      | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      | Count   | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      |      |
| 15. | Age  | AGE              | 19 or younger                              | 37 | 100%       | 466 | 95%                 | 302 | 80%       | 31,044 | 86%     | 2  | 3%         | 1   | 0%                  | 0   | 0%        | 211    | 0%   |
|     |  |                  | 20-23                                      | 0  | 0%         | 11  | 2%                  | 52  | 14%       | 2,830  | 8%      | 36 | 60%        | 453 | 62%                 | 332 | 72%       | 35,161 | 69%  |
|     |  |                  | 24-29                                      | 0  | 0%         | 4   | 1%                  | 14  | 4%        | 881    | 2%      | 12 | 20%        | 104 | 14%                 | 74  | 16%       | 7,486  | 15%  |
|     |  |                  | 30-39                                      | 0  | 0%         | 6   | 1%                  | 6   | 2%        | 712    | 2%      | 7  | 12%        | 83  | 11%                 | 24  | 5%        | 4,198  | 8%   |
|     |  |                  | 40-55                                      | 0  | 0%         | 6   | 1%                  | 3   | 1%        | 538    | 1%      | 3  | 5%         | 75  | 10%                 | 26  | 6%        | 3,253  | 6%   |
|     |  |                  | Over 55                                    | 0  | 0%         | 0   | 0%                  | 0   | 0%        | 82     | 0%      | 0  | 0%         | 10  | 1%                  | 2   | 0%        | 540    | 1%   |
|     |  |                  | Total                                      | 37 | 100%       | 493 | 100%                | 377 | 100%      | 36,087 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 458 | 100%      | 50,849 | 100% |
| 16. | Your sex:  | SEX              | Male                                       | 15 | 41%        | 164 | 33%                 | 147 | 39%       | 13,303 | 37%     | 24 | 40%        | 235 | 32%                 | 200 | 44%       | 20,123 | 40%  |
|     |  |                  | Female                                     | 22 | 59%        | 329 | 67%                 | 231 | 61%       | 22,785 | 63%     | 36 | 60%        | 489 | 68%                 | 258 | 56%       | 30,685 | 60%  |
|     |  |                  | Total                                      | 37 | 100%       | 493 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 36,088 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 724 | 100%                | 458 | 100%      | 50,808 | 100% |
| 17. | Are you an international student or foreign national?            | INTERNAT         | No   | 37 | 100%       | 478 | 98%                 | 341 | 91%       | 30,652 | 94%     | 59 | 100%       | 700 | 97%                 | 432 | 95%       | 45,100 | 96%  |
|     |  |                  | Yes  | 0  | 0%         | 10  | 2%                  | 35  | 9%        | 1,813  | 6%      | 0  | 0%         | 23  | 3%                  | 24  | 5%        | 1,974  | 4%   |
|     |  |                  | Total                                      | 37 | 100%       | 488 | 100%                | 376 | 100%      | 32,465 | 100%    | 59 | 100%       | 723 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 47,074 | 100% |
| 18. | What is your racial or ethnic identification? (Select only one.) | RACE05           | American Indian or other Native American   | 0  | 0%         | 3   | 1%                  | 2   | 1%        | 267    | 1%      | 3  | 5%         | 7   | 1%                  | 3   | 1%        | 377    | 1%   |
|     |  |                  | Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander | 1  | 3%         | 16  | 3%                  | 16  | 4%        | 2,272  | 7%      | 0  | 0%         | 13  | 2%                  | 17  | 4%        | 2,411  | 5%   |
|     |  |                  | Black or African American                  | 5  | 14%        | 132 | 27%                 | 27  | 7%        | 2,865  | 9%      | 3  | 5%         | 161 | 22%                 | 35  | 8%        | 3,549  | 8%   |
|     |  |                  | White (non-Hispanic)                       | 22 | 59%        | 268 | 55%                 | 286 | 76%       | 21,158 | 65%     | 53 | 88%        | 432 | 60%                 | 352 | 77%       | 32,306 | 68%  |
|     |  |                  | Mexican or Mexican American                | 1  | 3%         | 6   | 1%                  | 2   | 1%        | 1,052  | 3%      | 0  | 0%         | 5   | 1%                  | 1   | 0%        | 1,300  | 3%   |
|     |  |                  | Puerto Rican                               | 0  | 0%         | 4   | 1%                  | 3   | 1%        | 312    | 1%      | 0  | 0%         | 7   | 1%                  | 0   | 0%        | 352    | 1%   |
|     |  |                  | Other Hispanic or Latino                   | 2  | 5%         | 10  | 2%                  | 6   | 2%        | 1,074  | 3%      | 1  | 2%         | 6   | 1%                  | 6   | 1%        | 1,295  | 3%   |
|     |  |                  | Multiracial                                | 3  | 8%         | 25  | 5%                  | 12  | 3%        | 1,249  | 4%      | 0  | 0%         | 31  | 4%                  | 13  | 3%        | 1,487  | 3%   |
|     |  |                  | Other                                      | 0  | 0%         | 6   | 1%                  | 8   | 2%        | 526    | 2%      | 0  | 0%         | 9   | 1%                  | 7   | 2%        | 720    | 2%   |
|     |  |                  | I prefer not to respond                    | 3  | 8%         | 21  | 4%                  | 16  | 4%        | 1,828  | 6%      | 0  | 0%         | 54  | 7%                  | 23  | 5%        | 3,417  | 7%   |
|     |  |                  | Total                                      | 37 | 100%       | 491 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 32,603 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 725 | 100%                | 457 | 100%      | 47,214 | 100% |
| 19. | What is your current classification in college?                  | CLASS            | Freshman/first year                        | 28 | 76%        | 459 | 93%                 | 307 | 81%       | 31,221 | 87%     | 0  | 0%         | 1   | 0%                  | 0   | 0%        | 60     | 0%   |
|     |  |                  | Sophomore                                  | 4  | 11%        | 24  | 5%                  | 65  | 17%       | 3,974  | 11%     | 0  | 0%         | 1   | 0%                  | 2   | 0%        | 207    | 0%   |
|     |  |                  | Junior                                     | 3  | 8%         | 7   | 1%                  | 4   | 1%        | 513    | 1%      | 5  | 8%         | 32  | 4%                  | 19  | 4%        | 3,007  | 6%   |
|     |  |                  | Senior                                     | 2  | 5%         | 1   | 0%                  | 2   | 1%        | 130    | 0%      | 55 | 92%        | 688 | 95%                 | 430 | 94%       | 46,372 | 91%  |
|     |  |                  | Unclassified                               | 0  | 0%         | 1   | 0%                  | 1   | 0%        | 251    | 1%      | 0  | 0%         | 4   | 1%                  | 7   | 2%        | 1,217  | 2%   |
|     |  |                  | Total                                      | 37 | 100%       | 492 | 100%                | 379 | 100%      | 36,089 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 726 | 100%                | 458 | 100%      | 50,863 | 100% |
| 20. | Did you begin college at your current institution or elsewhere?  | ENTER            | Started here                               | 30 | 81%        | 457 | 93%                 | 346 | 91%       | 33,110 | 92%     | 29 | 48%        | 386 | 53%                 | 249 | 55%       | 32,535 | 64%  |
|     |  |                  | Started elsewhere                          | 7  | 19%        | 34  | 7%                  | 33  | 9%        | 2,963  | 8%      | 31 | 52%        | 342 | 47%                 | 207 | 45%       | 18,325 | 36%  |
|     |  |                  | Total                                      | 37 | 100%       | 491 | 100%                | 379 | 100%      | 36,073 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 728 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 50,860 | 100% |

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|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------|------|------------|-----|---------------------|--------|-----------|-----|---------|------|------------|-----|---------------------|--------|-----------|-----|
|   | Variable            | Response Options                   | WCU   |      | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |     | WCU     |      | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |     |
|   |                     |                                    | Count | %    | Count      | %   | Count               | %      | Count     | %   | Count   | %    | Count      | %   | Count               | %      | Count     | %   |
| 21. Since graduating from high school, which of the following types of schools have you attended other than the one you are attending now? (Select all that apply.) | VOTECH05            | Vocational or technical school     | 0     | 0%   | 5          | 1%  | 14                  | 4%     | 861       | 3%  | 1       | 2%   | 66         | 9%  | 30                  | 7%     | 3,032     | 6%  |
|   | COMCOL05            | Community or junior college        | 5     | 14%  | 32         | 7%  | 39                  | 10%    | 2,425     | 8%  | 28      | 47%  | 272        | 38% | 191                 | 42%    | 15,198    | 32% |
|   | FOURYR05            | 4-year college other than this one | 2     | 6%   | 32         | 7%  | 26                  | 7%     | 2,140     | 7%  | 12      | 20%  | 191        | 27% | 113                 | 25%    | 11,029    | 24% |
|   | NONE05              | None                               | 29    | 81%  | 420        | 86% | 288                 | 77%    | 26,807    | 83% | 24      | 40%  | 315        | 44% | 193                 | 42%    | 23,650    | 51% |
|   | OCOL1_05            | Other                              | 0     | 0%   | 7          | 1%  | 18                  | 5%     | 947       | 3%  | 2       | 3%   | 18         | 3%  | 11                  | 2%     | 1,943     | 4%  |
| - Are you a current or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? (Item appeared only in the online instrument.)                          | VETERAN             | No                                 | 37    | 100% | 489        | 99% | 365                 | 98%    | 31,892    | 98% | 56      | 93%  | 688        | 95% | 430                 | 95%    | 44,104    | 95% |
|   |                     | Yes                                | 0     | 0%   | 3          | 1%  | 7                   | 2%     | 560       | 2%  | 4       | 7%   | 36         | 5%  | 24                  | 5%     | 2,267     | 5%  |
|   | Total               | 37                                 | 100%  | 492  | 100%       | 372 | 100%                | 32,452 | 100%      | 60  | 100%    | 724  | 100%       | 454 | 100%                | 46,371 | 100%      |     |
| - If yes: As part of your military experience, did you receive combat pay, hostile fire pay, or imminent danger pay? (Item appeared only in the online instrument.) | VETPAY              | No                                 | 0     | 0%   | 1          | 33% | 6                   | 86%    | 312       | 56% | 2       | 50%  | 14         | 39% | 13                  | 54%    | 1,091     | 48% |
|   |                     | Yes                                | 0     | 0%   | 2          | 67% | 1                   | 14%    | 245       | 44% | 2       | 50%  | 22         | 61% | 11                  | 46%    | 1,165     | 52% |
|   | Total               | 0                                  | 0%    | 3    | 100%       | 7   | 100%                | 557    | 100%      | 4   | 100%    | 36   | 100%       | 24  | 100%                | 2,256  | 100%      |     |
| 22. Thinking about this current academic term...How would you characterize your enrollment?   | ENRLMENT            | Less than full-time                | 1     | 3%   | 8          | 2%  | 10                  | 3%     | 1,295     | 4%  | 3       | 5%   | 92         | 13% | 38                  | 8%     | 6,736     | 13% |
|   |                     | Full-time                          | 36    | 97%  | 484        | 98% | 367                 | 97%    | 34,830    | 96% | 57      | 95%  | 636        | 87% | 420                 | 92%    | 44,159    | 87% |
|   | Total               | 37                                 | 100%  | 492  | 100%       | 377 | 100%                | 36,125 | 100%      | 60  | 100%    | 728  | 100%       | 458 | 100%                | 50,895 | 100%      |     |
| - Thinking about this current academic term...Are you taking all courses entirely online? (Item appeared only in the online instrument.)                            | DISTED              | No                                 | 37    | 100% | 485        | 99% | 365                 | 98%    | 34,994    | 97% | 59      | 100% | 676        | 93% | 444                 | 97%    | 47,423    | 95% |
|   |                     | Yes                                | 0     | 0%   | 7          | 1%  | 6                   | 2%     | 941       | 3%  | 0       | 0%   | 51         | 7%  | 12                  | 3%     | 2,586     | 5%  |
|   | Total               | 37                                 | 100%  | 492  | 100%       | 371 | 100%                | 35,935 | 100%      | 59  | 100%    | 727  | 100%       | 456 | 100%                | 50,009 | 100%      |     |

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|  | Variable | Response Options  | First-Year Students |      |            |     |                     |        |           |     | Seniors |     |            |     |                     |        |           |     |
|--|----------|---|---------------------|------|------------|-----|---------------------|--------|-----------|-----|---------|-----|------------|-----|---------------------|--------|-----------|-----|
|  |          |   | WCU                 |      | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |     | WCU     |     | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |        | NSSE 2012 |     |
|  |          |   | Count               | %    | Count      | %   | Count               | %      | Count     | %   | Count   | %   | Count      | %   | Count               | %      | Count     | %   |
| - Do you have any disabilities? (Select all that apply.) <i>(Item appeared only in the online instrument and was preceded by the statement "Your institution will not receive your identified response to the following question. Only an overall summary of responses will be provided." Accordingly, this item does not appear in the NSSE data file or codebook.)</i> | DISNONE  | No, I do not have any disabilities  | 31                  | 84%  | 408        | 84% | 309                 | 85%    | 26,693    | 83% | 43      | 74% | 593        | 82% | 380                 | 84%    | 38,061    | 83% |
|  | DISSENSE | Yes, I have a sensory impairment (vision or hearing)                        | 1                   | 3%   | 14         | 3%  | 10                  | 3%     | 1,046     | 3%  | 3       | 5%  | 17         | 2%  | 12                  | 3%     | 1,155     | 3%  |
|  | DISMOBIL | Yes, I have a mobility impairment   | 0                   | 0%   | 4          | 1%  | 4                   | 1%     | 198       | 1%  | 0       | 0%  | 9          | 1%  | 5                   | 1%     | 458       | 1%  |
|  | DISLEARN | Yes, I have a learning disability   | 0                   | 0%   | 8          | 2%  | 8                   | 2%     | 746       | 2%  | 1       | 2%  | 17         | 2%  | 9                   | 2%     | 1,140     | 2%  |
|  | DISDEVL  | Yes, I have a developmental disorder (ADHD, Autism spectrum disorder, etc.) | 2                   | 5%   | 19         | 4%  | 14                  | 4%     | 1,136     | 4%  | 4       | 7%  | 30         | 4%  | 13                  | 3%     | 1,554     | 3%  |
|  | DISMENT  | Yes, I have a mental health disorder  | 1                   | 3%   | 8          | 2%  | 5                   | 1%     | 818       | 3%  | 2       | 3%  | 32         | 4%  | 9                   | 2%     | 1,511     | 3%  |
|  | DISMED   | Yes, I have a medical disability not listed above                           | 0                   | 0%   | 7          | 1%  | 6                   | 2%     | 519       | 2%  | 3       | 5%  | 14         | 2%  | 8                   | 2%     | 793       | 2%  |
|  | DISOTHER | Yes, I have another disability  | 4                   | 11%  | 52         | 11% | 34                  | 9%     | 3,413     | 11% | 12      | 21% | 79         | 11% | 37                  | 8%     | 4,935     | 11% |
|  | DISREFUS | I choose not to answer  | 2                   | 5%   | 25         | 5%  | 21                  | 6%     | 1,710     | 5%  | 3       | 5%  | 41         | 6%  | 27                  | 6%     | 2,410     | 5%  |
| 23. Are you member of a social fraternity or sorority?   | FRATSORO | No  | 37                  | 100% | 457        | 93% | 351                 | 93%    | 32,932    | 91% | 52      | 88% | 665        | 91% | 397                 | 87%    | 45,205    | 89% |
|  |          | Yes   | 0                   | 0%   | 36         | 7%  | 28                  | 7%     | 3,179     | 9%  | 7       | 12% | 63         | 9%  | 59                  | 13%    | 5,688     | 11% |
|  | Total    | 37  | 100%                | 493  | 100%       | 379 | 100%                | 36,111 | 100%      | 59  | 100%    | 728 | 100%       | 456 | 100%                | 50,893 | 100%      |     |
| 24. Are you a student-athlete on a team sponsored by your institution's athletics department?  | ATHLETE  | No  | 35                  | 95%  | 470        | 96% | 351                 | 93%    | 32,621    | 90% | 59      | 98% | 705        | 97% | 434                 | 95%    | 47,736    | 94% |
|  |          | Yes   | 2                   | 5%   | 22         | 4%  | 28                  | 7%     | 3,452     | 10% | 1       | 2%  | 19         | 3%  | 24                  | 5%     | 3,081     | 6%  |
|  | Total    | 37  | 100%                | 492  | 100%       | 379 | 100%                | 36,073 | 100%      | 60  | 100%    | 724 | 100%       | 458 | 100%                | 50,817 | 100%      |     |

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|      | Variable  | Response Options | First-Year Students                |    |            |     |                     |     |           |        | Seniors |    |            |     |                     |     |           |        |      |
|------|---|------------------|------------------------------------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|----|------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|--------|------|
|      |   |                  | WCU                                |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        | WCU     |    | UNC System |     | Participating Peers |     | NSSE 2012 |        |      |
|      |   |                  | Count                              | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      | Count   | %  | Count      | %   | Count               | %   | Count     | %      |      |
| 25.  | What have most of your grades been up to now at this institution?                       | GRADES04         | C- or lower                        | 1  | 3%         | 13  | 3%                  | 6   | 2%        | 626    | 2%      | 0  | 0%         | 1   | 0%                  | 1   | 0%        | 126    | 0%   |
|      |   |                  | C                                  | 0  | 0%         | 21  | 4%                  | 15  | 4%        | 1,002  | 3%      | 2  | 3%         | 12  | 2%                  | 10  | 2%        | 827    | 2%   |
|      |   |                  | C+                                 | 2  | 5%         | 25  | 5%                  | 14  | 4%        | 1,729  | 5%      | 3  | 5%         | 40  | 6%                  | 16  | 3%        | 1,870  | 4%   |
|      |   |                  | B-                                 | 0  | 0%         | 40  | 8%                  | 14  | 4%        | 2,349  | 7%      | 3  | 5%         | 59  | 8%                  | 30  | 7%        | 3,163  | 6%   |
|      |   |                  | B                                  | 10 | 27%        | 82  | 17%                 | 76  | 20%       | 6,534  | 18%     | 9  | 15%        | 110 | 15%                 | 106 | 23%       | 8,898  | 17%  |
|      |   |                  | B+                                 | 7  | 19%        | 83  | 17%                 | 60  | 16%       | 6,961  | 19%     | 10 | 17%        | 160 | 22%                 | 75  | 16%       | 10,332 | 20%  |
|      |   |                  | A-                                 | 7  | 19%        | 111 | 23%                 | 66  | 17%       | 7,362  | 20%     | 13 | 22%        | 146 | 20%                 | 77  | 17%       | 11,172 | 22%  |
|      |   |                  | A                                  | 10 | 27%        | 117 | 24%                 | 127 | 34%       | 9,552  | 26%     | 20 | 33%        | 199 | 27%                 | 143 | 31%       | 14,471 | 28%  |
|      |   |                  | Total                              | 37 | 100%       | 492 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 36,115 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 727 | 100%                | 458 | 100%      | 50,859 | 100% |
| 26.  | Which of the following best describes where you are living now while attending college? | LIVENOW          | Dormitory or other campus housing  | 35 | 95%        | 410 | 84%                 | 273 | 72%       | 24,084 | 67%     | 24 | 40%        | 86  | 12%                 | 66  | 14%       | 9,668  | 19%  |
|      |   |                  | Residence, <b>walking distance</b> | 1  | 3%         | 18  | 4%                  | 38  | 10%       | 2,189  | 6%      | 15 | 25%        | 158 | 22%                 | 166 | 36%       | 13,531 | 27%  |
|      |   |                  | Residence, <b>driving distance</b> | 1  | 3%         | 47  | 10%                 | 54  | 14%       | 8,055  | 22%     | 18 | 30%        | 416 | 57%                 | 201 | 44%       | 23,737 | 47%  |
|      |   |                  | Fraternity/sorority house          | 0  | 0%         | 1   | 0%                  | 1   | 0%        | 123    | 0%      | 2  | 3%         | 1   | 0%                  | 4   | 1%        | 675    | 1%   |
|      |   |                  | None of the above                  | 0  | 0%         | 12  | 2%                  | 12  | 3%        | 1,542  | 4%      | 1  | 2%         | 64  | 9%                  | 19  | 4%        | 3,195  | 6%   |
|      |   |                  | Total                              | 37 | 100%       | 488 | 100%                | 378 | 100%      | 35,993 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 725 | 100%                | 456 | 100%      | 50,806 | 100% |
| 27a. | What is the highest level of education that your <b>father</b> completed?               | FATHREDU         | Did not finish HS                  | 4  | 11%        | 53  | 11%                 | 22  | 6%        | 2,428  | 8%      | 2  | 3%         | 79  | 11%                 | 30  | 7%        | 3,761  | 8%   |
|      |   |                  | Graduated from HS                  | 11 | 31%        | 103 | 21%                 | 117 | 31%       | 7,055  | 22%     | 17 | 28%        | 176 | 25%                 | 142 | 31%       | 10,507 | 22%  |
|      |   |                  | Attended, no degree                | 6  | 17%        | 61  | 13%                 | 47  | 13%       | 4,282  | 13%     | 10 | 17%        | 85  | 12%                 | 69  | 15%       | 6,278  | 13%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Associate's              | 5  | 14%        | 49  | 10%                 | 31  | 8%        | 2,639  | 8%      | 8  | 13%        | 60  | 8%                  | 35  | 8%        | 3,560  | 8%   |
|      |   |                  | Completed Bachelor's               | 7  | 19%        | 128 | 27%                 | 107 | 29%       | 8,543  | 26%     | 16 | 27%        | 193 | 27%                 | 105 | 23%       | 11,738 | 25%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Master's                 | 2  | 6%         | 54  | 11%                 | 38  | 10%       | 4,815  | 15%     | 5  | 8%         | 77  | 11%                 | 41  | 9%        | 6,840  | 15%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Doctorate                | 1  | 3%         | 33  | 7%                  | 13  | 3%        | 2,591  | 8%      | 2  | 3%         | 44  | 6%                  | 31  | 7%        | 4,240  | 9%   |
|      |   |                  | Total                              | 36 | 100%       | 481 | 100%                | 375 | 100%      | 32,353 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 714 | 100%                | 453 | 100%      | 46,924 | 100% |
| 27b. | What is the highest level of education that your <b>mother</b> completed?               | MOTHREDU         | Did not finish HS                  | 0  | 0%         | 21  | 4%                  | 17  | 5%        | 1,783  | 5%      | 1  | 2%         | 47  | 7%                  | 26  | 6%        | 2,932  | 6%   |
|      |   |                  | Graduated from HS                  | 8  | 22%        | 80  | 16%                 | 76  | 20%       | 5,758  | 18%     | 7  | 12%        | 167 | 23%                 | 108 | 24%       | 9,976  | 21%  |
|      |   |                  | Attended, no degree                | 9  | 24%        | 80  | 16%                 | 73  | 19%       | 4,861  | 15%     | 18 | 30%        | 111 | 15%                 | 72  | 16%       | 6,937  | 15%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Associate's              | 6  | 16%        | 73  | 15%                 | 48  | 13%       | 3,825  | 12%     | 10 | 17%        | 100 | 14%                 | 58  | 13%       | 5,605  | 12%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Bachelor's               | 6  | 16%        | 148 | 30%                 | 90  | 24%       | 9,864  | 30%     | 12 | 20%        | 182 | 25%                 | 122 | 27%       | 12,856 | 27%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Master's                 | 6  | 16%        | 70  | 14%                 | 61  | 16%       | 5,170  | 16%     | 10 | 17%        | 95  | 13%                 | 63  | 14%       | 7,173  | 15%  |
|      |   |                  | Completed Doctorate                | 2  | 5%         | 15  | 3%                  | 11  | 3%        | 1,251  | 4%      | 2  | 3%         | 16  | 2%                  | 6   | 1%        | 1,677  | 4%   |
|      |   |                  | Total                              | 37 | 100%       | 487 | 100%                | 376 | 100%      | 32,512 | 100%    | 60 | 100%       | 718 | 100%                | 455 | 100%      | 47,156 | 100% |

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|   | Variable | Response Options        | First-Year Students |              |            |             |                     |             |               |             | Seniors       |             |            |             |                     |             |               |             |
|---|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|   |          |                         | WCU                 |              | UNC System |             | Participating Peers |             | NSSE 2012     |             | WCU           |             | UNC System |             | Participating Peers |             | NSSE 2012     |             |
|   |          |                         | Count               | %            | Count      | %           | Count               | %           | Count         | %           | Count         | %           | Count      | %           | Count               | %           | Count         | %           |
| 28. Primary major or expected primary major, in collapsed categories  | MAJRPCOL | Arts and Humanities     | 11                  | 30%          | 63         | 13%         | 61                  | 16%         | 8,132         | 22%         | 18            | 30%         | 156        | 21%         | 112                 | 24%         | 14,268        | 28%         |
|   |          | Biological Sciences     | 10                  | 27%          | 160        | 32%         | 106                 | 28%         | 11,395        | 31%         | 15            | 25%         | 137        | 19%         | 88                  | 19%         | 11,665        | 23%         |
|   |          | Business                | 0                   | 0%           | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          |
|   |          | Education               | 0                   | 0%           | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          |
|   |          | Engineering             | 0                   | 0%           | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          |
|   |          | Physical Sciences       | 3                   | 8%           | 75         | 15%         | 58                  | 15%         | 4,329         | 12%         | 9             | 15%         | 91         | 13%         | 47                  | 10%         | 5,496         | 11%         |
|   |          | Professional (other)    | 0                   | 0%           | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          |
|   |          | Social Sciences         | 5                   | 14%          | 85         | 17%         | 39                  | 10%         | 5,393         | 15%         | 7             | 12%         | 199        | 27%         | 71                  | 16%         | 9,355         | 18%         |
|   |          | Other                   | 8                   | 22%          | 110        | 22%         | 115                 | 30%         | 6,944         | 19%         | 11            | 18%         | 145        | 20%         | 140                 | 31%         | 10,223        | 20%         |
|   |          | Undecided               | 0                   | 0%           | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 0             | 0%          |
|   |          | <b>Total</b>            | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b>  | <b>493</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>379</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,193</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b>     | <b>100%</b> | <b>728</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>458</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>51,007</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 29. Second major or expected second major (not minor, concentration, etc.) if applicable, in collapsed categories | MAJRSCOL | Arts and Humanities     | 4                   | 29%          | 38         | 23%         | 17                  | 17%         | 3,087         | 28%         | 4             | 20%         | 30         | 19%         | 28                  | 23%         | 3,756         | 30%         |
|   |          | Biological Sciences     | 1                   | 7%           | 14         | 9%          | 3                   | 3%          | 820           | 8%          | 4             | 20%         | 10         | 6%          | 6                   | 5%          | 870           | 7%          |
|   |          | Business                | 1                   | 7%           | 8          | 5%          | 10                  | 10%         | 740           | 7%          | 0             | 0%          | 3          | 2%          | 11                  | 9%          | 703           | 6%          |
|   |          | Education               | 1                   | 7%           | 7          | 4%          | 5                   | 5%          | 685           | 6%          | 2             | 10%         | 25         | 16%         | 5                   | 4%          | 1,008         | 8%          |
|   |          | Engineering             | 0                   | 0%           | 0          | 0%          | 4                   | 4%          | 173           | 2%          | 0             | 0%          | 0          | 0%          | 0                   | 0%          | 129           | 1%          |
|   |          | Physical Sciences       | 2                   | 14%          | 25         | 15%         | 16                  | 16%         | 1,045         | 10%         | 2             | 10%         | 17         | 11%         | 21                  | 17%         | 1,048         | 8%          |
|   |          | Professional (other)    | 1                   | 7%           | 15         | 9%          | 16                  | 16%         | 719           | 7%          | 1             | 5%          | 4          | 3%          | 5                   | 4%          | 481           | 4%          |
|   |          | Social Sciences         | 3                   | 21%          | 23         | 14%         | 12                  | 12%         | 2,224         | 20%         | 4             | 20%         | 33         | 21%         | 24                  | 20%         | 2,884         | 23%         |
|   |          | Other                   | 0                   | 0%           | 31         | 19%         | 19                  | 18%         | 1,211         | 11%         | 3             | 15%         | 29         | 19%         | 19                  | 16%         | 1,607         | 13%         |
|   |          | Undecided               | 1                   | 7%           | 2          | 1%          | 1                   | 1%          | 166           | 2%          | 0             | 0%          | 3          | 2%          | 2                   | 2%          | 175           | 1%          |
|   |          | <b>Total</b>            | <b>14</b>           | <b>100%</b>  | <b>163</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>103</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>10,870</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>20</b>     | <b>100%</b> | <b>154</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>121</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>12,661</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| - Institution reported: Gender  | GENDER   | Male                    | 15                  | 41%          | 163        | 33%         | 149                 | 39%         | 13,330        | 37%         | 24            | 40%         | 236        | 32%         | 199                 | 43%         | 20,169        | 40%         |
|   |          | Female                  | 22                  | 59%          | 330        | 67%         | 230                 | 61%         | 22,860        | 63%         | 36            | 60%         | 492        | 68%         | 259                 | 57%         | 30,829        | 60%         |
|   |          | <b>Total</b>            | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b>  | <b>493</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>379</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,190</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b>     | <b>100%</b> | <b>728</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>458</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>50,998</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| - Institution reported: Race or ethnicity   | ETHNICIT | African American/Black  | 6                   | 16%          | 135        | 28%         | 22                  | 6%          | 2,826         | 9%          | 3             | 5%          | 171        | 24%         | 35                  | 8%          | 3,576         | 8%          |
|   |          | Am. Indian/Native Amer. | 0                   | 0%           | 5          | 1%          | 2                   | 1%          | 233           | 1%          | 2             | 3%          | 3          | 0%          | 1                   | 0%          | 340           | 1%          |
|   |          | Asian/Pacific Islander  | 1                   | 3%           | 12         | 2%          | 4                   | 1%          | 1,629         | 5%          | 0             | 0%          | 17         | 2%          | 5                   | 1%          | 1,962         | 4%          |
|   |          | Caucasian/White         | 23                  | 62%          | 279        | 57%         | 277                 | 73%         | 19,798        | 65%         | 53            | 88%         | 474        | 66%         | 369                 | 81%         | 30,892        | 70%         |
|   |          | Hispanic                | 4                   | 11%          | 27         | 6%          | 11                  | 3%          | 2,588         | 9%          | 1             | 2%          | 21         | 3%          | 10                  | 2%          | 3,196         | 7%          |
|   |          | Other                   | 0                   | 0%           | 4          | 1%          | 0                   | 0%          | 137           | 0%          | 0             | 0%          | 9          | 1%          | 0                   | 0%          | 178           | 0%          |
|   |          | Foreign                 | 0                   | 0%           | 3          | 1%          | 29                  | 8%          | 851           | 3%          | 0             | 0%          | 3          | 0%          | 19                  | 4%          | 845           | 2%          |
|   |          | Multi-racial            | 1                   | 3%           | 14         | 3%          | 5                   | 1%          | 883           | 3%          | 1             | 2%          | 9          | 1%          | 5                   | 1%          | 772           | 2%          |
|   |          | Unknown                 | 2                   | 5%           | 11         | 2%          | 29                  | 8%          | 1,421         | 5%          | 0             | 0%          | 9          | 1%          | 14                  | 3%          | 2,143         | 5%          |
|   |          |                         |                     | <b>Total</b> | <b>37</b>  | <b>100%</b> | <b>490</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>379</b>    | <b>100%</b> | <b>30,366</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b>  | <b>100%</b> | <b>716</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>458</b>    | <b>100%</b> |
| - Institution reported: Enrollment status   | ENROLLMT | Part-time               | 0                   | 0%           | 5          | 1%          | 12                  | 3%          | 1,572         | 4%          | 6             | 10%         | 85         | 12%         | 44                  | 10%         | 7,053         | 14%         |
|   |          | Full-time               | 37                  | 100%         | 488        | 99%         | 367                 | 97%         | 34,621        | 96%         | 54            | 90%         | 643        | 88%         | 414                 | 90%         | 43,952        | 86%         |
|   |          | <b>Total</b>            | <b>37</b>           | <b>100%</b>  | <b>493</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>379</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>36,193</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b>     | <b>100%</b> | <b>728</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>458</b>          | <b>100%</b> | <b>51,005</b> | <b>100%</b> |





## *Benchmark Statistics*

*Arts and Sciences*

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### *Interpreting the Benchmark Statistics*

#### Benchmarks

To focus discussions about the importance of student engagement and to guide institutional improvement efforts, NSSE created five Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice: Level of Academic Challenge, Active and Collaborative Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, and Supportive Campus Environment.

#### Class

Benchmark comparisons are given separately by institution-reported class level. Of course, first-year student majors may be unstable, and their results should be interpreted with caution.

#### Major Categories

Self-reported majors (primary major if two were reported) were identified from the survey. Institutions had the option to customize how these were grouped, using up to eight related-major categories.

Major categories with fewer than twenty respondents in a given class are not reported. Comparison groups must contain at least three institutions with five or more respondents in the major category, or they remain blank.

#### Sample

This report is based on information from all randomly selected or census-administered Arts and Sciences students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples and other non-randomly selected students are not included.

#### BETWEEN Institution Comparisons on Major Categories

NSSE data serve to identify institutional strengths and weaknesses in reference to selected comparison institutions, yet institution-level comparisons may not capture important variation in student engagement that can be found within key sub-populations such as major. This report displays the benchmark comparisons for the Arts and Sciences major category at your institution and at your selected comparison institutions.

#### Mean

The mean is the arithmetic average of the students' benchmark scores where students answered at least 3/5ths of the benchmark items.

#### Weighting

All results displayed in this report are unweighted.

#### Distribution Statistics

The dispersion of the first-year and senior benchmark scores for your institution and your selected comparison or consortium groups.

|  | Mean Statistics |                 |                  | Distribution Statistics  |      |      |      |      | Reference Group Comparison Statistics |            |                   |                          |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Mean            | SD <sup>b</sup> | SEM <sup>c</sup> | Percentiles <sup>d</sup> |      |      |      |      | De g. of Freedom <sup>e</sup>         | Mean Diff. | Sig. <sup>f</sup> | Effect size <sup>g</sup> |
|  |                 |                 |                  | 5th                      | 25th | 50th | 75th | 95th |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| <b>LEVEL OF ACADEMIC CHALLENGE (LAC)</b>       |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |      |      |      |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| NSSEville State (N = 107)                      | 58.0            | 13.1            | 1.3              | 38                       | 50   | 58   | 67   | 79   |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| Mid East Private                               | 57.5            | 12.6            | .3               | 36                       | 50   | 58   | 66   | 77   | 2,170                                 | .5         | .698              | .04                      |
| Carnegie Class                                 | 54.1            | 12.8            | .2               | 33                       | 45   | 54   | 63   | 75   | 5,416                                 | 4.0        | .002              | .31                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 55.3            | 13.0            | .1               | 33                       | 47   | 56   | 65   | 76   | 20,953                                | 2.8        | .029              | .21                      |
| <b>ACTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING (ACL)</b> |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |      |      |      |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| NSSEville State (N = 107)                      | 47.2            | 13.4            | 1.3              | 29                       | 38   | 48   | 57   | 71   |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| Mid East Private                               | 46.1            | 15.5            | .3               | 24                       | 33   | 44   | 57   | 71   | 2,174                                 | 1.1        | .464              | .07                      |
| Carnegie Class                                 | 44.5            | 15.8            | .2               | 19                       | 33   | 43   | 52   | 71   | 5,414                                 | 2.8        | .071              | .18                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 44.4            | 15.5            | .1               | 19                       | 33   | 43   | 52   | 71   | 20,956                                | 2.8        | .059              | .18                      |

#### Statistical Significance

Statistical significance is reported as the probability that the difference is due to chance variation. Values lower than .05 meet the conventional standard for significance. The smaller the significance level, the smaller the likelihood that the difference is due to chance. Please note that statistical significance does not guarantee that the result is substantive or important. Large sample sizes (as with the NSSE project) tend to produce more statistically significant results even though the magnitude of mean differences may be inconsequential. It is recommended to consult effect sizes to judge the practical meaning of the results.

#### Effect Size

Effect size indicates the practical significance of the mean difference. It is calculated by dividing the mean difference by the pooled standard deviation. In practice, an effect size of .2 is often considered small, .5 moderate, and .8 large. A positive sign indicates that your institution's mean was greater, thus showing an affirmative result for the institution. A negative sign indicates the institution lags behind the comparison group, suggesting that the student behavior or institutional practice represented by the item may warrant attention.

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**Western Carolina University**

*Benchmark Statistics: Arts and Sciences*

*First-Year Students*

|  | Mean Statistics |                 |                  | Distribution Statistics  |      |    |    |     | Reference Group Comparison Statistics |            |                   |                          |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|------|----|----|-----|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Mean            | SD <sup>b</sup> | SEM <sup>c</sup> | Percentiles <sup>d</sup> |      |    |    |     | Deg. of Freedom <sup>e</sup>          | Mean Diff. | Sig. <sup>f</sup> | Effect size <sup>g</sup> |
|  | 5th             | 25th            | 50th             | 75th                     | 95th |    |    |     |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| <b>LEVEL OF ACADEMIC CHALLENGE (LAC)</b>       |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |     |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 37)                                   | <b>55.1</b>     | 13.1            | 2.2              | 32                       | 47   | 56 | 65 | 74  |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | <b>54.8</b>     | 12.9            | .6               | 32                       | 46   | 56 | 64 | 75  | 527                                   | .3         | .881              | .03                      |
| Participating Peers                            | <b>54.6</b>     | 12.7            | .7               | 34                       | 46   | 53 | 64 | 76  | 414                                   | .5         | .837              | .04                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | <b>56.0</b>     | 13.1            | .1               | 34                       | 47   | 56 | 65 | 77  | 36,195                                | -.9        | .674              | -.07                     |
| <b>ACTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING (ACL)</b> |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |     |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 37)                                   | <b>50.3</b>     | 20.5            | 3.4              | 19                       | 38   | 48 | 62 | 90  |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | <b>44.4</b>     | 16.2            | .7               | 24                       | 33   | 43 | 56 | 71  | 39                                    | 5.9        | .093              | .36                      |
| Participating Peers                            | <b>43.2</b>     | 16.2            | .8               | 19                       | 33   | 43 | 52 | 71  | 413                                   | 7.1        | .013              | .43                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | <b>44.0</b>     | 16.5            | .1               | 19                       | 33   | 43 | 52 | 71  | 36,185                                | 6.3        | .020              | .38                      |
| <b>STUDENT-FACULTY INTERACTION (SFI)</b>       |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |     |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 37)                                   | <b>44.3</b>     | 23.6            | 3.9              | 17                       | 28   | 39 | 67 | 83  |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | <b>39.0</b>     | 18.8            | .8               | 11                       | 28   | 33 | 50 | 75  | 40                                    | 5.3        | .187              | .28                      |
| Participating Peers                            | <b>35.9</b>     | 19.1            | 1.0              | 11                       | 22   | 33 | 50 | 72  | 41                                    | 8.4        | .042              | .43                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | <b>35.6</b>     | 18.7            | .1               | 11                       | 22   | 33 | 44 | 72  | 36                                    | 8.7        | .030              | .47                      |
| <b>ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES (EEE)</b> |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |     |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 37)                                   | <b>34.5</b>     | 10.3            | 1.7              | 19                       | 25   | 35 | 39 | 57  |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | <b>31.5</b>     | 14.3            | .6               | 12                       | 22   | 30 | 40 | 56  | 527                                   | 3.0        | .218              | .21                      |
| Participating Peers                            | <b>27.9</b>     | 14.2            | .7               | 8                        | 18   | 26 | 36 | 54  | 413                                   | 6.6        | .006              | .48                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | <b>29.8</b>     | 13.3            | .1               | 10                       | 20   | 29 | 38 | 52  | 36,143                                | 4.7        | .033              | .35                      |
| <b>SUPPORTIVE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT (SCE)</b>     |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |     |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 37)                                   | <b>71.6</b>     | 17.7            | 2.9              | 36                       | 61   | 75 | 83 | 100 |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | <b>66.4</b>     | 17.3            | .8               | 36                       | 56   | 67 | 81 | 94  | 525                                   | 5.2        | .078              | .30                      |
| Participating Peers                            | <b>61.4</b>     | 18.3            | .9               | 33                       | 50   | 61 | 75 | 92  | 414                                   | 10.2       | .001              | .56                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | <b>64.0</b>     | 18.7            | .1               | 33                       | 53   | 64 | 78 | 94  | 36,112                                | 7.6        | .014              | .40                      |

<sup>a</sup> Major categories are based on recodes of the student-reported primary major field (majrpcod).

<sup>b</sup> Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

<sup>c</sup> The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus/minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.

<sup>d</sup> A percentile is the point in the distribution of student benchmark scores at or below which a given percentage of benchmark scores fall.

<sup>e</sup> Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary for the total Ns due to the equal variance assumption.

<sup>f</sup> Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

<sup>g</sup> Effect size is calculated by subtracting the comparison group mean from your institution's mean, and dividing the result by the pooled standard deviation.



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*Benchmark Statistics: Arts and Sciences*

*Seniors*

|  | Mean Statistics |                 |                  | Distribution Statistics  |      |    |    |    | Reference Group Comparison Statistics |            |                   |                          |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|------|----|----|----|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Mean            | SD <sup>b</sup> | SEM <sup>c</sup> | Percentiles <sup>d</sup> |      |    |    |    | Deg. of Freedom <sup>e</sup>          | Mean Diff. | Sig. <sup>f</sup> | Effect size <sup>g</sup> |
|  | 5th             | 25th            | 50th             | 75th                     | 95th |    |    |    |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| <b>LEVEL OF ACADEMIC CHALLENGE (LAC)</b>       |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |    |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 60)                                   | 57.0            | 13.5            | 1.7              | 31                       | 49   | 60 | 65 | 77 |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | 59.2            | 14.6            | .5               | 34                       | 49   | 59 | 70 | 82 | 785                                   | -2.1       | .274              | -.15                     |
| Participating Peers                            | 55.9            | 13.9            | .7               | 34                       | 46   | 55 | 66 | 80 | 515                                   | 1.2        | .539              | .08                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 59.1            | 14.0            | .1               | 35                       | 50   | 60 | 69 | 81 | 51,016                                | -2.0       | .269              | -.14                     |
| <b>ACTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING (ACL)</b> |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |    |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 60)                                   | 53.7            | 14.5            | 1.9              | 31                       | 43   | 52 | 62 | 79 |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | 53.4            | 17.8            | .7               | 24                       | 39   | 52 | 67 | 86 | 75                                    | .4         | .858              | .02                      |
| Participating Peers                            | 50.9            | 17.5            | .8               | 24                       | 38   | 48 | 62 | 81 | 513                                   | 2.8        | .227              | .17                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 50.6            | 17.2            | .1               | 24                       | 38   | 48 | 62 | 81 | 51,013                                | 3.1        | .159              | .18                      |
| <b>STUDENT-FACULTY INTERACTION (SFI)</b>       |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |    |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 59)                                   | 48.7            | 18.8            | 2.5              | 22                       | 33   | 50 | 61 | 83 |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | 49.2            | 22.9            | .9               | 17                       | 33   | 44 | 67 | 89 | 73                                    | -.5        | .848              | -.02                     |
| Participating Peers                            | 47.2            | 22.1            | 1.0              | 17                       | 28   | 44 | 61 | 89 | 510                                   | 1.5        | .616              | .07                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 45.7            | 22.2            | .1               | 11                       | 28   | 44 | 61 | 89 | 58                                    | 3.0        | .232              | .13                      |
| <b>ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES (EEE)</b> |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |    |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 60)                                   | 41.5            | 14.5            | 1.9              | 19                       | 32   | 43 | 50 | 68 |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | 43.9            | 19.5            | .7               | 14                       | 30   | 43 | 58 | 77 | 78                                    | -2.4       | .241              | -.12                     |
| Participating Peers                            | 42.4            | 18.0            | .8               | 15                       | 29   | 41 | 55 | 75 | 85                                    | -.8        | .688              | -.05                     |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 44.1            | 19.1            | .1               | 14                       | 30   | 44 | 58 | 76 | 59                                    | -2.5       | .181              | -.13                     |
| <b>SUPPORTIVE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT (SCE)</b>     |                 |                 |                  |                          |      |    |    |    |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| WCU (N = 60)                                   | 60.9            | 18.4            | 2.4              | 31                       | 50   | 60 | 72 | 89 |                                       |            |                   |                          |
| UNC System                                     | 60.9            | 20.3            | .8               | 25                       | 47   | 61 | 75 | 94 | 783                                   | .0         | .994              | .00                      |
| Participating Peers                            | 61.0            | 18.6            | .9               | 31                       | 50   | 61 | 75 | 92 | 515                                   | -.1        | .980              | .00                      |
| NSSE 2012                                      | 60.3            | 19.3            | .1               | 28                       | 47   | 61 | 75 | 92 | 50,868                                | .6         | .816              | .03                      |

<sup>a</sup> Major categories are based on recodes of the student-reported primary major field (majrpcod).

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