NSSE 2001 Survey questions included in this area of effective educational practice

**Level of Academic Challenge**

In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

16. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor’s standards or expectations

During the current school year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?

22. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory
23. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships
24. Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods
25. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations

During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done?

26. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings
28. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more
29. Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages
30. Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages

About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

40. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?

60. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work
**Active and Collaborative Learning**

In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

1. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions
2. Made a class presentation
6. Worked with other students on projects during class
7. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments
8. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)
9. Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course
18. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)
Student Interactions with Faculty Members

In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

12. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor
13. Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor
14. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class
15. Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)
17. Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)

Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?

35. Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements
**Enriching Educational Experiences**

In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

10. Used an electronic medium (list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment
19. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own
20. Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values

Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?

33. Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment
34. Community service or volunteer work
36. Foreign language coursework
37. Study abroad
38. Independent study or self-designed major
39. Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)

About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

43. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, social fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?

62. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds
Supportive Campus Environment

To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?

61. Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically
63. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
64. Providing the support you need to thrive socially

Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution.

65. Relationships with other students
66. Relationships with faculty members
67. Relationships with administrative personnel and offices