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1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences <i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often</i>												
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	FY SR	3.05		3.00		3.13		3.12		
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	FY SR	2.96		2.85		2.90		2.84		
c.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP	FY SR	2.75		2.67		2.56 * .19		2.51 ** .25		
d.	Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT	FY SR	3.33		3.31		3.34		3.34		
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS	FY SR	2.81		2.66		2.76		2.75		
f.	Come to class without completing readings or assignments	CLUNPREP	FY SR	1.85		2.07 ** -.31		2.03 ** -.25		2.07 ** -.30		
g.	Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	FY SR	2.63		2.53		2.55		2.46 * .19		
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	FY SR	2.49		2.88 *** -.45		2.71 ** -.25		2.73 ** -.27		
I.	Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS	FY SR	2.64		2.87 ** -.29		2.82 * -.22		2.85 ** -.25		
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	FY SR	1.43		1.94 *** -.53		1.81 *** -.40		1.87 *** -.46		
k.	Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	FY SR	1.59		1.54		1.64		1.63		

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1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences (continued)

l.	Used an electronic medium (list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	FY SR	2.79		2.91		2.82	2.81		
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL	FY SR	2.99		3.10		3.09	3.18	*	-.22
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	FY SR	2.79		2.91		2.82	2.83		
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	FY SR	2.16	**	-0.32		2.44	2.48	**	-.33
p.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	FY SR	1.92	*	-.20		2.06	2.10	*	-.21
q.	Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	FACFEED	FY SR	2.88		2.77		2.82	2.83		
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	FY SR	2.71		2.79		2.72	2.71		
s.	Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FACOTHER	FY SR	1.60	*	-.21		1.79	1.85	*	-.26
t.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	FY SR	2.70	*	-.22		2.84	2.88	*	-.22
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	FY SR	2.42		2.61		2.54	2.60		
v.	Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	FY SR	2.39	*	-.25		2.61	2.69	*	-.31

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During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?
1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much

2. Mental Activities

a.	Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	FY SR	2.75			2.89			2.77			2.72		
b.	Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	ANALYZE	FY SR	3.04			3.27	**	-.32	3.25	**	-.28	3.28	***	-.32
c.	Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	SYNTHESZ	FY SR	2.87			3.02			3.04	*	-.20	3.07	*	-.24
d.	Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	EVALUATE	FY SR	2.84			2.92			2.95			2.96		
e.	Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	FY SR	2.91			3.20	***	-.34	3.18	***	-.33	3.20	***	-.35

3. Examinations

1=very little to 7=very much

	To what extent have your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work?	EXAMS	FY SR	5.58			5.58			5.48			5.45		
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4. Reading and Writing

During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done?
1=none, 2=between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20

a.	Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	READASGN	FY SR	2.94			3.10			3.26	**	-.31	3.34	***	-.37
b.	Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	READOWN	FY SR	2.22			2.21			2.19			2.21		
c.	Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	WRITEMOR	FY SR	1.75			1.60			1.65			1.66		

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4. Reading and Writing (continued)												
<i>During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done? 1=none, 2=between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20</i>												
d.	Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	WRITEMID	FY SR	2.50		2.33		2.63		2.66		
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	FY SR	2.90		2.83		3.09		3.11		
5. Problem Sets												
<i>In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you complete? 1=none, 2=1-2, 3=3-4, 4=5-6, 5=more than 6</i>												
a.	Number of <i>problem sets</i> that take you more than an hour to complete	PROBSETA	FY SR	2.49		2.50		2.38		2.35		
b.	Number of <i>problem sets</i> that take you less than an hour to complete	PROBSETB	FY SR	2.48		2.25		2.27		2.18	** .26	
6. Homework Problems												
<i>1=none, 2=1-3, 3=4-6, 4=7-10, 5=more than 10</i>												
	In a <i>typical week</i> , how many homework problems take you more than 15 minutes each to complete?	HWPROBS	FY SR	2.69		2.66		2.61		2.61		
7. Enriching Educational Experiences												
<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (These items were recoded 0=no or undecided, 1=yes. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "yes" among all valid respondents.)</i>												
a.	Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN	FY SR	.50		.69	*** -.42	.72	*** -.48	.72	*** -.49	
b.	Community service or volunteer work	VOLUNTER	FY SR	.48		.62	** -.29	.64	*** -.33	.66	*** -.39	
c.	Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LEARNCOM	FY SR	.25		.27		.27		.27		
d.	Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESEARCH	FY SR	.14		.22		.23	* -.22	.27	** -.30	
e.	Foreign language coursework	FORLANG	FY SR	.08		.23	*** -.36	.35	*** -.56	.41	*** -.67	
f.	Study abroad	STUDYABR	FY SR	.08		.12		.14		.18	** -.26	

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7. Enriching Educational Experiences (continued) <i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (These items were recoded 0=no or undecided, 1=yes. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "yes" among all valid respondents.)</i>															
g.	Independent study or self-designed major	INDSTUDY	FY SR	.22	.22		.26			.29					
h.	Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)	SENIORX	FY SR	.37	.49	*	-.23	.55	***	-.36	.59	***	-.45		
8. Quality of Relationships <i>Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution. 1=unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation to 7=friendly, supportive, sense of belonging</i>															
a.	Relationships with other students	ENVSTU	FY SR	5.96	6.00		5.81			5.80					
<i>1=unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic to 7=available, helpful, sympathetic</i>															
b.	Relationships with faculty members	ENVFAC	FY SR	5.54	5.63		5.73			5.72					
<i>1=unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid to 7=helpful, considerate, flexible</i>															
c.	Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	FY SR	5.23	4.99		4.84	*	.24	4.81	**	.26			
9. Time Usage <i>About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=more than 30 hrs/wk</i>															
a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)	ACADPR01	FY SR	3.31	3.83	**	-.29	3.94	***	-.36	4.13	***	-.45		
b.	Working for pay on campus	WORKON01	FY SR	1.22	1.88	***	-.38	1.73	***	-.35	1.89	***	-.44		
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01	FY SR	5.71	3.75	***	.67	4.09	***	.58	3.56	***	.78		
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, social fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	FY SR	1.53	2.05	***	-.35	2.01	***	-.33	2.17	***	-.42		
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, etc.)	SOCIAL01	FY SR	3.05	3.28			3.49	**	-.28	3.57	***	-.33		

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9. Time Usage (continued)														
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CARED01	FY SR	4.43		2.94	***	.55	2.55	***	.76	2.23	***	.97
g.	Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	COMMUTE	FY SR	2.80		2.51	*	.24	2.37	***	.39	2.29	***	.50
<i>To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>														
10. Institutional Environment														
a.	Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	ENVSCHOL	FY SR	3.00		3.12			3.11			3.15	*	-.20
b.	Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	FY SR	2.98		2.88			2.93			2.95		
c.	Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	FY SR	2.40		2.35			2.38			2.39		
d.	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	FY SR	1.93		1.89			1.88			1.90		
e.	Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	FY SR	2.08		2.19			2.07			2.09		
f.	Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT	FY SR	2.28		2.50	*	-.22	2.48	*	-.21	2.57	**	-.31
g.	Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT	FY SR	3.35		3.42			3.41			3.44		
<i>To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? 1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>														
11. Educational and Personal Growth														
a.	Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	FY SR	3.36		3.26			3.28			3.30		
b.	Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	FY SR	3.01		3.06			3.04			3.00		
c.	Writing clearly and effectively	GNWRITE	FY SR	3.14		2.97	*	.20	3.08			3.09		
d.	Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	FY SR	3.12		2.94	*	.20	3.00			2.99		

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11. Educational and Personal Growth (continued)

e.	Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	FY SR	3.23		3.31		3.30		3.35	
f.	Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT	FY SR	2.95		3.04		2.88		2.89	
g.	Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS	FY SR	3.22		3.29		3.15		3.15	
h.	Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	FY SR	3.12		3.17		3.13		3.12	
i.	Voting in local, state, or national elections	GNCITIZN	FY SR	2.12		2.07		1.85	**	.28	1.85 ** .28
j.	Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	FY SR	3.05		3.13		3.02		3.07	
k.	Understanding yourself	GNSSELF	FY SR	2.70		2.82		2.79		2.85	
l.	Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	FY SR	2.69		2.50		2.55		2.55	
m.	Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	FY SR	2.75		2.74		2.65		2.68	
n.	Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	FY SR	2.68		2.76		2.69		2.71	
o.	Contributing to the welfare of your community	GNCOMMUN	FY SR	2.41		2.44		2.38		2.40	

Academic Advising

1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent

12.	Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution?	ADVISE	FY SR	2.97		2.88		2.90		2.93	
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Satisfaction

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13.	How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	ENTIREXP	FY SR	3.32		3.21		3.21		3.24	
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1=definitely no, 2=probably no, 3=probably yes, 4=definitely yes

14.	If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	SAMECOLL	FY SR	3.39		3.24		3.15	**	.28	3.17 ** .26
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