

**National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)**  
**Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)**  
**University-level Results for First-Year Students: Spring 2021**

First-Year Students	
Respondents:	538
Response Rate:	20%

NSSE Survey Items	Label	MTSU		Scaled Items Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
		Mean	Count				
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?							
Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	askquest	2.83	533	61			1
Asked another student to help you understand course material	Claskhelp	2.24	533	34			
Explained course material to one or more students	CLexplain	2.24	529	33			
Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	CLstudy	2.02	527	28			
Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	CLproject	2.09	523	29			
Gave a course presentation	present	2.01	522	25			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?							
Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	Rlintegrate	2.49	510	48			
Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	Rsocietal	2.53	509	52			
Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	Rldiverse	2.53	503	53			
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	Rlownview	2.78	495	64			
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	Rlperspect	2.96	490	72	1		1
Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	Rlnewview	2.75	486	60			
Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	Rlconnect	3	473	75			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?							
Talked about career plans with a faculty member	SFcareer	2.14	470	30			
Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	SFotherwork	1.56	469	14			
Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	SFdiscuss	1.82	462	20			
Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	SFperform	1.92	465	20			
During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following?							
Memorizing course material	memorize	2.92	462	72			
Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	HOapply	2.77	455	64			
Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	HOanalyze	2.8	447	65			
Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	HOevaluate	2.87	449	70			
Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	HOform	2.84	441	68			
During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors done the following?							
Clearly explained course goals and requirements	ETgoals	3.02	439	76	1		
Taught course sessions in an organized way	ETorganize	2.82	435	69			
Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	ETexample	2.92	433	69			
Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	ETdraftfb	2.84	436	65	1		1
Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	ETfeedback	2.68	434	58			
Explained in advance the criteria for successfully completing your assignments	etcriteria	2.92	425	72			
Reviewed and summarized key ideas or concepts	etreview	2.86	427	69			
Taught in a way that aligns with how you prefer to learn	etprefer	2.45	425	46			
Enabled you to demonstrate your learning through quizzes, assignments, and other activities	etdemonstrate	3.03	423	77			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?							
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	QRconclude	2.52	410	48			
Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	QRproblem	2.32	409	40			
Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	QRevaluate	2.23	409	36			
During the current school year, about how many papers, reports, or other writing tasks of the following lengths have you been assigned? (Include those not yet completed.)							
Up to 5 pages	wrshortnum	6.66	409	41	1		1
Between 6 and 10 pages	wrmednum	2.22	407	12	1		
11 pages or more	wrlongnum	1.06	402	7			
Estimated number of assigned pages of student writing.	wrpages	53.89	402	81	1		
During the current school year, about how often have you had discussions with people from the following groups?							
People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	DDrace	2.8	403	64			
People from an economic background other than your own	DDeconomic	2.73	403	60			
People with religious beliefs other than your own	DDreligion	2.68	402	59			
People with political views other than your own	DDpolitical	2.74	401	60			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?							
Identified key information from reading assignments	LSreading	2.95	399	74			
Reviewed your notes after class	LSnotes	2.89	400	70			
Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	LSsummary	2.81	400	65			
During the current school year, to what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work?							
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Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate?f							
Participate in an internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement	intern	4	398	76			

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Hold a formal leadership role in a student organization or group	leader	6	397	35			
Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	learncom	6	395	35			
Participate in a study abroad program	abroad	3	392	36			
Work with a faculty member on a research project	research	3	395	39			
Complete a culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, portfolio, etc.)	capstone	2	395	51			
About how many of your courses at this institution have included a community-based project (service-learning)?	Q12	Mean	Count	Most/All(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
About how many of your courses at this institution have included a community-based project (service-learning)?	servcourse	1.42	389	5			
	HIPsumFY	0.46	396	59			
	HIPsumSR		0				
Indicate the quality of your interactions with the following people at your institution.	Q13	Mean	Count	6-7[Excellent](%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Students	Q1student	4.98	392	39			
Academic advisors	Q1advisor	5.18	392	51			
Faculty	Q1faculty	5.24	392	47			
Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	Q1staff	5.08	393	37			
Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	Q1admin	5.26	392	45	1		1
How much does your institution emphasize the following?	Q14	Mean	Count	Quite a bit/Very much(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	empstudy	2.98	390	76			
Providing support to help students succeed academically	SEacademic	2.85	386	67			
Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	SElearnsup	2.93	386	72			
Encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds (social, racial/ethnic, religious, etc.)	SEdiverse	2.65	383	57			
Providing opportunities to be involved socially	SEsocial	2.68	382	59			
Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	SEwellness	2.71	379	63			
Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	SEnonacad	2.09	383	32			
Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	SEactivities	2.56	384	56			
Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	SEevents	2.29	383	43			
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Q15	Mean	Count	Agree/Strongly agree(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
I feel comfortable being myself at this institution.	sbmyself	3.1	384	89			
I feel valued by this institution.	sbvalued	2.87	380	80			
I feel like part of the community at this institution.	sbcommunity	2.72	383	67			
About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing the following?	Q16	Mean	Count	26-30/ or 30+(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	tmprephrs	14.93	380	14		1	
Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	tmcocurrhrs	3.42	379	1			
Working for pay on campus	tmworkonhrs	1.91	380	2			
Working for pay off campus	tmworkoffhrs	8.84	381	12			1
Doing community service or volunteer work	tmservicehrs	1.91	380	1			
Relaxing and socializing (time with friends, video games, TV or videos, keeping up with friends online, etc.)	tmrelaxhrs	12.2	382	10			
Providing care for dependents (children, parents, etc.)	tmcarehrs	2.4	379	2			
Commuting to campus (driving, walking, etc.)	tmcommutehrs	4	382	2	1		
Estimated number of hours working for pay	tmworkhrs	10.79	379	16			1
Of the time you spend preparing for class in a typical 7-day week, about how much is on assigned reading?	Q17	Mean	Count	Most/Almost all(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
(Continuous variable created by NSSE. Calculated as a proportion of tmprephrs based on reading, where Very little=.10; Some=.25; About half=.50; Most=.75; Almost all=.90)	reading	2.64	381	51			1
	tmreadinghrs	6.75	379	92			1
How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?	Q18	Mean	Count	Quite a bit/Very much(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Writing clearly and effectively	pgwrite	2.77	380	65			
Speaking clearly and effectively	pgspeak	2.6	381	58	1		
Thinking critically and analytically	pgthink	2.94	379	73			
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	pganalyze	2.49	380	49			
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	pgwork	2.44	380	50			
Working effectively with others	pgothers	2.47	379	50			
Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	pgvalues	2.39	380	48			
Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	pgdiverse	2.62	379	58			
Solving complex real-world problems	pgprobsolve	2.46	379	52			
Being an informed and active citizen	pgcitizen	2.53	382	52			
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	Q19	Mean	Count	Good/Excellent(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	evalexp	2.93	381	78			
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	Q20	Mean	Count	Probably yes/Definitely yes(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	sameinst	3.16	384	87			
Do you intend to return to this institution next year?	Q21	Percent	Count	Yes(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Do you intend to return to this institution next year?	returnexp	91	382	91			
To what extent have the faculty and staff at your institution done a good job helping students adapt to the changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic?	Q22	Mean	Count	Quite a bit/Very much(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public

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To what extent have the faculty and staff at your institution done a good job helping students adapt to the changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic?	<b>covidexp</b>	3.03	386	77	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>

*Results are weighted by gender and academic caseload (full-time/part-time)*

Legend:

"1" denotes MTSU mean was significantly higher than peer group

**Scaled-items** reflect responses to most positive categories