

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

Seniors	
Respondents:	389
Response Rate:	18%

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?	Q1	Mean	Count	Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways	askquest	3.13	387	75	1		1
Asked another student to help you understand course material	CLaskhelp	2.41	381	39			
Explained course material to one or more students	CLexplain	2.69	384	55			
Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	CLstudy	2.3	382	40			
Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	CLproject	2.61	381	51			
Gave a course presentation	present	2.43	381	44			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?	Q2	Mean	Count	Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	RIintegrate	2.93	380	71			
Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	RI societal	2.82	376	64	1		1
Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	RI diverse	2.69	376	57	1		1
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	RI ownview	2.92	376	71	1		1
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	RIperspect	3.05	373	77	1		
Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	RI newview	2.96	367	70			
Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	RI connect	3.24	367	84	1		
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?	Q3	Mean	Count	Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Talked about career plans with a faculty member	SFcareer	2.48	368	45			
Worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	SFotherwork	2.05	365	32	1	1	
Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	SFdiscuss	2.31	362	39	1	1	1
Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	SFperform	2.31	362	40	1	1	1
During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following?	Q4	Mean	Count	Quite a bit/Very much(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Memorizing course material	memorize	2.81	358	66			
Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	HOapply	3.05	361	76			
Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	HOanalyze	3.05	355	76			
Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	HOevaluate	3	356	74	1		1
Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	HOform	3	355	73			
During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors done the following?	Q5	Mean	Count	Quite a bit/Very much(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Clearly explained course goals and requirements	ETgoals	3.17	356	80	1		
Taught course sessions in an organized way	ETorganize	3.01	356	74			
Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	ETexample	3.08	353	75			
Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	ETdraftfb	2.82	353	63			
Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	ETfeedback	2.85	353	66	1		
Explained in advance the criteria for successfully completing your assignments	etcriteria	3.1	351	75	1		1
Reviewed and summarized key ideas or concepts	etreview	3.13	347	80	1		1
Taught in a way that aligns with how you prefer to learn	etprefer	2.77	347	64	1		1
Enabled you to demonstrate your learning through quizzes, assignments, and other activities	etdemonstrate	3.13	348	79			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?	Q6	Mean	Count	Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	QRconclude	2.69	346	55			
Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	QRproblem	2.55	346	51	1	1	1
Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	QRevaluate	2.47	343	47			
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.)	Q7	Mean	Count	6 or more(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Up to 5 pages	wrshortnum	6.73	341	40			
Between 6 and 10 pages	wrmednum	3.17	336	17			
11 pages or more	wrlongnum	1.75	340	8			
Estimated number of assigned pages of student writing.	wrpages	71.49	333	84			
During the current school year, about how often have you had discussions with people from the following groups?	Q8	Mean	Count	Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
People of a race or ethnicity other than your own	DDrace	3.1	340	72	1		
People from an economic background other than your own	DDeconomic	3.07	339	72	1		
People with religious beliefs other than your own	DDreligion	2.97	339	68			
People with political views other than your own	DDpolitical	2.98	340	68			
During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?	Q9	Mean	Count	Often/Very often(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Identified key information from reading assignments	LSreading	3.11	337	79			
Reviewed your notes after class	LSnotes	3.03	337	73		1	1
Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	LSsummary	3.06	335	75	1	1	1
During the current school year, to what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work?	Q10	Mean	Count	6-7[Very much](%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
To what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work?	challenge	5.42	333	53			
Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate?f	Q11	Percent	Count	Done or in progress(%)	TN Peer	Public Carnegie	SE Public
Participate in an internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement	intern	44	333	66			
Hold a formal leadership role in a student organization or group	leader	27	331	37			

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Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	learncom	23	329	33			
Participate in a study abroad program	abroad	6	329	13			
Work with a faculty member on a research project	research	19	330	27			
Complete a culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, portfolio, etc.)	capstone	48	329	65			
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
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	HIPsumFY		0				
	HIPsumSR	1.91	333	55			
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	5.37	330	48			
Academic advisors	Q1advisor	5.09	328	44			
Faculty	Q1faculty	5.48	329	53			
Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	Q1staff	4.89	328	32			
Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	Q1admin	5.15	330	43			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	3.09	330	78			
Providing support to help students succeed academically	SEacademic	2.96	330	70	1		
Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	SElearnsup	2.93	330	68	1		1
Encouraging contact among students from different backgrounds (social, racial/ethnic, religious, etc.)	SEdiverse	2.67	329	57			
Providing opportunities to be involved socially	SEsocial	2.83	329	66			
Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	SEwellness	2.84	327	64	1	1	
Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	SEnonacad	2.14	330	37			
Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	SEactivities	2.72	330	62	1	1	
Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	SEevents	2.51	329	50	1	1	1
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	3.25	328	90			
I feel valued by this institution.	sbvalued	2.83	327	74			
I feel like part of the community at this institution.	sbcommunity	2.83	327	73			
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	16.16	325	19		1	
Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	tmcocurrhrs	4.31	326	2			
Working for pay on campus	tmworkonhrs	2.97	326	3			
Working for pay off campus	tmworkoffhrs	14.72	325	29			1
Doing community service or volunteer work	tmservicehrs	3.21	325	1			
Relaxing and socializing (time with friends, video games, TV or videos, keeping up with friends online, etc.)	tmrelaxhrs	10.64	324	6			
Providing care for dependents (children, parents, etc.)	tmcarehrs	5.21	321	9			
Commuting to campus (driving, walking, etc.)	tmcommutehrs	5.51	324	4	1		
Estimated number of hours working for pay	tmworkhrs	17.7	325	33			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	2.75	324	59			
	tmreadinghrs	7.38	323	78			
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	3.02	324	73			
Speaking clearly and effectively	pgspeak	2.94	324	70			
Thinking critically and analytically	pgthink	3.22	323	82			
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	pganalyze	2.86	324	63			
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	pgwork	2.91	325	70			
Working effectively with others	pgothers	2.98	323	72			
Developing or clarifying a personal code of values and ethics	pgvalues	2.75	323	62			
Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	pgdiverse	2.8	323	64			
Solving complex real-world problems	pgprobsolve	2.91	323	69			
Being an informed and active citizen	pgcitizen	2.75	324	62			
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	3.18	321	85			
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	3.19	323	83			
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	-	389	-			
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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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