



NSSE 2017
Multi-Year Report
Tennessee Technological University

About Your Multi-Year Report

For institutions participating in multiple NSSE administrations since 2013, the year of the last survey update, this report presents year-to-year results for Engagement Indicators (EIs), High-Impact Practices (HIPs), and key academic challenge items to illustrate patterns of change or stability. It also provides details such as number of respondents, standard deviation, and standard error so that statistical tests can be calculated.

For more information and recommendations for analyzing NSSE data over time, consult the *Multi-Year Data Analysis Guide* on the NSSE website.

nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/MYDAG.pdf

This report contains three main parts: (a) a page that provides a quick reference to important information about each year's administration, (b) multi-year figures, and (c) detailed statistics. Key terms and features are illustrated below.

Report sections

Administration Summaries (p. 3)	A summary of respondent counts, response rates, sampling errors, and administration details for each participation year.
Engagement Results by Theme (pp. 4-7)	Results for ten EIs and selected individual survey items are displayed, organized under four broad themes. The Academic Challenge theme is represented by four EIs as well as several individual items. The three remaining engagement themes (Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment) are each represented by two EIs.
High-Impact Practices (pp. 8-9)	Results for six HIPs are displayed. First-year student results indicate students who participated in a learning community, service-learning, and research with faculty, and who planned to do an internship or field experience, study abroad, and a culminating senior experience. Senior results indicate students who participated in all six.
Detailed Statistics (pp. 10-13)	Displays detailed information for results including counts, standard errors, and confidence intervals (CIs) for each measure.

Interpreting year-to-year results

When examining year-to-year results, you may wonder whether observed differences signify meaningful change and whether a trend is indicated. Figures display CIs around each score showing the range of values that is estimated to contain the population score 95% of the time. Upper and lower CI bounds are also reported in the Detailed Statistics section.

For further investigation

The Report Builder—Institution Version, updated with current data in the fall, allows for multi-year analysis of Engagement Indicators and individual items. It also affords the analysis of results by subpopulation.

The precision of an institution's population estimates can vary between administrations. An important early step in conducting a multi-year analysis is to review data quality. The values in the tables below were drawn from your *Administration Summary* reports.

Response Details by Participation Year

Year	First-year students					Seniors				
	Response rate ^a	Sampling error ^b	Total respondents ^c	Full completions	Partial completions	Response rate ^a	Sampling error ^b	Total respondents ^c	Full completions	Partial completions
2013										
2014	19%	+/- 3.7%	571	466	105	29%	+/- 3.1%	732	612	120
2015										
2016	17%	+/- 4.8%	353	265	88	19%	+/- 3.9%	522	400	122
2017	21%	+/- 4.3%	419	302	117	20%	+/- 3.7%	575	440	135
2018										
2019										
2020										

Administration Details by Participation Year

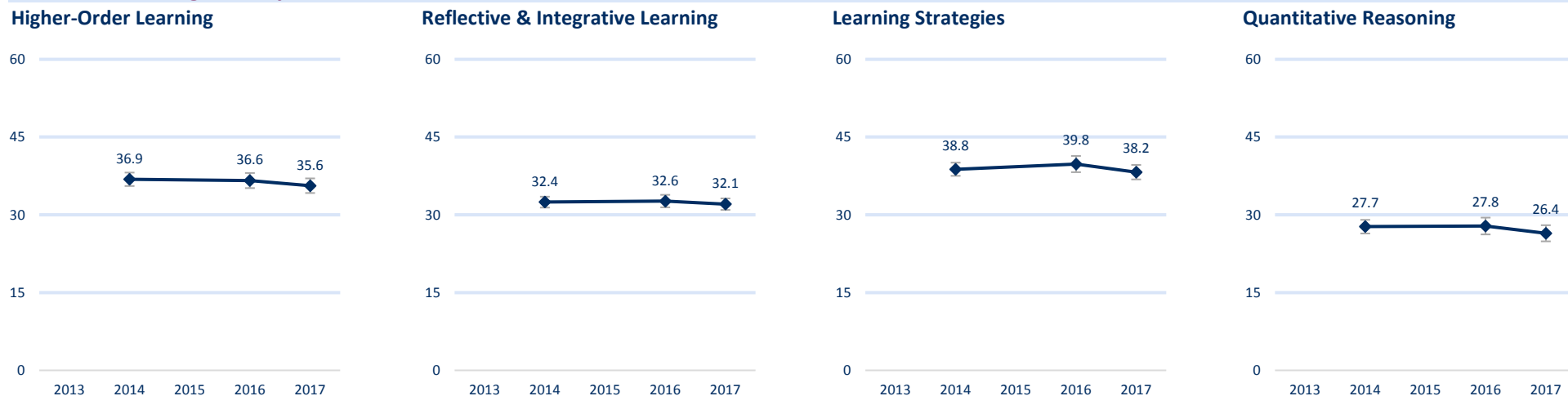
Year	Recruitment method	Sample type	Incentives offered	Additional question sets	Report Sample identified ^d	BCSSE	FSSE
2013							
2014	Email	Census	Yes	Transferable Skills, Global Perspectives	No	No	No
2015							
2016	Email	Census	Yes	Transferable Skills, Information Literacy	No	No	No
2017	Email	Census	Yes	Transferable Skills, Information Literacy	No	No	Yes
2018							
2019							
2020							

Note: All of your institution's participation years since 2013 (the first year of the updated NSSE) are reported. Years in which your institution did not participate are blank.

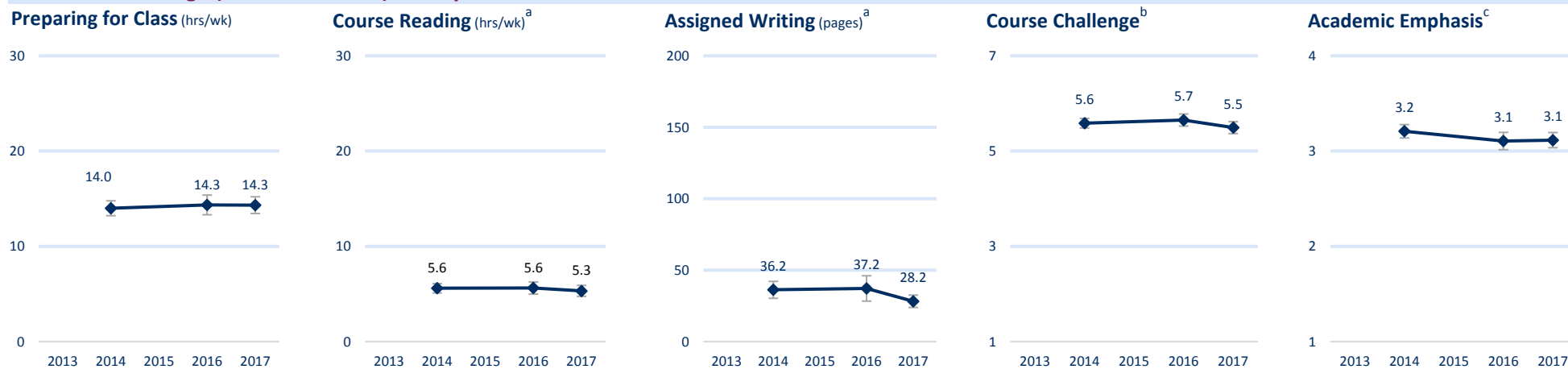
- a. Response rates (number of respondents divided by sample size) are adjusted for ineligibility, nondeliverable addresses, and students who were unavailable during the survey administration.
- b. Sampling error gauges the precision of results based on a sample survey. It is an estimate (at the 95% confidence level) of how much survey item percentages for your respondents could differ from those of the entire population of students at your institution. While data with larger sampling errors (such as +/-10%) need not be dismissed out of hand, such results should be interpreted more conservatively.
- c. Count used to calculate response rates and sampling errors for each *Administration Summary* report. Includes all census-administered and randomly sampled students, regardless of "Report Sample" designation.
- d. Starting in 2017, institutions had the option to flag a subset of students for exclusion from reports. Refer to your *Administration Summary* report(s).

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Academic Challenge: First-year students



Academic Challenge (additional items): First-year students



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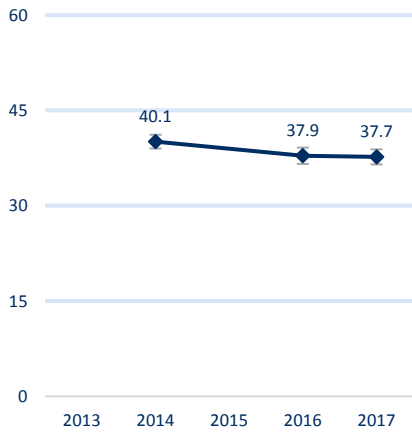
b. Extent to which courses challenged students to do their best work (1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much").

c. How much students said the institution emphasizes spending significant time studying and on academic work (1 = "Very little," 2 = "Some," 3 = "Quite a bit," and 4 = "Very much").

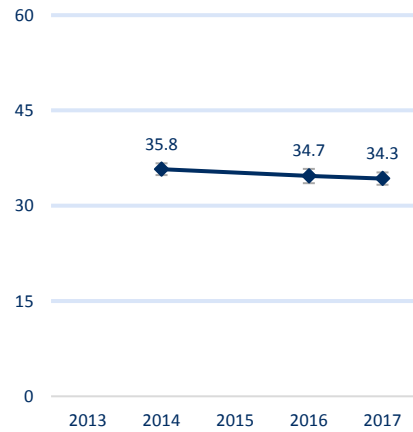
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Academic Challenge: Seniors

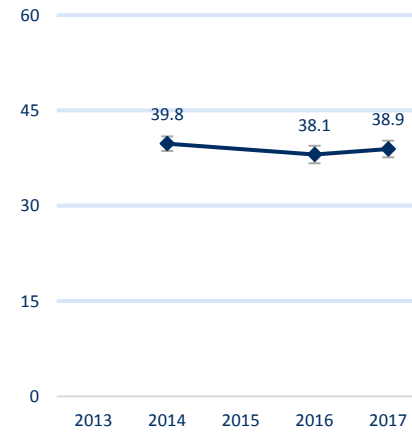
Higher-Order Learning



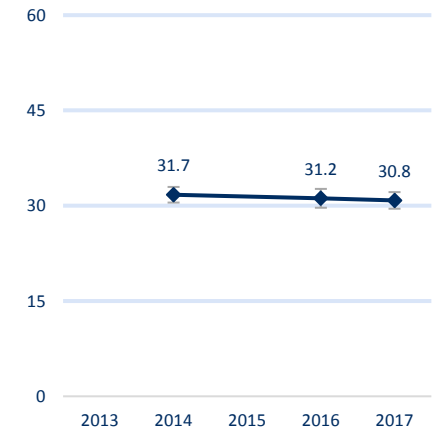
Reflective & Integrative Learning



Learning Strategies

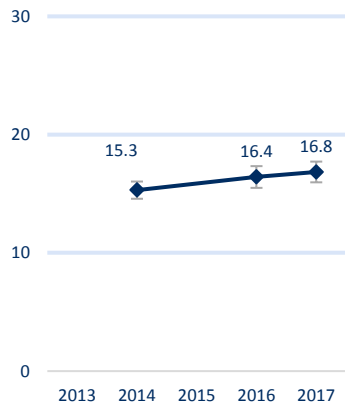


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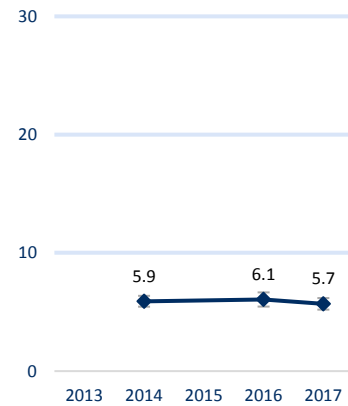


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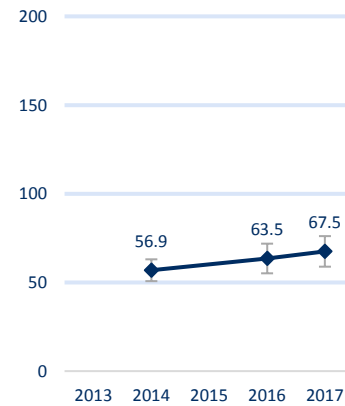
Preparing for Class (hrs/wk)



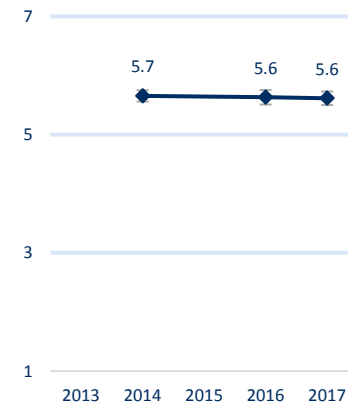
Course Reading (hrs/wk)^a



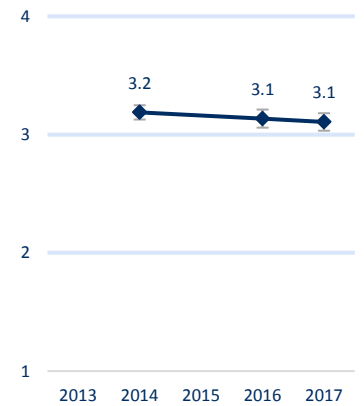
Assigned Writing (pages)^a



Course Challenge^b



Academic Emphasis^c



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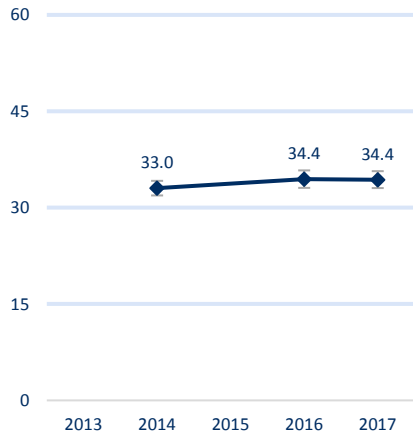
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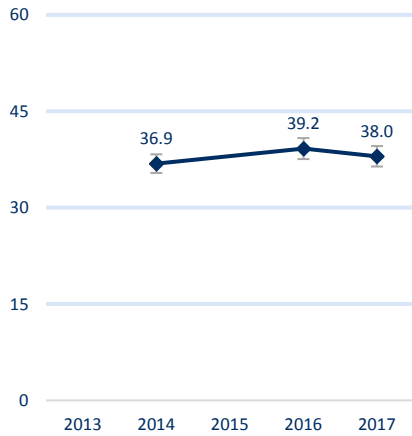
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Learning with Peers: First-year students

Collaborative Learning

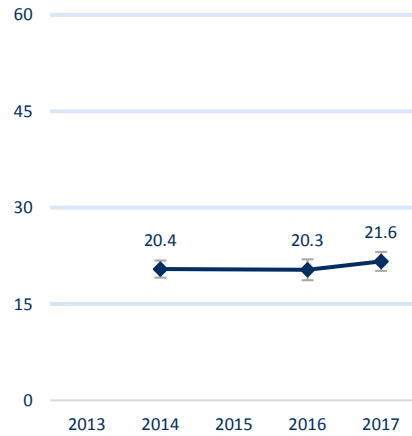


Discussions with Diverse Others

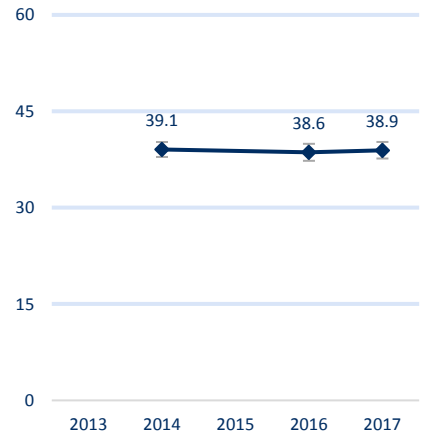


Experiences with Faculty: First-year students

Student-Faculty Interaction

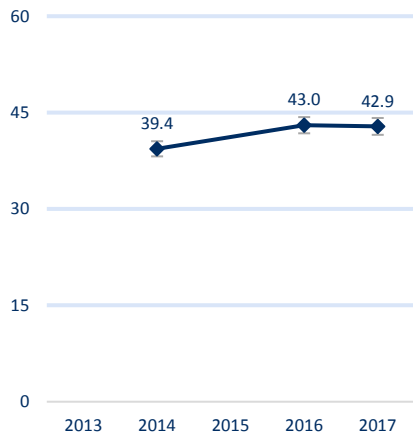


Effective Teaching Practices

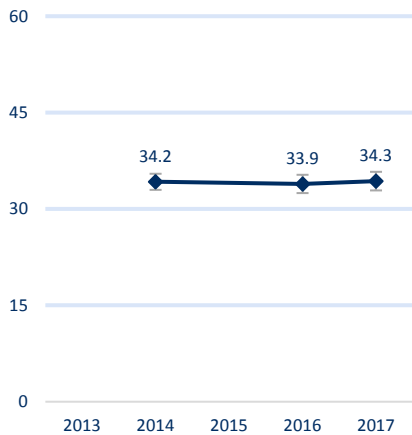


Campus Environment: First-year students

Quality of Interactions



Supportive Environment



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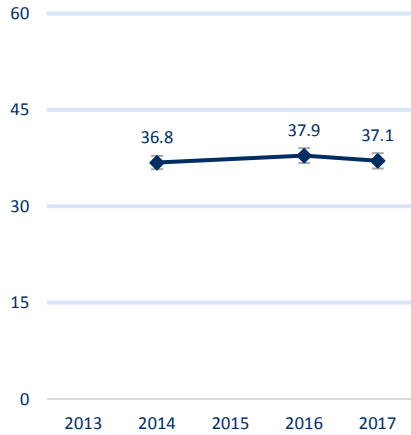
Engagement Results by Theme

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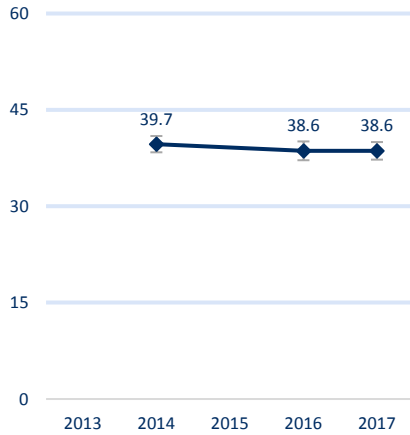
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Learning with Peers: Seniors

Collaborative Learning

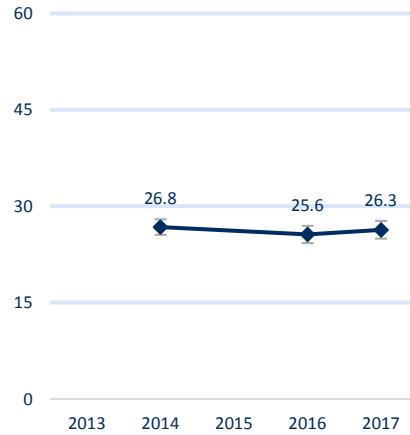


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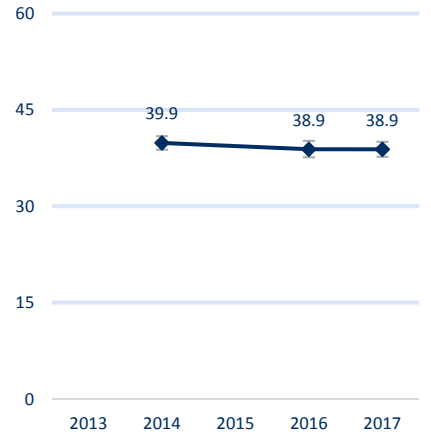


Experiences with Faculty: Seniors

Student-Faculty Interaction



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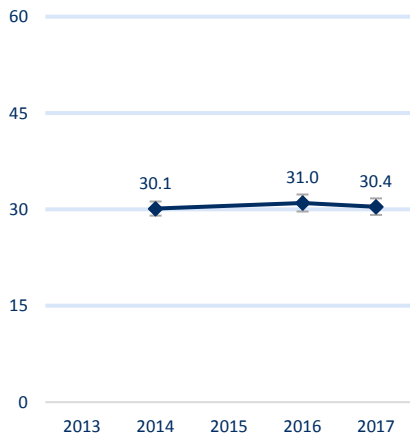


Campus Environment: Seniors

Quality of Interactions



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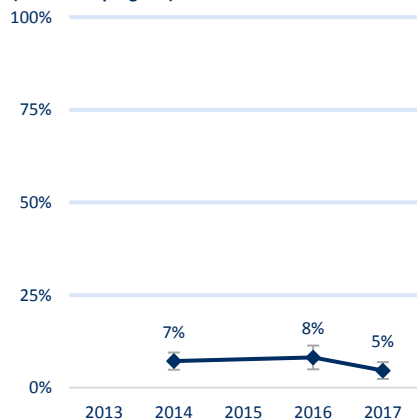


Due to their positive associations with student learning and retention, special undergraduate opportunities are designated "high-impact." The figures below display first-year students' participation, or intent to participate, in High-Impact Practices (HIPs) by year. See page 13 for detailed statistics. For more information, refer to your *High-Impact Practices* report.

High-Impact Practices: First-year students

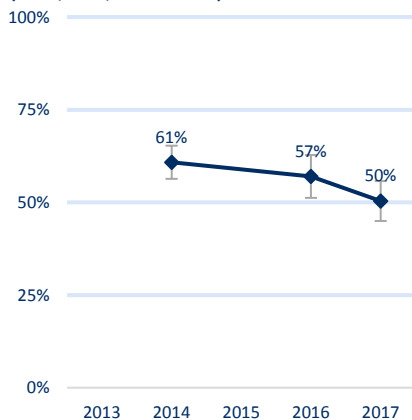
Learning Community

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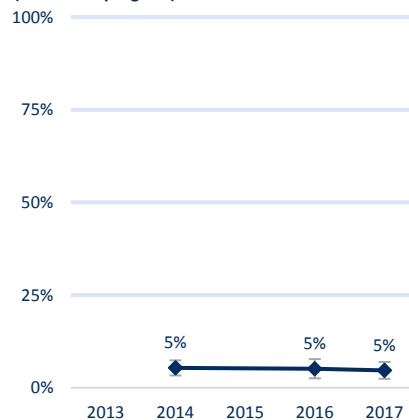
Service-Learning

(Some, most, or all courses)



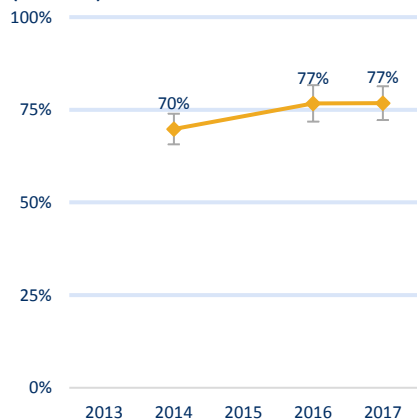
Research with Faculty

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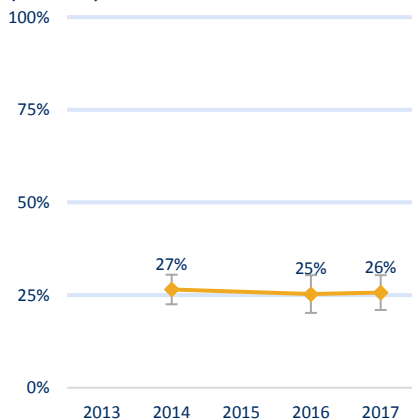
Internship/Field Experience

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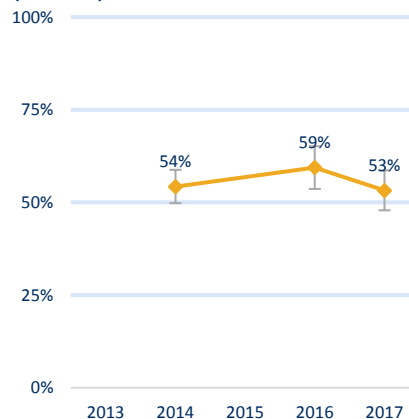
Study Abroad

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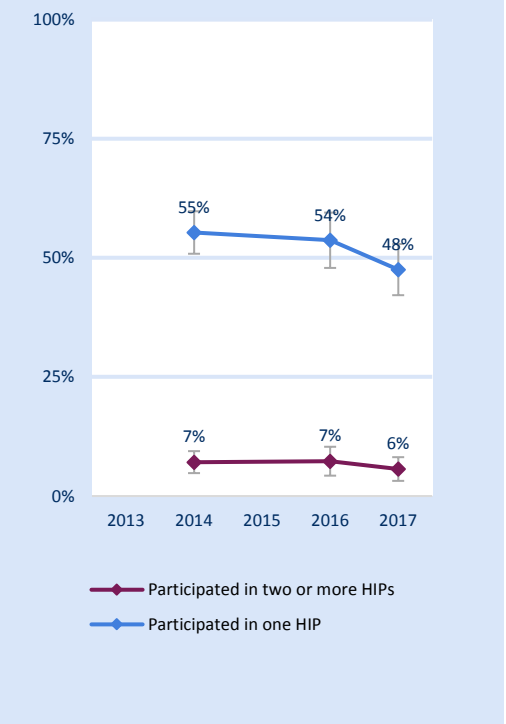
Culminating Senior Experience

(Plan to do)



Overall first-year HIP participation

The figure below displays the percentages of first-year students who participated in one, and two or more, HIPs. The figure is limited to participation in a learning community, service-learning, and research with faculty.

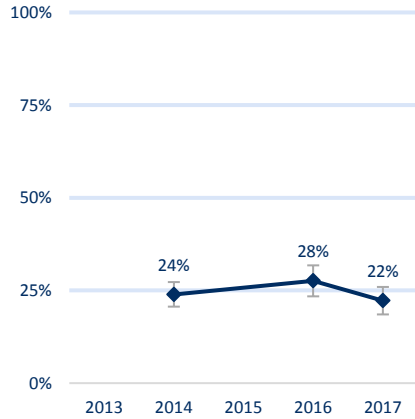


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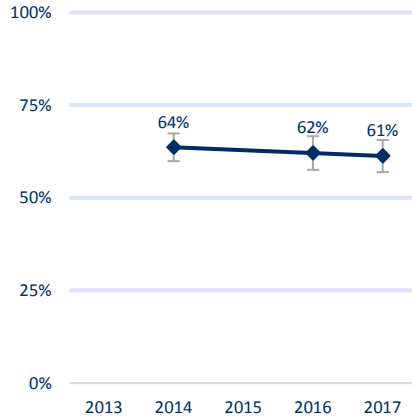
Learning Community

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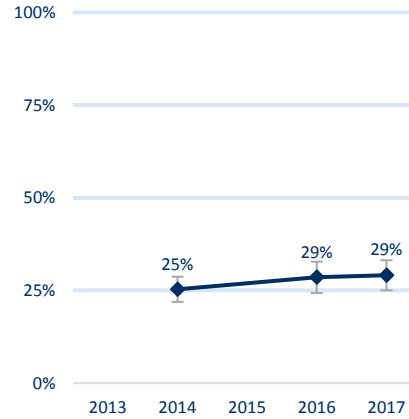
Service-Learning

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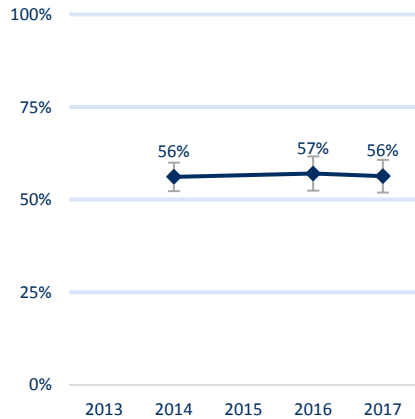
Research with Faculty

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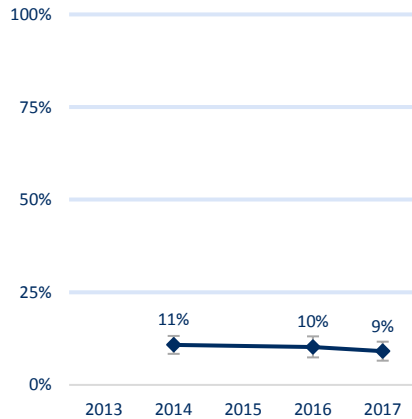
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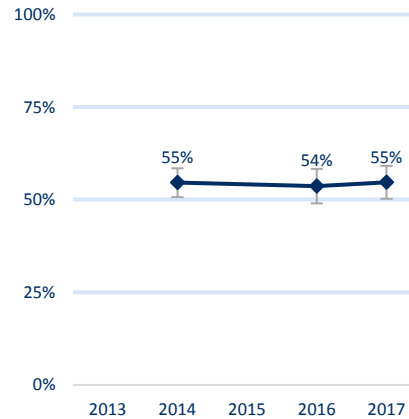
Study Abroad

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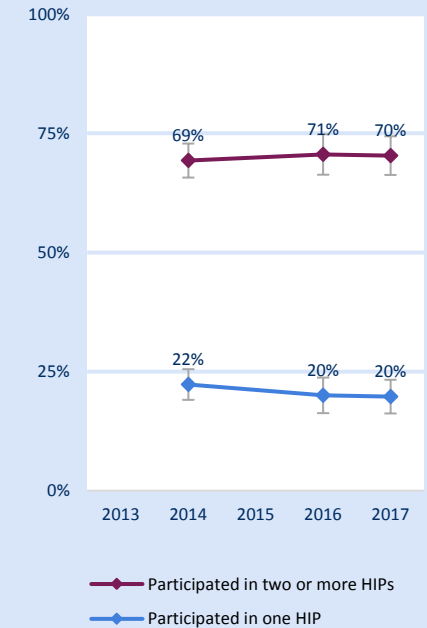
Culminating Senior Experience

(Done or in progress)



Overall senior HIP participation

The figure below displays the percentages of seniors who participated in one, and two or more, HIPs. The figure includes all six HIPs.



		First-year students							Seniors								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<i>Academic Challenge</i>																	
Higher-Order Learning	Mean		36.9		36.6	35.6					40.1		37.9	37.7			
	n		512		321	384					666		480	538			
	SD		14.9		13.3	14.1					14.2		14.4	14.0			
	SE		.66		.74	.72					.55		.66	.60			
	CI upper bound		38.1		38.1	37.0					41.2		39.1	38.9			
	CI lower bound		35.6		35.2	34.2					39.0		36.6	36.5			
Reflective & Integrative Learning	Mean		32.4		32.6	32.1				35.8		34.7	34.3				
	n		531		329	395				689		492	554				
	SD		12.4		11.1	11.2				12.4		12.7	11.7				
	SE		.54		.61	.56				.47		.57	.50				
	CI upper bound		33.5		33.9	33.2				36.7		35.8	35.2				
	CI lower bound		31.4		31.4	30.9				34.8		33.6	33.3				
Learning Strategies	Mean		38.8		39.8	38.2				39.8		38.1	38.9				
	n		464		278	333				632		437	489				
	SD		14.0		13.3	13.0				14.7		14.7	14.8				
	SE		.65		.80	.71				.58		.70	.67				
	CI upper bound		40.1		41.4	39.6				40.9		39.4	40.2				
	CI lower bound		37.5		38.2	36.8				38.6		36.7	37.6				
Quantitative Reasoning	Mean		27.7		27.8	26.4				31.7		31.2	30.8				
	n		520		324	372				676		487	537				
	SD		15.3		14.9	15.3				16.3		16.7	15.5				
	SE		.67		.83	.79				.63		.76	.67				
	CI upper bound		29.0		29.5	28.0				33.0		32.7	32.1				
	CI lower bound		26.4		26.2	24.9				30.5		29.7	29.5				
<i>Academic Challenge (additional items)</i>																	
Preparing for Class (hours/week)	Mean		14.0		14.3	14.3				15.3		16.4	16.8				
	n		432		266	311				583		409	456				
	SD		8.3		8.6	7.9				9.0		9.5	9.5				
	SE		.40		.53	.45				.37		.47	.45				
	CI upper bound		14.8		15.4	15.2				16.0		17.3	17.7				
	CI lower bound		13.2		13.3	13.4				14.6		15.5	16.0				
Course Reading Estimated hours per week calculated from two survey questions.	Mean		5.6		5.6	5.3				5.9		6.1	5.7				
	n		419		261	308				574		404	455				
	SD		5.1		5.2	5.2				5.6		6.2	5.3				
	SE		.25		.32	.29				.23		.31	.25				
	CI upper bound		6.1		6.3	5.9				6.4		6.7	6.2				
	CI lower bound		5.1		5.0	4.8				5.4		5.5	5.2				

Notes: n = Number of respondents; SD = Standard deviation; SE = Standard error of the mean; upper and lower bounds represent the 95% confidence interval (mean +/- 1.96 * SE).

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Detailed Statistics: Engagement Indicators and Additional Items

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		First-year students							Seniors								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<i>Academic Challenge (additional items, continued)</i>																	
Assigned Writing	<i>Mean</i>		36.2		37.2		28.2						56.9		63.5		67.5
	<i>n</i>		443		277		335						593		426		485
	Estimated number of pages calculated from three survey questions.	<i>SD</i>		63.6		75.4		40.3					76.4		88.0		96.7
		<i>SE</i>		3.02		4.53		2.20					3.14		4.27		4.39
		<i>CI upper bound</i>		42.2		46.1		32.5					63.0		71.9		76.1
		<i>CI lower bound</i>		30.3		28.3		23.9					50.7		55.1		58.9
Course Challenge	<i>Mean</i>		5.6		5.7		5.5						5.7		5.6		5.6
	Extent to which courses challenged students to do their best work (1 = "Not at all" to 7 = "Very much").	<i>n</i>		477		285		334					636		441		487
		<i>SD</i>		1.1		1.1		1.2					1.2		1.3		1.3
		<i>SE</i>		.05		.06		.06					.05		.06		.06
		<i>CI upper bound</i>		5.7		5.8		5.6					5.8		5.8		5.7
		<i>CI lower bound</i>		5.5		5.5		5.4					5.6		5.5		5.5
Academic Emphasis	<i>Mean</i>		3.2		3.1		3.1						3.2		3.1		3.1
	Perceived institutional emphasis on spending significant time studying and on academic work (1 = "Very little," 2 = "Some," 3 = "Quite a bit," and 4 = "Very much").	<i>n</i>		437		268		315					593		414		463
		<i>SD</i>		0.7		0.8		0.7					0.8		0.8		0.8
		<i>SE</i>		.04		.05		.04					.03		.04		.04
		<i>CI upper bound</i>		3.3		3.2		3.2					3.2		3.2		3.2
		<i>CI lower bound</i>		3.1		3.0		3.0					3.1		3.1		3.0
<i>Learning with Peers</i>																	
Collaborative Learning	<i>Mean</i>		33.0		34.4		34.4						36.8		37.9		37.1
		<i>n</i>		529		342		410					705		499		563
		<i>SD</i>		13.3		12.8		13.6					14.0		13.2		14.5
		<i>SE</i>		.58		.69		.67					.53		.59		.61
		<i>CI upper bound</i>		34.2		35.8		35.7					37.8		39.0		38.3
		<i>CI lower bound</i>		31.9		33.1		33.1					35.8		36.7		35.9
Discussions with Diverse Others	<i>Mean</i>		36.9		39.2		38.0						39.7		38.6		38.6
		<i>n</i>		482		286		336					636		445		490
		<i>SD</i>		16.2		14.1		14.9					16.3		15.7		15.4
		<i>SE</i>		.74		.83		.81					.65		.75		.70
		<i>CI upper bound</i>		38.3		40.8		39.6					40.9		40.1		40.0
		<i>CI lower bound</i>		35.4		37.6		36.4					38.4		37.2		37.3

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Detailed Statistics: Engagement Indicators and Additional Items Tennessee Technological University

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		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>																	
Student-Faculty Interaction	Mean		20.4		20.3	21.6					26.8		25.6	26.3			
	n		522		323	386					681		481	544			
	SD		15.6		14.9	14.8					16.1		15.0	16.5			
	SE		.68		.83	.75					.62		.69	.71			
	CI upper bound		21.8		22.0	23.1					28.0		27.0	27.7			
	CI lower bound		19.1		18.7	20.2					25.5		24.3	25.0			
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Effective Teaching Practices	Mean		39.1		38.6	38.9					39.9		38.9	38.9			
	n		527		325	383					682		488	544			
	SD		13.6		12.2	12.9					14.0		14.4	13.9			
	SE		.59		.67	.66					.54		.65	.59			
	CI upper bound		40.2		39.9	40.2					40.9		40.2	40.0			
	CI lower bound		37.9		37.3	37.6					38.8		37.6	37.7			
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<i>Campus Environment</i>																	
Quality of Interactions	Mean		39.4		43.0	42.9					42.6		42.6	42.8			
	n		465		275	325					621		432	464			
	SD		13.0		10.7	12.0					11.3		12.0	11.5			
	SE		.60		.64	.67					.45		.58	.53			
	CI upper bound		40.5		44.3	44.2					43.4		43.8	43.9			
	CI lower bound		38.2		41.8	41.5					41.7		41.5	41.8			
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Supportive Environment	Mean		34.2		33.9	34.3					30.1		31.0	30.4			
	n		433		266	311					588		405	459			
	SD		13.3		11.8	13.0					13.6		13.6	14.1			
	SE		.64		.73	.74					.56		.68	.66			
	CI upper bound		35.5		35.3	35.8					31.2		32.3	31.7			
	CI lower bound		33.0		32.5	32.9					29.0		29.7	29.1			

Notes: n = Number of respondents; SD = Standard deviation; SE = Standard error of the mean; upper and lower bounds represent the 95% confidence interval (mean +/- 1.96 * SE).

		First-year students							Seniors								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Learning Community^a	%		7		8	5				24			28	22			
	<i>n</i>		475		281	332				638			440	485			
	<i>SE</i>		1.2		1.6	1.2				1.7			2.1	1.9			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		9		11	7				27			32	26			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		5		5	2				21			23	19			
Service-Learning^a	%		61		57	50				64			62	61			
	<i>n</i>		459		283	332				636			439	484			
	<i>SE</i>		2.3		2.9	2.7				1.9			2.3	2.2			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		65		63	56				67			67	66			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		56		51	45				60			58	57			
Research with Faculty^a	%		5		5	5				25			29	29			
	<i>n</i>		470		279	333				634			439	484			
	<i>SE</i>		1.0		1.3	1.2				1.7			2.2	2.1			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		7		8	7				29			33	33			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		3		3	2				22			24	25			
Internship or Field Experience (First-year results: Plan to do)	%		7		77	77				56			57	56			
	<i>n</i>		477		284	331				642			442	485			
	<i>SE</i>		2.1		2.5	2.3				2.0			2.4	2.3			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		74		82	81				60			62	61			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		66		72	72				52			52	52			
Study Abroad (First-year results: Plan to do)	%		27		25	26				11			10	9			
	<i>n</i>		470		281	333				634			440	485			
	<i>SE</i>		2.0		2.6	2.4				1.2			1.4	1.3			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		31		30	30				13			13	12			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		23		20	21				8			7	7			
Culminating Senior Experience (First-year results: Plan to do)	%		54		59	53				55			54	55			
	<i>n</i>		472		281	331				631			440	482			
	<i>SE</i>		2.3		2.9	2.7				2.0			2.4	2.3			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		59		65	59				58			58	59			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		50		54	48				51			49	50			
Overall HIP Participation^b																	
Participated in one HIP	%		55		54	48				22			20	20			
	<i>n</i>		479		284	333				642			442	488			
	<i>SE</i>		2.3		3.0	2.7				1.6			1.9	1.8			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		60		59	53				25			24	23			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		51		48	42				19			16	16			
Participated in two or more HIPs	%		7		7	6				69			71	70			
	<i>n</i>		479		284	333				642			442	488			
	<i>SE</i>		1.2		1.5	1.3				1.8			2.2	2.1			
	<i>CI upper bound (%)</i>		9		10	8				73			75	74			
	<i>CI lower bound (%)</i>		5		4	3				66			66	66			

Notes: n = Number of respondents; SE = Standard error of the proportion ($\sqrt{p * (1 - p) / (n - 1)}$) where p is the proportion; upper and lower bounds represent the 95% confidence interval ($p \pm 1.96 * SE$).

a. Results are the percentage who had done the activity.

b. First-year results are limited to participation in a Learning Community, Service-Learning, and Research with Faculty; senior results include all six HIPs.