



**National Survey
of Student Engagement**

University of South Carolina Aiken

Mean Comparisons

August 2006

Interpreting the Mean Comparisons Report

Sample

The Mean Comparisons report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both your institution and your comparison institutions.¹ Targeted oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

Variables

The items from the NSSE survey appear in the left column in the same order and wording as they appear on the instrument. The name of each variable appears in the second column for easy reference to your data file and the summary statistics at the end of this section. Response options are also provided to help you interpret the statistics.

Benchmark

Items that comprise the five “Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice” are indicated by the following:

LAC=Level of Academic Challenge

ACL=Active and Collaborative Learning

SFI=Student-Faculty Interaction

EEE=Enriching Educational Experiences

SCE=Supportive Campus Environment

Mean

The mean is the *weighted* arithmetic average of student responses on a particular item. Means are provided for your institution and all comparison groups. For more information

about weighting go to:

www.nsse.iub.edu/html/2006_inst_report.htm.

Class

Results are reported separately for first-year students (FY) and seniors (SR).

Institution-reported class ranks are used.

Statistical Significance

Items with mean differences that are larger than would be expected by chance alone are noted with one, two, or three asterisks, referring to three significance levels ($p < .05$, $p < .01$, and $p < .001$). The smaller the significance level, the smaller the likelihood that the difference is due to chance. *Statistical significance does not guarantee the result is substantive or important.* Large sample sizes (like those produced by NSSE) tend to generate more statistically significant results even though the magnitude of mean differences may be inconsequential. It is recommended to start by interpreting only those items with three asterisks ($p < .001$) and to consult effect sizes (see below) to judge the practical meaning of the results.

Effect Size

Effect size indicates the “practical significance” of the mean difference. It is calculated by dividing the mean difference by the standard deviation of the group with which the institution is being compared. In practice, an effect size of .2 is often considered small, .5 moderate, and .8 large. A positive sign indicates that your institution's mean was greater, thus showing an affirmative result for your institution. A negative sign indicates the institution



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NSSEville State University

Variable	Bench- mark	Class	NSSEville State compared with:											
			NSSEville State			Selected Peers			Carnegie Peers			NSSE 2006		
			Mean ^a			Mean ^a	Sig. ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig. ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Sig. ^b	Effect Size ^c
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences														
a.														
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.64		2.68			2.61			2.86	*	-.27
			SR	2.95		2.91			2.91			3.16	*	-.25
b.														
Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	1.96		2.01			2.03			2.28	***	-.41
			SR	2.83		2.64	*	.22	2.63	*	.23	2.88		
c.														
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP		FY	2.57		2.69			2.54			2.65		
			SR	2.58		2.34	*	.24	2.36			2.51		
d.														
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT		FY	2.95		2.97			2.95			3.08		
			SR	3.31		3.23			3.23			3.37		
e.														
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS		FY	2.66		2.70			2.71			2.77		
			SR	2.60		2.65			2.68			2.83	**	-.26
f.														
Come to class without completing readings or assignments	CLUNPREP		FY	2.07		2.10			2.16			2.03		
			SR	1.99		2.27	***	-.35	2.24	***	-.31	2.08		

lags behind the comparison group, suggesting that the student behavior or institutional practice represented by the item may warrant attention. An exception to this interpretation is the “coming to class unprepared” item (item 1f.) where a negative sign is preferred (i.e., meaning fewer students reporting coming to class unprepared).

¹ U.S. institutions include only U.S. schools in their comparison groups. Canadian institutions contain both Canadian and U.S. institutions.

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<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>														
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences														
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	2.79	2.80		2.91			2.78			
				SR	3.22	3.11		3.21			3.06	*	.19	
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	2.02	2.39	***	-.45	2.34	***	-.40	2.23	**	-.26
				SR	2.87	2.75		2.89			2.80			
c.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP		FY	2.92	2.63	***	.31	2.72	*	.21	2.65	**	.28
				SR	2.53	2.47		2.53			2.49			
d.	Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT		FY	3.31	2.98	***	.41	3.08	**	.30	3.03	***	.35
				SR	3.40	3.28		3.35			3.30			
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS		FY	2.89	2.70	**	.22	2.77			2.76		
				SR	2.89	2.81		2.82			2.78			
f.	Come to class without completing readings or assignments	CLUNPREP		FY	1.90	2.05	*	-.20	1.96			2.03		
				SR	2.06	2.07		1.99			2.12			
g.	Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	ACL	FY	2.51	2.40		2.43			2.40			
				SR	2.59	2.55		2.55			2.51			
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	ACL	FY	2.43	2.28		2.27	*	.18	2.36			
				SR	2.66	2.67		2.61			2.75			
i.	Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS		FY	2.58	2.50		2.57			2.57			
				SR	2.94	2.86		2.88			2.91			
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	ACL	FY	1.66	1.54		1.63			1.67			
				SR	1.93	1.78		1.88			1.89			
k.	Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	ACL	FY	1.52	1.50		1.57			1.50			
				SR	1.82	1.71		1.76			1.69			

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l.	Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	EEE	FY	2.67	2.57		2.51			2.64			
				SR	2.78	2.85		2.76			2.85			
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL		FY	3.12	3.04		2.93	*	.20	3.01			
				SR	3.35	3.37		3.22			3.31			
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	SFI	FY	2.76	2.56	*	.24	2.61			2.56	**	.24
				SR	3.04	2.86	*	.22	2.83	**	.25	2.79	**	.29
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	SFI	FY	2.31	2.12	*	.22	2.14	*	.19	2.10	*	.23
				SR	2.63	2.47			2.51			2.40	*	.23
p.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	SFI	FY	1.95	1.81		1.86			1.81			
				SR	2.27	2.06	*	.24	2.14			2.08	*	.22
q.	Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	FACFEED	SFI	FY	2.73	2.57	*	.20	2.61			2.58		
				SR	3.03	2.78	***	.32	2.83	**	.25	2.76	***	.33
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	LAC	FY	2.80	2.54	***	.31	2.63	*	.20	2.57	**	.26
				SR	2.84	2.68	*	.20	2.74			2.69		
s.	Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FACOTHER	SFI	FY	1.62	1.53		1.63			1.56			
				SR	1.90	1.79			1.87			1.81		
t.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	ACL	FY	2.73	2.59		2.71			2.68			
				SR	2.98	2.73	**	.29	2.83			2.84		
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	EEE	FY	2.69	2.32	***	.37	2.46	*	.22	2.55		
				SR	2.89	2.45	***	.46	2.49	***	.41	2.64	**	.25
v.	Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	EEE	FY	2.63	2.54		2.61			2.68			
				SR	2.76	2.61			2.62			2.71		

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2. Mental Activities															
<i>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</i>															
a.	Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	FY	3.09	2.87	**	.26	2.85	**	.28	2.87	**	.26		
			SR	2.87	2.70			2.73			2.74				
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	LAC	3.16	2.93	**	.28	3.04			3.06				
			SR	3.26	3.14			3.22			3.22				
c.	Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	SYNTHESZ	LAC	2.90	2.71	*	.23	2.80			2.83				
			SR	3.07	2.95			3.03			3.01				
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	LAC	2.97	2.74	**	.28	2.84			2.82				
			SR	3.00	2.89			2.95			2.94				
e.	Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	LAC	3.11	2.89	**	.26	2.96			2.98				
			SR	3.32	3.14	*	.22	3.20			3.17				
3. Reading and Writing															
<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>															
a.	Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	READASGN	LAC	3.12	3.11			3.20			3.26				
			SR	2.81	3.07	**	-.27	3.20	***	-.39	3.18	***	-.37		
b.	Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	READOWN	FY	1.93	1.97			2.12	*	-.20	2.06				
			SR	2.02	2.18			2.23	*	-.21	2.21	*	-.19		
c.	Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	WRITEMOR	LAC	1.25	1.21			1.31			1.25				
			SR	1.53	1.61			1.69	*	-.20	1.64				
d.	Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	WRITEMID	LAC	2.23	2.12			2.29			2.29				
			SR	2.50	2.53			2.64			2.59				
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	3.18	2.98	*	.19	3.05			3.05				
			SR	2.59	3.02	***	-.39	2.98	***	-.34	2.98	***	-.34		

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<i>Bench- mark</i>													
<i>Class</i>													
4. 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 problem sets that take you more than an hour to complete	PROBSETA	FY	2.76	2.45	**	.29	2.62			2.63		
			SR	2.49	2.55			2.56			2.57		
b.	Number of problem sets that take you less than an hour to complete	PROBSETB	FY	2.85	2.83			2.68			2.74		
			SR	2.33	2.54			2.41			2.34		
5. Examinations				<i>1=very little to 7=very much</i>									
	To what extent have your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work?	EXAMS	FY	5.60	5.36	*	.21	5.36	*	.20	5.42		
			SR	5.69	5.39	**	.26	5.45	*	.20	5.41	*	.23
6. Additional Collegiate Experiences				<i>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.	Attended an art exhibit, gallery, play, dance, or other theatre performance	ATDART05	FY	2.23	2.06	*	.19	2.06	*	.19	2.10		
			SR	1.75	1.92			2.00	**	-.28	2.01	**	-.29
b.	Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities	EXRCSE05	FY	2.74	2.69			2.65			2.77		
			SR	2.58	2.61			2.63			2.70		
c.	Participated in activities to enhance your spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)	WORSHP05	FY	2.34	2.11	*	.21	2.12	*	.19	2.09	*	.22
			SR	2.49	2.21	*	.25	2.25	*	.21	2.18	**	.27
d.	Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	FY	2.51	2.48			2.57			2.57		
			SR	2.66	2.63			2.66			2.69		
e.	Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	OTHRVIEW	FY	2.70	2.63			2.74			2.74		
			SR	2.79	2.77			2.78			2.83		
f.	Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	FY	2.87	2.69	*	.21	2.79			2.80		
			SR	2.87	2.79			2.83			2.87		
7. Enriching Educational Experiences				<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=have not decided, do not plan to do, plan to do; 1=done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "done" among all valid respondents.)</i>									
a.	Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN04	EEE	FY	.05	.08		.07			.07		
			SR	.54	.51			.57			.53		

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b.	Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	FY	.32	.34			.38			.37		
			SR	.56	.57			.59			.59		
c.	Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LRNCOM04	FY	.10	.13			.12			.16	*	-.16
			SR	.25	.21			.25			.25		
d.	Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	FY	.07	.04			.05			.05		
			SR	.14	.16			.18			.19		
e.	Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	FY	.09	.14			.18	**	-.23	.22	***	-.32
			SR	.50	.37	*	.26	.37	**	.27	.41		
f.	Study abroad	STDABR04	FY	.02	.02			.03			.03		
			SR	.07	.09			.13	*	-.19	.14	**	-.21
g.	Independent study or self-designed major	INDSTD04	FY	.04	.04			.03			.03		
			SR	.15	.17			.21			.19		
h.	Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	SNRX04	FY	.01	.02			.02			.01		
			SR	.26	.35			.38	**	-.25	.32		
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	5.70	5.49			5.44	*	.19	5.48	*	.16
			SR	5.92	5.64	*	.21	5.68	*	.18	5.60	**	.23
				<i>1=unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic to 7=available, helpful, sympathetic</i>									
b.	Relationships with faculty members	ENVFAC	FY	5.53	5.21	**	.25	5.33			5.19	**	.25
			SR	5.93	5.53	***	.32	5.66	**	.22	5.42	***	.38
				<i>1=unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid to 7=helpful, considerate, flexible</i>									
c.	Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	FY	5.17	4.71	**	.30	4.69	**	.30	4.60	***	.36
			SR	5.15	4.62	***	.33	4.66	***	.30	4.50	***	.39

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<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>														
9. Time Usage														
a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	ACADPR01	LAC	FY	3.86	3.67			3.87			3.99		
				SR	3.78	3.97			3.98			4.10		
b.	Working for pay on campus	WORKON01		FY	1.26	1.54	**	-.23	1.56	***	-.24	1.53	**	
				SR	1.71	1.85			1.81			1.83		
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01		FY	2.67	3.10	*	-.16	3.20	*	-.19	2.59		
				SR	4.10	4.28			4.17			3.81		
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	EEE	FY	2.11	2.10			2.07			2.17		
				SR	1.91	2.00			2.06			2.08		
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)	SOCIAL05		FY	3.52	3.74			3.57			3.79		
				SR	3.48	3.44			3.34			3.48		
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01		FY	1.98	1.98			2.18			1.78		
				SR	2.97	2.64			2.66			2.33	**	
g.	Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	COMMUTE		FY	2.49	2.23	*	.28	2.28			2.24	*	
				SR	2.56	2.29	**	.28	2.33	*	.22	2.38		
<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	LAC	FY	3.35	3.00	***	.46	3.06	***	.36	3.07	***	
				SR	3.25	3.02	**	.31	3.09	*	.21	3.08	*	
b.	Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	SCE	FY	3.30	2.96	***	.43	3.01	***	.36	2.99	***	
				SR	3.20	2.89	***	.39	2.97	**	.28	2.87	***	
c.	Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	EEE	FY	2.88	2.49	***	.43	2.56	***	.33	2.57	***	
				SR	2.76	2.39	***	.39	2.45	***	.31	2.40	***	

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d.	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	SCE	FY	2.49			2.14	***	.37	2.17	***	.33	
				SR	2.30			1.88	***	.47	2.01	**	.30	1.90
e.	Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	SCE	FY	2.76			2.37	***	.43	2.33	***	.45	
				SR	2.46			2.11	***	.39	2.19	**	.29	2.14
f.	Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT		FY	3.11			2.73	***	.40	2.70	***	.41	
				SR	2.81			2.52	***	.32	2.57	**	.25	2.57
g.	Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT		FY	3.52			3.32	**	.26	3.26	***	.32	
				SR	3.62			3.49	*	.19	3.40	***	.28	3.47

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

11. Educational and Personal Growth

a.	Acquiring a broad general education	NGENLED		FY	3.30			3.09	**	.26	3.11	*	.24	3.12	*	.23
				SR	3.41			3.22	*	.23	3.30			3.24	*	.21
b.	Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK		FY	2.91			2.73	*	.19	2.70	*	.22	2.70	*	.22
				SR	3.33			3.07	**	.29	3.10	**	.26	3.02	***	.34
c.	Writing clearly and effectively	GNWRITE		FY	3.36			2.90	***	.53	3.00	***	.42	2.95	***	.48
				SR	3.42			3.02	***	.47	3.14	***	.34	3.07	***	.41
d.	Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK		FY	2.99			2.85			2.83			2.75	**	.25
				SR	3.28			2.96	***	.37	3.06	**	.26	2.96	***	.35
e.	Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY		FY	3.38			3.10	***	.35	3.18	**	.26	3.16	**	.28
				SR	3.60			3.26	***	.45	3.35	***	.34	3.33	***	.36
f.	Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT		FY	3.11			2.81	***	.33	2.87	**	.27	2.85	**	.28
				SR	3.33			2.96	***	.42	3.03	***	.34	3.02	***	.35
g.	Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS		FY	3.27			3.02	**	.28	2.97	***	.33	2.99	**	.31
				SR	3.53			3.26	***	.33	3.19	***	.40	3.21	***	.39
h.	Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS		FY	3.16			2.93	**	.26	2.93	**	.26	2.92	**	.27
				SR	3.40			3.15	**	.30	3.15	**	.30	3.14	**	.31

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i.	Voting in local, state, or national elections	GNCITIZN	FY	2.08	1.92			1.92			1.92			
			SR	2.29	2.12			2.06	*	.22	2.10	*	.19	
j.	Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	FY	3.11	2.79	***	.37	2.84	**	.31	2.85	**	.30	
			SR	3.12	2.96			3.02			3.00			
k.	Understanding yourself	GNSELF	FY	2.96	2.65	***	.32	2.72	**	.25	2.71	**	.26	
			SR	2.94	2.77			2.84			2.78			
l.	Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	FY	2.87	2.51	***	.38	2.58	**	.29	2.57	***	.30	
			SR	2.79	2.57	*	.23	2.59	*	.19	2.57	*	.21	
m.	Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	FY	2.86	2.54	***	.36	2.56	***	.32	2.58	***	.31	
			SR	2.94	2.68	**	.27	2.72	*	.24	2.72	*	.23	
n.	Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	FY	2.77	2.51	**	.26	2.61			2.59	*	.19	
			SR	2.77	2.61			2.75			2.65			
o.	Contributing to the welfare of your community	GNCOMMUN	FY	2.59	2.28	***	.33	2.36	*	.23	2.34	**	.26	
			SR	2.62	2.39	*	.23	2.48			2.42	*	.20	
p.	Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	GNSPIRIT	FY	2.27	2.02	*	.24	2.15			2.05	*	.20	
			SR	1.98	1.86			2.14			1.92			
12. Academic Advising				<i>1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent</i>										
	Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution?	ADVISE	FY	3.34	2.96	***	.45	2.96	***	.45	2.94	***	.46	
			SR	3.30	2.85	***	.49	2.97	***	.37	2.82	***	.51	
13. Satisfaction				<i>1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent</i>										
	How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	ENTIREXP	FY	3.32	3.15	**	.25	3.11	**	.29	3.16	*	.22	
			SR	3.41	3.20	**	.31	3.23	**	.25	3.19	**	.29	
14.				<i>1=definitely no, 2=probably no, 3=probably yes, 4=definitely yes</i>										
	If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	SAMECOLL	FY	3.23	3.23			3.12			3.20			
			SR	3.34	3.24			3.17	*	.20	3.17	*	.19	

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