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Engagement Indicators

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About This Report

About Your *Engagement Indicators* Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right.

Theme	*Engagement Indicator*
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning
	Reflective & Integrative Learning
	Learning Strategies
	Quantitative Reasoning
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning
	Discussions with Diverse Others
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction
	Effective Teaching Practices
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions
	Supportive Environment

Report Sections

Overview (p. 3)
Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)
Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

- **Mean Comparisons**
  Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).
- **Score Distributions**
  Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.
- **Performance on Indicator Items**
  Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)
Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of 2016 and 2017 participating institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)
Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2015). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder—Institution Version and your *Major Field Report* (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: **nsse.indiana.edu**

Rocconi, L., & Gonyea, R. M. (2015, May). *Contextualizing student engagement effect sizes: An empirical analysis.* Paper presented at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum, Denver, CO.

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Overview

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Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Use the following key:

- ▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- △ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- -- No significant difference.
- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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First-Year Students

Theme	*Engagement Indicator*	Your first-year students compared with MGA Peer Group	Your first-year students compared with Carnegie Class	Your first-year students compared with NSSE 2016 & 2017
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	▽	▽	▽
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	--	▽	▽
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	--	▽
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	--	--	--
	Supportive Environment	--	▽	▽

Seniors

Theme	*Engagement Indicator*	Your seniors compared with MGA Peer Group	Your seniors compared with Carnegie Class	Your seniors compared with NSSE 2016 & 2017
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	△	--	△
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	▽	▽
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	▽	▽	▽
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	△	--
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	▽	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	△	--	△
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

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Academic Challenge

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Academic Challenge: First-year students

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Engagement Indicator	*Mean*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*
Higher-Order Learning	37.6	36.6	.07	37.5	.01	37.9	-.03
Reflective & Integrative Learning	31.9	34.2 *	-.19	34.8 **	-.24	35.0 **	-.26
Learning Strategies	40.3	38.5	.13	38.3	.14	38.3	.14
Quantitative Reasoning	27.0	27.3	-.02	27.0	.00	27.6	-.04

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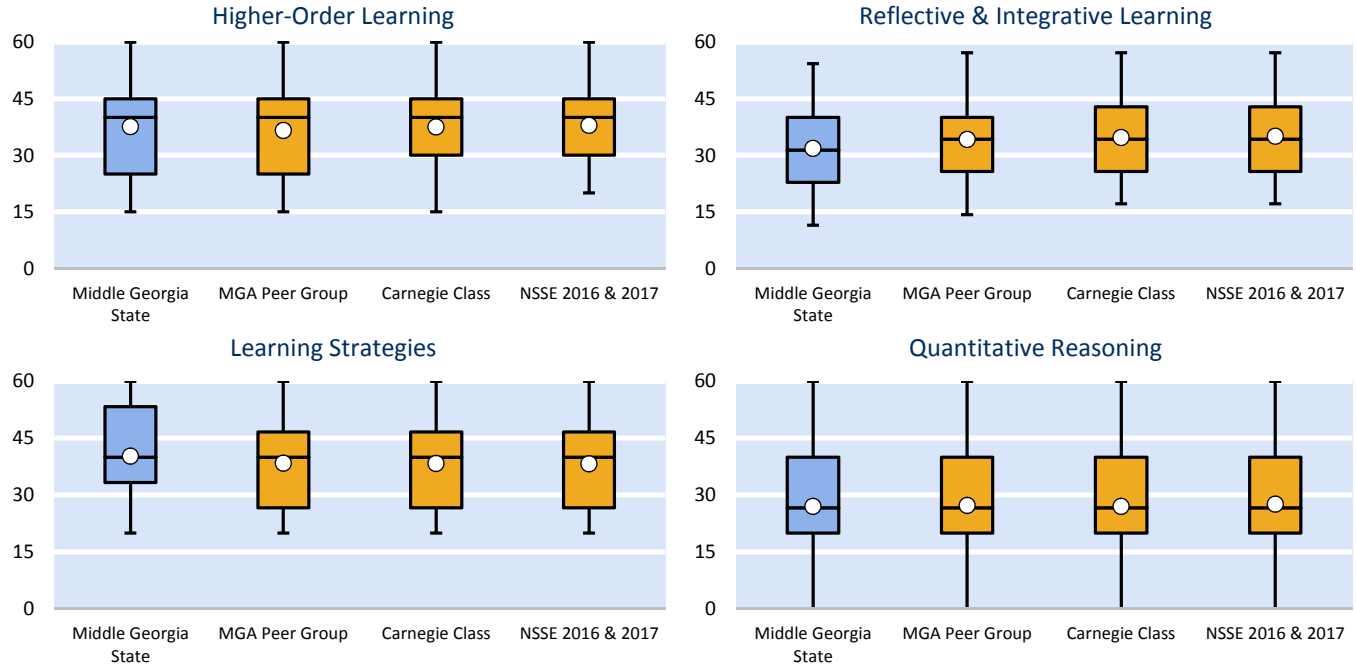

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Higher-Order Learning				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized…	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	63	-3	-5	-8
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	70	+4	+3	+0
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	67	+1	-3	-2
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	67	+2	-1	-1
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	42	-10	-8	-10
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	40	-9	-10	-11
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	40	-6	-11	-11
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	56	-6	-7	-7
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	63	-4	-5	-6
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	57	-8	-9	-9
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	66	-9	-10	-11
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	82	+7	+5	+5
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	72	+5	+7	+7
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	75	+12	+12	+13
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	53	+2	+2	+0
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	38	-1	-0	-1
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	39	+2	+2	+0

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Reflective & Integrative Learning	37.0	37.3	-.03	38.2	-.10	38.0	-.08
Learning Strategies	41.6	39.4 *	.15	39.6	.13	38.7 **	.19
Quantitative Reasoning	26.8	28.9	-.13	28.9 *	-.13	29.9 **	-.19

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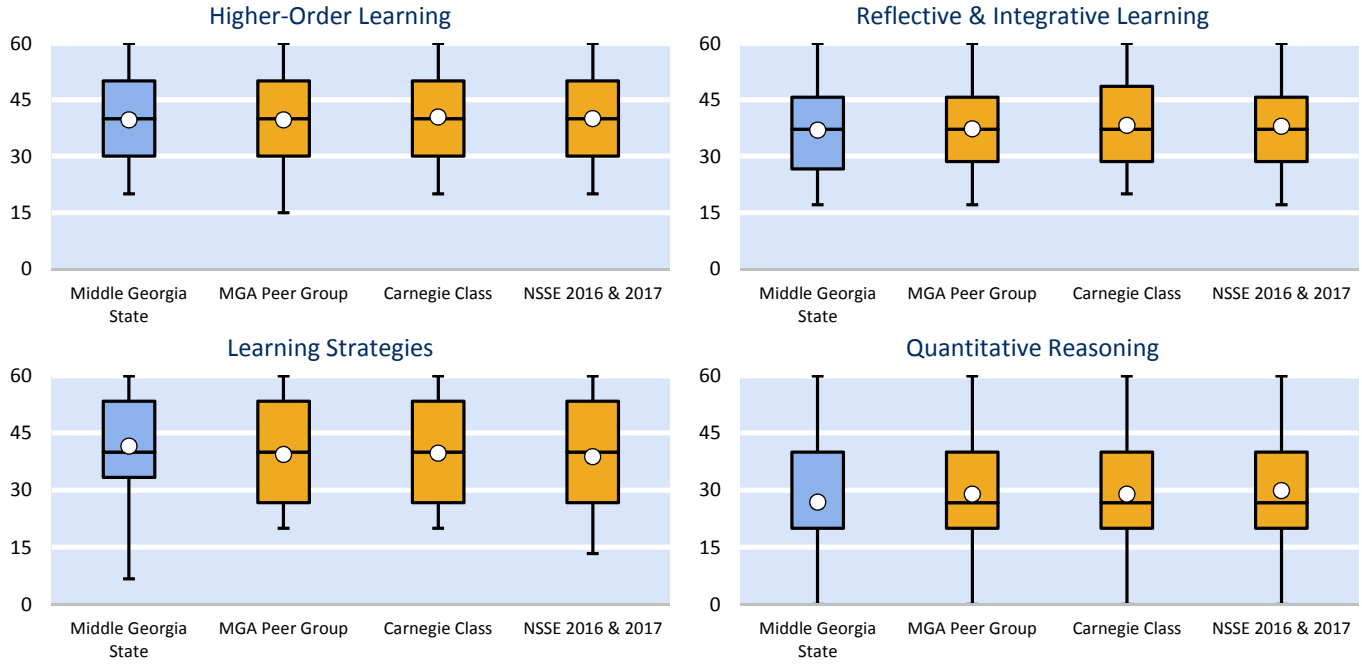

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Higher-Order Learning		**MGA Peer Group**	**Carnegie Class**	**NSSE 2016 & 2017**
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized…	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	78	+1	-1	-0
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	75	+1	-0	-0
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	68	-3	-5	-2
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	70	-2	-4	-2
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	66	-2	-2	-3
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	57	-2	-5	-4
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	51	+2	-4	-2
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	66	+3	-1	+0
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	72	+3	-0	-0
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	66	-1	-4	-5
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	81	-2	-3	-2
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	81	+1	-1	+1
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	73	+8	+9	+11
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	75	+9	+8	+11
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	45	-8	-8	-11
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	34	-9	-9	-10
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Learning with Peers

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Learning with Peers: First-year students

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Discussions with Diverse Others	36.1	38.3	-.13	38.0	-.12	39.7 *	-.23

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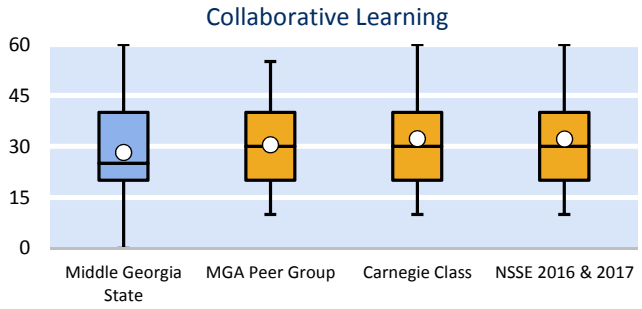

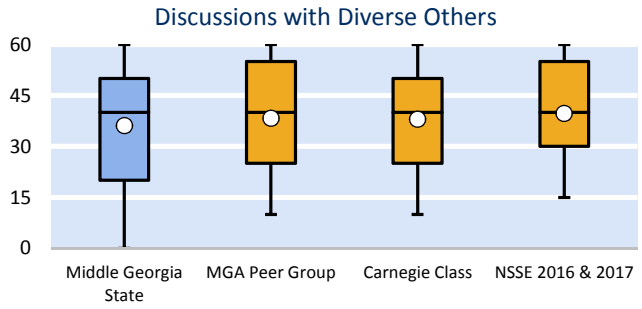

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Collaborative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…	%			
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	41	-5	-9	-11
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	48	-6	-9	-9
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	40	-3	-9	-10
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	45	-4	-10	-9
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with…				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	64	+1	-4	-6
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	60	-6	-11	-12
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	53	-11	-3	-13
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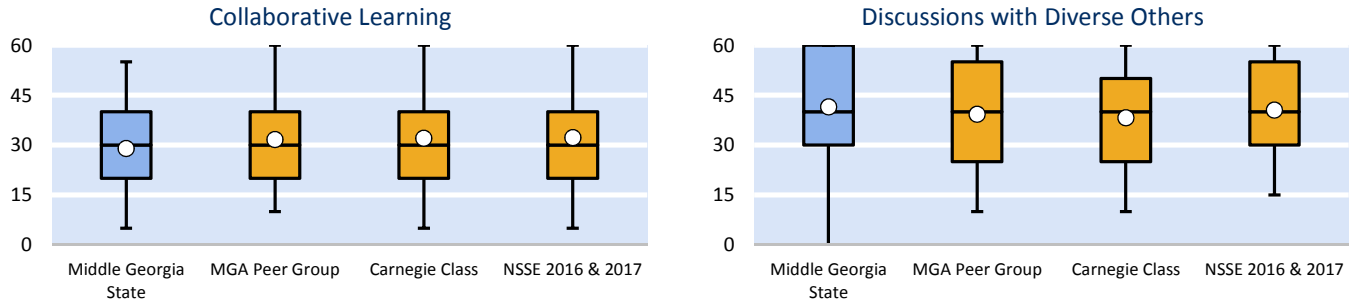

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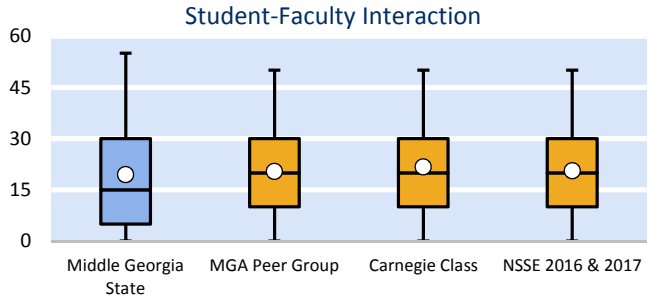

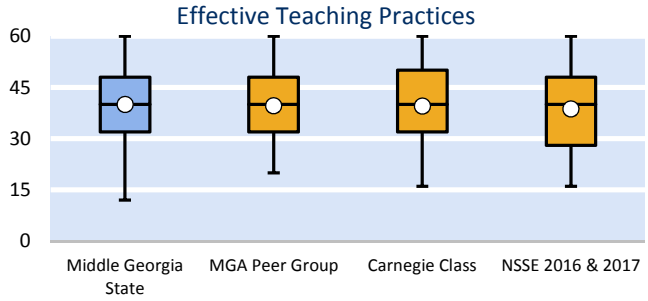

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Student-Faculty Interaction	Middle Georgia State	MGA Peer Group	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
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3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	33	-1	-5	-2
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	20	+1	-2	+0
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	27	+1	-1	+2
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	32	+2	-1	+2
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have…				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	80	+0	+2	+2
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	79	+2	+3	+3
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	76	+1	+2	+1
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	72	+6	+5	+8
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		MGA Peer Group		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
Engagement Indicator	*Mean*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*
Student-Faculty Interaction	22.2	23.2	-.06	25.2 **	-.19	23.6	-.09
Effective Teaching Practices	41.0	39.6	.10	40.5	.03	39.6	.10

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and *p* before rounding; *$p < .05$, **$p < .01$, ***$p < .001$ (2-tailed).

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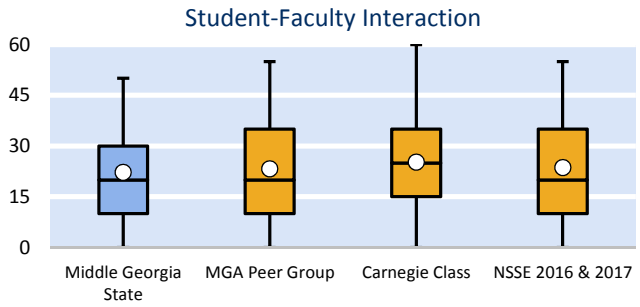

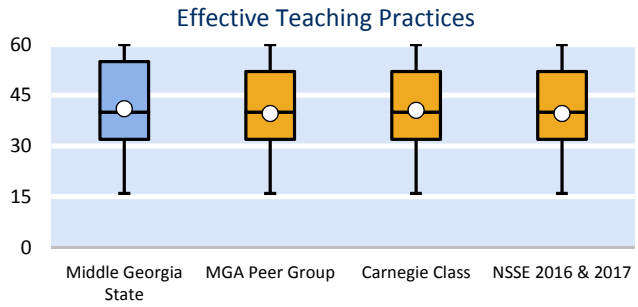

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		Percentage point difference between your seniors and		
Student-Faculty Interaction	Middle Georgia State	MGA Peer Group	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…	%			
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	38	-4	-9	-4
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	24	-2	-4	-2
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	27	-5	-9	-5
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	31	-3	-6	-2
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have…				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	85	+6	+4	+4
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	76	-1	-3	-2
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	78	+1	+0	+0
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	61	-0	-4	+1
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	67	+3	+0	+3

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NSSE 2017 Engagement Indicators

Campus Environment

Middle Georgia State University

Campus Environment: First-year students

Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment.* Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

	Middle Georgia State	Your first-year students compared with					
		MGA Peer Group		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
Engagement Indicator	*Mean*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*
Quality of Interactions	40.4	42.2	-.14	42.2	-.14	41.7	-.11
Supportive Environment	32.9	35.6	-.19	36.6 **	-.27	36.4 *	-.26

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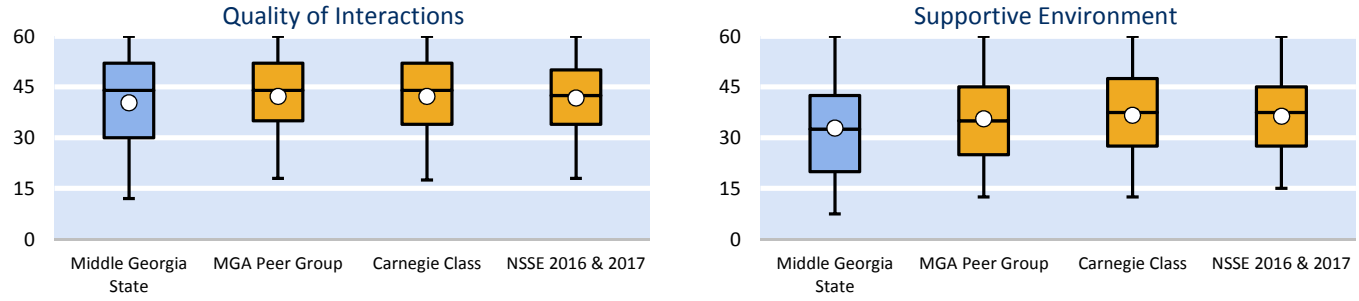

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	Middle Georgia State	Percentage point difference between your FY students and		
		MGA Peer Group	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
Quality of Interactions				
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with…	%			
13a. Students	49	-1	-4	-3
13b. Academic advisors	51	-1	-1	+1
13c. Faculty	48	-4	-4	-1
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	47	+0	+2	+3
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	42	-3	-4	-1
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized…				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	62	-14	-15	-14
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	72	-3	-4	-4
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	48	-10	-15	-14
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	56	-12	-15	-15
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	56	-11	-11	-14
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	34	-5	-13	-9
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	56	-6	-9	-8
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	40	-8	-11	-12

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NSSE 2017 Engagement Indicators

Campus Environment

Middle Georgia State University

Campus Environment: Seniors

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Mean Comparisons

	Middle Georgia State	Your seniors compared with					
		MGA Peer Group		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
Engagement Indicator	*Mean*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	*Mean*	*Effect size*
Quality of Interactions	44.4	42.2 *	.18	43.7	.06	42.2 *	.18
Supportive Environment	32.3	31.8	.04	33.3	-.07	32.3	.00

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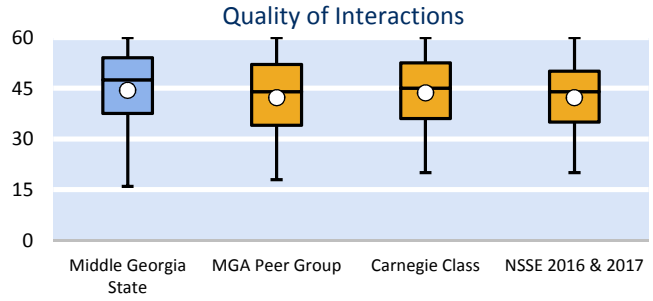

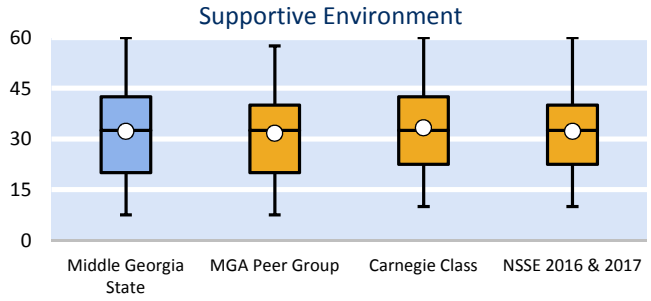

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Quality of Interactions				
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with…	%			
13a. Students	56	+0	-3	-1
13b. Academic advisors	59	+5	+0	+8
13c. Faculty	62	+4	-0	+5
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	54	+13	+11	+13
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	56	+13	+9	+14
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized…				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	72	+2	-3	+1
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	66	-0	-4	+0
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	56	+5	+1	+2
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	62	-2	-3	-2
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	60	+2	+0	-1
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	30	+0	-5	-1
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	54	+2	-2	+1
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	45	+2	+2	+2

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NSSE 2017 Engagement Indicators

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions

Middle Georgia State University

Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see **nsse.indiana.edu/html/position_policies.cfm**), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE[a] for their high average levels of student engagement:

(a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions, and
(b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable[b] to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

First-Year Students

		Middle Georgia State	Your first-year students compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
Theme	*Engagement Indicator*	*Mean*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	✓	*Mean*	*Effect size*	✓
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	37.6	39.2	-.12		41.2 **	-.27	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	31.9	36.6 ***	-.39		38.3 ***	-.52	
	Learning Strategies	40.3	39.8	.03	✓	42.0	-.12	
	Quantitative Reasoning	27.0	28.8	-.12		30.4 **	-.22	
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	28.2	35.2 ***	-.52		37.1 ***	-.66	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	36.1	41.7 ***	-.38		43.8 ***	-.53	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	19.4	23.8 ***	-.30		27.2 ***	-.50	
	Effective Teaching Practices	39.9	40.7	-.06	✓	42.6 *	-.20	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	40.4	43.8 *	-.30		46.1 ***	-.48	
	Supportive Environment	32.9	38.2 **	-.41		40.0 ***	-.55	

Seniors

		Middle Georgia State	Your seniors compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
Theme	*Engagement Indicator*	*Mean*	*Mean*	*Effect size*	✓	*Mean*	*Effect size*	✓
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	39.7	41.8 *	-.16		43.3 ***	-.26	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	37.0	40.0 ***	-.25		42.0 ***	-.41	
	Learning Strategies	41.6	40.7	.06	✓	42.9	-.09	✓
	Quantitative Reasoning	26.8	31.1 ***	-.27		33.0 ***	-.39	
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	29.0	35.8 ***	-.50		37.9 ***	-.66	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	41.4	42.3	-.06	✓	44.3 *	-.18	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	22.2	29.2 ***	-.45		33.0 ***	-.68	
	Effective Teaching Practices	41.0	41.8	-.06	✓	43.8 **	-.21	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	44.4	44.8	-.03	✓	46.9 *	-.20	
	Supportive Environment	32.3	34.8 *	-.18		37.2 ***	-.36	

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation; *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

a. Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2016 and 2017 institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either significant and positive, or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.

NSSE 2017 Engagement Indicators

Detailed Statistics[a]

Middle Georgia State University

Detailed Statistics: First-year students

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	*SD*[b]	*SEM*[c]	*5th*	*25th*	*50th*	*75th*	*95th*	*Deg. of freedom*[e]	*Mean diff.*	*Sig.*[f]	*Effect size*[g]
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 138)	37.6	13.9	1.18	15	25	40	45	60				
MGA Peer Group	36.6	13.8	.41	15	25	40	45	60	1,284	1.0	.415	.073
Carnegie Class	37.5	13.5	.17	15	30	40	45	60	6,479	.1	.930	.008
NSSE 2016 & 2017	37.9	13.3	.04	20	30	40	45	60	109,742	-.3	.769	-.025
Top 50%	39.2	13.1	.05	20	30	40	50	60	62,636	-1.6	.164	-.119
Top 10%	41.2	13.3	.12	20	35	40	50	60	11,687	-3.6	.002	-.267
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 149)	31.9	13.3	1.09	11	23	31	40	54				
MGA Peer Group	34.2	12.2	.35	14	26	34	40	57	1,338	-2.4	.027	-.193
Carnegie Class	34.8	12.1	.15	17	26	34	43	57	154	-2.9	.010	-.238
NSSE 2016 & 2017	35.0	12.0	.04	17	26	34	43	57	148	-3.2	.004	-.263
Top 50%	36.6	12.0	.05	17	29	37	46	57	149	-4.7	.000	-.393
Top 10%	38.3	12.3	.11	20	29	37	46	60	12,765	-6.4	.000	-.520
Learning Strategies												
Middle Georgia State (N = 119)	40.3	13.8	1.26	20	33	40	53	60				
MGA Peer Group	38.5	14.1	.44	20	27	40	47	60	1,136	1.8	.186	.128
Carnegie Class	38.3	13.8	.18	20	27	40	47	60	5,753	1.9	.129	.141
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.3	13.7	.04	20	27	40	47	60	97,719	2.0	.115	.145
Top 50%	39.8	13.7	.06	20	27	40	53	60	48,294	.4	.735	.031
Top 10%	42.0	14.1	.13	20	33	40	53	60	12,239	-1.7	.190	-.121
Quantitative Reasoning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 139)	27.0	16.7	1.42	0	20	27	40	60				
MGA Peer Group	27.3	15.5	.46	0	20	27	40	60	1,281	-.3	.850	-.017
Carnegie Class	27.0	15.5	.19	0	20	27	40	60	6,464	.0	.999	.000
NSSE 2016 & 2017	27.6	15.4	.05	0	20	27	40	60	109,332	-.6	.668	-.036
Top 50%	28.8	15.2	.06	0	20	27	40	60	67,550	-1.8	.163	-.118
Top 10%	30.4	15.2	.12	7	20	27	40	60	16,544	-3.4	.009	-.222
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 157)	28.2	15.3	1.22	0	20	25	40	60				
MGA Peer Group	30.4	13.9	.39	10	20	30	40	55	1,409	-2.3	.055	-.162
Carnegie Class	32.2	14.0	.17	10	20	30	40	60	6,946	-4.0	.000	-.289
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.2	14.5	.04	10	20	30	40	60	118,484	-4.0	.001	-.277
Top 50%	35.2	13.6	.05	15	25	35	45	60	157	-7.0	.000	-.518
Top 10%	37.1	13.4	.10	15	25	40	45	60	159	-8.9	.000	-.664
Discussions with Diverse Others												
Middle Georgia State (N = 121)	36.1	17.4	1.59	0	20	40	50	60				
MGA Peer Group	38.3	16.3	.51	10	25	40	55	60	1,152	-2.2	.168	-.133
Carnegie Class	38.0	15.8	.21	10	25	40	50	60	124	-1.9	.249	-.117
NSSE 2016 & 2017	39.7	15.5	.05	15	30	40	55	60	120	-3.5	.027	-.229
Top 50%	41.7	14.9	.06	20	30	40	55	60	120	-5.6	.001	-.377
Top 10%	43.8	14.5	.12	20	35	45	60	60	121	-7.7	.000	-.528

NSSE 2017 Engagement Indicators

Detailed Statistics[a]

Middle Georgia State University

Detailed Statistics: First-year students

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	*SD*[b]	*SEM*[c]	*5th*	*25th*	*50th*	*75th*	*95th*	*Deg. of freedom*[e]	*Mean diff.*	*Sig.*[f]	*Effect size*[g]
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
Middle Georgia State (N = 140)	19.4	15.6	1.31	0	5	15	30	55				
MGA Peer Group	20.4	14.4	.42	0	10	20	30	50	1,307	-1.0	.450	-.067
Carnegie Class	21.7	15.1	.19	0	10	20	30	50	6,587	-2.2	.085	-.147
NSSE 2016 & 2017	20.6	14.5	.04	0	10	20	30	50	111,473	-1.2	.342	-.080
Top 50%	23.8	14.7	.07	0	15	20	35	55	39,229	-4.4	.000	-.296
Top 10%	27.2	15.6	.20	5	15	25	40	60	6,462	-7.8	.000	-.501
Effective Teaching Practices												
Middle Georgia State (N = 140)	39.9	13.5	1.14	12	32	40	48	60				
MGA Peer Group	39.6	13.0	.38	20	32	40	48	60	1,298	.3	.810	.022
Carnegie Class	39.5	13.6	.17	16	32	40	50	60	6,550	.4	.709	.032
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.7	13.1	.04	16	28	40	48	60	110,913	1.2	.266	.094
Top 50%	40.7	13.0	.06	20	32	40	52	60	43,870	-.8	.484	-.059
Top 10%	42.6	13.6	.14	20	36	44	56	60	10,134	-2.7	.021	-.197
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
Middle Georgia State (N = 110)	40.4	14.9	1.42	12	30	44	52	60				
MGA Peer Group	42.2	12.5	.40	18	35	44	52	60	127	-1.8	.220	-.143
Carnegie Class	42.2	13.0	.18	18	34	44	52	60	112	-1.8	.201	-.141
NSSE 2016 & 2017	41.7	12.4	.04	18	34	43	50	60	109	-1.4	.334	-.111
Top 50%	43.8	11.5	.06	22	38	46	52	60	109	-3.5	.017	-.299
Top 10%	46.1	11.7	.14	24	40	48	56	60	111	-5.7	.000	-.482
Supportive Environment												
Middle Georgia State (N = 98)	32.9	15.7	1.58	8	20	33	43	60				
MGA Peer Group	35.6	13.9	.45	13	25	35	45	60	1,033	-2.7	.069	-.194
Carnegie Class	36.6	14.0	.19	13	28	38	48	60	5,336	-3.8	.009	-.268
NSSE 2016 & 2017	36.4	13.6	.05	15	28	38	45	60	97	-3.5	.030	-.257
Top 50%	38.2	13.1	.06	18	30	40	48	60	97	-5.4	.001	-.409
Top 10%	40.0	13.0	.12	18	31	40	50	60	98	-7.1	.000	-.548

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).
b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SEM) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.
d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.
e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.
g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

NSSE 2017 Engagement Indicators

Detailed Statistics[a]

Middle Georgia State University

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	*SD*[b]	*SEM*[c]	*5th*	*25th*	*50th*	*75th*	*95th*	*Deg. of freedom*[e]	*Mean diff.*	*Sig.*[f]	*Effect size*[g]
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 241)	39.7	13.8	.89	20	30	40	50	60				
MGA Peer Group	39.7	13.8	.26	15	30	40	50	60	3,139	.0	.985	.001
Carnegie Class	40.4	13.5	.14	20	30	40	50	60	9,298	-.8	.395	-.056
NSSE 2016 & 2017	40.0	13.7	.03	20	30	40	50	60	212,794	-.3	.692	-.026
Top 50%	41.8	13.5	.05	20	35	40	55	60	84,659	-2.1	.014	-.158
Top 10%	43.3	13.4	.09	20	35	40	55	60	25,196	-3.6	.000	-.264
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 250)	37.0	13.1	.83	17	27	37	46	60				
MGA Peer Group	37.3	12.7	.23	17	29	37	46	60	3,252	-.4	.671	-.028
Carnegie Class	38.2	12.4	.13	20	29	37	49	60	9,583	-1.3	.115	-.101
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.0	12.6	.03	17	29	37	46	60	219,802	-1.1	.185	-.084
Top 50%	40.0	12.3	.04	20	31	40	49	60	87,243	-3.0	.000	-.246
Top 10%	42.0	12.2	.09	20	34	43	51	60	18,351	-5.0	.000	-.411
Learning Strategies												
Middle Georgia State (N = 215)	41.6	15.7	1.07	7	33	40	53	60				
MGA Peer Group	39.4	14.5	.28	20	27	40	53	60	2,833	2.2	.035	.149
Carnegie Class	39.6	14.3	.16	20	27	40	53	60	8,555	1.9	.054	.133
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.7	14.5	.03	13	27	40	53	60	193,659	2.8	.004	.195
Top 50%	40.7	14.4	.05	20	33	40	53	60	101,998	.8	.401	.057
Top 10%	42.9	14.3	.08	20	33	40	60	60	29,695	-1.3	.172	-.093
Quantitative Reasoning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 238)	26.8	16.0	1.04	0	20	20	40	60				
MGA Peer Group	28.9	16.1	.30	0	20	27	40	60	3,137	-2.1	.054	-.130
Carnegie Class	28.9	16.1	.17	0	20	27	40	60	9,304	-2.1	.050	-.129
NSSE 2016 & 2017	29.9	16.3	.04	0	20	27	40	60	212,323	-3.0	.004	-.186
Top 50%	31.1	16.2	.05	0	20	33	40	60	128,859	-4.3	.000	-.266
Top 10%	33.0	15.9	.09	7	20	33	40	60	28,638	-6.1	.000	-.386
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
Middle Georgia State (N = 258)	29.0	14.8	.92	5	20	30	40	55				
MGA Peer Group	31.7	14.4	.26	10	20	30	40	60	3,339	-2.7	.004	-.185
Carnegie Class	32.0	14.7	.15	5	20	30	40	60	9,735	-3.0	.001	-.206
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.3	15.1	.03	5	20	30	40	60	224,664	-3.3	.000	-.217
Top 50%	35.8	13.8	.04	15	25	35	45	60	119,658	-6.8	.000	-.495
Top 10%	37.9	13.4	.09	15	30	40	50	60	261	-8.9	.000	-.662
Discussions with Diverse Others												
Middle Georgia State (N = 216)	41.4	18.1	1.23	0	30	40	60	60				
MGA Peer Group	39.2	16.5	.32	10	25	40	55	60	245	2.2	.081	.134
Carnegie Class	38.2	16.0	.18	10	25	40	50	60	224	3.2	.011	.200
NSSE 2016 & 2017	40.5	15.9	.04	15	30	40	55	60	216	.9	.442	.060
Top 50%	42.3	15.6	.04	15	30	40	60	60	216	-.9	.485	-.055
Top 10%	44.3	15.3	.09	20	35	45	60	60	218	-2.8	.024	-.184

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Detailed Statistics[a]

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Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	*SD*[b]	*SEM*[c]	*5th*	*25th*	*50th*	*75th*	*95th*	*Deg. of freedom*[e]	*Mean diff.*	*Sig.*[f]	*Effect size*[g]
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
Middle Georgia State (N = 243)	22.2	15.2	.97	0	10	20	30	50				
MGA Peer Group	23.2	16.3	.30	0	10	20	35	55	3,189	-1.0	.335	-.064
Carnegie Class	25.2	16.4	.17	0	15	25	35	60	257	-3.0	.002	-.186
NSSE 2016 & 2017	23.6	16.0	.03	0	10	20	35	55	215,305	-1.4	.171	-.088
Top 50%	29.2	15.7	.07	5	20	30	40	60	52,011	-7.1	.000	-.449
Top 10%	33.0	16.0	.18	10	20	30	45	60	258	-10.8	.000	-.677
Effective Teaching Practices												
Middle Georgia State (N = 242)	41.0	14.8	.95	16	32	40	55	60				
MGA Peer Group	39.6	14.2	.26	16	32	40	52	60	3,193	1.5	.124	.103
Carnegie Class	40.5	13.9	.14	16	32	40	52	60	9,425	.5	.602	.034
NSSE 2016 & 2017	39.6	13.7	.03	16	32	40	52	60	241	1.4	.142	.102
Top 50%	41.8	13.5	.05	20	32	40	52	60	242	-.8	.420	-.057
Top 10%	43.8	13.4	.11	20	36	44	56	60	248	-2.8	.004	-.209
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
Middle Georgia State (N = 197)	44.4	13.7	.98	16	38	48	54	60				
MGA Peer Group	42.2	12.5	.25	18	34	44	52	60	2,628	2.2	.018	.175
Carnegie Class	43.7	12.0	.14	20	36	45	53	60	203	.8	.442	.063
NSSE 2016 & 2017	42.2	12.1	.03	20	35	44	50	60	182,481	2.2	.012	.179
Top 50%	44.8	11.6	.04	23	38	46	54	60	196	-.4	.700	-.032
Top 10%	46.9	12.1	.09	23	40	50	58	60	199	-2.5	.013	-.203
Supportive Environment												
Middle Georgia State (N = 208)	32.3	15.3	1.06	8	20	33	43	60				
MGA Peer Group	31.8	14.5	.29	8	20	33	40	58	2,649	.5	.622	.036
Carnegie Class	33.3	14.3	.16	10	23	33	43	60	8,132	-1.0	.297	-.073
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.3	14.2	.03	10	23	33	40	60	208	-.1	.961	-.004
Top 50%	34.8	13.7	.05	13	25	35	45	60	208	-2.5	.021	-.181
Top 10%	37.2	13.6	.11	13	28	38	48	60	212	-4.9	.000	-.358

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).
b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SEM) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.
d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.
e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.
g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.