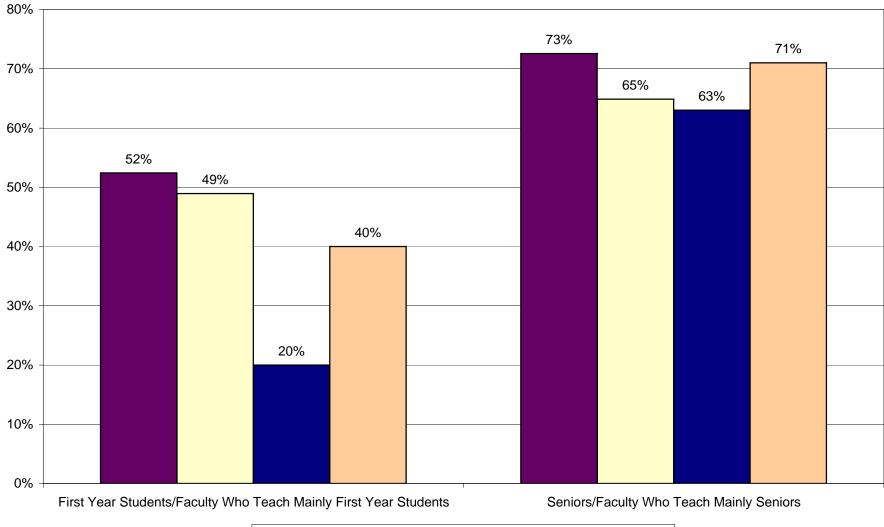
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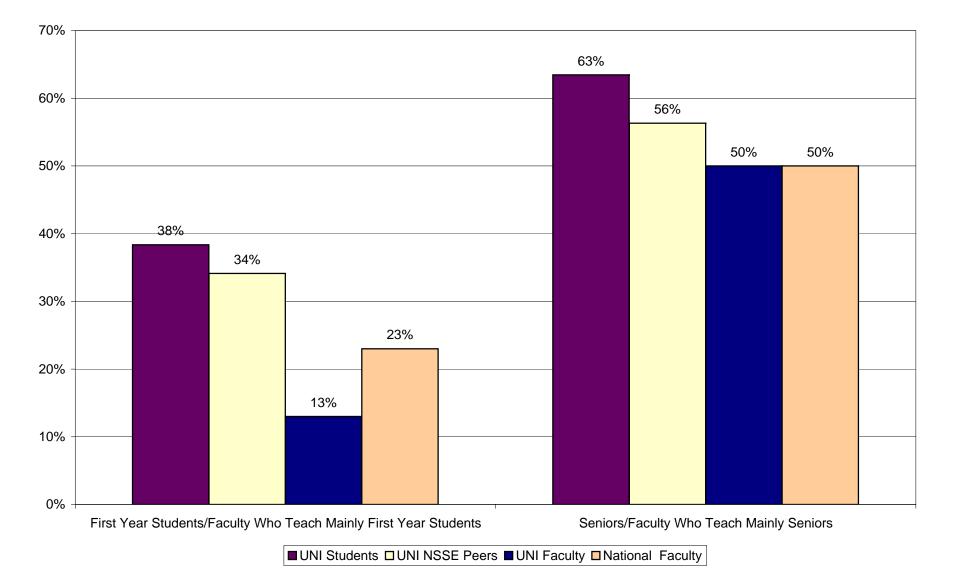


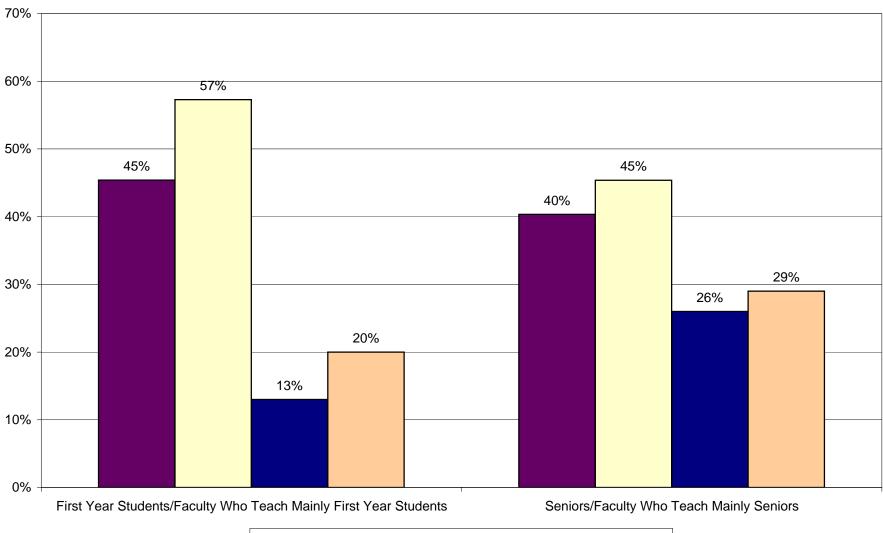
NSSE	FSSE	
In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?	About how often has the typical [first-year student/senior/student] done each of the following?	
Never, Sometimes, Often, Very often	Never, Sometimes, Often, Very often	
Sum of often and very often		



Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions

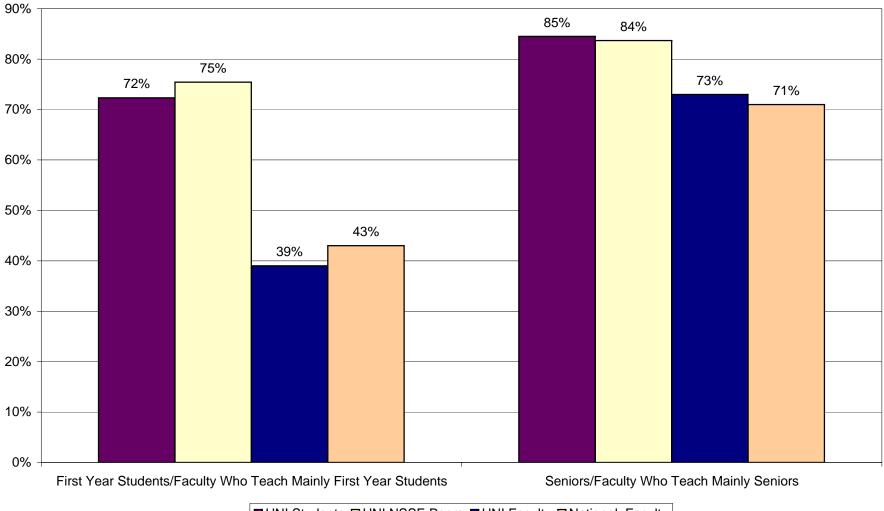
Made a class presentation

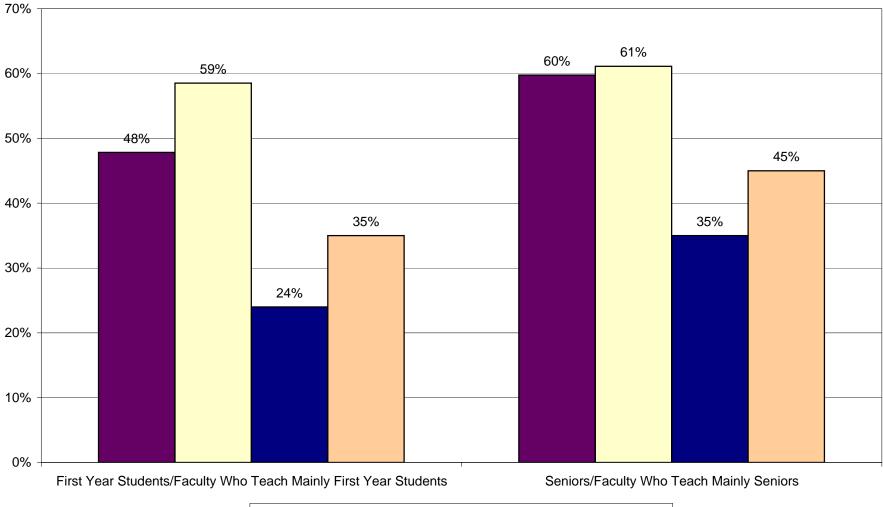




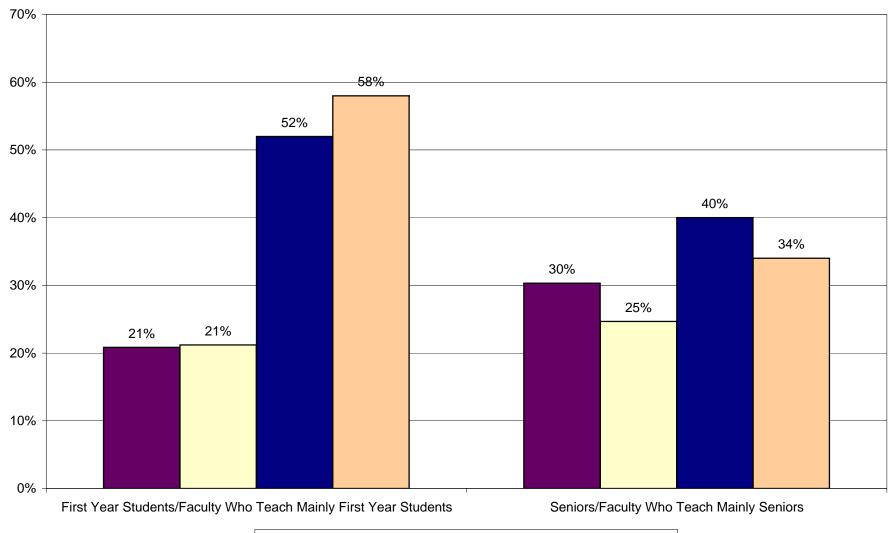
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in

Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources

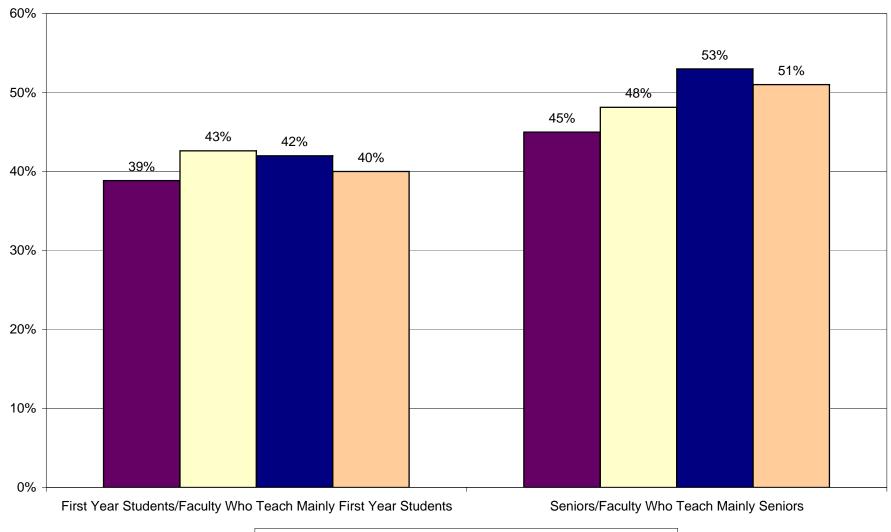




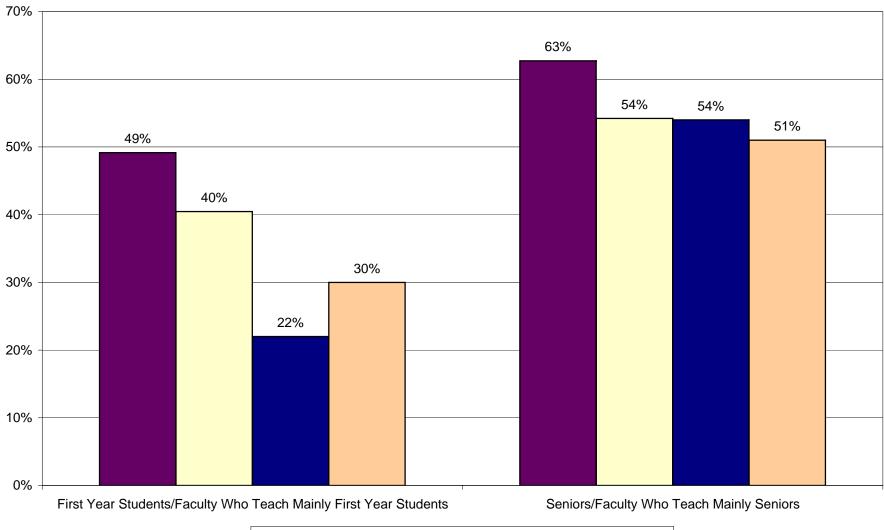
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments



Come to class without completing readings or assignments

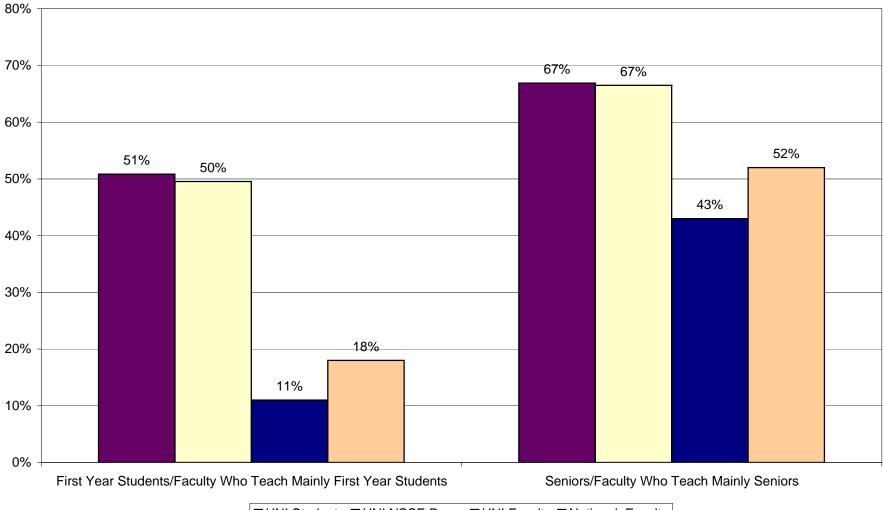


Worked with other students on projects during class

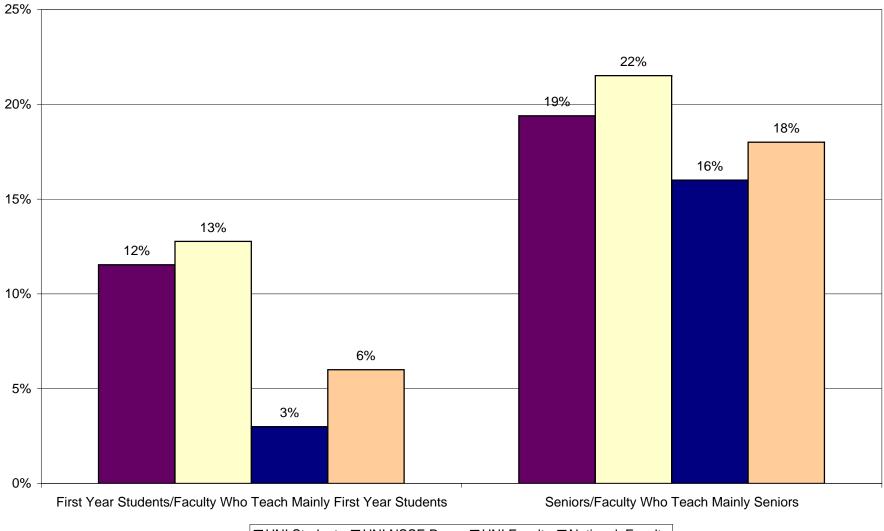


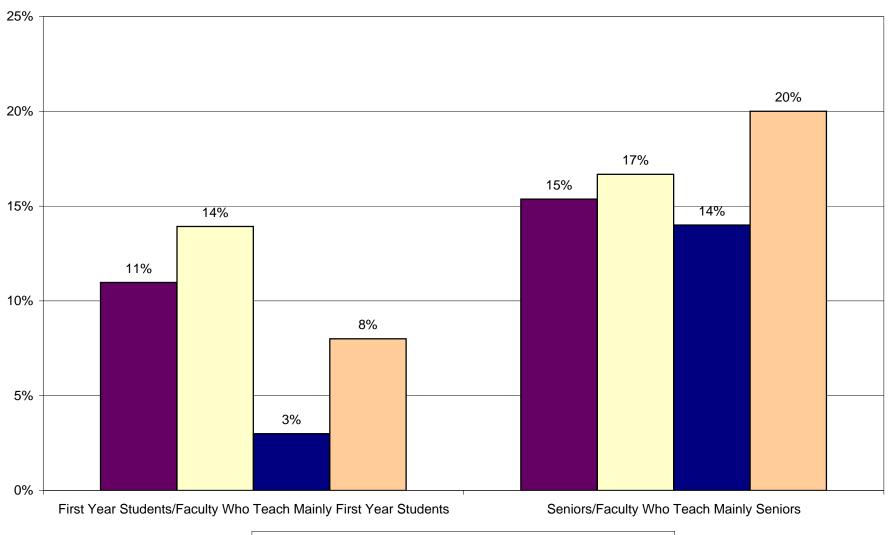
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments

Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions

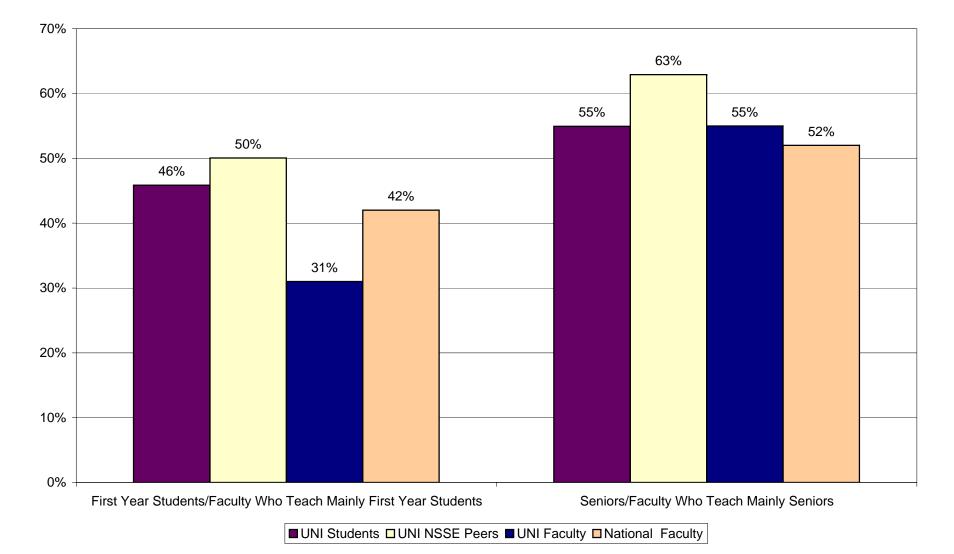


Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)

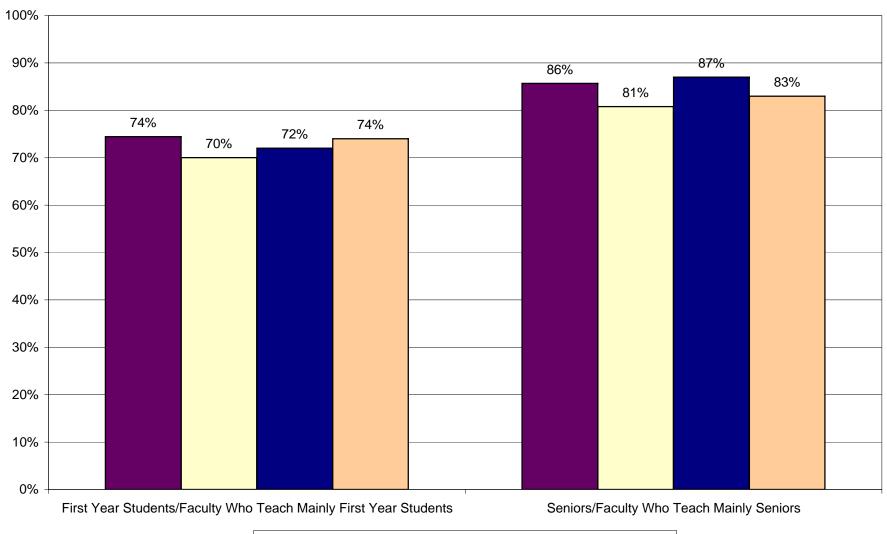




Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a regular course



Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment

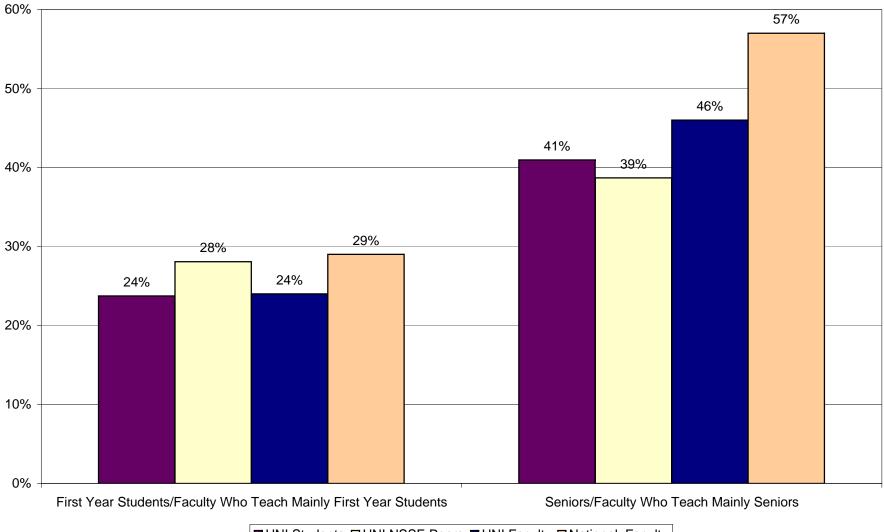


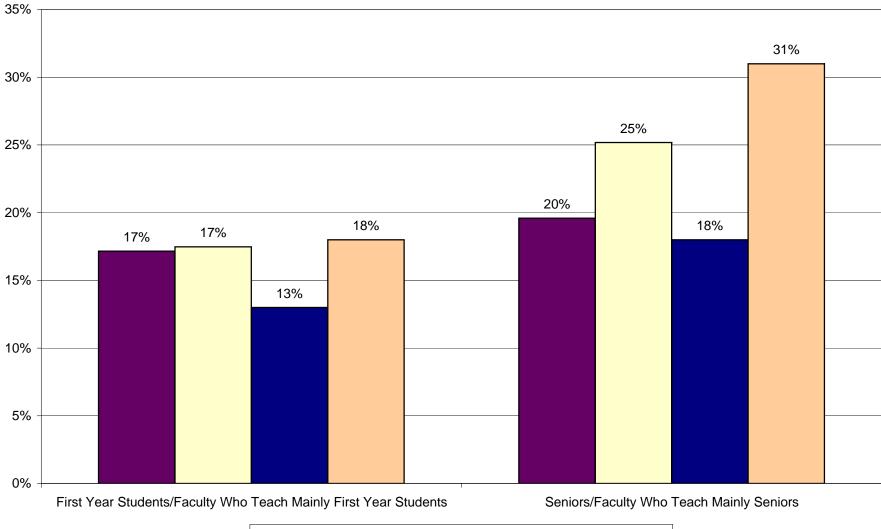
Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor

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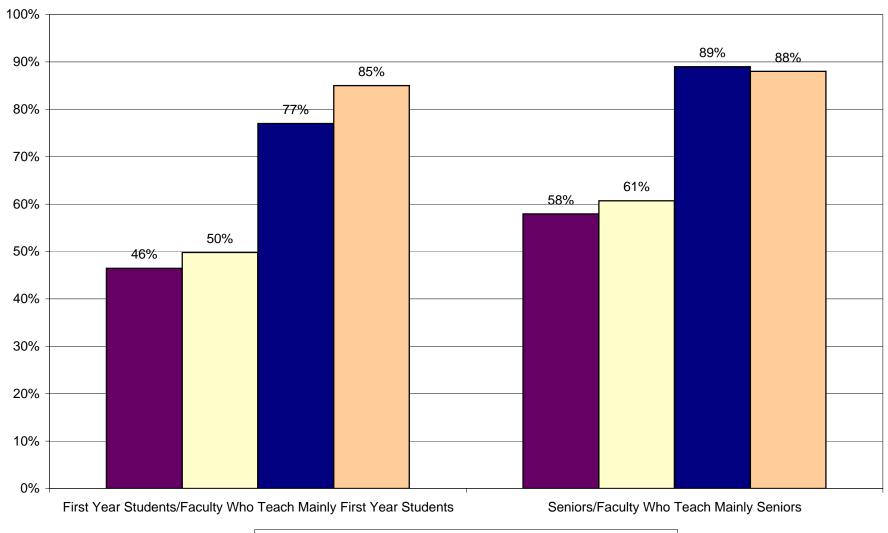
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor

Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor



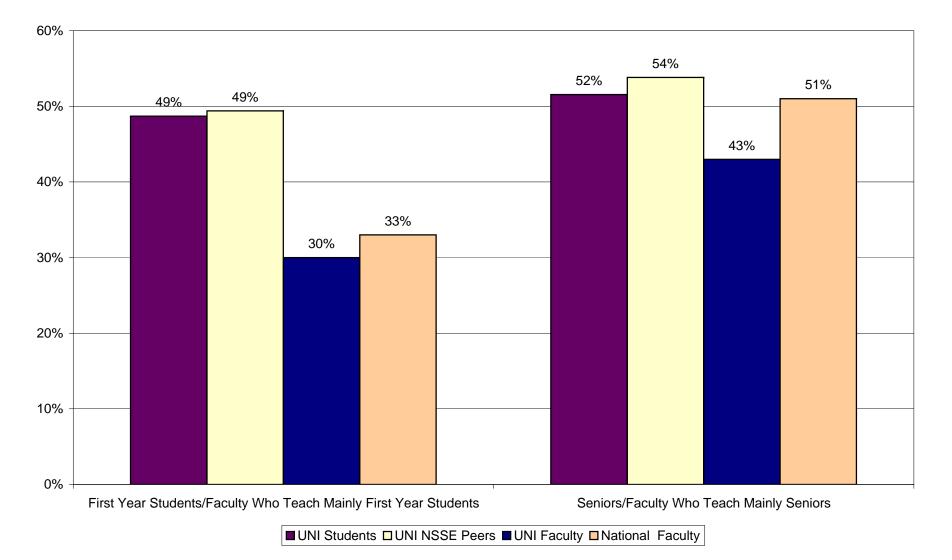


Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class



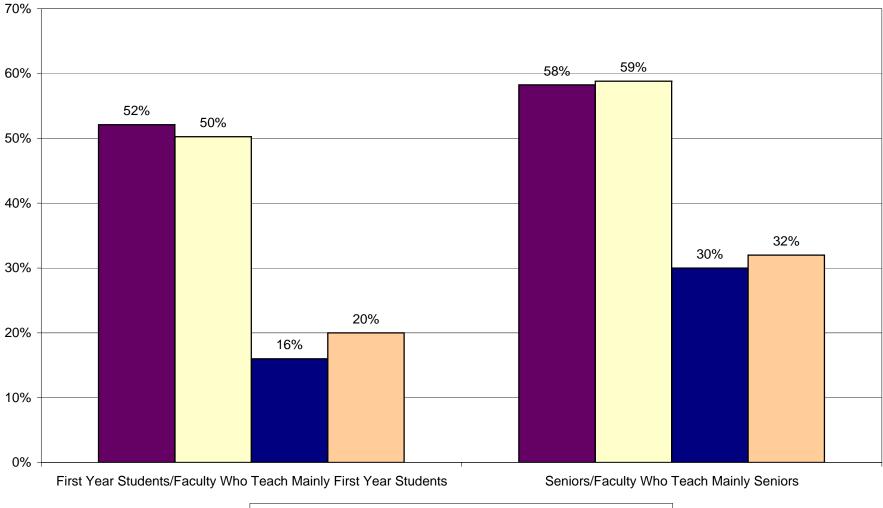
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance

Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations

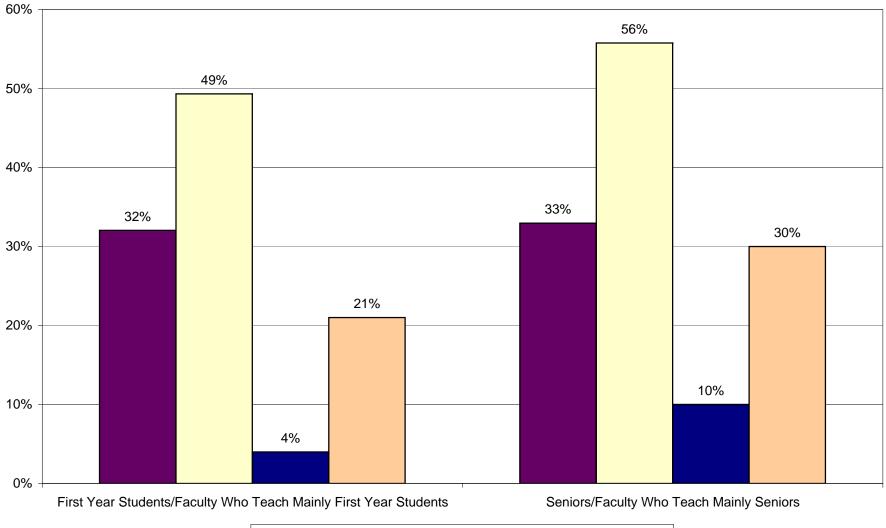


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Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)

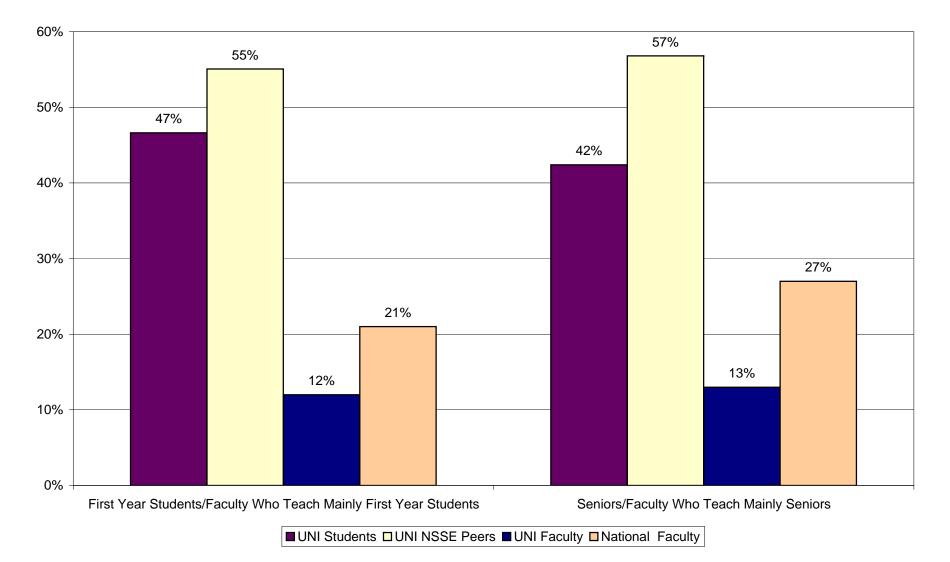


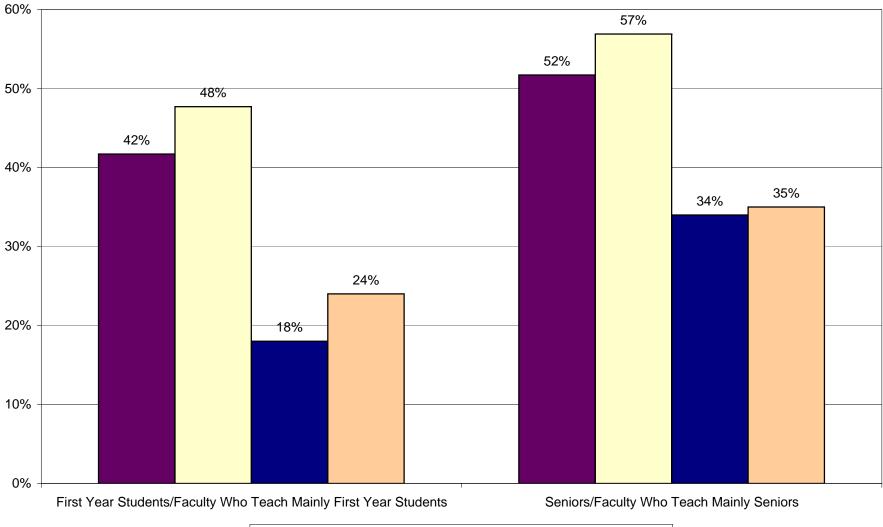
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)



Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own

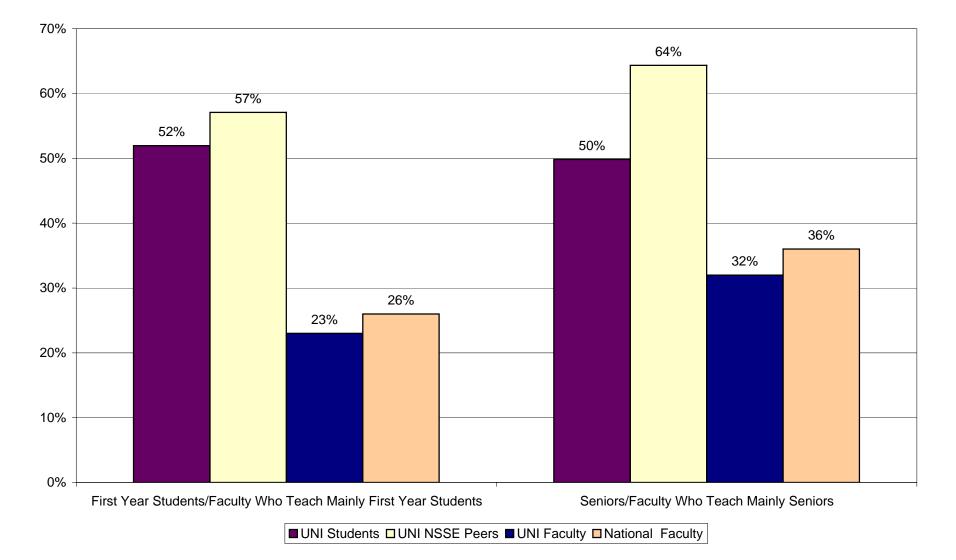
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values

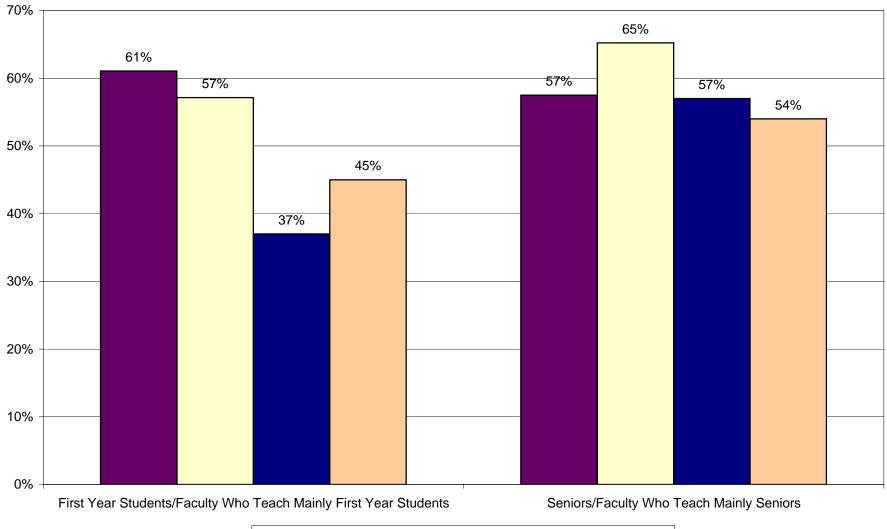




Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue

Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective

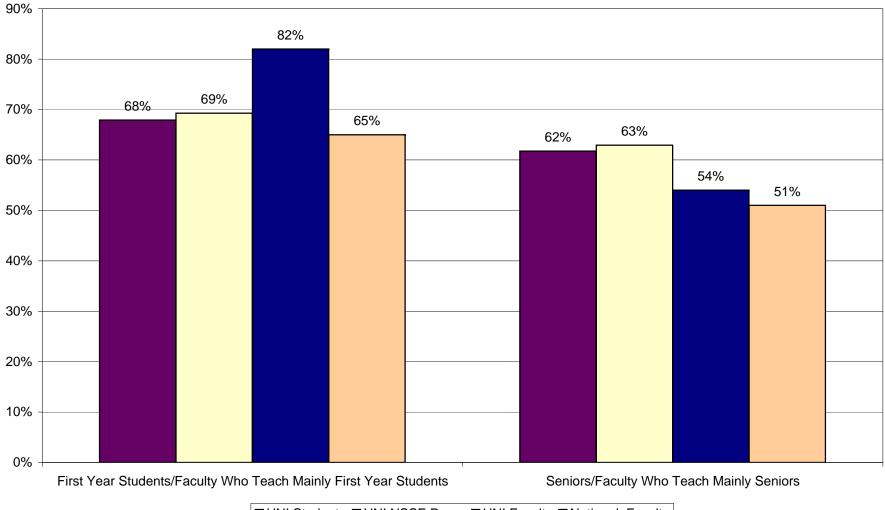


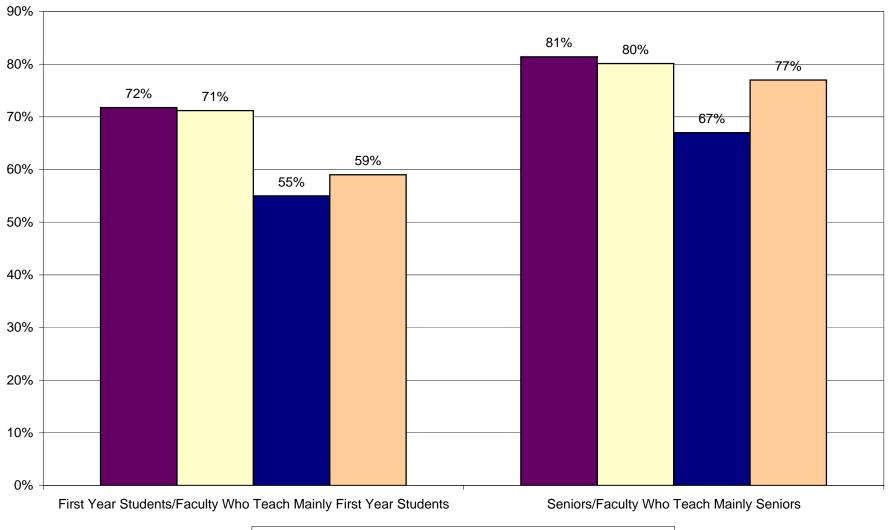


Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept

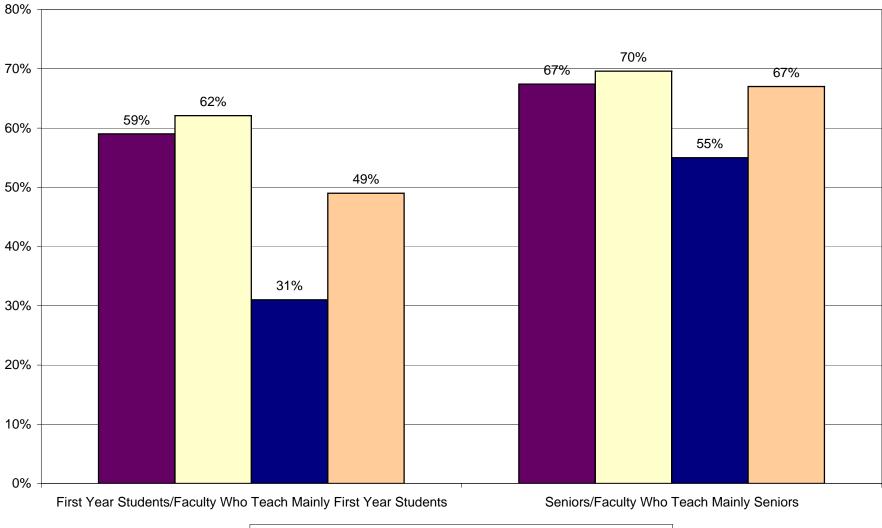
NSSE	FSSE
During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?	During the current school year, how much do you believe the typical [first-year student/senior/student]'s coursework has emphasized the following mental activities?
Very little, Some, Quite a bit, Very much	Very little, Some, Quite a bit, Very much
Sum of quite a bit and very much	

Coursework emphasizes: Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings



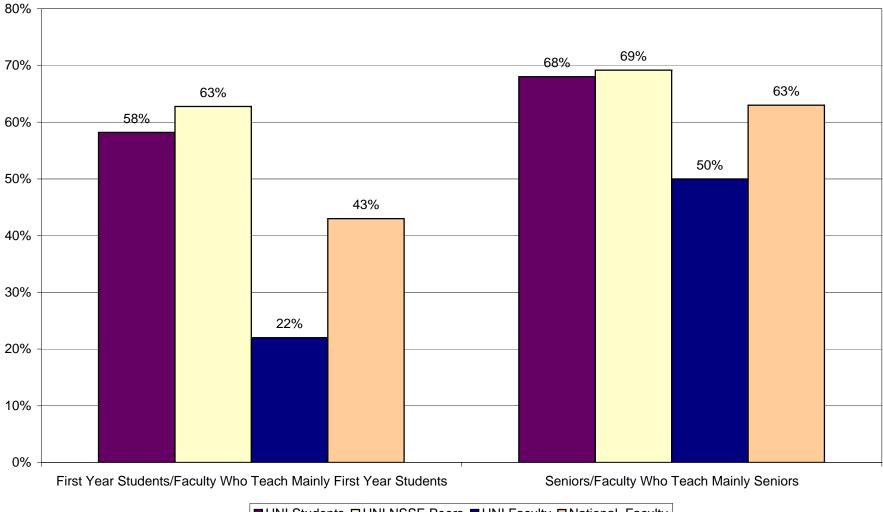


Coursework emphasizes: Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory

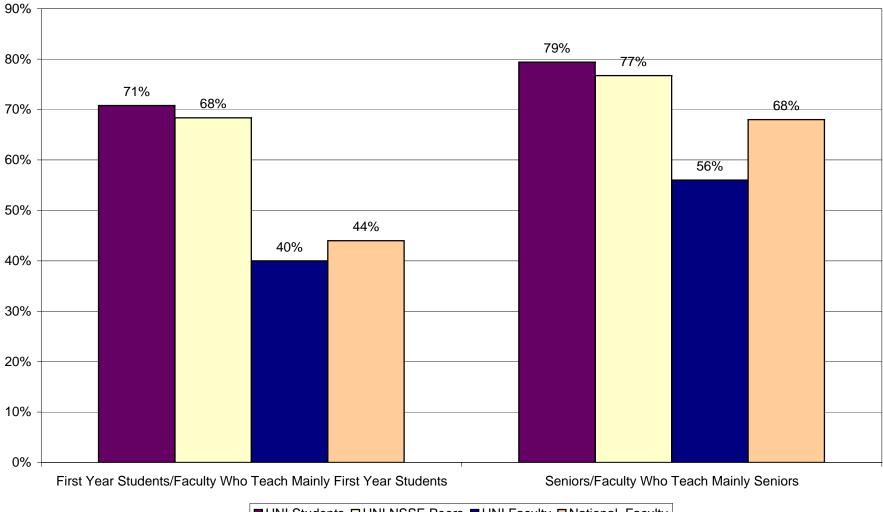


Coursework emphasizes: Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences

Coursework emphasizes: Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods

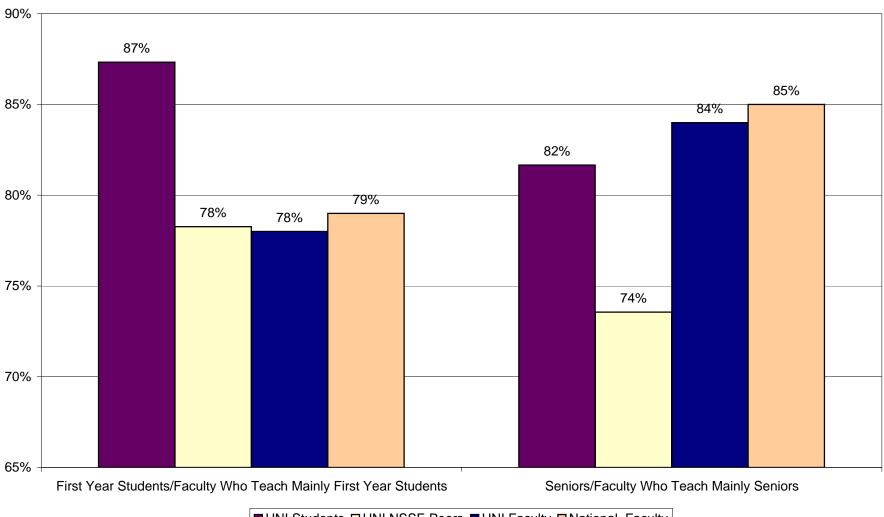


Coursework emphasizes: Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations

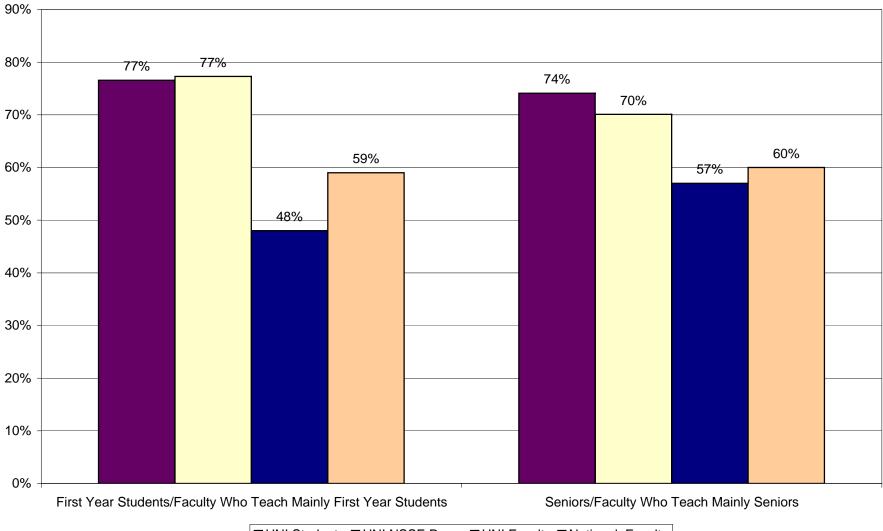


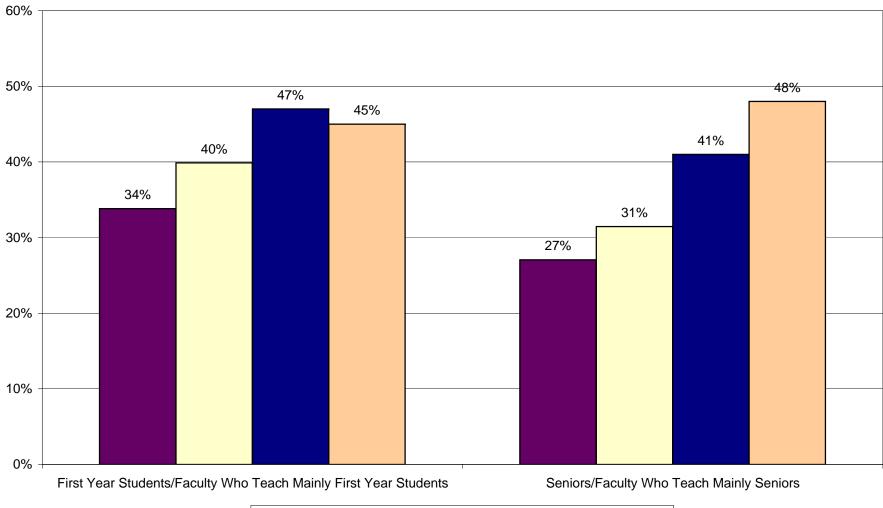
NSSE	FSSE
Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?	How important is it to you that undergraduates at your institution do the following?
Have not decided, Do not plan to do, Plan to do	Not important, Somewhat important, Important, Very important
Sum plan to do and have done	Sum important and very important

Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment



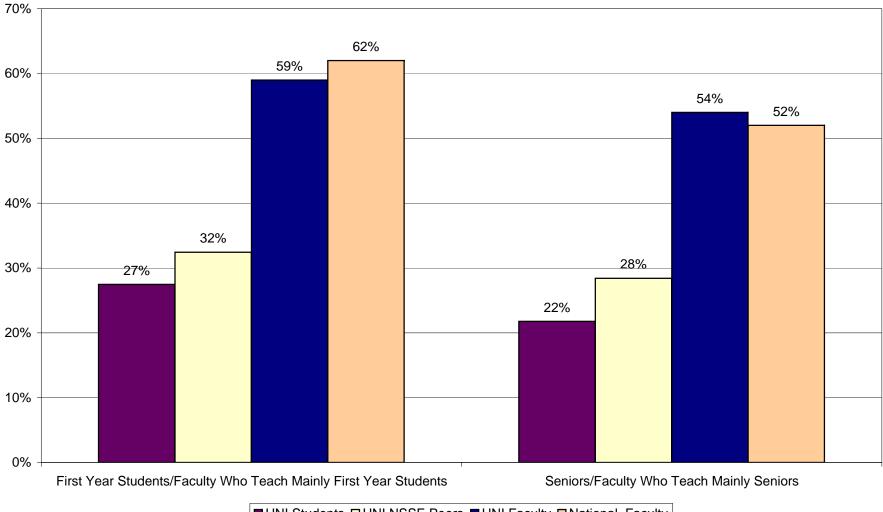
Community service or volunteer work

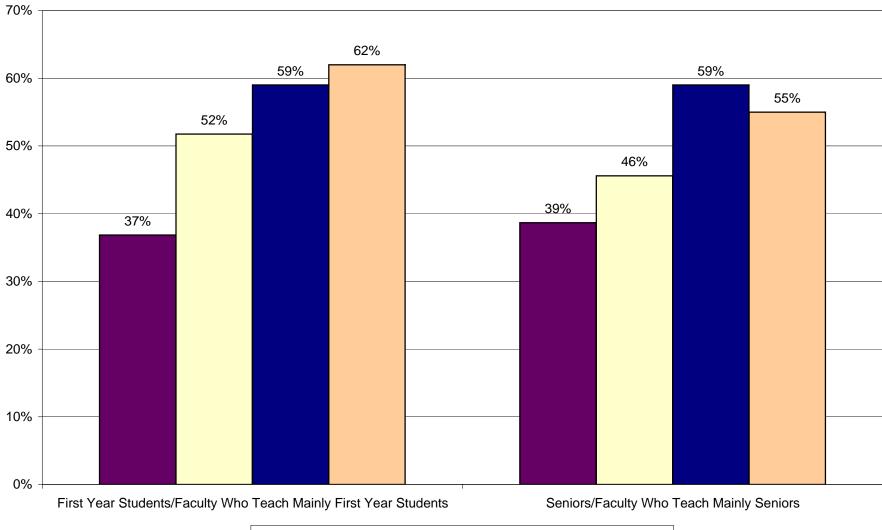




Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together

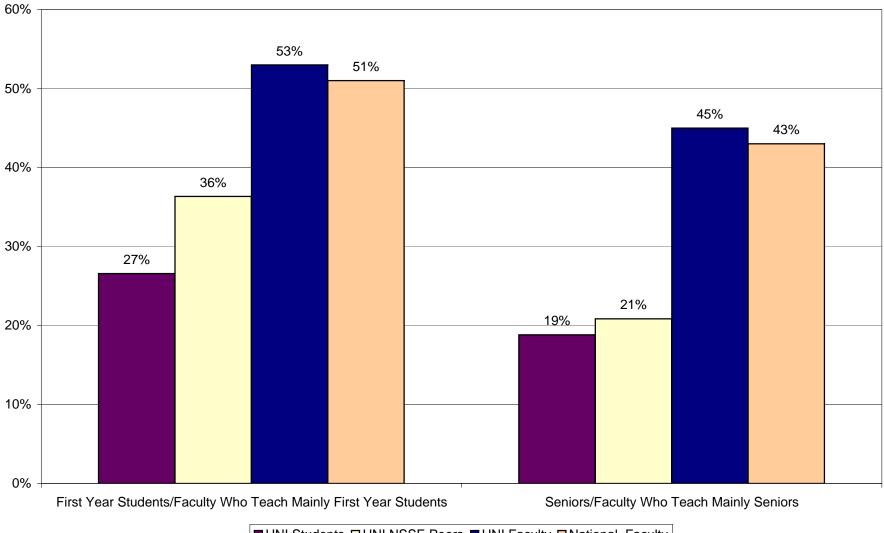
Worked on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements



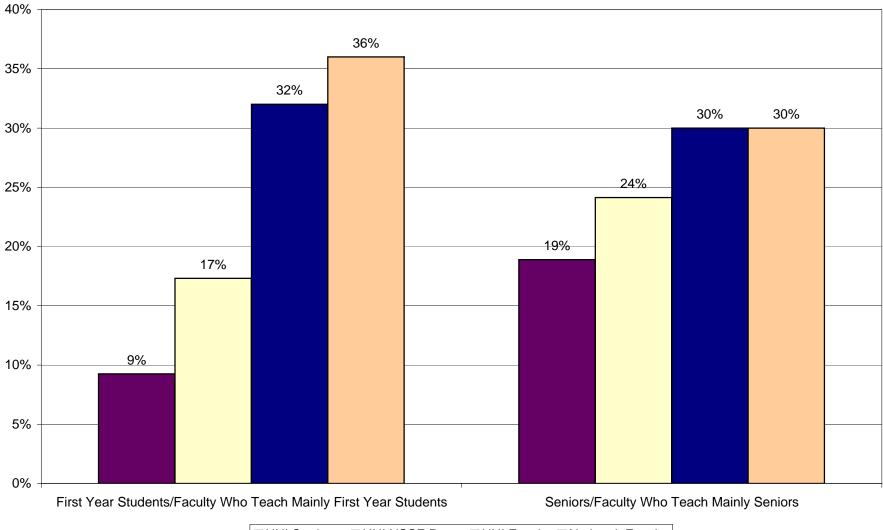


Foreign language coursework

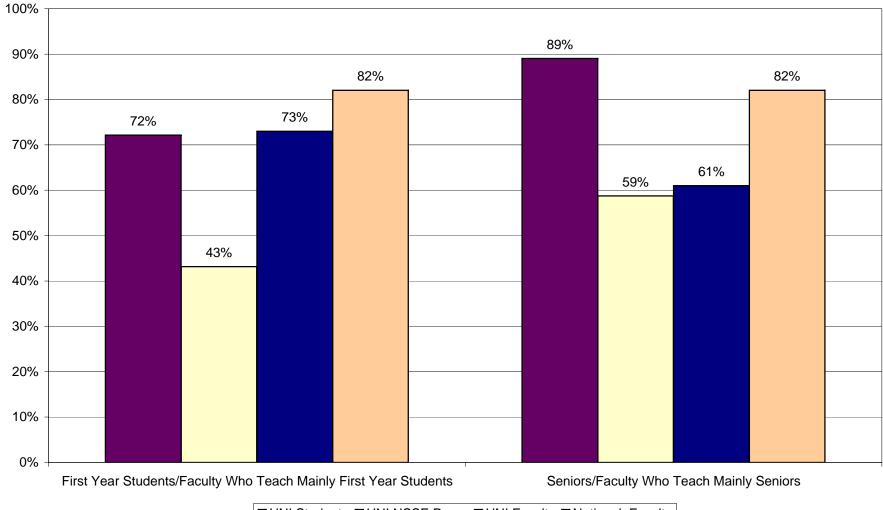
Study abroad



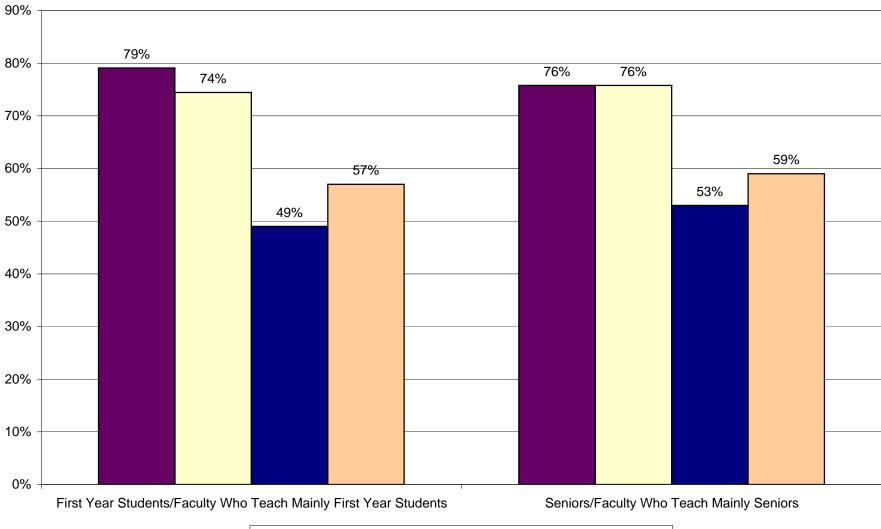
Independent study or self-designed major



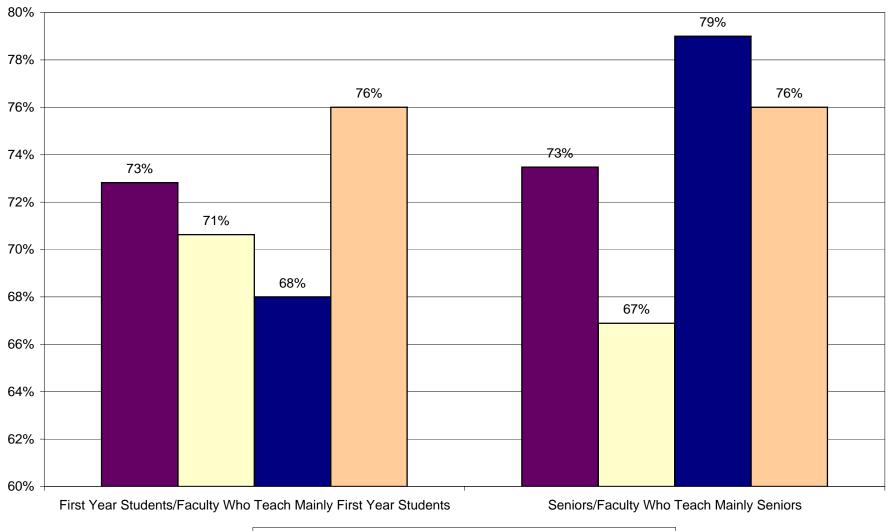
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)



NSSE	FSSE
To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?	To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?
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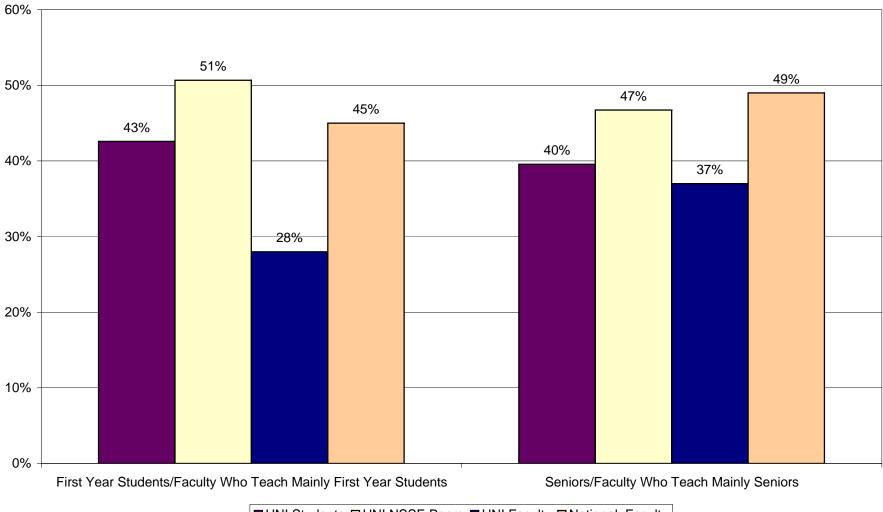


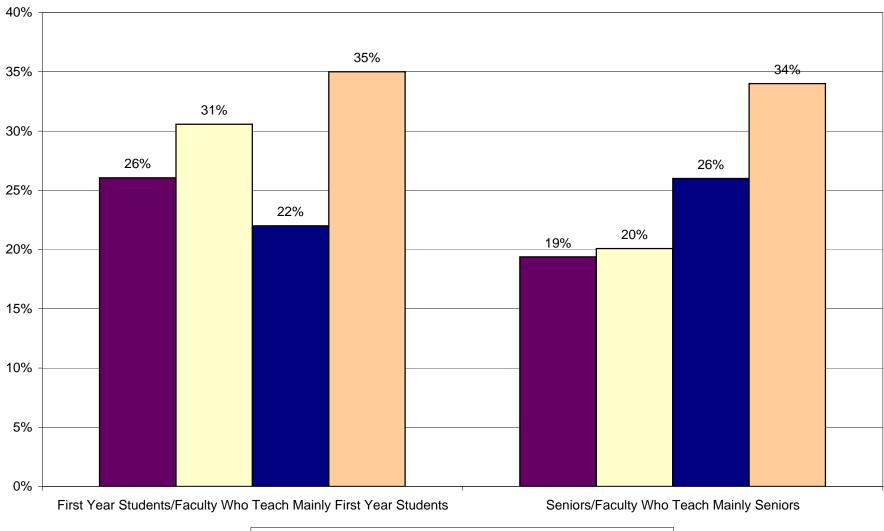
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work



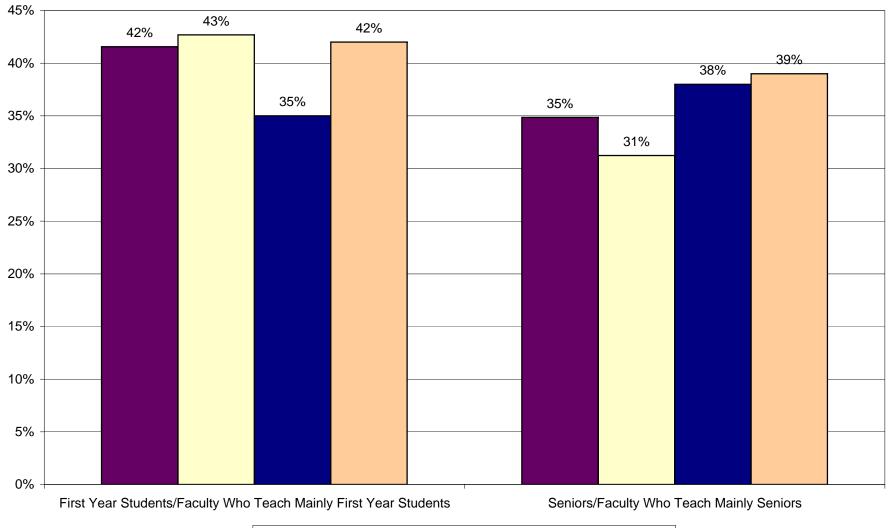
Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically

Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds



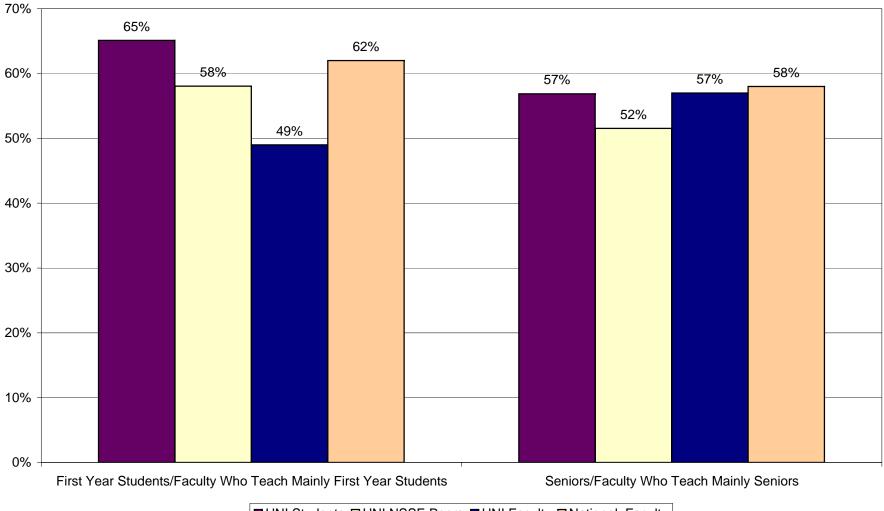


Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)



Providing the support you need to thrive socially

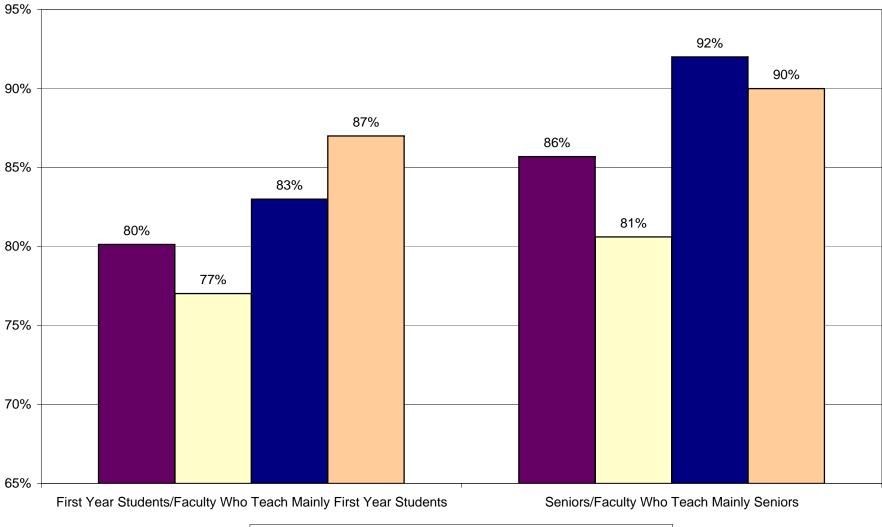
Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)



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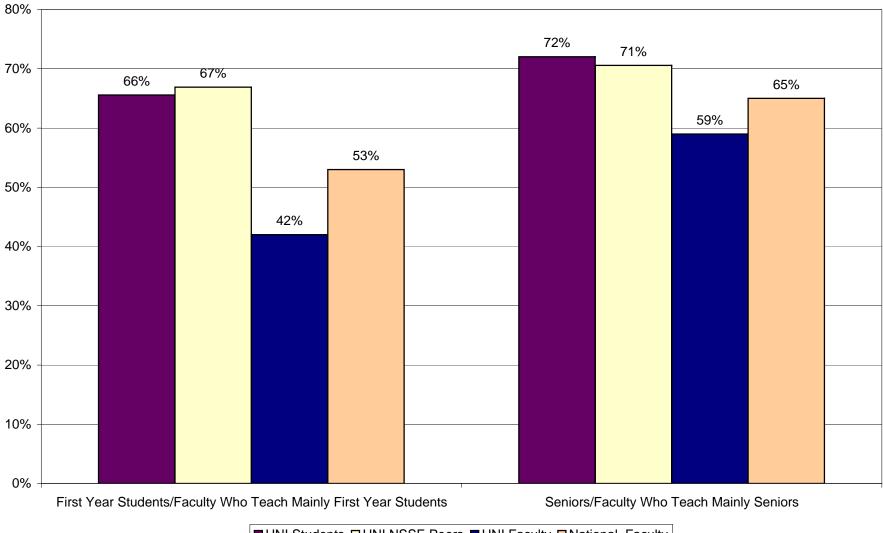
Using computers in academic work

NSSE	FSSE
To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?	To what extent has the typical [first-year student/senior/student]'s experience at this institution contributed to his or her knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?
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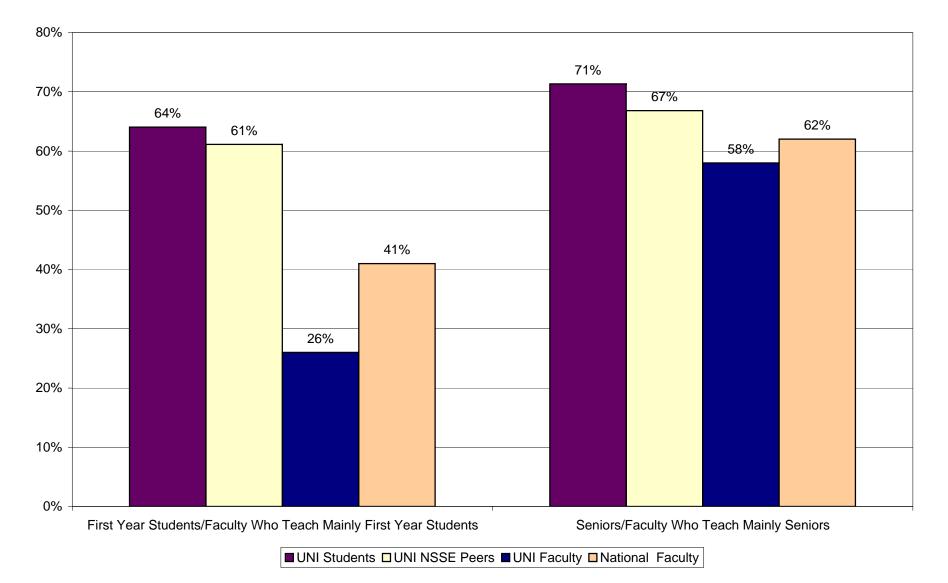


Acquiring a broad general education

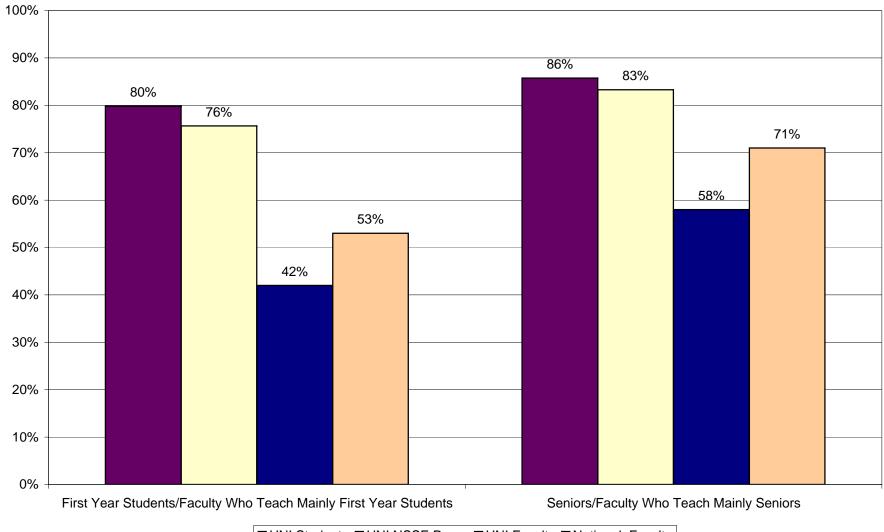
Writing clearly and effectively

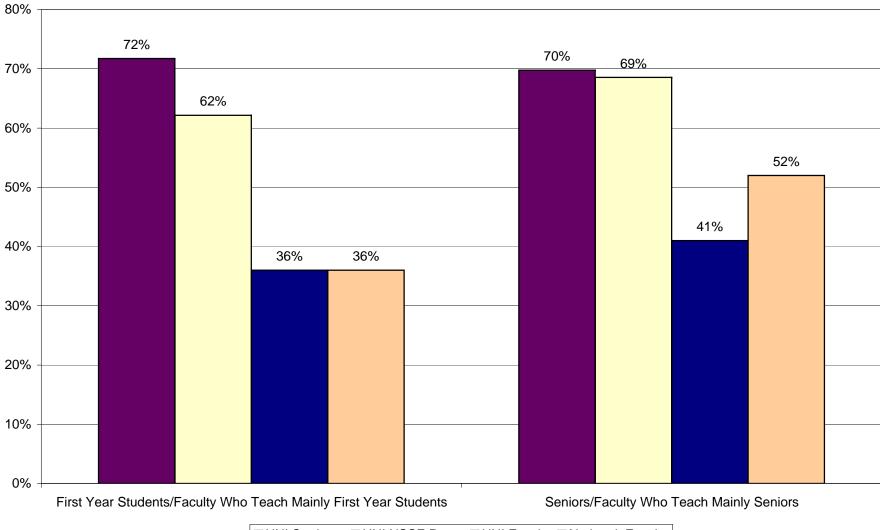


Speaking clearly and effectively

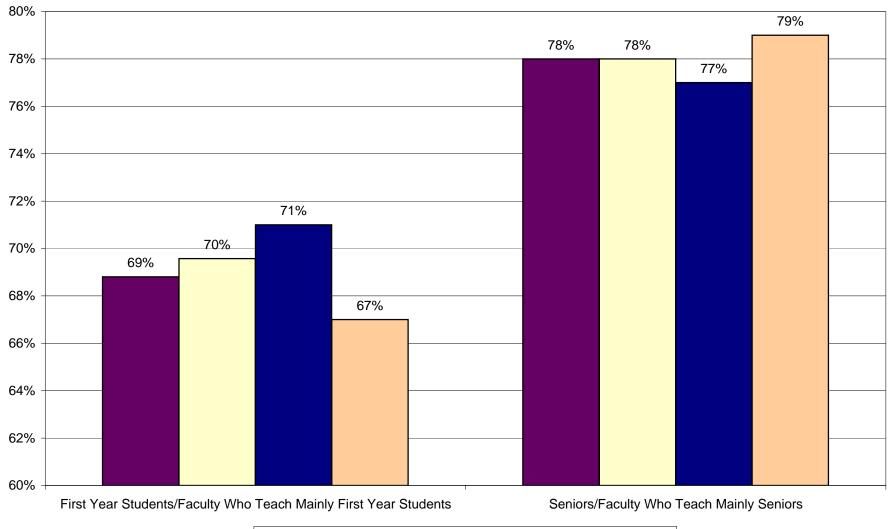


Thinking critically and analytically



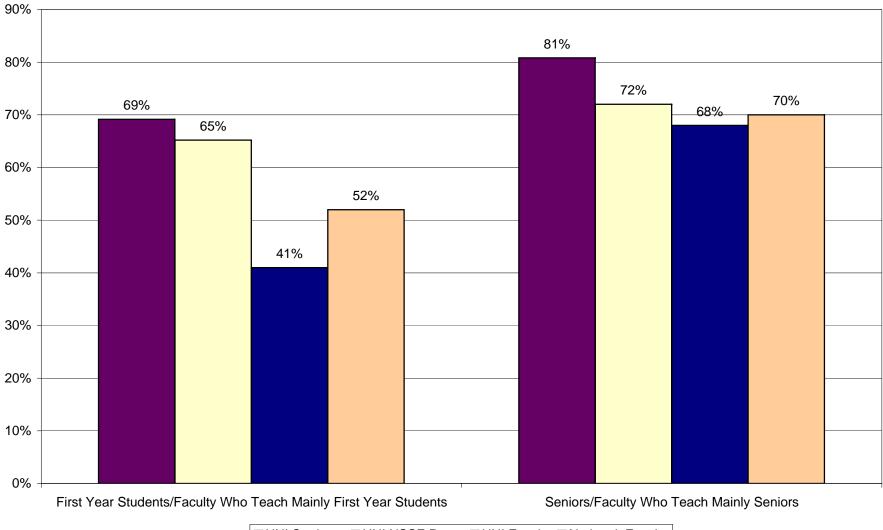


Analyzing quantitative problems

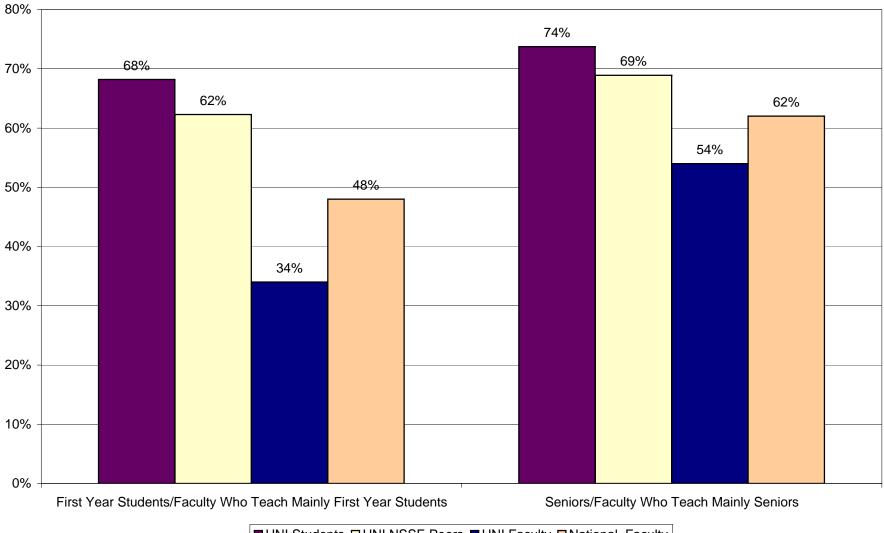


Using computing and information technology

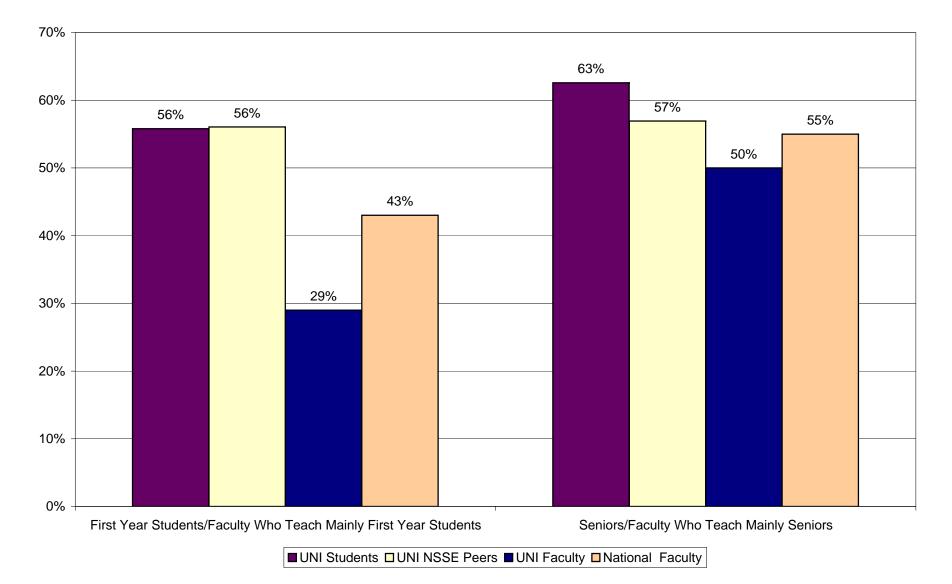
Working effectively with others

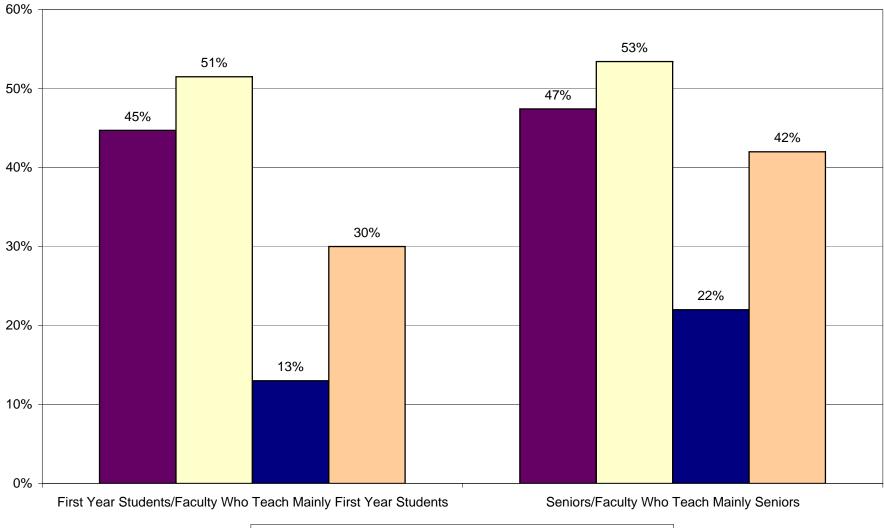


Learning effectively on your own



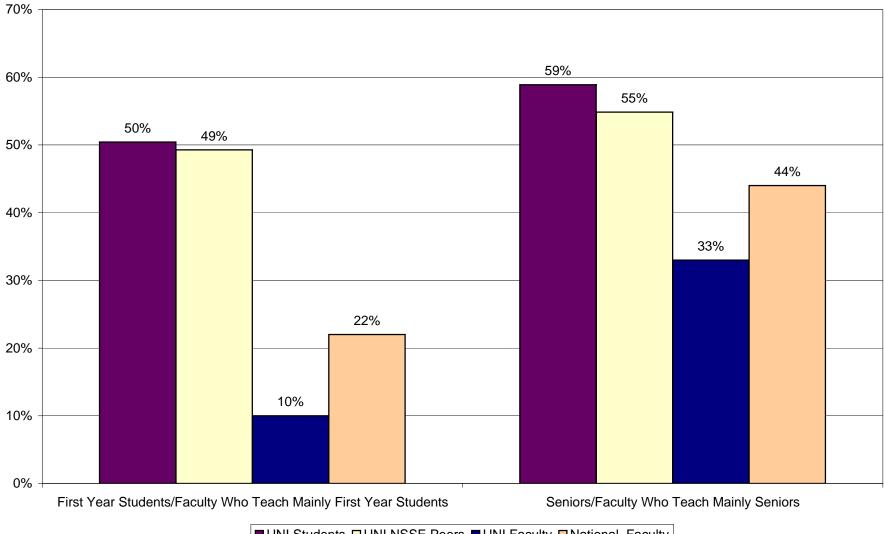
Understanding yourself

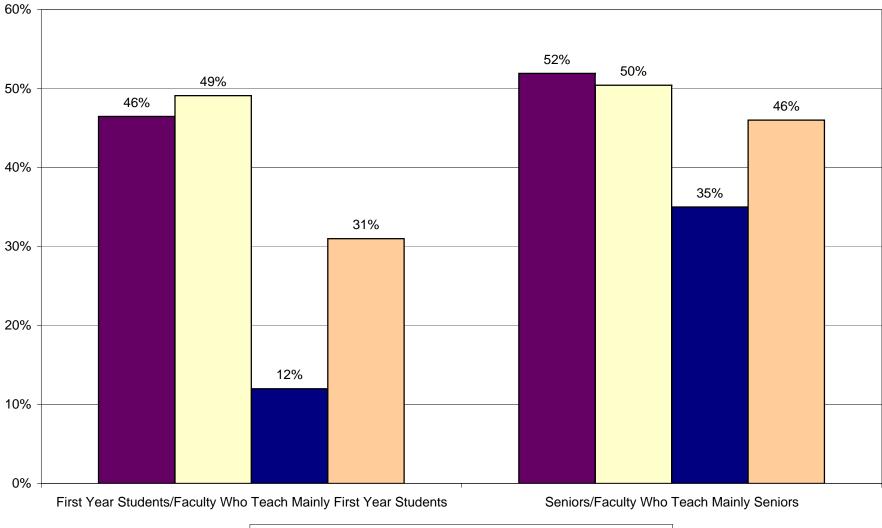




Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds

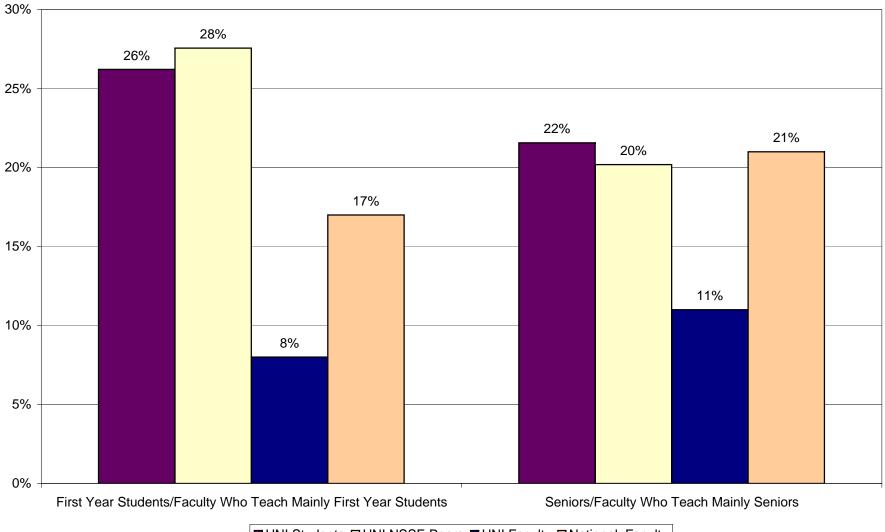
Solving complex real-world problems





Developing a personal code of values and ethics

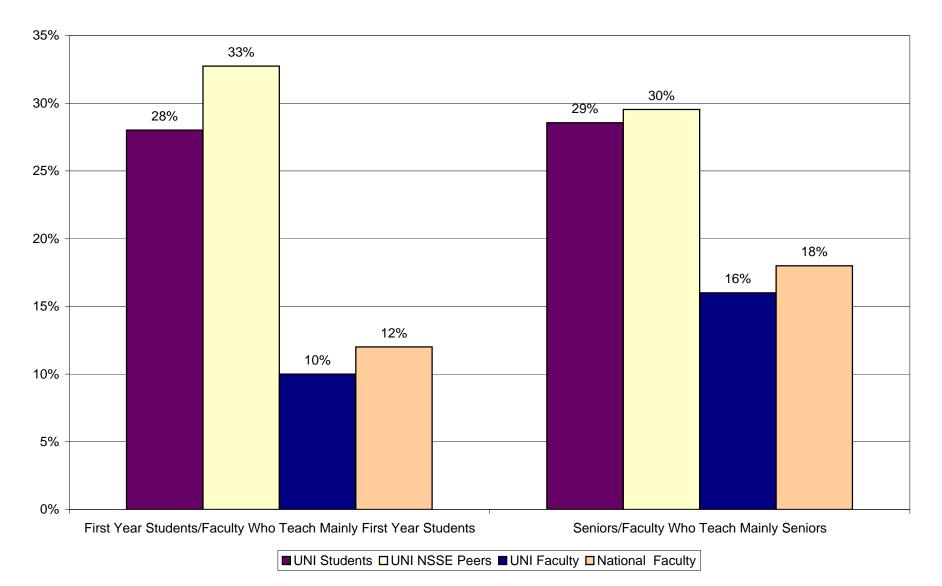
Developing a deepened sense of spirituality



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Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills

Voting in local, state, or national elections



Contributing to the welfare of your community

