## **2009 NSSE SURVEY RESPONSES**

The questions and responses below are taken from student responses to the 2009 administration of the NSSE survey. UNI participated in the Writing Consortium from NSSE during 2009. To see student responses to the Writing Consortium questions, go to <a href="http://www.uni.edu/assessment/data/nssedata.shtml">http://www.uni.edu/assessment/data/nssedata.shtml</a>.

To allow for easy comparison of first-year and senior responses, *first-year responses* to each item are presented on top; **senior responses** are presented below.

1.	In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	done each of the following?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
	done edon of the following.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often		
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class	3%	48%	29%	20%		
	discussions	1%	25%	34%	40%		
b.	Made a class presentation	10%	46%	33%	10%		
		3%	32%	39%	27%		
C.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or	12%	41%	32%	15%		
	assignment before turning it in	19%	38%	28%	14%		
d.	Worked on a paper or project that required	2%	24%	44%	30%		
	integrating ideas or information from various sources	1%	12%	43%	43%		
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races,	7%	43%	35%	15%		
	religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	6%	34%	38%	23%		
f.	Come to class without completing readings or	20%	60%	16%	4%		
	assignments	11%	56%	23%	11%		
g.	Worked with other students on projects during	8%	42%	41%	9%		
	class	11%	40%	34%	15%		
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to	9%	44%	35%	12%		
	prepare class assignments	4%	33%	36%	27%		
i.	Put together ideas or concepts from different	6%	41%	40%	13%		
	courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	2%	28%	44%	25%		
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or	63%	27%	8%	2%		
	voluntary)	46%	34%	11%	9%		
k.	Participated in a community-based project (e.g.	67%	23%	8%	1%		
	service learning) as part of a regular course	47%	38%	11%	3%		
l.	Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group,	16%	34%	28%	22%		
	Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	13%	31%	28%	28%		
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	1%	19%	37%	43%		
		0%	14%	32%	55%		

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Qı	uestion 1 continued	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
cu	your experience at your institution during the rrent school year, about how often have you done ch of the following?				
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	6% <b>7%</b>	49% <b>37%</b>	28% <b>35%</b>	16% <b>21%</b>
0.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	19% <b>16%</b>	47% <b>43%</b>	26% <b>27%</b>	7% 14%
p.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	<i>44%</i> <b>35%</b>	37% <b>41%</b>	12% 18%	6% <b>6%</b>
q.	Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	7% <b>4%</b>	45% <b>34%</b>	38% <b>48%</b>	11% <b>14%</b>
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	7% <b>6%</b>	44% 39%	35% <b>39%</b>	14% 17%
S.	Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	66% <b>43%</b>	22% <b>31%</b>	9% <b>17%</b>	3% <b>9%</b>
t.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	6% <b>5%</b>	37% <b>34%</b>	38% <b>40%</b>	19% <b>22%</b>
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	26% <b>20%</b>	44% <b>42%</b>	19% <b>22%</b>	11% <b>15%</b>
V.	Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	12% 11%	41% 41%	29% <b>29%</b>	18% 19%

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2.	During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	activities?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
	doll/lileo.	Very Little	Some	Quite a Bit	Very Much		
a.	Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your	4%	20%	46%	30%		
	courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	7%	30%	40%	23%		
b.	Analyzing the basic elements of an idea,	3%	20%	44%	33%		
	experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	2%	15%	46%	37%		
C.	Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information,	3%	36%	43%	18%		
	or experience into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	2%	24%	43%	31%		
d.	Making judgments about the value of	4%	32%	44%	21%		
	information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	3%	24%	41%	31%		
e.	Applying theories or concepts to practical	3%	21%	42%	35%		
	problems or in new situations	2%	19%	40%	40%		

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3.	During the current <i>school year</i> , about how much reading and writing have	First-year response rate Senior response rate						
	you done?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
		None	1-4	5-10	11-20	More than 20		
a.	Number of assigned textbooks, books,	1%	12%	40%	36%	11%		
	or book-length packs of course readings	2%	21%	42%	22%	14%		
b.	Number of books read on your own	35%	48%	12%	2%	3%		
	(not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	25%	53%	14%	4%	3%		
C.	Number of written papers or reports of	87%	7%	3%	2%	1%		
	20 pages or more	48%	44%	4%	2%	1%		
d.	Number of written papers or reports	18%	54%	23%	4%	2%		
	between 5 and 19 pages	7%	42%	35%	13%	3%		
e.	Number of written papers or reports of	1%	27%	35%	26%	12%		
	fewer than 5 pages	3%	21%	28%	24%	24%		

4.	In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you complete?	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
		None	1-2	3-4	5-6	More than 6	
a.	Number of problem sets that take you <b>more</b> than an hour to complete	12% <b>23%</b>	40% <b>35%</b>	31% <b>25%</b>	11% <b>7%</b>	6% <b>9%</b>	
b.	Number of problem sets that take you less than an hour to complete	9% <b>18%</b>	36% <b>36%</b>	30% <b>24%</b>	14% <b>9%</b>	11% <b>13%</b>	

5. Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations		First-year response rate Senior response rate						
during the current school year have	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
challenged you to do your best work?	1 Very little	2	3	4	5	6	7 Very much	
	0% <b>1%</b>	1% <b>1%</b>	4% <b>4%</b>	9% <b>11%</b>	33% <b>34%</b>	37% <b>35%</b>	18% <b>15%</b>	

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6.	During the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	have you done each of the following:	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very often		
a.	Attended an art exhibit, play, dance, music,	9%	23%	51%	17%		
	theater, or other performance	9%	12%	46%	32%		
b.	Exercised or participated in physical fitness	37%	33%	25%	5%		
	activities	33%	24%	33%	11%		
C.	Participated in activities to enhance your	14%	21%	28%	37%		
	spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)	16%	13%	33%	37%		
d.	Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your	13%	33%	42%	12%		
	own views on a topic or issue	14%	36%	40%	10%		
e.	Tried to better understand someone else's views	18%	36%	37%	8%		
	by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	22%	38%	34%	6%		
f.	Learned something that changed the way you	22%	39%	35%	4%		
	understand an issue or concept	21%	43%	33%	3%		

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7.	Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	institution?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
	mattation:	Have not decided	Do not plan to do	Plan to do	Done		
a.	Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op	12%	3%	77%	8%		
	experience, or clinical assignment	7%	14%	23%	56%		
b.	Community service or volunteer work	17%	5%	46%	32%		
		8%	14%	13%	64%		
C.	Participate in a learning community or some other	48%	18%	27%	6%		
	formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	12%	57%	7%	23%		
d.	Work on a research project with a faculty member	43%	28%	26%	3%		
	outside of course or program requirements	15%	61%	9%	16%		
e.	Foreign language coursework	21%	52%	14%	13%		
		7%	59%	6%	29%		
f.	Study abroad	35%	33%	31%	0%		
		11%	73%	4%	12%		
g.	Independent study or self-designed major	34%	54%	9%	3%		
		12%	65%	6%	18%		
h.	Culminating senior experience (capstone course,	28%	8%	64%	1%		
	senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	4%	9%	20%	67%		

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8.	Mark the box that best represents the quality of your		First-year response rate Senior response rate							
	relationships with people at	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
	your institution.	1 Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation	2	3	4	5	6	7 Friendly, supportive, sense of belonging		
a.	Relationships with other	0%	1%	3%	11%	23%	40%	21%		
	students	0%	2%	3%	9%	18%	35%	32%		
		Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic						Available, helpful, sympathetic		
b.	Relationships with faculty	0%	2%	4%	15%	34%	28%	16%		
	members	0	2%	4%	14%	28%	32%	19%		
		Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid						Helpful, considerate, flexible		
c.	Relationships with	0%	3%	5%	23%	26%	27%	16%		
	administrative personnel and offices	2%	5%	11%	23%	23%	21%	14%		

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9.	About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week			5	irst-year res	•	ite		
	doing each of the following?	Col % 0	Col % 1-5	Col % 6-10	Col % 11-15	Col % 16-20	Col % 21-25	Col % 26-30	Col % More than 30
a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	0% <b>0%</b>	10% <b>16%</b>	23% <b>25%</b>	23% <b>21%</b>	22% 16%	11% <b>10%</b>	6% <b>5%</b>	4% <b>7%</b>
b.	Working for pay on campus	68% <b>64%</b>	4% <b>4%</b>	13% <b>8%</b>	10% <b>10%</b>	4% <b>9%</b>	1% <b>2%</b>	1% <b>2%</b>	<i>0</i> % <b>1%</b>
C.	Working for pay off campus	76% <b>44%</b>	4% <b>7%</b>	4% 6%	5% <b>7%</b>	4% 9%	5% <b>10%</b>	1% <b>7%</b>	2% 10%
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	<i>30%</i> <b>39%</b>	38% <b>35%</b>	13% 10%	10% <b>7%</b>	4% <b>5%</b>	3% <b>2%</b>	1% <b>1%</b>	2% <b>1%</b>
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)	0% <b>0%</b>	14% <b>22%</b>	27% 31%	22% <b>21%</b>	19% <b>13%</b>	10% <b>6%</b>	3% <b>2%</b>	5% <b>4%</b>
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	87% <b>76%</b>	8% <b>9%</b>	2% <b>4%</b>	1% <b>3%</b>	1% <b>1%</b>	0% <b>1%</b>	1% <b>0%</b>	1% <b>6%</b>
g.	Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	8% <b>7%</b>	79% <b>76%</b>	8% <b>12%</b>	3% <b>3%</b>	1% <b>1%</b>	1% <b>0%</b>	0% <b>0%</b>	1% <b>1%</b>

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10	To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	caon of the following.	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
		Very Little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much		
a.	Spending significant amounts of time studying and	1%	16%	51%	32%		
	on academic work	2%	21%	52%	26%		
b.	Providing the support you need to help you	1%	20%	48%	31%		
	succeed academically	3%	22%	48%	27%		
C.	Encouraging contact among students from	10%	35%	37%	18%		
	different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	20%	34%	33%	12%		
d.	Helping you cope with your non-academic	20%	43%	27%	9%		
	responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	36%	38%	19%	7%		
e.	Providing the support you need to thrive socially	12%	36%	41%	12%		
		21%	41%	28%	10%		
f.	Attending campus events and activities (special	4%	22%	43%	31%		
	speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	8%	33%	39%	20%		
g.	Using computers in academic work	1%	18%	41%	39%		
		1%	11%	33%	55%		

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11	To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills,	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	and personal development in the following areas?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
		Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much		
a.	Acquiring a broad general education	2%	14%	40%	44%		
		2%	14%	39%	45%		
b.	Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	4%	26%	43%	27%		
		4%	17%	40%	40%		
c.	Writing clearly and effectively	4%	18%	48%	29%		
		4%	21%	45%	31%		
d.	Speaking clearly and effectively	3%	22%	47%	28%		
		6%	20%	45%	29%		
e.	Thinking critically and analytically	2%	17%	44%	37%		
	, , ,	2%	11%	42%	45%		
f.	Analyzing quantitative problems	3%	25%	44%	28%		
	, 31	4%	21%	45%	30%		
g.	Using computing and information technology	4%	22%	47%	28%		
•		3%	19%	41%	38%		
h.	Working effectively with others	2%	23%	42%	33%		
	,	3%	13%	43%	41%		
i.	Voting in local, state, or national elections	11%	30%	30%	29%		
	, ,	28%	32%	25%	16%		
j.	Learning effectively on your own	4%	19%	48%	29%		
•	, ,	5%	20%	48%	27%		
k.	Understanding yourself	9%	31%	33%	27%		
	<b>3</b> ,	10%	24%	39%	27%		
I.	Understanding people of other racial and ethnic	11%	43%	27%	18%		
	backgrounds	12%	36%	33%	18%		
m.	Solving complex real-world problems	7%	35%	38%	20%		
·		10%	31%	40%	19%		
n.	Developing a personal code of values and ethics	9%	35%	32%	24%		
•••		13%	28%	37%	22%		
0.	Contributing to the welfare of your community	20%	38%	27%	14%		
Ο.	Contributing to the world on your community	16%	39%	31%	14%		
p.	Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	33%	34%	21%	13%		
۲.	20.0.0pmg a acoported scribe of opinidanty	48%	29%	15%	8%		

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12. Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have	First-year response rate Senior response rate				
received at your institution?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
,	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	3%	17%	49%	32%	
	9%	20%	46%	26%	

13. How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this	First-year response rate Senior response rate				
institution?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
montation.	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	1%	9%	50%	41%	
	1%	8%	49%	41%	

<b>14.</b> If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
now attending?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
now adonating.	Definitely no	Probably no	Probably yes	Definitely yes		
	1%	9%	38%	52%		
	3%	8%	39%	50%		

15. Write in your year of birth:	First-year response rate Senior response rate					
	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
	19 or younger	20-23	24-29	30-39	40-55	Over 55
	95% <b>0%</b>	4% <b>77%</b>	1% <b>14%</b>	0% <b>4%</b>	0% <b>4%</b>	0% <b>0%</b>

16. Your sex:		First-year response rate Senior response rate		
	Col %	Col %		
	Male	Female		
	40%	60%		
	44%	56%		

<b>17.</b> Are you an international student or foreign national?	First-year response rate Senior response rate		
Toroigh hationar:	Col %	Col %	
	Yes	No	
	3%	97%	
	2%	98%	

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18. What is your racial or ethnic		First-year response rate Senior response rate								
identification?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
(Mark only one.)	American Indian or other Native American	Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander	Black or African American	White (non- Hispanic)	Mexican or Mexican American	Puerto Rican	Other Hispanic or Latino	Multiracial	Other	I prefer not to respond
	0%	4%	2%	88%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	0%	1%	1%	90%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	6%

19. What is your current classification in college?		First-year response rate Senior response rate				
	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
	Freshman/ first year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Unclassified	
	99%	1%	0%	0%	0%	
	0%	0%	1%	98%	1%	

<b>20.</b> Did you begin college at your current institution or elsewhere?	First-year response rate Senior response rate			
motitution of cidewnore:	Col %	Col %		
	Started here	Started elsewhere		
	96%	4%		
	53%	47%		

21. Since graduating from high school, which of the following types of schools	First-year response rate Senior response rate				
have you attended other than the one	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
you are attending now? (Mark all that apply.)	Vocational or technical school	Community or junior college	4-year college other than this one	None	Other
	0%	10%	7%	83%	2%
	4%	50%	20%	39%	3%

22. Thinking about this current academic term, how would you characterize your	First-year response rate Senior response rate		
enrollment?	Col %	Col %	
	Full-time	Less than full-time	
	99%	1%	
	91%	9%	

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<b>23.</b> Are you a member of a social fraternity or sorority?	First-year response rate Senior response rate		
or soronty :	Col %	Col %	
	Yes	No	
	8%	92%	
	5%	95%	

24. Are you a student-athlete on a team sponsored by your institution's athletics department?	First-year response rate Senior response rate				
	Col % Yes	Col % No (Go to question 25.)			
	6%	94%			
	2%	98%			

25. What have most of your grades been up to now at this institution?	First-year response rate Senior response rate							
	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
	Α	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	C- or
								lower
	16%	15%	20%	28%	9%	4%	5%	2%
	23%	18%	20%	25%	8%	4%	3%	0%

<b>26.</b> Which of the following best describes where you are living now	First-year response rate							
	2.12/	Senior response rate						
while attending college?	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Co %			
9 9	Dormitory	Residence	Residence	Fraternity	None of			
	or other	(house,	(house,	or sorority	the above			
	campus	apt., etc.)	apt., etc.)	house				
	housing	within	within					
	(not	walking	driving					
	fraternity/	distance of	distance of					
	sorority	the	the					
	house)	institution	institution					
	85%	9%	6%	0%	0%			
	18%	41%	37%	1%	4%			

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27. What is the highest level of education that your parent(s) completed? (Mark one box per column.)	First-year response rate Senior response rate								
	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %		
	Did not finish high school	Graduated from high school	Attended college but did not complete degree	Completed an associates degree (A.A., A.S., etc.)	Completed a bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)	Completed a master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)	Completed a doctoral degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.)		
Father	4%	29%	13%	13%	26%	8%	7%		
	3%	30%	14%	15%	29%	7%	3%		
Mother	3%	21%	15%	20%	32%	10%	1%		
	3%	27%	14%	19%	27%	9%	2%		

<b>28a.</b> Please print	First-year response rate Senior response rate									
your major(s) or	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
your expected major(s)?	Arts and humanities	Biological science	Business	Educ.	Engineering	Physical Science	Professional	Social science	Other	Undecided
	7%	6%	21%	22%	0%	2%	6%	15%	14%	8%
	11%	7%	20%	27%	2%	3%	2%	13%	16%	0%

28b. If applicable,	First-year response rate Senior response rate									
second major	Col %	Col %								
(not minor, concentration, etc.)	Arts and humanities	Biological science	Business	Educ.	Engineering	Physical Science	Professional	Social science	Other	Undecided
	19%	3%	18%	24%	2%	5%	1%	18%	7%	2%
	12%	3%	20%	34%	0%	7%	1%	13%	10%	1%

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