NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (NSSE) - 2008/2011 COMPARISON

Note: Cortland and NSSE overall means reflect mean student response for a particular scale (e.g., Question 1 subquestions are on four point scale - 1=Never to 4=Very often); Data corresponding to those points on the scale (For Question 1, data beneath 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often) reflect percentage of student responses

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Question 1: In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?												
1a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions												
First-Year Students	2.55	2.78	6	48	33	14	2.83	2.81	2	31	48	19
Seniors	2.96	3.07	1	33	34	31	3.15	3.1	1	22	38	39
1b. Made a class presentation												
First-Year Students	1.98	2.27	22	62	13	3	2.18	2.26	15	57	25	4
Seniors	2.9	2.8	2	30	45	23	2.97	2.77	2	29	40	29
1c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in												
First-Year Students	2.86	2.65	8	23	44	25	2.68	2.69	14	28	35	23
Seniors	2.32	2.47	15	46	30	9	2.39	2.49	18	40	27	15
1d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources												
First-Year Students	3.18	3.06	2	15	46	37	3.29	3.1	0	13	44	42
Seniors	3.26	3.3	1	14	43	42	3.33	3.34	1	11	43	45
1e. Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments												
First-Year Students	2.95	2.78	3	24	47	25	2.73	2.78	5	30	39	26
Seniors	2.75	2.81	8	33	37	23	2.75	2.83	3	30	38	29
1f. Come to class without completing readings or assignments												
First-Year Students	2.08	2.01	19	62	11	8	2.01	1.97	24	55	12	10
Seniors	2.1	2.1	17	62	15	6	2.16	2.08	19	60	13	7

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Question 1: In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?												
1g. Worked with other students on projects during class												
First-Year Students	2.33	2.41	7	56	33	4	2.44	2.44	12	41	37	9
Seniors	2.54	2.52	8	43	38	11	2.52	2.56	9	38	35	18
1h. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments												
First-Year Students	2.26	2.4	15	49	28	7	2.47	2.45	10	45	32	12
Seniors	2.81	2.75	3	32	47	18	2.83	2.79	2	28	45	24
1i. Put together ideas or concepts from difference courses when completing assignments or during class discussions												
First-Year Students	2.59	2.63	4	45	39	12	2.66	2.65	6	32	43	19
Seniors	2.86	2.94	3	32	41	24	2.95	2.97	1	27	46	25
1j. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)												
First-Year Students	1.59	1.7	58	30	8	5	1.72	1.69	56	26	12	5
Seniors	2	1.88	38	34	17	11	1.9	1.87	49	29	11	11
1k. Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of a regular course												
First-Year Students	1.73	1.6	53	26	14	6	1.51	1.58	59	24	10	8
Seniors	1.89	1.74	44	32	15	9	1.62	1.73	36	38	19	7

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Question 1: In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?												
1l. Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment												
First-Year Students	2.51	2.59	19	32	28	21	2.58	2.67	20	31	21	28
Seniors	2.95	2.82	6	27	32	34	2.84	2.9	7	33	28	32
1m. Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor												
First-Year Students	3.19	3.11	2	21	34	43	3.5	3.21	1	10	29	61
Seniors	3.41	3.38	2	10	33	55	3.57	3.46	0	8	27	65
1n. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor												
First-Year Students	2.53	2.62	12	38	36	15	2.85	2.63	6	33	32	29
Seniors	2.77	2.81	5	36	36	22	2.84	2.81	4	35	33	28
1o. Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor												
First-Year Students	2.09	2.19	21	55	20	5	2.33	2.18	17	44	26	12
Seniors	2.58	2.42	8	46	27	19	2.67	2.4	8	39	31	22
1p. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class												
First-Year Students	1.89	1.91	39	39	15	6	1.93	1.86	38	38	17	7
Seniors	2.17	2.12	25	42	23	10	2.18	2.08	26	44	17	13
1q. Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance												
First-Year Students	2.62	2.65	4	42	42	12	2.74	2.69	7	33	38	21
Seniors	2.84	2.8	4	27	49	19	2.87	2.8	3	27	50	20
1r. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations												
First-Year Students	2.57	2.65	8	38	44	11	2.74	2.73	5	37	36	22
Seniors	2.64	2.73	10	34	39	18	2.87	2.78	3	31	43	24

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Question 1: In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?												
1s. Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)												
First-Year Students	1.75	1.65	47	36	12	5	1.85	1.64	45	32	17	7
Seniors	2.03	1.84	37	34	19	10	2.15	1.84	29	40	17	14
1t. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)												
First-Year Students	2.35	2.69	13	50	25	12	2.81	2.76	6	31	39	24
Seniors	2.72	2.84	3	45	28	23	2.82	2.9	3	36	36	25
1u. Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own												
First-Year Students	2.41	2.6	18	40	27	16	2.56	2.61	17	32	30	21
Seniors	2.7	2.67	12	33	26	28	2.56	2.69	13	38	29	20
1v. Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values												
First-Year Students	2.53	2.7	12	40	29	18	2.69	2.66	12	32	32	25
Seniors	2.71	2.71	10	38	24	28	2.61	2.71	12	37	29	22

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Question 2: During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?												
2a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form												
First-Year Students	3.15	2.9	0	21	42	36	3.18	2.95	3	16	41	40
Seniors	2.9	2.75	3	25	48	23	2.92	2.8	6	23	45	26
2b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components												
First-Year Students	2.91	3.1	2	24	53	20	3.15	3.17	2	14	52	32
Seniors	3.03	3.24	3	24	39	33	3.19	3.31	1	15	47	37
2c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships												
First-Year Students	2.88	2.89	5	24	47	24	3.05	2.95	2	22	45	31
Seniors	2.99	3.05	3	24	44	29	3.11	3.11	3	20	40	37
2d. 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												
First-Year Students	2.83	2.9	6	26	47	22	3.04	2.95	2	26	37	34
Seniors	2.95	3.01	5	24	40	30	3.1	3.05	4	19	40	37
2e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations												
First-Year Students	2.88	3.03	7	24	44	25	3.22	3.09	2	16	41	41
Seniors	3.21	3.19	5	13	39	43	3.3	3.25	2	17	32	50

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Question 3: During the current *school year* , about how much reading and writing have you done?														
3a. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings														
First-Year Students	3.38	3.24	0	15	42	34	10	3.37	3.18	0	11	53	24	12
Seniors	3.08	3.2	3	25	44	17	11	3.16	3.12	2	27	39	18	14
3b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment														
First-Year Students	1.84	2.06	37	51	5	3	3	1.84	2.03	38	49	7	3	3
Seniors	1.97	2.19	30	53	11	3	3	2	2.17	27	54	13	5	2
3c. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more														
First-Year Students	1.19	1.28	88	6	4	2	0	1.22	1.27	86	10	3	1	1
Seniors	1.57	1.64	52	40	6	1	0	1.61	1.62	48	45	4	1	1
3d. Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages														
First-Year Students	2.33	2.29	11	53	28	5	2	2.45	2.2	5	54	33	6	2
Seniors	2.73	2.58	7	41	32	14	7	2.68	2.54	5	41	37	12	4
3e. Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages														
First-Year Students	3.21	3.04	1	23	40	27	10	3.37	2.97	2	13	46	24	15
Seniors	3.11	3	5	30	28	22	15	3.15	2.99	5	27	33	19	16

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Question 4: In a *typical week* , how many homework problem sets do you complete?														
4a. Number of problem sets that take you more than an hour to complete														
First-Year Students	2.72	2.69	11	37	32	9	11	2.74	2.77	10	32	40	10	8
Seniors	2.58	2.61	17	33	33	8	9	2.57	2.71	20	29	32	8	10
4b. Number of problem sets that take you less than an hour to complete														
First-Year Students	2.77	2.75	12	28	38	13	8	2.74	2.78	11	35	31	15	8
Seniors	2.61	2.35	17	30	32	18	3	2.62	2.4	17	37	25	10	11

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Question 5: Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work																		
First-Year Students	5.31	5.41	1	2	6	12	33	27	19	5.39	5.49	0	0	3	12	41	28	15
Seniors	5.24	5.39	2	1	5	13	37	27	15	5.31	5.50	2	1	3	15	32	33	14

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Question 6: During the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?												
6a. Attended an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theater, or other performance												
First-Year Students	2.03	2.22	24	52	21	3	2.4	2.13	11	53	22	14
Seniors	1.97	2.07	31	48	13	8	1.88	2.01	35	48	12	5
6b. Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities												
First-Year Students	3.2	2.79	4	21	25	50	3.34	2.84	5	15	22	59
Seniors	2.99	2.68	10	22	27	41	3.14	2.74	6	21	25	48
6c. Participated in activities to enhance your spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)												
First-Year Students	1.65	2.06	54	33	6	7	1.68	2.05	59	23	8	9
Seniors	1.6	2.12	60	25	10	5	1.63	2.11	60	23	10	6
6d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue												
First-Year Students	2.39	2.6	15	43	33	10	2.59	2.62	8	39	39	14
Seniors	2.53	2.69	11	40	34	15	2.58	2.72	7	46	29	18
6e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective												
First-Year Students	2.6	2.76	8	39	38	15	2.93	2.81	3	28	42	27
Seniors	2.76	2.83	8	31	38	23	2.8	2.88	5	33	39	23
6f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept												
First-Year Students	2.67	2.85	4	37	45	13	3.02	2.89	5	17	51	28
Seniors	2.86	2.89	4	32	39	26	2.92	2.93	3	30	41	27

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Question 7: Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?												
7a. Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment												
First-Year Students	0.06	0.08	10	4	80	6	0.07	0.07	6	1	86	7
Seniors	0.68	0.53	5	11	16	68	0.73	0.5	2	8	18	73
7b. Community service or volunteer work												
First-Year Students	0.3	0.38	11	5	54	30	0.34	0.39	12	2	51	34
Seniors	0.67	0.6	9	13	10	67	0.69	0.6	6	11	15	69
7c. Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together												
First-Year Students	0.18	0.16	31	17	34	18	0.24	0.18	26	18	32	24
Seniors	0.43	0.26	15	38	4	43	0.39	0.27	11	41	8	39
7d. Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements												
First-Year Students	0.03	0.05	40	32	26	3	0.04	0.05	32	22	43	4
Seniors	0.27	0.2	13	50	10	27	0.2	0.2	16	53	11	20
7e. Foreign language coursework												
First-Year Students	0.27	0.22	14	24	35	27	0.29	0.2	11	20	40	29
Seniors	0.58	0.41	5	33	5	58	0.6	0.4	6	29	5	60
7f. Study abroad												
First-Year Students	0.01	0.03	28	24	47	1	0.02	0.03	30	28	41	2
Seniors	0.06	0.15	14	70	10	6	0.11	0.15	14	67	8	11
7g. Independent study or self-designed major												
First-Year Students	0.02	0.04	32	46	20	2	0.01	0.04	33	53	14	1
Seniors	0.17	0.18	12	65	6	17	0.15	0.17	11	68	5	15
7h. Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)												
First-Year Students	0	0.02	46	15	38	0	0.04	0.02	42	11	43	4
Seniors	0.22	0.33	14	35	29	22	0.27	0.32	12	34	27	27

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Question 8: Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution																		
8a. Relationships with other students	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Unfriendly unsupportive sense of alienation	2	3	4	5	6	7=Friendly Supportive Sense of belonging	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Unfriendly unsupportive sense of alienation	2	3	4	5	6	7=Friendly Supportive Sense of belonging
First-Year Students	5.57	5.47	1	3	6	9	23	29	30	5.74	5.52	0	1	7	5	21	35	30
Seniors	5.65	5.59	0	3	5	5	28	27	31	5.89	5.64	0	2	3	7	18	32	38
8b. Relationships with faculty members	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Unavailable Unhelpful Unsympathetic	2	3	4	5	6	7=Available Helpful Sympathetic	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Unavailable Unhelpful Unsympathetic	2	3	4	5	6	7=Available Helpful Sympathetic
First-Year Students	4.85	5.19	0	3	6	27	35	24	5	5.25	5.29	0	1	7	18	30	28	16
Seniors	5.45	5.41	2	2	5	10	24	36	21	5.64	5.46	1	1	4	10	24	34	26
8c. Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Unhelpful Inconsiderate Rigid	2	3	4	5	6	7=Helpful Considerate Flexible	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Unhelpful Inconsiderate Rigid	2	3	4	5	6	7=Helpful Considerate Flexible
First-Year Students	4.61	4.65	1	3	12	35	24	16	9	5.03	4.85	0	4	11	17	28	26	14
Seniors	4.62	4.53	5	5	8	28	25	20	10	4.96	4.66	3	3	10	20	26	22	17

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Question 9: About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?																			
9a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)																			
First-Year Students	4.09	4.04	0	14	30	22	18	7	5	5	4.2	4.25	0	18	17	25	21	11	5
Seniors	3.97	4.14	0	16	32	22	13	9	1	6	4.15	4.37	0	15	27	23	15	8	4
9b. Working for pay on campus																			
First-Year Students	1.58	1.55	76	4	10	6	3	0	0	0	1.4	1.47	80	7	8	4	2	0	0
Seniors	2.04	1.79	66	4	8	14	4	2	1	2	1.94	1.83	67	6	13	4	5	2	1
9c. Working for pay off campus																			
First-Year Students	1.3	2.46	86	6	3	2	3	0	0	0	1.35	2.15	87	4	3	3	3	1	0
Seniors	2.09	3.8	64	9	8	7	5	2	1	4	2.31	3.51	63	4	8	8	7	5	1
9d. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)																			
First-Year Students	2.63	2.26	26	34	18	10	6	3	1	3	2.72	2.24	16	38	24	11	6	2	1
Seniors	2.51	2.11	33	31	17	5	6	1	2	3	2.79	2.12	27	30	16	10	8	4	2
9e. Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)																			
First-Year Students	4.31	3.76	1	10	27	24	18	5	5	10	3.96	3.73	0	17	23	30	13	9	5
Seniors	3.84	3.49	0	19	31	21	15	8	0	5	3.87	3.5	1	20	29	23	13	7	2
9f. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)																			
First-Year Students	1.21	1.79	87	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	1.29	1.86	84	11	1	1	1	0	0
Seniors	1.58	2.38	78	8	7	3	0	0	0	3	1.55	2.44	80	10	3	2	1	1	0
9g. Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)																			
First-Year Students	1.98	2.26	22	66	9	2	0	0	0	1	2	2.27	23	65	6	4	2	0	0
Seniors	2.19	2.36	13	65	16	3	3	0	0	0	2.34	2.39	7	67	19	4	1	1	0

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Question 10: To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?												
10a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work												
First-Year Students	3.13	3.14	3	12	56	30	3.23	3.19	0	17	43	40
Seniors	2.98	3.14	5	17	52	26	3.07	3.17	1	20	50	29
10b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically												
First-Year Students	2.96	3.07	3	23	49	24	3.2	3.12	1	20	38	42
Seniors	2.97	2.93	6	16	54	24	2.98	2.96	3	24	45	28
10c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds												
First-Year Students	2.58	2.7	11	36	35	17	2.84	2.74	7	26	43	24
Seniors	2.48	2.5	14	41	28	17	2.51	2.56	16	34	33	17
10d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)												
First-Year Students	2.34	2.27	20	36	33	11	2.53	2.29	16	36	27	21
Seniors	2.14	1.99	25	45	21	9	2.18	2.02	26	39	25	9
10e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially												
First-Year Students	2.52	2.49	15	32	40	13	2.83	2.54	10	21	45	24
Seniors	2.37	2.23	17	39	33	11	2.51	2.27	14	36	34	16
10f. Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)												
First-Year Students	3	2.84	4	19	49	28	3.11	2.88	1	21	44	34
Seniors	2.9	2.61	5	29	38	28	2.93	2.66	6	22	45	27
10g. Using computers in academic work												
First-Year Students	3.1	3.31	4	19	41	36	3.36	3.33	1	15	32	52
Seniors	3.31	3.46	2	13	37	48	3.43	3.45	1	9	35	55

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Question 11: To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?												
11a. Acquiring a broad general education												
First-Year Students	3.19	3.2	1	14	49	36	3.23	3.18	1	15	45	39
Seniors	3.23	3.29	3	11	47	39	3.28	3.24	1	14	40	45
11b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills												
First-Year Students	2.67	2.8	13	29	36	22	3.04	2.83	3	22	43	32
Seniors	3.1	3.07	10	11	36	42	3.19	3.06	5	18	32	46
11c. Writing clearly and effectively												
First-Year Students	3	3.02	6	17	48	29	3.05	3.03	1	24	44	31
Seniors	3.01	3.11	6	19	43	32	3.11	3.11	3	20	41	36
11d. Speaking clearly and effectively												
First-Year Students	2.62	2.85	13	31	37	19	2.8	2.87	6	32	36	25
Seniors	2.89	3	10	18	46	26	3.11	3.01	4	20	38	38
11e. Thinking critically and analytically												
First-Year Students	3	3.21	5	17	50	28	3.18	3.25	1	17	43	38
Seniors	3.23	3.36	4	11	43	42	3.35	3.37	3	24	42	46
11f. Analyzing quantitative problems												
First-Year Students	2.72	2.96	10	29	39	22	2.93	3	4	26	43	26
Seniors	2.98	3.08	7	16	49	28	3	3.11	3	24	42	31
11g. Using computing and information technology												
First-Year Students	2.89	3.04	6	27	38	29	2.94	3.05	5	24	43	28
Seniors	3.07	3.22	9	9	47	34	3.19	3.2	2	19	36	43
11h. Working effectively with others												
First-Year Students	2.94	2.99	4	26	41	29	3.13	3.02	3	17	42	37
Seniors	3.16	3.17	3	14	46	37	3.32	3.18	1	13	38	48
11i. Voting in local, state, or national elections												
First-Year Students	2.16	2.24	30	36	24	11	2.02	2	41	27	21	11
Seniors	2.11	2.11	36	30	20	14	2.11	2.09	31	37	22	10

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Question 11: To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?												
11j. Learning effectively on your own												
First-Year Students	2.78	2.96	6	28	47	19	3.03	2.98	7	15	47	31
Seniors	3.03	3.05	3	23	40	33	3.09	2.07	3	18	47	33
11k. Understanding yourself												
First-Year Students	2.75	2.81	8	28	45	19	3	2.84	7	18	43	32
Seniors	2.97	2.83	7	21	41	31	3.01	2.85	7	20	39	34
11l. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds												
First-Year Students	2.73	2.67	10	26	44	19	2.79	2.69	12	22	41	25
Seniors	2.65	2.64	11	33	34	21	2.7	2.67	12	30	35	23
11m. Solving complex real-world problems												
First-Year Students	2.66	2.69	11	30	40	19	2.78	2.73	7	31	38	24
Seniors	2.68	2.78	11	30	38	20	2.78	2.84	10	27	40	23
11n. Developing a personal code of values and ethics												
First-Year Students	2.6	2.7	10	32	45	13	2.83	2.75	7	27	42	24
Seniors	2.75	2.71	10	26	43	21	2.82	2.76	10	27	36	28
11o. Contributing to the welfare of your community												
First-Year Students	2.41	2.47	18	36	34	12	2.42	2.49	21	32	30	17
Seniors	2.5	2.48	17	32	36	16	2.51	2.51	16	34	35	16
11p. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality												
First-Year Students	2.05	2.15	41	23	25	11	2.04	2.14	44	22	19	15
Seniors	1.82	1.96	51	25	15	9	1.81	1.95	52	25	15	9

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Question 12: Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution												
	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Poor	2=Fair	3=Good	4=Excellent	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Poor	2=Fair	3=Good	4=Excellent
First-Year Students	2.99	3	3	15	61	20	3.12	3.1	4	13	49	34
Seniors	2.8	2.85	14	21	35	29	3.12	2.94	6	15	39	39
Question 13: How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?												
	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Poor	2=Fair	3=Good	4=Excellent	Cortland Mean	NSSE Overall Mean	1=Poor	2=Fair	3=Good	4=Excellent
First-Year Students	3.03	3.19	3	14	61	22	3.38	3.24	0	4	54	42
Seniors	3.12	3.22	5	11	52	32	3.3	3.23	2	11	43	45
Question 14: If you could start over again, would you go to the *same institution* you are now attending?												
	Mean	NSSE Overall	1=Definitely no	2=Probably no	3=Probably yes	4=Definitely yes	Mean	NSSE Overall	1=Definitely no	2=Probably no	3=Probably yes	4=Definitely yes
First-Year Students	3.09	3.23	3	17	49	32	3.28	3.26	4	11	37	48
Seniors	3.14	3.2	8	12	39	41	3.32	3.22	3	9	40	48