

Dalton State College

FSSE-NSSE Combined Report August 2009



Interpreting the FSSE-NSSE Combined Report

Course-Based Survey Option

The course-based option asks faculty members to respond to questions about student engagement based on a course taught during the current academic year. This option is valuable for institutions that want to know more about faculty practices and student engagement tied to individual courses taught on campus.

Sample

The FSSE-NSSE Combined Report shows responses from both students and faculty at your institution who completed NSSE and FSSE. This report only contains responses from faculty who responded to the survey based on their experiences teaching either a lower or upper division course. Data from faculty who responded based on another type of course or who did not report a course level are not included in this report. All student responses are the same as those included in the NSSE 2009 Frequency Distrubutions.

Survey Items & Variable Names

Results from the FSSE survey appear in the shaded box on the left, and items from the NSSE survey appear in the box on the right. In each box, the leftmost column contains survey items in the same wording that appears on the FSSE and NSSE instruments. The second column in each box contains the name of each variable for easy reference to your FSSE and NSSE data files and your 2009 Frequency Distributions reports.

Faculty Responses

This column shows the percentage of faculty who responded at or above the indicated response category. To match the response categories provided on the FSSE instrument, the heading of this column varies throughout the report.



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

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Response categories are listed just as they appear on the NSSE instrument. The distribution of student responses match those in your NSSE 2009 Frequency Distributions.

Student Responses

	Faculty Responses			Student Responses								
	Percentage of faculty who reported that from their courses do the following	more than ha	lf of stu	ıdents	Distribution of student responses to how current school year	often they	did the f	following at	their inst	itution during	g the	
	FSSE Item	Variable	Class	50% or Higher	NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Otten	Otten	Sometimes	Nev	
	Frequently ask questions in class or		LD	21%	Asked questions in class or contributed		FY	29%	38%	31%	29	
_	contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST	UD	50%	to class discussions	CLQUEST	SR	48%	31%	19%	29	
	Frequently come to class without	اد.	LD	37%	Come to class without completing		►FY	6%	11%	56%	279	

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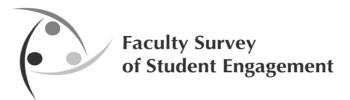
21%

42%

27% 11% 56% assignments 15% 57% 21% Worked harder than you thought you 19% 38% 37% 6% could to meet an instructor's standards or 34% 5% 22% 39%

Class Level

Frequency distributions are reported separately for faculty who reported teaching a course of mostly first-year and sophomore students (LD) or of mostly juniors and seniors (UD). Student responses are reported separately for first-year students (FY) and seniors (SR). Institution-reported class ranks are used for the student data.



Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that more than half of students from their courses do the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	50% or Higher
Frequently ask questions in class or	ECLOHECT	LD	23%
contribute to class discussions	FCLQUEST	UD	48%
Frequently come to class without	ECL LINIDDE	LD	31%
completing readings or assignments	FCLUNPRE	UD	24%
Frequently work harder than they usually	THE OPPOSITE OF THE OPPOSITE O	LD	26%
do to meet your standards	FWORKHRD	UD	29%
Occasionally use e-mail to communicate		LD	29%
with you	FEMAIL	UD	71%
Occasionally discuss grades or assignments		LD	29%
with you	FGRADE	UD	55%
At least once, talk about career plans with		LD	11%
you	FPLANS	UD	25%
At least once, discuss ideas from readings		LD	9%
or classes with you outside of class	FIDEAS	UD	20%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Asked questions in class or contributed to	CLQUEST	FY	24%	34%	38%	4%
class discussions	CLQUEST	SR	58%	27%	15%	0%
Come to class without completing		FY	3%	12%	54%	31%
signments	CLUNPREP	SR	5%	11%	66%	18%
Worked harder than you thought you could	WORKHARD	FY	19%	37%	37%	6%
to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	SR	30%	41%	26%	3%
Used e-mail to communicate with an	EMAIL.	FY	48%	28%	22%	2%
instructor	EWAIL	SR	60%	26%	14%	0%
Discussed grades or assignments with an	EACCRADE	FY	25%	30%	40%	5%
instructor	FACGRADE	SR	37%	34%	25%	4%
Talked about career plans with a faculty	FACPLANS	FY	11%	21%	44%	24%
member or advisor	FACPLANS	SR	20%	28%	34%	18%
Discussed ideas from your readings or	EACIDEAC	FY	7%	11%	34%	48%
classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	SR	15%	20%	42%	24%

Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that students from their courses do the following often or very often

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often or Often
Have class discussions or writing assignments that include diverse		LD	41%
perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.)	FDIVCLAS	UD	71%
Work with other students on projects	FCLASSGR	LD	59%
during class	FCLASSOR	UD	81%
Participate in a community-based		LD	9%
project (e.g., service learning) as part of your course	FCOMMPRO	UD	43%
Use an electronic medium (listserv, chat		LD	43%
group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FITICADE	UD	67%
Receive prompt written or oral feedback	FFEED	LD	84%
from you on their academic performance	TTEED	UD	90%
Have serious conversations in your course with students of a different race	EDIVID CTU	LD	44%
or ethnicity than their own	FDIVRSTU	UD	48%
Have serious conversations in your course with students who are very different from	-		48%
them in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FDIFFSTU	UD	50%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs,	DIVCLASS	FY	19%	33%	37%	11%
etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments		SR	35%	29%	24%	12%
Worked with other students on projects	CLASSGRP	FY	12%	38%	40%	11%
during class		SR	23%	44%	27%	5%
Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as	COMMPROJ	FY	12%	16%	36%	37%
rt of a regular course		SR	8%	7%	31%	54%
Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.)	ITACADEM	FY	20%	26%	29%	25%
to discuss or complete an assignment		SR	37%	33%	19%	12%
Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty	FACFEED	FY	17%	32%	40%	11%
on your academic performance		SR	31%	38%	28%	3%
Had serious conversations with students of	DIVRSTUD	FY	22%	28%	32%	18%
a different race or ethnicity than your own		SR	27%	25%	33%	15%
Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of	DIFFSTU2	FY	26%	26%	32%	17%
their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values		SR	29%	27%	34%	10%

Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very important that their students do the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Important or Important
Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or	FREWROPA	LD	44%
assignment before turning it in		UD	52%
Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from	FINTEGRA	LD	64%
various sources	TIVILORA	UD	95%
Work with classmates outside of class to	FOCCGRP	LD	36%
prepare class assignments	FOCCORF	UD	81%
Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing	FINTIDEA	LD	49%
assignments or during class discussions	FINTIDEA	UD	86%
Discuss ideas or readings from class with		LD	55%
others outside of class (other students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	FOOCID05	UD	76%
Tutor or teach other students (paid or	FTUTOR	LD	23%
voluntary)	FIUTOR	UD	33%
Examine the strengths and weaknesses of	FOWNVIEW	LD	62%
their views on a topic or issue	FOWNVIEW	UD	81%
Try to better understand someone else's	EOTHDAW.	LD	77%
views by imagining how an issue looks from that person's perspective	FOTHRVW	UD	81%
Learn something that changes the way they	ECHNICIAN	LD	93%
understand an issue or concept	FCHNGVW	UD	100%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how often they did the following at their institution during the current school year $\frac{1}{2}$

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or	DEWDODAD	FY	25%	33%	30%	13%
assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP	SR	26%	33%	27%	13%
Worked on a paper or project that required	INTEGRAT	FY	26%	44%	25%	5%
integrating ideas or information from various sources		SR	52%	30%	12%	5%
Worked with classmates outside of class to	OCCORD	FY	10%	19%	38%	33%
repare class assignments	OCCGRP	SR	24%	40%	25%	10%
Put together ideas or concepts from	D. W. C. C.	FY	13%	33%	38%	17%
different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS	SR	31%	39%	23%	7%
Discussed ideas from your readings or		FY	25%	35%	34%	6%
classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	SR	33%	40%	23%	4%
Tutored or taught other students (paid or	TUTOR	FY	5%	9%	29%	56%
voluntary)		SR	11%	12%	37%	39%
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of	OWNVIEW	FY	17%	32%	39%	12%
your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	SR	32%	34%	27%	7%
Tried to better understand someone else's	OTHEN	FY	23%	38%	28%	11%
views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	OTHRVIEW	SR	31%	39%	27%	3%
Learned something that changed the way	CHNCVIEW	FY	24%	41%	30%	5%
you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	SR	33%	38%	27%	1%

Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that their evaluations of student performance are quite challenging for students

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Quite Challenging
Select the response that represents the			
extent to which your evaluations of student		LD	77%
performance (e.g., examinations, portfolio)	FEXAMS		
challenge students in your selected course		UD	86%
section to do their best work			

Note: Faculty reponded to this item on a 7-point scale (1 = Very little to 7 = Very much). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as quite challenging.

Percentage of faculty who reported that they place quite a bit or very much emphasis on the following in their courses

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from	FMEMORIZ	LD	28%
your course and readings	FMEMORIZ	UD	14%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea,	FANALYZE	LD	72%
experience, or theory	PANALIZE	UD	95%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences	FSYNTHES	LD	70%
	FSTNTHES	UD	95%
Making judgments about the value of	FEVALUAT	LD	70%
information, arguments, or methods	FEVALUAI	UD	80%
Applying theories or concepts to practical	FAPPLYIN	LD	81%
problems or in new situations	FAFFLIIN	UD	90%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to how much their examininations during the current school year challenged them to do their best work

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Quite Challenging	Not as Challenging
Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the	EXAMS	FY	74%	26%
current school year challenged you to do your best work	EAAWIS	SR	81%	19%

Note: Students reponded to this item on a 7-point scale (1 = Very little to 7 = Very much). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as quite challenging and responses of 1, 2, 3, and 4 are coded as not as challenging.

Distribution of student responses to how much their coursework during the current school year emphasized the following

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from	MEMORIZE	FY	29%	42%	24%	4%
your course and readings	MEMORIZE	SR	28%	38%	26%	8%
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea,	ANALYZE	FY	28%	40%	27%	5%
experience, or theory	ANALYZE	SR	46%	38%	14%	2%
Synthesizing and organizing ideas,	SYNTHESZ	FY	23%	39%	32%	7%
information, or experiences	SINIHESE	SR	38%	40%	18%	4%
Making judgments about the value of	EVALUATE	FY	26%	36%	31%	7%
information, arguments, or methods	EVALUATE	SR	41%	37%	20%	2%
Applying theories or concepts to practical	, pp. im. c	FY	27%	39%	27%	7%
problems or in new situations	APPLYING	SR	50%	33%	16%	2%

Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

Percentage of faculty who structured their courses quite a bit or very much so that students learn and develop in the following areas

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
White also be and offered to be	FGNWRITE	LD	63%
Writing clearly and effectively	FONWRITE	UD	76%
Speaking clearly and effectively	ECNODE AV	LD	51%
	FGNSPEAK	UD	76%
Thinking critically and analytically	F61111111	LD	90%
	FGNANALY	UD	95%
		LD	43%
Analyzing quantitative problems	FGNQUANT	UD	52%
Using computing and information		LD	53%
technology	FGNCMPTS	UD	52%
W. 1'	ECNOTIVED	LD	62%
Working effectively with others	FGNOTHER	UD	71%
Y		LD	91%
Learning effectively on their own	FGNINQ	UD	81%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their college experience contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
W. C. and a subject of	CNWIDTE	FY	39%	36%	22%	3%
Writing clearly and effectively	GNWIRTE	SR	50%	34%	15%	1%
Speaking algority and affectively	GNSPEAK	FY	32%	38%	25%	6%
Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	SR	45%	35%	17%	3%
Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	FY	37%	42%	18%	3%
	GNANALI	SR	55%	33%	11%	1%
Analyzing quantitative problems	CNOLLANT	FY	26%	41%	27%	6%
Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT	SR	40%	41%	15%	3%
Using computing and information	GNCMPTS	FY	19%	9%		
technology	GNCMF 13	SR	50%	33%	13%	4%
Working affectively with others	GNOTHERS	FY	30%	41%	21%	7%
Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	SR	49%	35%	14%	2%
Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	FY	31%	39%	24%	7%
	OMINQ	SR	39%	35%	21%	5%

Faculty classroom practices and student responses:

Faculty Responses

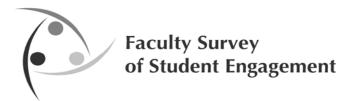
Percentage of faculty who structured their courses quite a bit or very much so that students learn and develop in the following areas

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit
Understanding themselves	FGNSELF	LD	52%
Understanding themselves	FONSELF	UD	60%
Understanding people of other racial and	FGNDIVER	LD	49%
ethnic backgrounds	FGNDIVER	UD	67%
Solving complex real-world problems	ECMPRORG	LD	58%
	FGNPROBS	UD	90%
Developing a personal code of values and		LD	44%
ethics	FVALUES	UD	71%
Developing a deepened sense of	ECDIDIT	LD	19%
spirituality	FSPIRIT	UD	19%
	POLIOPAN P	LD	79%
Acquiring a broad general education	FGNGENLE	UD	48%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge		LD	67%
and skills	FGNWORK	UD	86%

Student Responses

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their college experience contributed to their knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
II. danstandia anno 16	CNEELE	FY	27%	34%	26%	13%
Understanding yourself	GNSELF	SR	34%	28%	25%	13%
Understanding people of other racial and	CNDWEDG	FY	22%	33%	31%	14%
ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	SR	32%	33%	22%	13%
Solving complex real-world problems	CNDDODGV	FY	20%	35%	31%	14%
	GNPROBSV	SR	29%	37%	27%	7%
Developing a personal code of values and	CNETHICS	FY	22%	32%	30%	15%
ethics	GNETHICS	SR	33%	30%	22%	16%
Developing a deepened sense of	CNEDIDIT	FY	18%	19%	30%	33%
spirituality	GNSPIRIT	SR	18%	15%	23%	44%
A agricing a broad gament advection	GNGENLED	FY	31%	44%	23%	3%
Acquiring a broad general education	GNGENLED	SR	54%	33%	11%	2%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge	GNWORK	FY	23%	31%	32%	14%
and skills	JNWUKK	SR	50%	33%	13%	4%



Importance faculty place on campus-facilitated activities and student participation:

Faculty Responses

Student Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very important that students at their institution do the following

Distribution of student reponses to whether they had done or plan to do the following before graduating

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Important or Important
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-	FINTERN	LD	70%
op experience, or clinical assignment	THVILKIV	UD	76%
Community and in a second section of	FVOLUNTR	LD	52%
Community service or volunteer work	FVOLUNIK	UD	65%
Participation in a learning community or		LD	20%
some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FLERNCOM	UD	50%
Work on a research project with a faculty	FIMPR05	LD	25%
member outside of course or program requirements	THIFKOS	UD	30%
Foreign language coursework	FFORLANG	LD	70%
Poleigh language coursework	TTOKLANG	UD	55%
Ctudu ahma d	FSTUDYAB	LD	41%
Study abroad	ISTODIAB	UD	65%
Culminating senior experience (capstone	ECENIOD	LD	69%
course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FSENIOR	UD	90%

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Done	Plan to do	Do not plan to do	Have not decided
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-	INTERN04	FY	9%	61%	9%	21%
op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERNO4	SR	46%	31%	14%	8%
Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	FY	53%	26%	8%	13%
	VOLN1R04	SR	46%	23%	19%	12%
Participate in a learning community or some	LRNCOM04	FY	12%	26%	24%	38%
other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LKNCOM04	SR	28%	17%	36%	19%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	FY	6%	23%	33%	38%
	KESKCH04	FY 6% 23% SR 7% 11%	11%	56%	26%	
Foreign language coursework	EODI NCOA	FY	9%	30%	26%	
Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	SR	29%	14%	40%	17%
Charles along a	CTD A DD04	FY	2%	30%	37%	31%
Study abroad	STDABR04	SR	8%	13%	60%	19%
Culminating senior experience (capstone	CNIDAZO4	FY	4%	31%	22%	43%
course, thesis, project, comprehensive exam, etc.)	SNRX04	SR	18%	39%	24%	19%

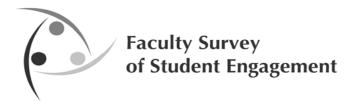


Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Percentage of faculty who reported that their institution emphasizes each of the following quite a bit or very much

Distribution of student responses to the extent that their institution emphasizes each of the following

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much or Quite a Bit	NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Requiring students to spend significant amounts of time studying and on academic	FENVSCHO	LD	80%	Spending significant amounts of time	ENVSCHOL	FY	29%	50%	17%	4%
work	renvacho	UD	71%	studying and on academic work	ENVSCHOL	SR	48%	43%	8%	1%
Providing students the support they	FENVSUPR	LD	93%	Providing the support you need to	need to	FY	32%	42%	24%	2%
need to help them succeed academically	FENVSUPK	UD	85%	help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRI	SR	38%	42%	17%	4%
Encouraging contact among students		LD	58%	Encouraging contact among students		FY	18%	36%	30%	17%
from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FENVDIVR	UD	40%	from different economic, social and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	SR	25%	33%	27%	15%
Helping students cope with their non-	FENNINA CA	LD	53%	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	FY	14%	22%	36%	27%
academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FENVNACA	UD	40%		ENVINACAD	SR	11%	20%	31%	38%
Providing students the support they	FENVSOCA	LD	40%	Providing the support you need	ENVSOCAL	FY	15%	33%	35%	18%
need to thrive socially	FENVSUCA	UD	20%	to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	SR	12%	24%	35%	29%
Encouraging students to attend campus events and activities (special speakers,	FENVEVEN	LD	73%	Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances,	ENVEVENT	FY	21%	37%	23%	19%
cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)		UD	70%	athletic events, etc.)		SR	16%	38%	29%	18%
Encouraging students to use computers in		LD	84%	II-in-a commutantin condension of	ENWCOMPT	FY	43%	37%	17%	4%
their academic work	eir academic work Using computers in academic work Using computers in academic work		ENVCOMPT	SR	60%	30%	9%	1%		



Faculty and student perceptions of the campus environment:

Faculty Responses

Student Responses

Percentage of faculty who reported that students at their institution have positive relationships with the following groups

FSSE Item	Variable	Class	Positive Quality
With other students	FENVSTU	LD	84%
with other students	TENVSTO	UD	90%
With faculty members	FENVFAC	LD	82%
	TENVIAC	UD	90%
With administrative personnel and offices	FENVADM	LD	49%
	PENVADM	UD	70%

Note: Faculty reponded to the items above on 7-point scales (e.g., 1 = Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation to 7 = Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as positive quality.

Distribution of student ratings of the quality of their relationships with the following groups

NSSE Item	Variable	Class	Positive Quality	Neutral or Negative
With other students	ENVSTU	FY	74%	26%
with other students	ENVSTO	SR	87%	13%
With faculty members	ENVFAC	FY	70%	30%
With faculty members	ENVIAC	SR	83%	17%
With administrative necessary and offices	ENVADM	FY	59%	41%
With administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	SR	64%	36%

Note: Students reponded to the items above on 7-point scales (e.g., 1 = Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation to 7 = Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging). Responses of 5, 6, or 7 are coded as positive quality and responses of 1, 2, 3, and 4