# Angelo State University NSSE Major Field Report 2023 Between-Institution Results Biology

Comparing your students majoring in the fields shown below to those in the same fields at your comparison group institutions

The Major Field Report group 'Biology' includes the following majors: Biochemistry or biophysics; Biology (general); Biomedical science; Botany; Cell and molecular biology; Environmental science/studies; Marine science; Microbiology or bacteriology; Natural science; Neuroscience; Other biological sciences; Physiology and developmental biology; Zoology.





#### **NSSE Major Field Report 2023**

#### **About This Report**

#### About Your Major Field Report - Between Institution Results

NSSE data serve to identify institutional strengths and weaknesses in reference to selected comparison institutions, yet institutionlevel comparisons may not capture important variation in student engagement that can be found within key subpopulations such as major. This report displays selected results for students at your institution and at your selected comparison institutions in the major category: Biology.

#### NSSE results included in MFR

- Engagement Indicators
- High-Impact Practices
- Additional Academic Challenge Items
- Time Spent in Selected Activities

#### **Related-Major Groups**

Self-reported first and second (if applicable) majors were identified from the survey. Your institution had the option to customize how these majors were grouped, using up to ten relatedmajor groups. Institutions choosing not to customize their major categories receive NSSE's ten default groups. The majors used in this report are listed on the cover page of this report.

#### Sample

This report is based on information from all randomly selected or census-administered students in the indicated group of majors for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples and other non-randomly selected students are not included. Report Sample (if applicable) respondents are also excluded.

#### Class

Results are presented separately by institution-reported class level. Keep in mind that majors are student-reported. First-year students may report intended majors that have not yet been declared. Also, much of the first-year experience may take place outside of the major field. For these reasons, first-year results should be interpreted with caution.

#### **Technical Requirements**

Frequencies will be reported for related-major groups that have at least 5 respondents, but NSSE requires a group to have at least 20 respondents for statistical comparisons (e.g., means and t-tests). Comparison groups must contain at least 20 respondents in the major category, or they remain blank. Although 20 is a minimum requirement for all other statistics (Engagement Indicators, means, etc.), keep in mind that any statistical result requires a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate. Due to the disaggregation of results by student-reported major, Major Field Report results are unweighted.

**Report Sections** (Those marked with an asterisk are included if at least one related-major group includes 20 or more respondents.)

Engagement Indicators*	Results on NSSE's ten Engagement Indicators (EIs) organized into four themes. See your Engagement Indicators report for more details.
High-Impact Practices*	Results on student participation in six High-Impact Practices (HIPs). See your High-Impact Practices report for more details.
Additional Academic Challenge Items	Contains four engagement indicators as well as several important individual items.
Time Spent in Selected Activities	Results on how students allocate time among academic work, employment, and other activities and commitments offers insight into both student support needs and programmatic differences in expectations and requirements.

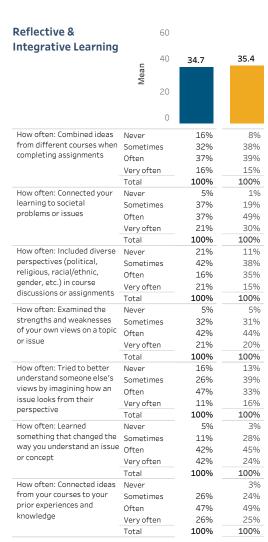


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 Higher-Order Learning / Reflective & Integrative Learning
 Major Group 3
 Biology
 Define Groups

#### First-year First-year **Higher-Order** 60 45.3 Learning 39.0 40 Mean 20 0 Coursework emphasized: Very little 4% Applying facts, theories, or 16% 24% Some methods to practical Ouite a bit 32% 43% problems or new situations 53% 29% Verv much 100% 100% Total Coursework emphasized: Very little 3% Analyzing an idea, 16% 22% experience, or line of 26% 43% Quite a bit reasoning in depth by 58% 32% Very much examining its parts Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: Very little 5% 5% Evaluating a point of view, 26% 28% Some decision, or information Quite a bit 26% 42% 42% 26% Very much 100% 100% Total Coursework emphasized: Very little 4% Forming a new idea or 25% Some 21% understanding from various Ouite a bit 37% 46% pieces of information 25% Very much 42% Total 100% 100%



ASU Comparison Group Respondent Counts by Major **ASU Majors** 16. Biology (general) 18 18. Biochemistry or biophysi. 1 19 **Group Total Comparison Group Majors** 16. Biology (general) 18. Biochemistry or biop.. 86 19. Biomedical science 20. Botany

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 Learning Strategies / Quantitative Reasoning
 Major Group 3
 Biology
 Define Groups

#### First-year First-year **Learning Strategies** 60 44.6 39.1 40 Mean 20 0 How often: Identified key 2% Never information from reading 26% 25% Sometimes assignments Often 26% 49% 42% 24% Very often 100% 100% Total How often: Reviewed your Never 4% notes after class Sometimes 25% 47% 39% Often 53% 32% Very often Total 100% 100% How often: Summarized 4% Never what you learned in class or 28% 21% Sometimes from course materials Often 47% 37%

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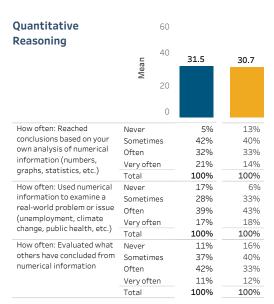
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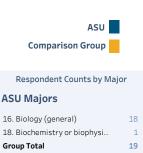
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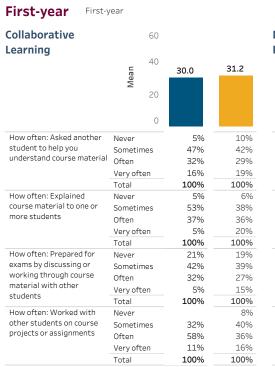
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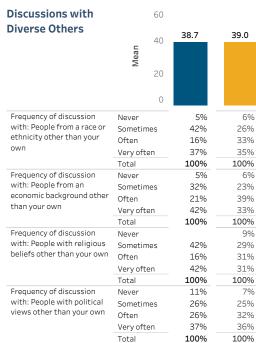


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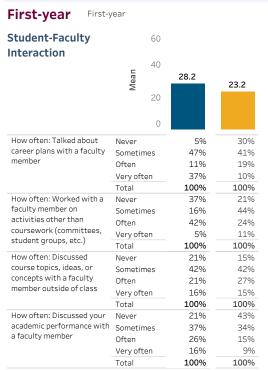
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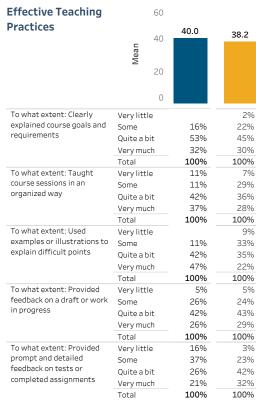


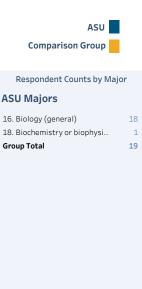
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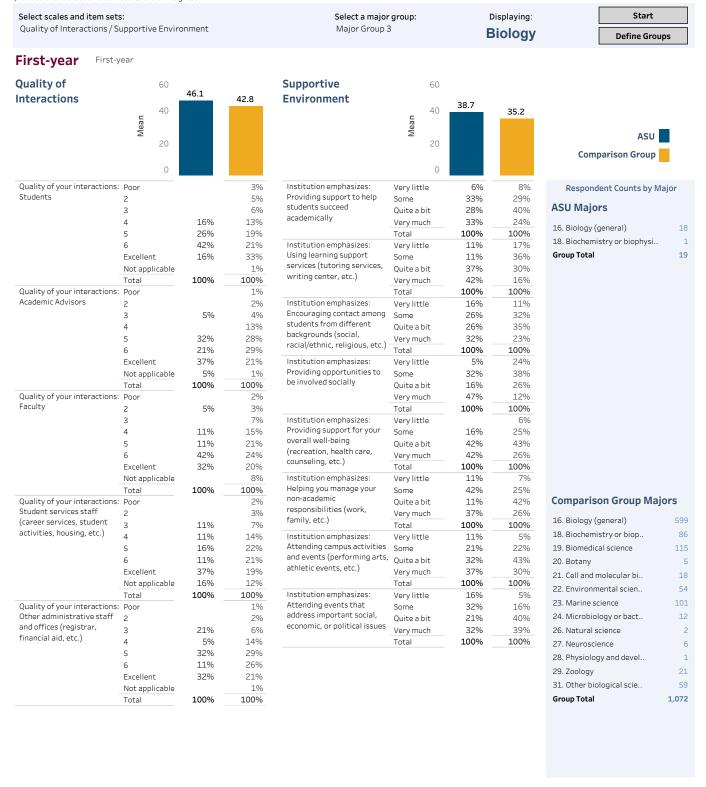


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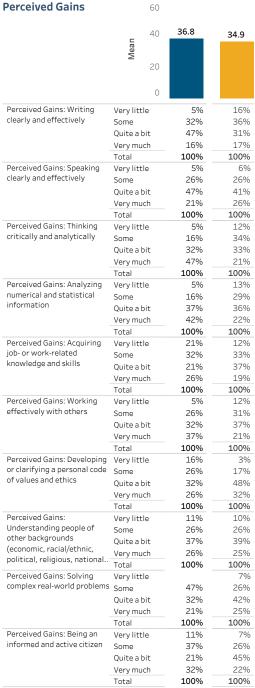


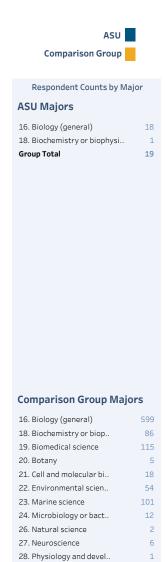


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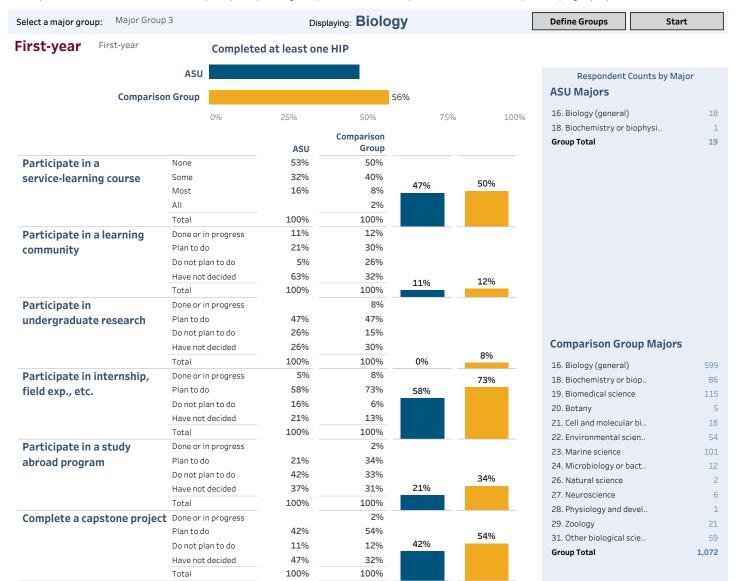
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# Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Angelo State University High-Impact Practices

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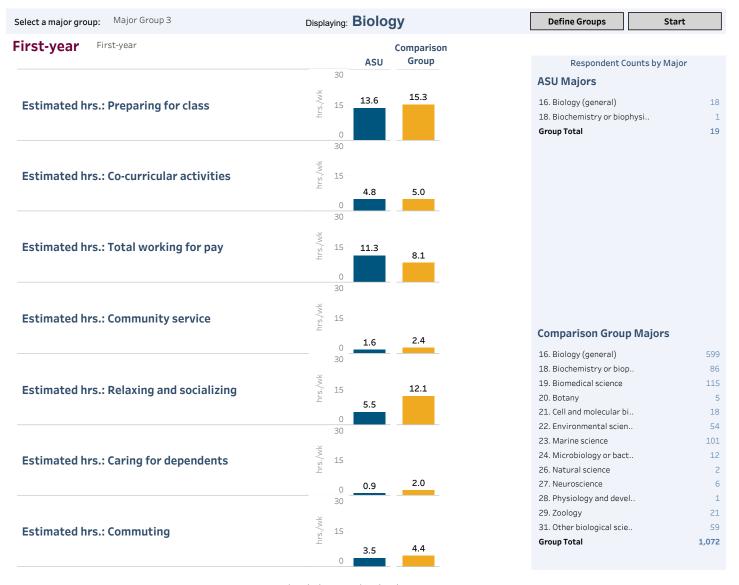
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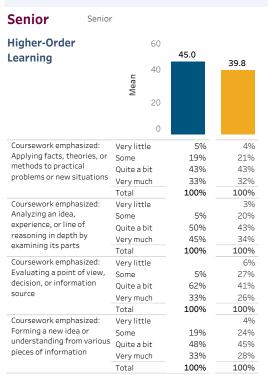
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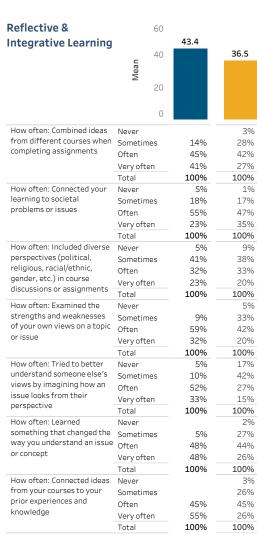


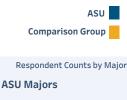
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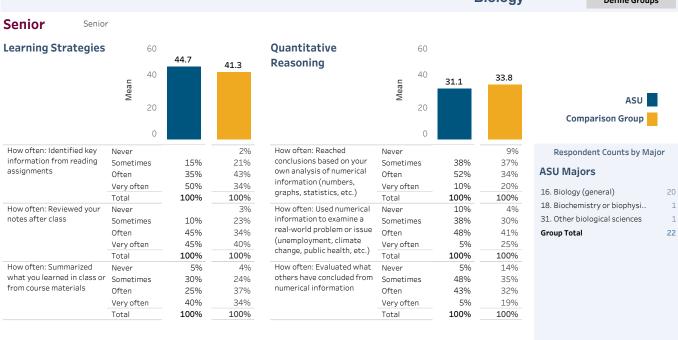
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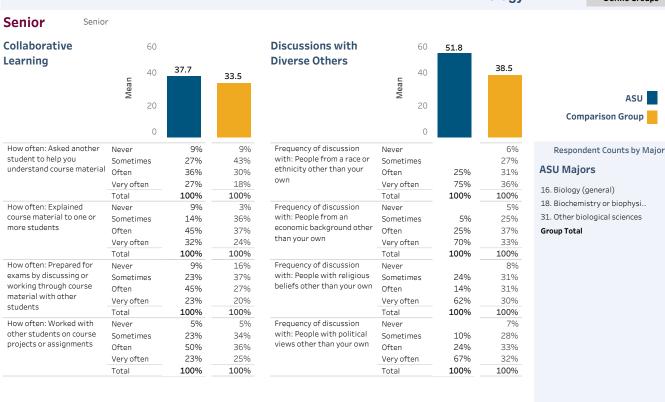
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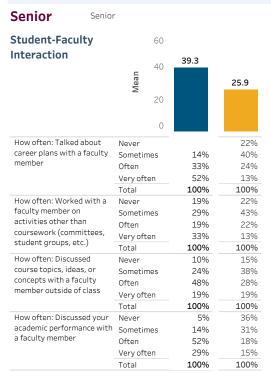
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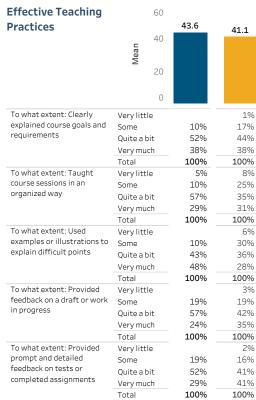


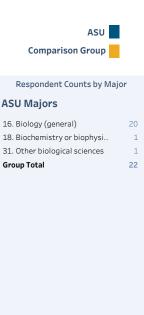
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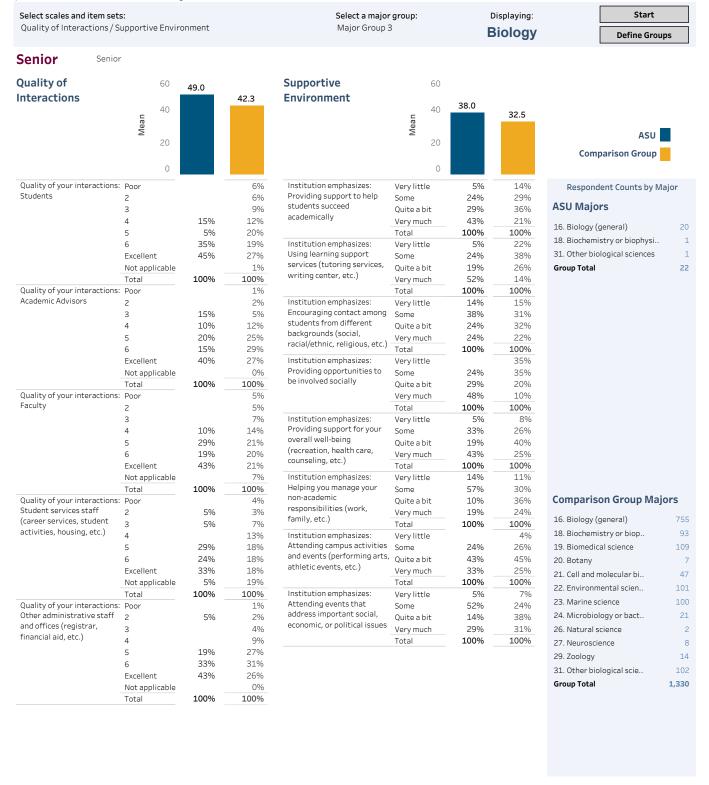


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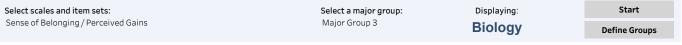


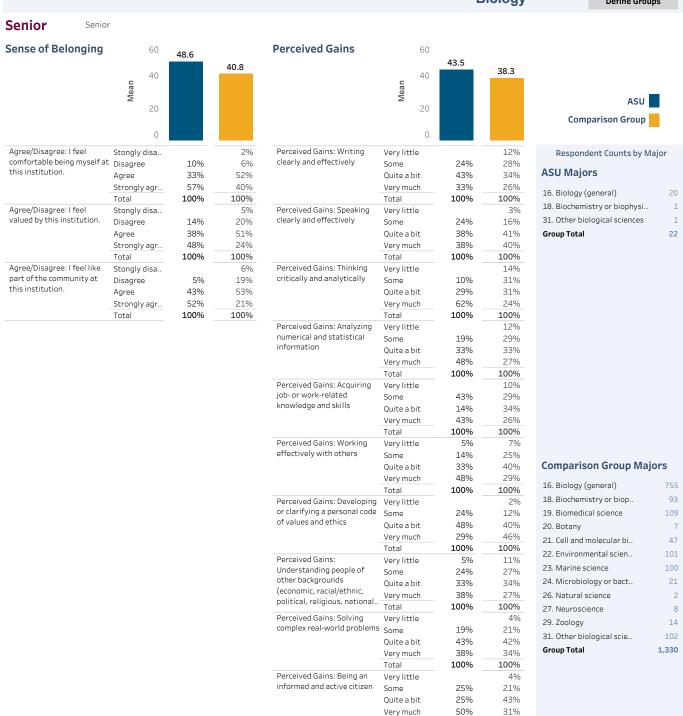
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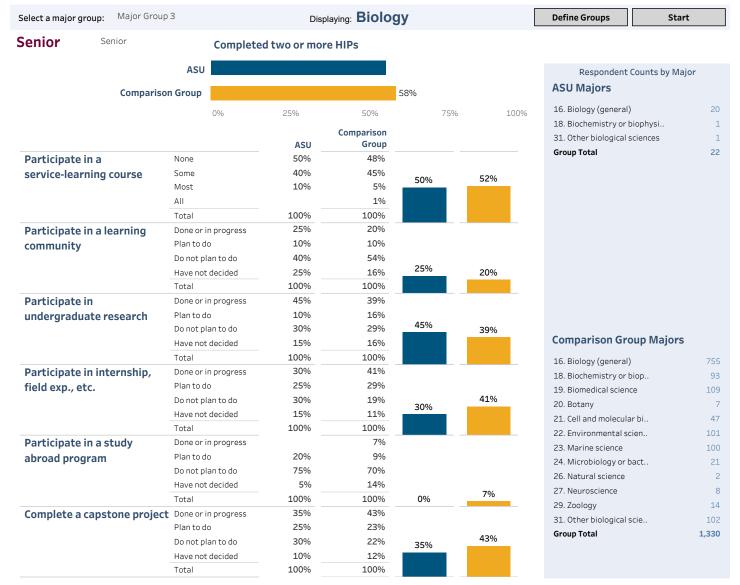
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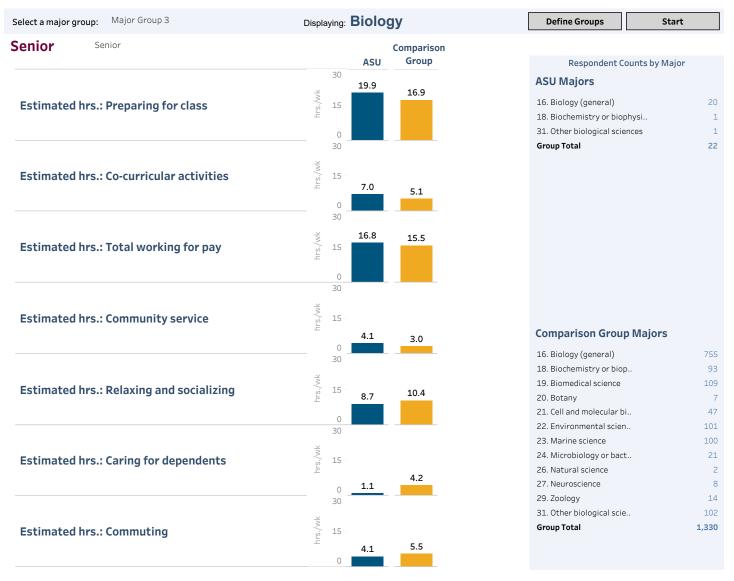
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# Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Angelo State University Time Spent in Selected Activities

Understanding how students allocate time among academic work, employment, and other activities and commitments offers insight into both student support needs and programmatic differences in expectations and requirements. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.



Notes—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust major groups, change the class level, and filter by student and institution characteristics. Figures with < 5 respondents are blank, as are comparison groups with fewer than five institutions. Results are unweighted.

Student filters: Race/eth. (US): All; Race/eth. (Can.): All; Sex. orient.: All; Gender: All; First-gen.: All; Transfer: All; International: All; Enroll.: All; Age: All; Courses: All.