NSSE 2024
Engagement Indicators

University of Kentucky

About Your *Engagement Indicators* Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right. The specific items within each EI are listed below, starting on page 5.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning
	Reflective & Integrative Learning
	Learning Strategies
	Quantitative Reasoning
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning
	Discussions with Diverse Others
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction
	Effective Teaching Practices
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions
	Supportive Environment

Report Sections

Overview (p. 3) — Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13) — Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

Mean Comparisons
Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

Score Distributions
Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.

Performance on Indicator Items
Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15) — Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of all current- and prior-year institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-End) — Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2018). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. Your NSSE Tableau dashboards and Report Builder (released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: **nsse.indiana.edu**

Rocconi, L.M., & Gonyea, R.M. (2018). Contextualizing effect sizes in the National Survey of Student Engagement: An empirical analysis. *Research & Practice in Assessment, 13* (Summer/Fall), pp. 22-38.

Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups. Use the following key:

▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

△ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.

-- No significant difference.

▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ($p < .05$) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.

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Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to your institutional context. You may not see all of these symbols in your report.

First-Year Students

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your first-year students compared with Nat'l Public R1/R2s	Your first-year students compared with Nat'l Public R1s	Your first-year students compared with SE Public R1s
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	△	△	△
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	△	△	△
	Learning Strategies	△	△	△
	Quantitative Reasoning	▲	▲	▲
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	▲	▲	▲
	Discussions with Diverse Others	△	△	--
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	▲	▲	▲
	Effective Teaching Practices	△	△	△
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	▲	▲	△
	Supportive Environment	△	△	△

Seniors

Theme	Engagement Indicator	Your seniors compared with Nat'l Public R1/R2s	Your seniors compared with Nat'l Public R1s	Your seniors compared with SE Public R1s
Academic Challenge	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	△	--
	Learning Strategies	△	△	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	△	△	△
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	△	△	△
	Discussions with Diverse Others	△	△	--
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	△	△	△
	Effective Teaching Practices	△	△	--
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Academic Challenge
University of Kentucky

Academic Challenge: First-year students

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Mean Comparisons

| | UK | Your first-year students compared with | | | | | |
| | | Nat'l Public R1/R2s | | Nat'l Public R1s | | SE Public R1s | |
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	41.6	38.4 ***	.25	38.8 ***	.22	38.8 ***	.21
Reflective & Integrative Learning	38.5	35.7 ***	.24	35.8 ***	.23	35.6 ***	.24
Learning Strategies	40.9	38.0 ***	.21	38.3 ***	.19	38.8 ***	.16
Quantitative Reasoning	35.9	30.0 ***	.39	30.6 ***	.35	30.6 ***	.34

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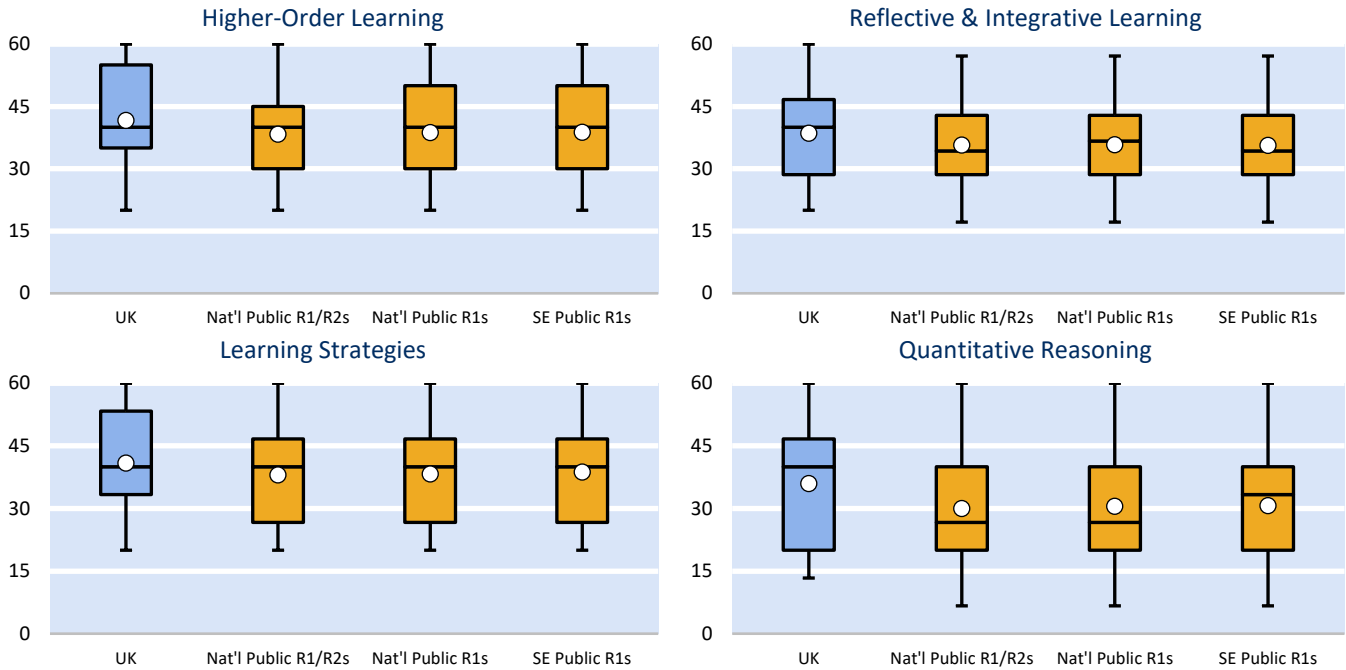
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Academic Challenge: First-year students (continued)

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Higher-Order Learning		**Nat'l Public R1/R2s**	**Nat'l Public R1s**	**SE Public R1s**
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized…	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	79	+7	+5	+5
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	78	+9	+7	+7
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	76	+7	+7	+8
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	78	+7	+7	+8
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	63	+9	+8	+9
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	60	+8	+8	+9
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	61	+8	+9	+10
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	71	+7	+7	+7
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective	75	+5	+5	+6
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	73	+5	+4	+5
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	80	+1	+0	+0
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	76	+4	+3	+3
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	73	+7	+7	+5
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	75	+10	+9	+7
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	68	+11	+10	+10
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	59	+14	+13	+13
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	61	+16	+14	+15

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| | | Nat'l Public R1/R2s | | Nat'l Public R1s | | SE Public R1s | |
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Higher-Order Learning	41.1	40.4	.05	40.4	.06	40.6	.04
Reflective & Integrative Learning	38.8	38.1	.05	38.1 *	.06	38.1	.05
Learning Strategies	40.2	39.0 **	.08	38.9 **	.09	39.5	.05
Quantitative Reasoning	34.8	31.5 ***	.20	32.0 ***	.17	32.3 ***	.15

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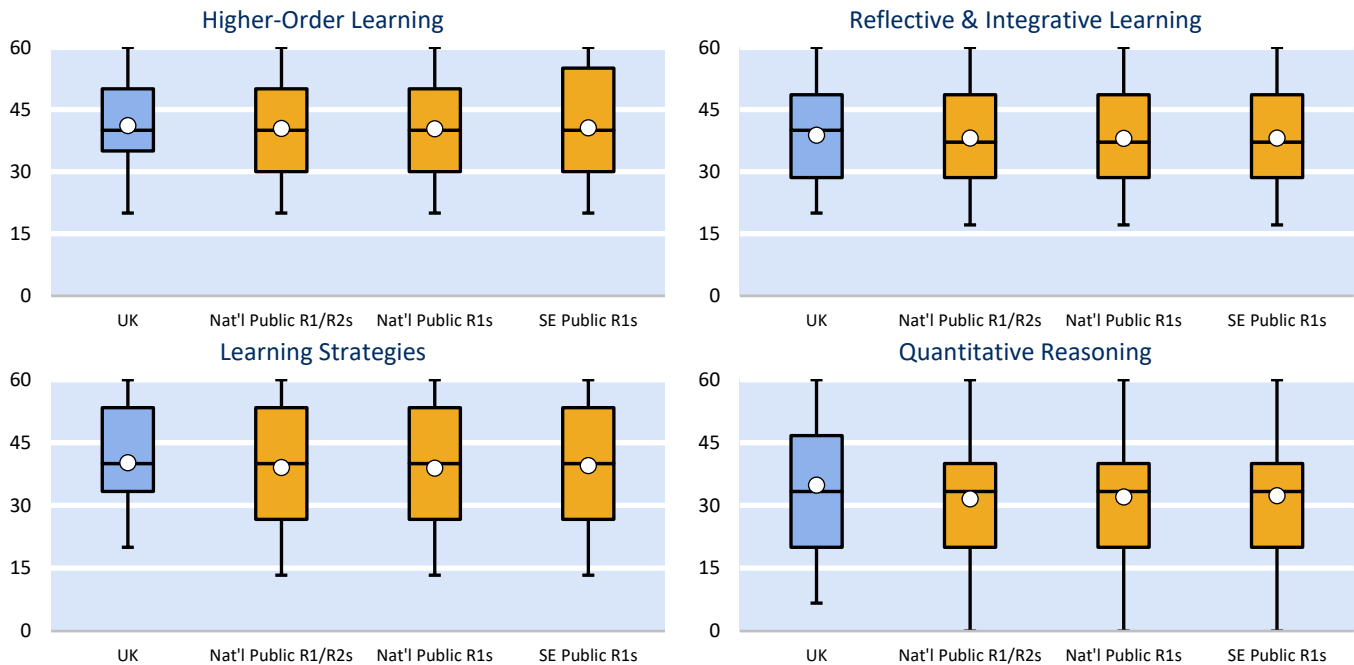
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Higher-Order Learning				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized…	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	80	+3	+2	+2
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	77	+2	+1	+2
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	69	-1	+0	+1
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	74	+0	+1	+1
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	74	+6	+5	+5
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	62	+3	+3	+4
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	54	+2	+2	+3
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	69	+2	+3	+3
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective	71	-1	-1	+0
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	72	+0	+0	+0
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	84	+0	+0	+0
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Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	73	-2	-1	-1
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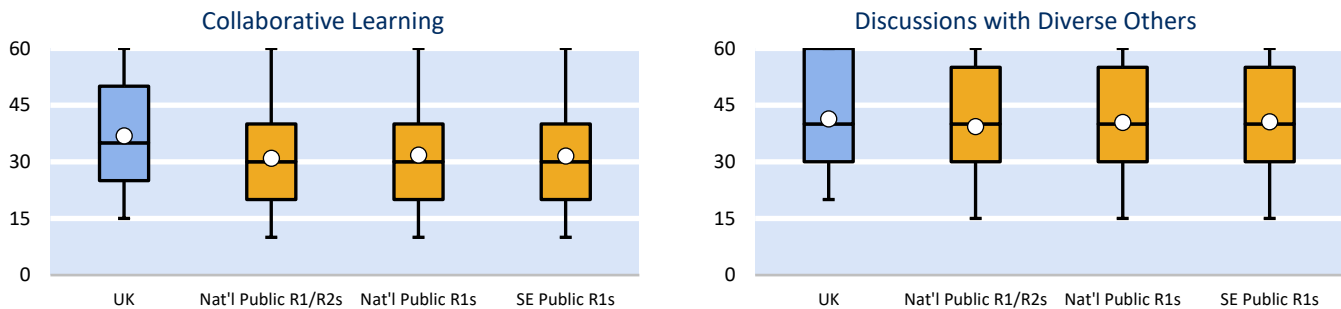
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		Nat'l Public R1/R2s		Nat'l Public R1s		SE Public R1s	
			Effect		Effect		Effect
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size
Collaborative Learning	36.9	31.0 ***	.41	31.8 ***	.35	31.5 ***	.37
Discussions with Diverse Others	41.4	39.3 ***	.13	40.4 *	.07	40.5	.05

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		Nat'l Public		
Collaborative Learning	UK	R1/R2s	Nat'l Public R1s	SE Public R1s
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…	%			
1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	59	+11	+9	+10
1c. Explained course material to one or more students	62	+11	+9	+9
1d. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	60	+16	+14	+14
1e. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	71	+16	+15	+16

Discussions with Diverse Others	UK	R1/R2s	Nat'l Public R1s	SE Public R1s
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with…				
8a. People of races or ethnicities other than your own	75	+3	+0	+1
8b. People from economic backgrounds other than your own	77	+4	+2	+2
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	71	+4	+1	+2
8d. People with political views other than your own	70	+9	+7	+5

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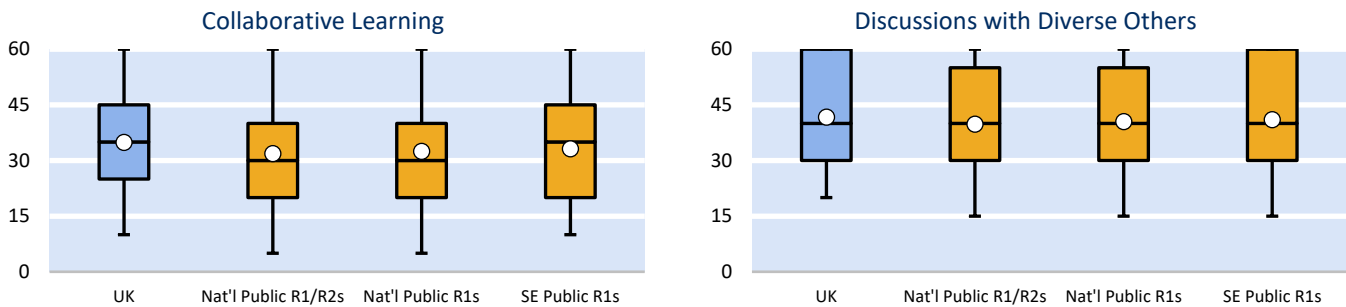
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Collaborative Learning	34.9	31.9 ***	.20	32.5 ***	.16	33.2 ***	.11
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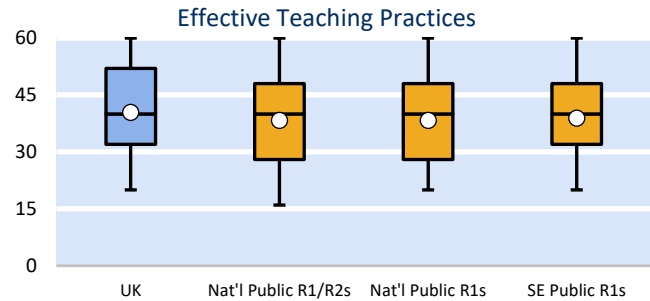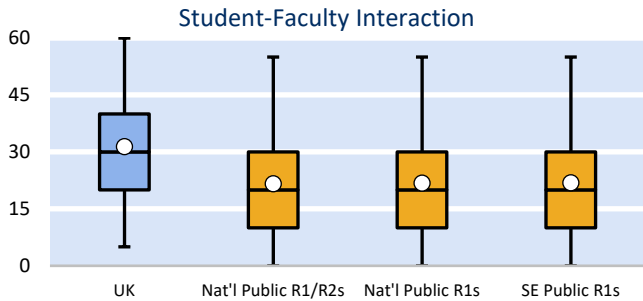
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Engagement Indicator	*Mean*	*Mean*	*size*	*Mean*	*size*	*Mean*	*size*
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Effective Teaching Practices	40.4	38.3 ***	.16	38.3 ***	.16	38.9 ***	.12

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Student-Faculty Interaction	UK	Nat'l Public R1/R2s	Nat'l Public R1s	SE Public R1s
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…	%			
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	59	+21	+21	+21
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	44	+20	+20	+21
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	47	+20	+20	+21
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	50	+20	+20	+20
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have…				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	80	+3	+2	+1
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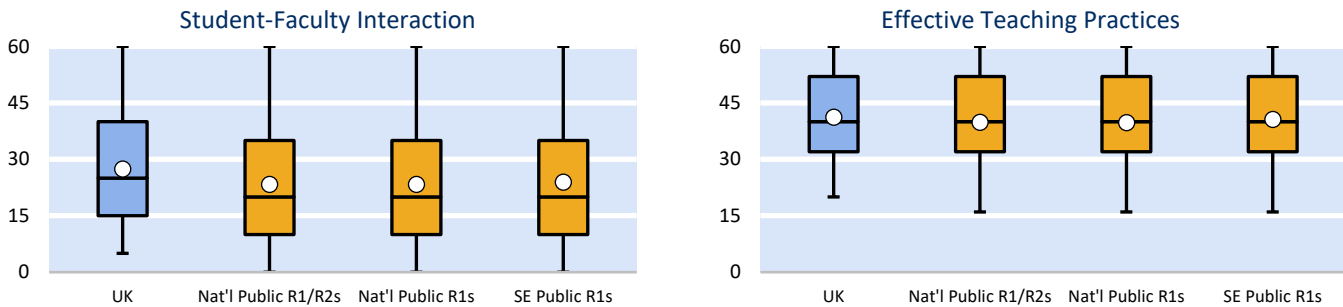
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Student-Faculty Interaction	**UK**	**Nat'l Public R1/R2s**	**Nat'l Public R1s**	**SE Public R1s**
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"…	%			
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	52	+11	+11	+10
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	36	+8	+8	+7
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	39	+7	+7	+7
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	38	+7	+8	+7
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have…				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	81	+1	+1	-0
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	80	+4	+3	+2
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	80	+3	+3	+2
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	64	+2	+3	+1
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	67	+4	+6	+3

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

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NSSE 2024 Engagement Indicators
Campus Environment
University of Kentucky

Campus Environment: First-year students

Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment.* Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

| | UK | Your first-year students compared with | | | | | |
| | | Nat'l Public R1/R2s | | Nat'l Public R1s | | SE Public R1s | |
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	46.6	42.8 ***	.33	43.0 ***	.32	43.7 ***	.26
Supportive Environment	38.9	35.3 ***	.27	35.8 ***	.24	36.7 ***	.17

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and p before rounding; *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

Score Distributions

Notes: Each box-and-whiskers chart plots the 5th (bottom of lower bar), 25th (bottom of box), 50th (middle line), 75th (top of box), and 95th (top of upper bar) percentile scores. The dot represents the mean score. Refer to Detailed Statistics for your institution's sample sizes.

Performance on Indicator Items

The table below displays how your students responded to each EI item, and the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison group. Blue bars indicate how much higher your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group. Dark red bars indicate how much lower your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group.

| Quality of Interactions | UK | Percentage point difference [a] between your FY students and | | |
		Nat'l Public R1/R2s	Nat'l Public R1s	SE Public R1s
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with…	%			
13a. Students	60	+9	+7	+4
13b. Academic advisors	69	+15	+15	+12
13c. Faculty	59	+9	+9	+6
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	57	+12	+12	+9
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	57	+14	+15	+12
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized…				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	77	+4	+3	+1
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	78	+4	+3	+2
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	69	+9	+7	+8
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	78	+7	+5	+2
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	76	+8	+7	+5
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	57	+17	+17	+17
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	74	+7	+4	-0
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	56	+11	+11	+12

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

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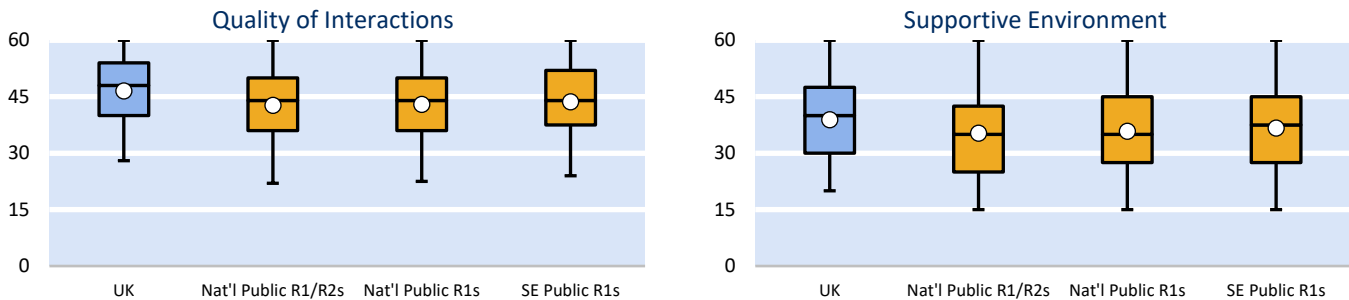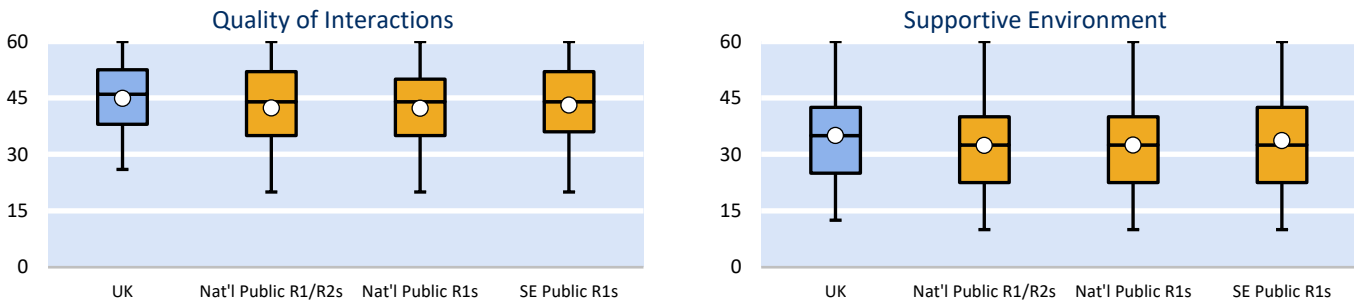## Campus Environment: Seniors

Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment.* Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

| | UK | Your seniors compared with | | | | | |
| | | Nat'l Public R1/R2s | | Nat'l Public R1s | | SE Public R1s | |
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	44.9	42.4 ***	.20	42.3 ***	.22	43.1 ***	.15
Supportive Environment	35.1	32.4 ***	.19	32.5 ***	.18	33.7 **	.09

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and p before rounding; *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

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| Quality of Interactions | UK | Percentage point difference [a] between your seniors and | | |
		Nat'l Public R1/R2s	Nat'l Public R1s	SE Public R1s
Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with…	%			
13a. Students	60	+2	+2	-1
13b. Academic advisors	61	+12	+13	+12
13c. Faculty	60	+5	+5	+2
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	48	+4	+4	+1
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	47	+4	+6	+3
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized…				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	71	+4	+3	+1
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	66	+2	+2	+1
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	59	+3	+2	+1
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	72	+7	+6	+2
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	69	+9	+9	+6
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	40	+8	+9	+7
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	67	+9	+6	+2
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	42	+2	+2	+1

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

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NSSE 2024 Engagement Indicators
Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions
University of Kentucky

Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see **go.iu.edu/NSSE-PnP**), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE[a] for their high average levels of student engagement:

(a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2023 and 2024 NSSE institutions, and

(b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2023 and 2024 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable[b] to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

First-Year Students

| | | UK | Your first-year students compared with | | | | | |
| | | | NSSE Top 50% | | | NSSE Top 10% | | |
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
	Higher-Order Learning	41.6	39.8 ***	.14	✓	42.5 *	-.07	
Academic Challenge	Reflective and Integrative Learning	38.5	37.3 ***	.10	✓	39.9 ***	-.12	
	Learning Strategies	40.9	40.2 *	.05	✓	43.1 ***	-.15	
	Quantitative Reasoning	35.9	30.8 ***	.33	✓	33.1 ***	.19	✓
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	36.9	33.3 ***	.25	✓	36.7	.01	✓
	Discussions with Diverse Others	41.4	40.7	.05	✓	44.2 ***	-.21	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	31.4	25.2 ***	.40	✓	29.6 ***	.12	✓
	Effective Teaching Practices	40.4	40.8	-.03	✓	43.6 ***	-.23	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	46.6	45.7 **	.08	✓	48.7 ***	-.18	
	Supportive Environment	38.9	37.1 ***	.14	✓	40.4 ***	-.12	

Seniors

| | | UK | Your seniors compared with | | | | | |
| | | | NSSE Top 50% | | | NSSE Top 10% | | |
Theme	Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
	Higher-Order Learning	41.1	42.4 ***	-.10		44.9 ***	-.29	
Academic Challenge	Reflective and Integrative Learning	38.8	40.6 ***	-.15		43.2 ***	-.37	
	Learning Strategies	40.2	41.2 *	-.07		44.1 ***	-.27	
	Quantitative Reasoning	34.8	32.8 ***	.12	✓	36.4 **	-.10	
Learning with Peers	Collaborative Learning	34.9	34.7	.01	✓	38.0 ***	-.22	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	41.7	41.4	.02	✓	44.1 ***	-.16	
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction	27.3	30.0 ***	-.16		34.9 ***	-.47	
	Effective Teaching Practices	41.1	42.5 ***	-.10		45.2 ***	-.31	
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions	44.9	45.4	-.04	✓	48.1 ***	-.26	
	Supportive Environment	35.1	34.6	.03	✓	38.0 ***	-.21	

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation; *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

a. Precision-weighted means were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all current- and prior-year institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either positive or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.

NSSE 2024 Engagement Indicators

Detailed Statistics[a]
University of Kentucky

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD[b]	SE[c]	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom[e]	Mean diff.	Sig.[f]	Effect size[g]
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UK (N = 1581)	41.6	13.2	.33	20	35	40	55	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	38.4	13.2	.05	20	30	40	45	60	84,819	3.3	.000	.247
Nat'l Public R1s	38.8	13.1	.06	20	30	40	50	60	51,558	2.9	.000	.219
SE Public R1s	38.8	13.4	.10	20	30	40	50	60	18,089	2.9	.000	.213
Top 50%	39.8	13.2	.04	20	30	40	50	60	134,951	1.8	.000	.140
Top 10%	42.5	12.4	.11	20	35	40	55	60	15,524	-.8	.012	-.067
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UK (N = 1666)	38.5	13.1	.32	20	29	40	47	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	35.7	12.1	.04	17	29	34	43	57	1,717	2.9	.000	.237
Nat'l Public R1s	35.8	12.0	.05	17	29	37	43	57	1,751	2.7	.000	.227
SE Public R1s	35.6	12.1	.09	17	29	34	43	57	1,930	2.9	.000	.239
Top 50%	37.3	12.0	.03	17	29	37	46	60	1,704	1.3	.000	.105
Top 10%	39.9	11.7	.10	20	31	40	49	60	1,991	-1.4	.000	-.116
Learning Strategies												
UK (N = 1490)	40.9	14.0	.36	20	33	40	53	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	38.0	13.8	.05	20	27	40	47	60	77,525	2.9	.000	.211
Nat'l Public R1s	38.3	13.7	.06	20	27	40	47	60	46,960	2.6	.000	.193
SE Public R1s	38.8	13.6	.11	20	27	40	47	60	16,041	2.1	.000	.157
Top 50%	40.2	13.9	.04	20	33	40	53	60	109,194	.7	.043	.053
Top 10%	43.1	14.5	.09	20	33	40	60	60	1,687	-2.2	.000	-.155
Quantitative Reasoning												
UK (N = 1512)	35.9	15.7	.40	13	20	40	47	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	30.0	15.4	.06	7	20	27	40	60	79,352	5.9	.000	.385
Nat'l Public R1s	30.6	15.3	.07	7	20	27	40	60	48,069	5.4	.000	.352
SE Public R1s	30.6	15.5	.13	7	20	33	40	60	16,500	5.3	.000	.341
Top 50%	30.8	15.5	.04	7	20	33	40	60	129,051	5.2	.000	.334
Top 10%	33.1	15.3	.10	7	20	33	40	60	24,355	2.9	.000	.186
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UK (N = 1724)	36.9	14.7	.35	15	25	35	50	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	31.0	14.3	.05	10	20	30	40	60	1,780	5.9	.000	.411
Nat'l Public R1s	31.8	14.4	.06	10	20	30	40	60	62,290	5.1	.000	.354
SE Public R1s	31.5	14.5	.10	10	20	30	40	60	22,809	5.4	.000	.368
Top 50%	33.3	13.9	.04	10	25	35	40	60	1,759	3.5	.000	.252
Top 10%	36.7	13.7	.08	15	25	35	45	60	1,926	.2	.655	.012
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UK (N = 1490)	41.4	15.4	.40	20	30	40	60	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	39.3	15.6	.06	15	30	40	55	60	78,366	2.1	.000	.133
Nat'l Public R1s	40.4	15.1	.07	15	30	40	55	60	1,583	1.0	.014	.066
SE Public R1s	40.5	15.3	.13	15	30	40	55	60	16,257	.8	.051	.053
Top 50%	40.7	14.9	.04	15	30	40	55	60	1,524	.7	.093	.045
Top 10%	44.2	13.8	.12	20	35	45	60	60	1,777	-2.9	.000	-.206

Detailed Statistics: First-Year Students

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD[b]	SE[c]	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom[e]	Mean diff.	Sig.[f]	Effect size[g]
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UK (N = 1625)	31.4	16.6	.41	5	20	30	40	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	21.6	15.2	.05	0	10	20	30	55	1,675	9.8	.000	.642
Nat'l Public R1s	21.7	15.2	.07	0	10	20	30	55	1,709	9.6	.000	.632
SE Public R1s	21.9	15.2	.12	0	10	20	30	55	1,888	9.5	.000	.618
Top 50%	25.2	15.3	.06	5	15	20	35	60	1,684	6.1	.000	.400
Top 10%	29.6	15.3	.17	5	20	30	40	60	2,230	1.8	.000	.116
Effective Teaching Practices												
UK (N = 1588)	40.4	13.5	.34	20	32	40	52	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	38.3	13.1	.05	16	28	40	48	60	84,338	2.1	.000	.161
Nat'l Public R1s	38.3	12.8	.06	20	28	40	48	60	51,147	2.1	.000	.162
SE Public R1s	38.9	12.9	.10	20	32	40	48	60	17,822	1.5	.000	.117
Top 50%	40.8	13.5	.04	20	32	40	52	60	98,184	-.4	.238	-.030
Top 10%	43.6	14.1	.11	20	36	44	56	60	1,908	-3.2	.000	-.228
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UK (N = 1408)	46.6	10.6	.28	28	40	48	54	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	42.8	11.4	.04	22	36	44	50	60	1,472	3.8	.000	.335
Nat'l Public R1s	43.0	11.1	.05	23	36	44	50	60	43,566	3.6	.000	.324
SE Public R1s	43.7	11.1	.10	24	38	44	52	60	14,776	2.9	.000	.263
Top 50%	45.7	11.5	.04	24	40	48	54	60	1,471	.9	.002	.078
Top 10%	48.7	11.9	.10	24	42	52	60	60	1,779	-2.1	.000	-.180
Supportive Environment												
UK (N = 1442)	38.9	13.5	.36	20	30	40	48	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	35.3	13.3	.05	15	25	35	43	60	74,855	3.6	.000	.271
Nat'l Public R1s	35.8	13.0	.06	15	28	35	45	60	45,344	3.1	.000	.238
SE Public R1s	36.7	13.1	.11	15	28	38	45	60	15,415	2.2	.000	.169
Top 50%	37.1	13.0	.04	17	28	38	45	60	88,517	1.8	.000	.142
Top 10%	40.4	12.6	.15	20	33	40	50	60	1,964	-1.5	.000	-.119

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

NSSE 2024 Engagement Indicators
Detailed Statistics[a]
University of Kentucky

Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD[b]	SE[c]	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom[e]	Mean diff.	Sig.[f]	Effect size[g]
Academic Challenge												
Higher-Order Learning												
UK (N = 1258)	41.1	13.4	.38	20	35	40	50	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	40.4	13.9	.05	20	30	40	50	60	80,385	.7	.074	.051
Nat'l Public R1s	40.4	13.7	.06	20	30	40	50	60	48,865	.8	.052	.055
SE Public R1s	40.6	14.1	.11	20	30	40	55	60	1,481	.5	.185	.037
Top 50%	42.4	13.6	.05	20	35	40	55	60	1,300	-1.3	.001	-.097
Top 10%	44.9	12.8	.14	20	40	45	60	60	9,156	-3.8	.000	-.293
Reflective & Integrative Learning												
UK (N = 1307)	38.8	12.8	.35	20	29	40	49	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	38.1	13.0	.04	17	29	37	49	60	85,820	.7	.066	.051
Nat'l Public R1s	38.1	12.9	.06	17	29	37	49	60	52,340	.7	.045	.056
SE Public R1s	38.1	13.2	.10	17	29	37	49	60	18,770	.7	.076	.051
Top 50%	40.6	12.4	.05	20	31	40	51	60	1,349	-1.8	.000	-.147
Top 10%	43.2	11.8	.14	23	34	43	54	60	1,730	-4.4	.000	-.368
Learning Strategies												
UK (N = 1229)	40.2	14.8	.42	20	33	40	53	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	39.0	14.6	.05	13	27	40	53	60	75,483	1.1	.007	.077
Nat'l Public R1s	38.9	14.5	.07	13	27	40	53	60	45,703	1.3	.002	.088
SE Public R1s	39.5	14.7	.12	13	27	40	53	60	15,938	.7	.120	.046
Top 50%	41.2	14.5	.05	20	33	40	53	60	92,004	-1.0	.015	-.070
Top 10%	44.1	14.2	.13	20	33	47	60	60	12,582	-3.9	.000	-.275
Quantitative Reasoning												
UK (N = 1231)	34.8	15.8	.45	7	20	33	47	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	31.5	16.5	.06	0	20	33	40	60	1,274	3.3	.000	.197
Nat'l Public R1s	32.0	16.5	.08	0	20	33	40	60	1,304	2.8	.000	.170
SE Public R1s	32.3	16.9	.14	0	20	33	40	60	1,470	2.5	.000	.149
Top 50%	32.8	16.5	.05	7	20	33	40	60	1,264	2.0	.000	.120
Top 10%	36.4	16.2	.17	7	27	40	47	60	9,900	-1.6	.001	-.099
Learning with Peers												
Collaborative Learning												
UK (N = 1338)	34.9	15.5	.42	10	25	35	45	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	31.9	15.3	.05	5	20	30	40	60	90,711	3.1	.000	.199
Nat'l Public R1s	32.5	15.1	.06	5	20	30	40	60	55,675	2.4	.000	.159
SE Public R1s	33.2	15.2	.11	10	20	35	45	60	20,330	1.7	.000	.115
Top 50%	34.7	14.2	.05	10	25	35	45	60	1,371	.2	.652	.014
Top 10%	38.0	13.6	.13	15	30	40	50	60	1,581	-3.1	.000	-.223
Discussions with Diverse Others												
UK (N = 1233)	41.7	15.2	.43	20	30	40	60	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	39.8	16.1	.06	15	30	40	55	60	75,956	1.9	.000	.120
Nat'l Public R1s	40.5	15.7	.07	15	30	40	55	60	45,983	1.2	.009	.075
SE Public R1s	41.0	16.0	.13	15	30	40	60	60	16,070	.7	.143	.043
Top 50%	41.4	15.6	.05	15	30	40	60	60	95,094	.4	.432	.022
Top 10%	44.1	14.5	.14	20	35	45	60	60	12,275	-2.4	.000	-.164

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	Mean statistics			Percentile[d] scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD[b]	SE[c]	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom[e]	Mean diff.	Sig.[f]	Effect size[g]
Experiences with Faculty												
Student-Faculty Interaction												
UK (N = 1271)	27.3	16.7	.47	5	15	25	40	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	23.3	16.4	.06	0	10	20	35	60	1,308	4.1	.000	.248
Nat'l Public R1s	23.3	16.2	.07	0	10	20	35	60	1,333	4.1	.000	.251
SE Public R1s	23.9	16.6	.13	0	10	20	35	60	17,955	3.5	.000	.210
Top 50%	30.0	16.3	.08	5	20	30	40	60	1,348	-2.7	.000	-.164
Top 10%	34.9	16.1	.24	10	20	35	45	60	2,008	-7.5	.000	-.466
Effective Teaching Practices												
UK (N = 1263)	41.1	13.2	.37	20	32	40	52	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	39.8	13.9	.05	16	32	40	52	60	80,189	1.3	.001	.094
Nat'l Public R1s	39.7	13.7	.06	16	32	40	52	60	48,679	1.4	.000	.105
SE Public R1s	40.5	14.0	.11	16	32	40	52	60	1,497	.6	.132	.042
Top 50%	42.5	13.8	.05	20	32	44	56	60	1,315	-1.4	.000	-.099
Top 10%	45.2	13.1	.14	20	36	48	60	60	9,612	-4.1	.000	-.313
Campus Environment												
Quality of Interactions												
UK (N = 1134)	44.9	10.6	.32	26	38	46	53	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	42.4	12.3	.05	20	35	44	52	60	1,185	2.5	.000	.203
Nat'l Public R1s	42.3	12.1	.06	20	35	44	50	60	1,217	2.6	.000	.217
SE Public R1s	43.1	12.1	.10	20	36	44	52	60	1,393	1.8	.000	.148
Top 50%	45.4	12.1	.05	22	38	48	55	60	1,184	-.5	.108	-.043
Top 10%	48.1	12.3	.11	23	42	50	60	60	1,415	-3.2	.000	-.264
Supportive Environment												
UK (N = 1202)	35.1	13.9	.40	13	25	35	43	60				
Nat'l Public R1/R2s	32.4	14.2	.05	10	23	33	40	60	73,753	2.7	.000	.188
Nat'l Public R1s	32.5	14.0	.07	10	23	33	40	60	44,656	2.5	.000	.180
SE Public R1s	33.7	14.3	.12	10	23	33	43	60	15,481	1.3	.002	.093
Top 50%	34.6	14.2	.05	10	25	35	45	60	69,609	.4	.306	.030
Top 10%	38.0	13.7	.17	15	28	40	48	60	7,742	-2.9	.000	-.212

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SE) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.