

## National Survey of Student Engagement Senior Survey Summary (2016 Graduates)

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was administered in Spring 2016 to first-year and senior students. Summarized below are some of the select questions with comparisons of seniors between the 2013 and 2016 administration of the survey.

	2013 Graduates	2016 Graduates	Change
<b>Academic Challenge (% often or very often)</b>			
Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	77%	74%	-3%
Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	80%	86%	+6%
Connected ideas from courses to prior experiences/knowledge	91%	93%	+2%
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information	56%	58%	+2%
<b>Learning with Peers (% often or very often)</b>			
Asked another student to help you understand course material	54%	58%	+4%
Explained course material to one or more students	70%	70%	--
Had discussions with people from a race/ethnicity other than own	57%	54%	-3%
Had discussions with people from an economic background other than own	78%	72%	-6%
<b>Experiences with Faculty (% Very much or quite a bit)</b>			
Talked about career plans with a faculty member ( <i>% often/very</i> )	69%	50%	-19%
Faculty clearly explained course goals and requirements	91%	83%	-8%
Faculty taught course sessions in an organized way	91%	84%	-7%
Faculty provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	77%	67%	-10%
<b>Campus Environment (6 or 7 on a scale from 1=poor to 7=excellent)</b>			
Quality of interactions with other students	78%	77%	-1%
Quality of interactions with faculty members	73%	77%	+4%
Quality of interactions with administrative staff	45%	41%	-4%
Writing clearly and effectively	90%	93%	+3%
Thinking critically and analytically	92%	98%	+6%
Developing or clarifying a personal code of ethics/values	79%	86%	+7%
Solving complex real-world problems	71%	67%	-4%
Being an informed and active citizen	72%	71%	-1%
<b>How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at Saint Mary's?</b>			
% Good or Excellent	93%	94%	+1%
<b>If you could start over again, would you go to Saint Mary's?</b>			
% Probably/Definitely Yes	89%	83%	-6%

Source: National Survey of Student Engagement (2013 and 2016 Administration). Next administration - Spring 2019.