

**CIRP College Senior Survey
(Administered to May 2014 Graduating Seniors)**

The College Senior Survey (CSS) connects academic, civic, and diversity outcomes with a comprehensive set of college experiences to measure the impact of college. The CSS generates valuable longitudinal data on students' cognitive and affective growth during college.

	Saint Mary's	Women at Selective 4-year Catholic Colleges	National Norms*
How strong or weak do you believe you are in the following areas: (Percent responding "A major strength")			
General Knowledge	37.3%	30.8%	31.1%
Critical Thinking Skills	50.8%	39.7%	41.6%
Problem-solving skills	50.8%	41.1%	43.3%
Rate yourself as compared with the average person your age: (Percent responding "Highest 10%")			
Understanding of others	34.8%	25.8%	26.5%
Writing ability	23.5%	18.0%	18.9%
How often in the past year did you: (Percent responding "Frequently")			
Support your opinions with a logical argument	71.3%	64.6%	66.3%
Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others	70.6%	64.9%	67.0%
Revise your papers to improve your writing	58.8%	63.1%	62.7%
Evaluate the quality/reliability of information received	55.1%	61.0%	62.5%
Performed volunteer or community service work	18.1%	24.2%	25.4%
Since entering college, indicate how often you: (Percent responding "Frequently")			
Performed community service as part of a class	19.5%	22.0%	18.8%
Challenged a professor's ideas in class	6.9%	7.2%	6.5%
Please rate your satisfaction with your college: (Percent responding "Very satisfied")			
General education/Core curriculum	32.2%	27.1%	26.0%
Academic advising	29.3%	28.6%	28.5%
Courses in your major field	53.4%	46.0%	47.8%
Relevance of coursework to future plans	39.7%	31.1%	31.2%
Overall quality of instruction	43.1%	39.2%	40.3%
Please rate your satisfaction with your college: (Percent responding "Very Satisfied")			
Overall sense of community among students	53.4%	39.1%	38.7%
Availability of campus social activities	39.7%	28.4%	30.2%
Respect for the expression of diverse beliefs	31.9%	26.6%	28.2%
Compared with when you first entered this college, how would you now describe your: (Percent responding "A major strength")			
Knowledge of people from different races/cultures	12.7%	16.4%	16.6%
Preparedness for employment after college	35.6%	31.7%	31.7%
Preparedness for graduate/advanced education	41.9%	31.6%	30.5%
Please rate your satisfaction with your college: (Percent responding "Very Satisfied")			
Career-related resources and support	21.6%	23.8%	21.6%
Overall college experience	61.2%	41.8%	43.8%

*National norms are for women at all baccalaureate institutions.

Source: CIRP College Senior Survey (Spring 2014 administration). Next administration – Spring 2015.