

**National Survey of Student Engagement
Senior Survey Summary (2013 Graduates)**

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was administered in Spring 2013 to first-year and senior students. Summarized below are some of the select questions with comparisons to national peers and Carnegie peer groups.

	Saint Mary's	Carnegie Peers	National Sample
Academic Challenge (% often or very often)			
Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	77%	76%	71%
Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	80%	71%	64%
Connected ideas from courses to prior experiences/knowledge	91%	89%	84%
Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information	56%	52%	54%
Learning with Peers (% often or very often)			
Asked another student to help you understand course material	54%	45%	38%
Explained course material to one or more students	70%	65%	57%
Had discussions with people from a race/ethnicity other than own	57%	69%	72%
Had discussions with people from an economic background other than own	78%	76%	75%
Experiences with Faculty (% Very much or quite a bit)			
Talked about career plans with a faculty member (<i>% often/very</i>)	69%	57%	42%
Faculty clearly explained course goals and requirements	91%	87%	83%
Faculty taught course sessions in an organized way	91%	86%	82%
Faculty provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	77%	70%	62%
Campus Environment			
Quality of interactions with other students (6 or 7 on a scale from 1=poor to 7=excellent)	78%	68%	65%
Quality of interactions with faculty members (6 or 7 on a scale from 1=poor to 7=excellent)	73%	70%	61%
Quality of interactions with administrative staff (6 or 7 on a scale from 1=poor to 7=excellent)	45%	41%	43%
Other (non-benchmark components) Saint Mary's has contributed to: (% quite a bit or very much)			
Writing clearly and effectively	90%	83%	74%
Thinking critically and analytically	92%	91%	86%
Developing or clarifying a personal code of ethics/values	79%	71%	63%
Solving complex real-world problems	71%	65%	63%
Being an informed and active citizen	72%	66%	59%
Evaluation of entire educational experience: (% good or excellent)			
% Good or Excellent	93%	91%	87%
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending? (%Probably/Definitely Yes)			
% Probably/Definitely Yes	89%	84%	84%

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