

2017 Topical Module: Global Learning

Profile of Participating Institutions and Respondents and All Bachelor's-Granting U.S. Institutions and Students

Topical modules are short sets of questions on a topic related to current issues in higher education and student engagement that may be appended to the core survey. The **Global Learning** module assesses student experiences and coursework that emphasize global affairs, world cultures, nationalities, religions, and other international topics. In 2017, 47 U.S. institutions elected to append these items to the core survey. Of these, 44 belonged to one of the eight Carnegie classifications shown in the table below.^a

The institutions and respondents participating in a given module are only a subset of all NSSE participating institutions and respondents. The table below displays the characteristics for module participants alongside NSSE 2017 participants as well as all bachelor's-granting U.S. institutions and students (all limited to the eight indicated Carnegie Classification categories).

	Institutions			Students		
	Global Learning Module (%)	NSSE 2017 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)	Global Learning Module (%)	NSSE 2017 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)
Carnegie Basic Classification^c						
R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest research activity	9	5	7	27	18	26
R2: Doctoral Universities - Higher research activity	11	6	6	24	13	14
R3: Doctoral Universities - Moderate research activity	2	7	7	1	9	11
M1: Master's Colleges and Universities - Larger programs	34	29	24	28	32	28
M2: Master's Colleges and Universities - Medium programs	9	13	13	6	8	7
M3: Master's Colleges and Universities - Smaller programs	5	8	9	3	5	3
Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus	27	16	15	10	8	4
Baccalaureate Colleges: Diverse Fields	2	15	19	1	7	5
Control						
Public	45	44	35	73	67	66
Private	55	56	65	27	33	34
Undergraduate enrollment						
Fewer than 1,000	5	15	21	1	3	2
1,000 – 2,499	36	32	33	15	14	10
2,500 – 4,999	11	18	17	7	14	11
5,000 – 9,999	27	19	14	26	21	19
10,000 – 19,999	11	9	9	24	18	24
20,000 or more	9	7	6	27	30	34

a. All numbers are unweighted and based on U.S. postsecondary institutions that award bachelor's degrees and belong to one of the eight Carnegie Classification categories in the table. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

b. U.S. percentages are based on the 2015 IPEDS Institutional Characteristics file.

c. For information on the Carnegie Foundation's Basic Classification, see carnegieclassifications.iu.edu

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U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

Global Learning

First-Year Students

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. How much does your institution emphasize the following?														
a. Providing courses that focus on global and international topics	GBL01a	Very little	542	8	270	8	812	8	808	9	545	11	1,353	10
		Some	2,609	38	1,394	40	4,003	39	3,520	39	1,867	37	5,387	38
		Quite a bit	2,729	39	1,445	40	4,174	39	3,224	36	1,946	37	5,170	36
		Very much	1,055	15	454	12	1,509	14	1,465	16	783	15	2,248	15
		Total	6,935	100	3,563	100	10,498	100	9,017	100	5,141	100	14,158	100
b. Providing activities and experiences (speakers, events) that focus on global and international topics	GBL01b	Very little	493	8	242	8	735	8	770	9	485	10	1,255	10
		Some	2,200	33	1,201	35	3,401	34	3,213	36	1,815	36	5,028	36
		Quite a bit	2,761	39	1,541	42	4,302	40	3,370	37	1,955	37	5,325	37
		Very much	1,459	21	575	15	2,034	18	1,645	18	873	16	2,518	17
		Total	6,913	100	3,559	100	10,472	100	8,998	100	5,128	100	14,126	100
2. Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate?														
a. Complete a course that focuses on global trends or issues (human rights, international relations, world health, climate, etc.)	GBL02a	Have not decided	1,536	23	749	23	2,285	23	682	8	341	7	1,023	7
		Do not plan to do	1,179	18	816	24	1,995	21	3,029	34	1,794	36	4,823	35
		Plan to do	2,934	41	1,357	37	4,291	39	717	8	513	10	1,230	9
		Done or in progress	1,278	18	639	17	1,917	18	4,592	50	2,490	47	7,082	49
		Total	6,927	100	3,561	100	10,488	100	9,020	100	5,138	100	14,158	100
b. Complete a course that focuses on perspectives, issues, or events from other countries or regions	GBL02b	Have not decided	1,781	26	815	24	2,596	25	638	7	321	6	959	7
		Do not plan to do	1,199	18	767	22	1,966	20	3,131	35	1,806	36	4,937	36
		Plan to do	2,715	39	1,373	37	4,088	38	670	8	481	9	1,151	8
		Done or in progress	1,217	17	603	16	1,820	17	4,565	50	2,517	48	7,082	49
		Total	6,912	100	3,558	100	10,470	100	9,004	100	5,125	100	14,129	100
c. Complete a course that focuses on religions or cultural groups other than your own	GBL02c	Have not decided	1,788	26	809	24	2,597	25	628	7	309	7	937	7
		Do not plan to do	1,622	24	1,113	32	2,735	28	3,346	38	2,133	43	5,479	40
		Plan to do	2,252	32	1,102	30	3,354	31	532	6	401	8	933	7
		Done or in progress	1,263	17	530	14	1,793	16	4,511	49	2,291	43	6,802	46
		Total	6,925	100	3,554	100	10,479	100	9,017	100	5,134	100	14,151	100
3. During the current school year, how much has your coursework encouraged you to do the following?														
a. Understand the viewpoints, values, or customs of different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL03a	Very little	776	12	545	16	1,321	14	1,130	13	1,053	21	2,183	17
		Some	2,418	35	1,284	37	3,702	36	2,641	29	1,541	31	4,182	30
		Quite a bit	2,498	35	1,270	35	3,768	35	2,783	31	1,468	28	4,251	29
		Very much	1,219	18	449	12	1,668	15	2,457	27	1,071	20	3,528	24
		Total	6,911	100	3,548	100	10,459	100	9,011	100	5,133	100	14,144	100
b. Develop skills for interacting effectively and appropriately with those from different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL03b	Very little	997	15	620	18	1,617	16	1,346	15	1,062	22	2,408	18
		Some	2,490	36	1,253	36	3,743	36	2,735	30	1,649	32	4,384	31
		Quite a bit	2,319	33	1,230	34	3,549	33	2,704	30	1,416	27	4,120	28
		Very much	1,090	16	431	12	1,521	14	2,208	25	999	19	3,207	22
		Total	6,896	100	3,534	100	10,430	100	8,993	100	5,126	100	14,119	100

Note: Results weighted by institution-reported sex, enrollment status, and institution size. Counts are not weighted.

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U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

Global Learning

First-Year Students

Seniors

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students				Seniors							
			Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
4. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?														
a. Discussed international or global topics and issues with others	GBL04a	Never	771	12	360	12	1,131	12	924	11	558	12	1,482	11
		Sometimes	2,975	44	1,465	42	4,440	43	3,453	39	1,788	35	5,241	37
		Often	2,135	30	1,225	33	3,360	31	2,580	28	1,577	30	4,157	29
		Very often	1,023	14	501	13	1,524	14	2,043	22	1,192	23	3,235	22
		Total	6,904	100	3,551	100	10,455	100	9,000	100	5,115	100	14,115	100
b. Talked about international opportunities (study abroad, international internship, Model UN, field study or research abroad, etc.) with a faculty member or advisor	GBL04b	Never	1,794	27	1,006	29	2,800	28	3,735	43	2,155	43	5,890	43
		Sometimes	2,638	38	1,455	41	4,093	39	2,731	30	1,589	31	4,320	31
		Often	1,668	23	804	22	2,472	23	1,382	15	830	15	2,212	15
		Very often	812	11	280	8	1,092	10	1,160	12	557	11	1,717	12
		Total	6,912	100	3,545	100	10,457	100	9,008	100	5,131	100	14,139	100
c. Attended events or activities that promoted the understanding of different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL04c	Never	2,144	34	1,218	37	3,362	35	3,408	40	2,021	41	5,429	40
		Sometimes	2,885	40	1,426	39	4,311	39	3,421	37	1,863	36	5,284	37
		Often	1,356	19	685	18	2,041	19	1,359	15	779	14	2,138	14
		Very often	512	7	213	6	725	7	800	9	446	9	1,246	9
		Total	6,897	100	3,542	100	10,439	100	8,988	100	5,109	100	14,097	100
d. Worked on out-of-class activities (campus events, committees, student groups, etc.) with an international or global focus	GBL04d	Never	3,708	55	1,845	54	5,553	55	5,108	58	2,841	57	7,949	58
		Sometimes	1,944	27	1,012	28	2,956	27	2,303	25	1,279	24	3,582	25
		Often	880	13	517	14	1,397	13	908	10	581	11	1,489	10
		Very often	372	5	170	4	542	5	670	7	415	8	1,085	8
		Total	6,904	100	3,544	100	10,448	100	8,989	100	5,116	100	14,105	100
e. Participated in a program that pairs domestic and international students (language partners, buddy program, etc.)	GBL04e	Never	4,924	72	2,344	67	7,268	70	6,871	77	3,682	73	10,553	75
		Sometimes	1,083	16	657	18	1,740	17	1,218	13	752	15	1,970	14
		Often	616	9	405	11	1,021	10	512	6	414	8	926	7
		Very often	263	4	129	3	392	4	381	4	262	5	643	5
		Total	6,886	100	3,535	100	10,421	100	8,982	100	5,110	100	14,092	100
5a. During the current school year, have you looked for information about global education programs and opportunities (study abroad, international internships, international field studies or research, volunteering abroad, etc.)?														
	GBL05a	No	2,887	43	2,069	60	4,956	51	5,724	64	3,721	72	9,445	68
		Yes	4,012	57	1,470	40	5,482	49	3,275	36	1,403	28	4,678	32
		Total	6,899	100	3,539	100	10,438	100	8,999	100	5,124	100	14,123	100
5b. [If answered "yes"] Which of the following were your sources of information? (Select all that apply.)														
	GBL05b_1	Study abroad or international studies office	2,545	64	930	66	3,475	64	1,878	59	763	56	2,641	57
	GBL05b_2	Major/academic department office	924	23	382	27	1,306	24	754	23	418	31	1,172	26
	GBL05b_3	Career office	322	8	174	12	496	10	315	9	213	16	528	12
	GBL05b_4	Academic advisor	1,426	34	527	36	1,953	35	781	23	447	32	1,228	27
	GBL05b_5	Faculty member	1,148	28	452	29	1,600	29	1,028	31	531	38	1,559	34
	GBL05b_6	Attendance at international programs or events	787	21	267	20	1,054	21	480	15	206	15	686	15
	GBL05b_7	Website, newsletter, catalog, or other published sources	2,021	51	652	44	2,673	49	1,702	52	660	47	2,362	50
	GBL05b_8	Friends or other students	1,917	47	572	38	2,489	44	1,341	40	584	41	1,925	40
	GBL05b_9	Family members	701	18	269	18	970	18	367	11	191	14	558	12
	GBL05b_10	Other, please specify:	87	3	37	3	124	3	124	4	45	3	169	4

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U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Sex

Global Learning

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			Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
6. How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?														
a. Being informed about current international and global issues	GBL06a	Very little	1,148	17	577	17	1,725	17	1,504	17	961	19	2,465	18
		Some	2,987	44	1,484	42	4,471	43	3,523	39	1,850	36	5,373	38
		Quite a bit	1,989	28	1,099	30	3,088	29	2,633	29	1,478	28	4,111	29
		Very much	764	11	367	11	1,131	11	1,324	15	833	16	2,157	15
		Total	6,888	100	3,527	100	10,415	100	8,984	100	5,122	100	14,106	100
b. Speaking a second language	GBL06b	Very little	3,937	58	2,017	58	5,954	58	5,140	58	2,978	59	8,118	58
		Some	1,437	21	752	21	2,189	21	1,942	21	1,064	20	3,006	21
		Quite a bit	867	12	462	13	1,329	12	978	11	577	11	1,555	11
		Very much	637	9	293	8	930	9	916	10	492	10	1,408	10
		Total	6,878	100	3,524	100	10,402	100	8,976	100	5,111	100	14,087	100
c. Seeking international or global opportunities out of your comfort zone	GBL06c	Very little	2,209	33	1,176	35	3,385	34	3,475	40	2,068	41	5,543	40
		Some	2,649	38	1,361	38	4,010	38	2,932	32	1,683	33	4,615	33
		Quite a bit	1,487	21	751	20	2,238	21	1,654	18	878	17	2,532	17
		Very much	531	8	245	7	776	7	910	10	480	9	1,390	10
		Total	6,876	100	3,533	100	10,409	100	8,971	100	5,109	100	14,080	100
d. Understanding how your actions affect global communities	GBL06d	Very little	1,817	27	962	28	2,779	28	2,243	26	1,396	28	3,639	27
		Some	2,761	40	1,393	39	4,154	40	3,243	36	1,797	35	5,040	36
		Quite a bit	1,696	24	882	25	2,578	24	2,318	26	1,279	25	3,597	25
		Very much	598	9	285	8	883	8	1,144	13	637	12	1,781	12
		Total	6,872	100	3,522	100	10,394	100	8,948	100	5,109	100	14,057	100
e. Preparing for life and work in an increasingly globalized era	GBL06e	Very little	1,472	23	669	21	2,141	22	1,911	22	1,034	21	2,945	22
		Some	2,645	38	1,292	36	3,937	37	3,050	34	1,666	33	4,716	34
		Quite a bit	1,990	29	1,159	32	3,149	30	2,587	28	1,550	29	4,137	29
		Very much	764	11	407	11	1,171	11	1,399	16	851	17	2,250	16
		Total	6,871	100	3,527	100	10,398	100	8,947	100	5,101	100	14,048	100
f. Encouraging your sense of global responsibility	GBL06f	Very little	1,392	21	741	22	2,133	22	1,745	21	1,112	23	2,857	22
		Some	2,572	37	1,272	36	3,844	37	2,995	33	1,629	32	4,624	33
		Quite a bit	1,987	29	1,062	30	3,049	29	2,546	28	1,397	27	3,943	27
		Very much	881	13	425	12	1,306	12	1,603	18	924	18	2,527	18
		Total	6,832	100	3,500	100	10,332	100	8,889	100	5,062	100	13,951	100
7. Since enrolling at your current institution, have you lived with students from a country other than your own (exclude study abroad and other programs in other countries)?														
	GBL07	No	5,386	81	2,581	77	7,967	79	7,125	81	3,705	74	10,830	78
		Yes	1,474	19	913	23	2,387	21	1,801	19	1,364	26	3,165	22
		Total	6,860	100	3,494	100	10,354	100	8,926	100	5,069	100	13,995	100

Note: Results weighted by institution-reported sex, enrollment status, and institution size. Counts are not weighted.

NSSE 2017 Topical Modules

U.S. Summary Means and Standard Deviations by Class and Sex

Global Learning

Item wording or description	Variable name	First-Year Students						Seniors					
		Female		Male		Total		Female		Male		Total	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
1. How much does your institution emphasize the following?													
a. Providing courses that focus on global and international topics	GBL01a	2.60	.84	2.57	.80	2.59	.82	2.58	.86	2.56	.88	2.57	.87
b. Providing activities and experiences (speakers, events) that focus on global and international topics	GBL01b	2.72	.88	2.65	.83	2.69	.86	2.63	.88	2.60	.88	2.62	.88
3. During the current school year, how much has your coursework encouraged you to do the following?													
a. Understand the viewpoints, values, or customs of different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL03a	2.59	.91	2.43	.90	2.52	.91	2.72	1.00	2.47	1.04	2.61	1.03
b. Develop skills for interacting effectively and appropriately with those from different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL03b	2.50	.93	2.40	.91	2.45	.92	2.64	1.01	2.44	1.03	2.55	1.03
4. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?													
a. Discussed international or global topics and issues with others	GBL04a	2.45	.88	2.48	.87	2.47	.87	2.61	.95	2.64	.96	2.63	.95
b. Talked about international opportunities (study abroad, international internship, Model UN, field study or research abroad, etc.) with a faculty member or advisor	GBL04b	2.18	.96	2.08	.90	2.14	.94	1.97	1.03	1.95	1.01	1.96	1.02
c. Attended events or activities that promoted the understanding of different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL04c	1.99	.90	1.93	.89	1.96	.90	1.92	.94	1.91	.94	1.91	.94
d. Worked on out-of-class activities (campus events, committees, student groups, etc.) with an international or global focus	GBL04d	1.68	.89	1.69	.87	1.68	.88	1.66	.93	1.70	.95	1.68	.94
e. Participated in a program that pairs domestic and international students (language partners, buddy program, etc.)	GBL04e	1.44	.80	1.50	.82	1.47	.81	1.37	.77	1.45	.84	1.41	.80
6. How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?													
a. Being informed about current international and global issues	GBL06a	2.33	.88	2.35	.88	2.34	.88	2.41	.94	2.42	.98	2.41	.96
b. Speaking a second language	GBL06b	1.73	1.00	1.70	.97	1.72	.98	1.74	1.01	1.72	1.01	1.73	1.01
c. Seeking international or global opportunities out of your comfort zone	GBL06c	2.03	.92	2.00	.91	2.02	.92	1.97	.98	1.94	.97	1.96	.98
d. Understanding how your actions affect global communities	GBL06d	2.14	.92	2.12	.91	2.13	.91	2.25	.98	2.21	.98	2.23	.98
e. Preparing for life and work in an increasingly globalized era	GBL06e	2.28	.93	2.34	.93	2.31	.93	2.37	.99	2.42	1.00	2.39	1.00
f. Encouraging your sense of global responsibility	GBL06f	2.33	.95	2.31	.95	2.32	.95	2.43	1.01	2.40	1.03	2.42	1.02

Notes: Results weighted by sex, enrollment status, and institution size. See codebook for variable ranges. Categorical items are not listed.

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