

# NSSE 2017 & 2018 Topical Modules

## U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Carnegie Classification

### Development of Transferable Skills

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students								Seniors							
			Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>1. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?</b>																		
a. Discussed or debated an issue of social, political, or philosophical importance	TRN01a	Never	1,119	13	894	14	322	9	2,432	13	1,803	15	1,468	14	298	8	3,717	14
		Sometimes	3,350	37	2,436	37	1,288	33	7,399	36	4,652	34	3,771	35	1,206	31	9,959	34
		Often	2,917	31	1,979	31	1,392	35	6,566	32	3,962	28	3,222	30	1,217	31	8,707	29
		Very often	1,784	19	1,196	18	973	24	4,126	19	3,241	23	2,321	22	1,171	30	6,993	23
		Total	9,170	100	6,505	100	3,975	100	20,523	100	13,658	100	10,782	100	3,892	100	29,376	100
b. Made a speech to a group	TRN01b	Never	2,943	32	1,990	32	898	23	5,985	31	2,808	22	3,006	28	554	14	6,538	23
		Sometimes	4,051	43	2,485	38	1,870	46	8,730	42	5,588	40	3,887	36	1,592	40	11,446	39
		Often	1,549	17	1,353	21	878	22	4,021	19	3,360	24	2,351	22	1,050	27	7,058	23
		Very often	625	7	673	10	321	8	1,771	8	1,902	15	1,522	14	703	18	4,326	15
		Total	9,168	100	6,501	100	3,967	100	20,507	100	13,658	100	10,766	100	3,899	100	29,368	100
c. Worked in a group with people who differed from you in terms of background, political orientation, points of view, etc.	TRN01c	Never	546	7	587	10	186	5	1,388	8	697	6	722	7	162	5	1,633	6
		Sometimes	3,186	35	2,262	35	1,438	36	7,147	35	4,066	29	3,380	32	1,291	32	9,025	30
		Often	3,639	39	2,351	35	1,571	39	7,884	38	5,280	38	3,899	36	1,483	38	11,029	37
		Very often	1,784	20	1,305	20	778	20	4,085	20	3,602	28	2,785	26	964	25	7,686	27
		Total	9,155	100	6,505	100	3,973	100	20,504	100	13,645	100	10,786	100	3,900	100	29,373	100
d. Discussed the ethical consequences of a course of action	TRN01d	Never	1,246	14	1,018	16	384	11	2,786	14	1,568	13	1,207	12	296	8	3,207	12
		Sometimes	3,803	42	2,525	39	1,501	38	8,166	40	5,167	37	3,733	35	1,310	34	10,556	36
		Often	2,980	32	2,056	31	1,465	36	6,781	32	4,505	32	3,711	34	1,436	36	10,030	33
		Very often	1,134	13	898	14	615	16	2,762	13	2,413	18	2,126	19	856	22	5,582	19
		Total	9,163	100	6,497	100	3,965	100	20,495	100	13,653	100	10,777	100	3,898	100	29,375	100
e. Creatively thought about new ideas or about ways to improve things	TRN01e	Never	515	6	377	6	154	4	1,069	6	537	5	408	4	107	3	1,085	4
		Sometimes	2,979	33	2,077	32	1,287	33	6,531	32	3,519	26	2,735	26	969	25	7,402	26
		Often	3,776	41	2,640	40	1,724	43	8,478	41	5,543	40	4,519	42	1,674	42	12,121	40
		Very often	1,888	21	1,403	22	807	20	4,419	21	4,036	29	3,131	29	1,142	29	8,753	30
		Total	9,158	100	6,497	100	3,972	100	20,497	100	13,635	100	10,793	100	3,892	100	29,361	100
f. Critically evaluated multiple solutions to a problem	TRN01f	Never	471	5	380	6	164	5	1,057	6	490	4	402	4	118	3	1,039	4
		Sometimes	3,001	33	2,133	33	1,334	34	6,709	33	3,364	25	2,683	25	947	24	7,195	25
		Often	3,859	42	2,687	41	1,715	42	8,632	42	5,675	41	4,556	42	1,677	43	12,330	41
		Very often	1,827	20	1,294	20	754	19	4,090	20	4,101	30	3,137	29	1,151	30	8,784	30
		Total	9,158	100	6,494	100	3,967	100	20,488	100	13,630	100	10,778	100	3,893	100	29,348	100
g. Discussed complex problems with others to develop a better solution	TRN01g	Never	655	8	531	9	218	6	1,471	8	686	6	598	6	159	4	1,485	6
		Sometimes	3,180	35	2,286	35	1,405	36	7,162	35	3,689	27	2,940	27	1,041	27	7,921	27
		Often	3,618	39	2,470	37	1,661	40	8,080	39	5,376	39	4,364	40	1,592	40	11,728	39
		Very often	1,696	18	1,192	19	682	18	3,746	18	3,846	28	2,859	26	1,095	28	8,154	28
		Total	9,149	100	6,479	100	3,966	100	20,459	100	13,597	100	10,761	100	3,887	100	29,288	100

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## U.S. Summary Frequencies by Class and Carnegie Classification

### Development of Transferable Skills

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			Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you written something (paper, report, article, blog, etc.) that:</b>																		
a. Used information from a variety of sources (books, journals, Internet, databases, etc.)	TRN02a	Never	494	6	192	3	89	2	804	4	708	6	357	4	82	2	1,189	5
		Sometimes	2,853	31	1,537	25	869	23	5,523	28	3,422	25	1,866	18	621	17	6,140	22
		Often	3,488	38	2,561	39	1,659	42	8,047	39	4,607	33	3,547	33	1,370	35	9,885	33
		Very often	2,312	26	2,205	33	1,346	33	6,095	29	4,867	36	4,996	45	1,817	46	12,091	40
		Total	9,147	100	6,495	100	3,963	100	20,469	100	13,604	100	10,766	100	3,890	100	29,305	100
b. Assessed the conclusions of a published work	TRN02b	Never	1,368	15	771	13	289	8	2,547	13	1,900	15	1,240	12	303	8	3,569	13
		Sometimes	3,499	38	2,258	35	1,367	36	7,443	37	4,366	32	3,110	29	1,054	27	8,884	31
		Often	2,849	31	2,239	34	1,478	37	6,864	33	4,062	29	3,344	31	1,239	32	8,978	30
		Very often	1,405	16	1,204	18	819	20	3,554	17	3,246	24	3,037	28	1,287	33	7,800	26
		Total	9,121	100	6,472	100	3,953	100	20,408	100	13,574	100	10,731	100	3,883	100	29,231	100
c. Included ideas from more than one academic discipline	TRN02c	Never	1,118	13	645	11	315	8	2,181	12	1,437	11	795	8	213	6	2,529	10
		Sometimes	3,498	38	2,237	35	1,385	35	7,425	36	4,461	33	3,045	29	1,137	29	8,971	31
		Often	3,115	34	2,338	36	1,482	37	7,242	35	4,505	32	3,709	34	1,356	35	9,932	33
		Very often	1,411	16	1,250	19	772	19	3,574	17	3,182	24	3,200	29	1,179	30	7,828	26
		Total	9,142	100	6,470	100	3,954	100	20,422	100	13,585	100	10,749	100	3,885	100	29,260	100
d. Presented multiple viewpoints or perspectives	TRN02d	Never	813	9	395	6	206	6	1,474	8	1,256	10	712	7	196	6	2,232	9
		Sometimes	3,404	37	2,273	36	1,359	35	7,348	36	4,742	34	3,206	30	1,199	31	9,473	33
		Often	3,356	36	2,489	38	1,628	41	7,802	38	4,688	34	3,931	36	1,449	37	10,450	35
		Very often	1,551	17	1,320	20	763	19	3,794	18	2,917	22	2,919	27	1,044	27	7,143	24
		Total	9,124	100	6,477	100	3,956	100	20,418	100	13,603	100	10,768	100	3,888	100	29,298	100

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## U.S. Summary Means and Standard Deviations by Class and Carnegie Classification

### Development of Transferable Skills

Item wording or description	Variable name	First-Year Students								Seniors							
		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total		Doctoral		Master's		Bacc.		Total	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
<b>1. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?</b>																	
a. Discussed or debated an issue of social, political, or philosophical importance	TRN01a	2.56	.94	2.53	.94	2.74	.92	2.57	.94	2.59	1.00	2.59	.98	2.82	.95	2.61	.99
b. Made a speech to a group	TRN01b	2.00	.89	2.08	.95	2.15	.87	2.06	.91	2.31	.97	2.21	1.01	2.49	.95	2.30	.98
c. Worked in a group with people who differed from you in terms of background, political orientation, points of view, etc.	TRN01c	2.71	.86	2.65	.91	2.73	.84	2.70	.87	2.87	.88	2.80	.90	2.85	.85	2.85	.89
d. Discussed the ethical consequences of a course of action	TRN01d	2.43	.88	2.42	.92	2.56	.88	2.45	.89	2.55	.93	2.61	.93	2.72	.89	2.58	.93
e. Creatively thought about new ideas or about ways to improve things	TRN01e	2.76	.85	2.77	.86	2.78	.81	2.77	.85	2.94	.86	2.95	.84	2.98	.82	2.95	.85
f. Critically evaluated multiple solutions to a problem	TRN01f	2.76	.83	2.75	.85	2.76	.81	2.76	.83	2.97	.85	2.96	.83	2.99	.82	2.97	.84
g. Discussed complex problems with others to develop a better solution	TRN01g	2.68	.86	2.66	.88	2.69	.83	2.68	.86	2.90	.88	2.87	.87	2.93	.85	2.89	.88
<b>2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you written something (paper, report, article, blog, etc.) that:</b>																	
a. Used information from a variety of sources (books, journals, Internet, databases, etc.)	TRN02a	2.83	.87	3.02	.84	3.05	.81	2.92	.86	2.99	.92	3.20	.86	3.24	.81	3.08	.90
b. Assessed the conclusions of a published work	TRN02b	2.47	.93	2.57	.93	2.69	.88	2.53	.93	2.62	1.01	2.74	1.00	2.89	.96	2.68	1.00
c. Included ideas from more than one academic discipline	TRN02c	2.53	.91	2.63	.90	2.67	.88	2.58	.90	2.69	.96	2.85	.93	2.89	.90	2.76	.95
d. Presented multiple viewpoints or perspectives	TRN02d	2.62	.88	2.71	.85	2.72	.83	2.66	.86	2.68	.93	2.82	.91	2.85	.88	2.74	.92

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