

2019 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 2019, 28 U.S. institutions elected to append these items to the core survey. Of these, 27 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 2019 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 2019 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)	Global Learning Module (%)	NSSE 2019 (%)	U.S. ^b (%)
Carnegie Basic Classification^c						
Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity	11	6	7	37	20	27
Doctoral Universities - High research activity	15	10	6	13	18	14
Doctoral/Professional Universities	11	13	7	5	17	11
Master's Colleges and Universities - Larger programs	33	26	25	37	25	28
Master's Colleges and Universities - Medium programs	4	15	13	1	8	7
Master's Colleges and Universities - Smaller programs	4	6	9	1	3	3
Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus	7	12	15	3	5	4
Baccalaureate Colleges: Diverse Fields	15	12	18	4	4	5
Control						
Public	44	42	35	77	62	67
Private	56	58	65	23	38	33
Undergraduate enrollment						
Fewer than 1,000	11	12	21	2	3	2
1,000 – 2,499	22	33	32	7	14	10
2,500 – 4,999	26	21	17	15	14	11
5,000 – 9,999	22	17	14	21	20	18
10,000 – 19,999	4	10	9	6	21	23
20,000 or more	15	7	6	48	29	35

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 2018 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

Item wording or description	Variable name	Response options	First-Year Students						Seniors					
			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	406	9	157	8	563	8	621	11	299	10	920	11
		Some	1,878	39	837	40	2,716	39	2,268	39	1,155	39	3,424	39
		Quite a bit	1,921	36	851	39	2,774	37	2,036	35	977	34	3,014	34
		Very much	900	17	298	14	1,198	15	896	15	460	17	1,357	16
		Total	5,105	100	2,143	100	7,251	100	5,821	100	2,891	100	8,715	100
b. Providing activities and experiences (speakers, events) that focus on global and international topics	GBL01b	Very little	396	8	147	7	543	8	635	11	296	10	931	11
		Some	1,711	35	755	36	2,468	35	2,198	38	1,107	37	3,306	38
		Quite a bit	1,958	37	868	39	2,827	38	2,033	35	1,047	36	3,082	36
		Very much	1,042	20	367	17	1,409	18	942	16	445	16	1,387	16
		Total	5,107	100	2,137	100	7,247	100	5,808	100	2,895	100	8,706	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	1,090	23	466	22	1,557	23	533	10	222	8	755	9
		Do not plan to do	803	18	510	25	1,313	21	1,913	34	1,021	36	2,935	35
		Plan to do	2,096	40	779	36	2,876	38	547	10	324	11	872	10
		Done or in progress	1,116	20	385	17	1,502	18	2,829	47	1,330	44	4,160	46
		Total	5,105	100	2,140	100	7,248	100	5,822	100	2,897	100	8,722	100
b. Complete a course that focuses on perspectives, issues, or events from other countries or regions	GBL02b	Have not decided	1,234	26	480	23	1,715	25	530	10	212	8	742	9
		Do not plan to do	877	19	494	24	1,371	21	1,987	35	1,051	37	3,040	36
		Plan to do	1,995	38	794	37	2,790	37	481	9	321	12	802	10
		Done or in progress	993	18	369	16	1,363	17	2,812	46	1,304	44	4,117	45
		Total	5,099	100	2,137	100	7,239	100	5,810	100	2,888	100	8,701	100
c. Complete a course that focuses on religions or cultural groups other than your own	GBL02c	Have not decided	1,330	27	505	24	1,837	26	528	10	212	8	741	9
		Do not plan to do	1,226	25	690	32	1,916	28	2,310	41	1,233	43	3,544	42
		Plan to do	1,641	31	618	29	2,260	30	426	8	275	10	701	9
		Done or in progress	903	16	328	15	1,231	15	2,552	42	1,178	40	3,731	41
		Total	5,100	100	2,141	100	7,244	100	5,816	100	2,898	100	8,717	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	489	11	292	14	781	12	669	12	535	19	1,204	15
		Some	1,674	34	755	35	2,431	34	1,620	28	932	32	2,553	30
		Quite a bit	1,874	36	749	35	2,623	36	1,842	32	810	28	2,653	30
		Very much	1,057	20	341	16	1,399	18	1,677	29	610	21	2,288	26
		Total	5,094	100	2,137	100	7,234	100	5,808	100	2,887	100	8,698	100
b. Develop skills for interacting effectively and appropriately with those from different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL03b	Very little	675	14	327	16	1,002	15	808	14	615	22	1,423	17
		Some	1,745	35	742	34	2,489	35	1,620	28	937	32	2,558	30
		Quite a bit	1,699	32	744	36	2,444	34	1,778	30	780	27	2,560	29
		Very much	969	18	319	15	1,288	17	1,597	28	554	19	2,151	24
		Total	5,088	100	2,132	100	7,223	100	5,803	100	2,886	100	8,692	100

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

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			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	654	14	262	13	916	13	780	14	366	13	1,146	13
		Sometimes	2,135	43	906	42	3,043	42	2,185	37	1,122	38	3,308	38
		Often	1,521	29	672	32	2,193	30	1,603	28	831	29	2,436	28
		Very often	771	14	294	14	1,066	14	1,235	21	567	20	1,802	21
	Total	5,081	100	2,134	100	7,218	100	5,803	100	2,886	100	8,692	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	1,312	27	591	28	1,903	27	2,430	42	1,166	39	3,597	41
		Sometimes	1,884	37	833	38	2,719	38	1,713	30	933	32	2,646	31
		Often	1,220	23	485	22	1,706	23	936	16	480	18	1,418	17
		Very often	668	13	221	11	889	12	725	12	314	12	1,039	12
	Total	5,084	100	2,130	100	7,217	100	5,804	100	2,893	100	8,700	100	
c. Attended events or activities that promoted the understanding of different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL04c	Never	1,757	37	746	36	2,504	36	2,340	41	1,215	43	3,556	42
		Sometimes	1,957	38	830	38	2,788	38	2,080	36	985	34	3,065	35
		Often	970	18	394	19	1,364	18	852	14	433	15	1,286	15
		Very often	391	7	161	7	553	7	517	9	252	9	770	9
	Total	5,075	100	2,131	100	7,209	100	5,789	100	2,885	100	8,677	100	
d. Worked on out-of-class activities (campus events, committees, student groups, etc.) with an international or global focus	GBL04d	Never	2,828	56	1,072	50	3,901	54	3,391	60	1,643	58	5,035	59
		Sometimes	1,229	24	589	28	1,819	26	1,336	22	677	23	2,013	22
		Often	701	14	330	15	1,032	14	630	11	339	12	970	11
		Very often	312	6	136	7	448	6	437	7	227	8	665	8
	Total	5,070	100	2,127	100	7,200	100	5,794	100	2,886	100	8,683	100	
e. Participated in a program that pairs domestic and international students (language partners, buddy program, etc.)	GBL04e	Never	3,699	73	1,377	65	5,078	69	4,322	75	2,022	71	6,346	73
		Sometimes	702	14	389	18	1,092	16	773	13	442	15	1,216	14
		Often	475	9	269	13	744	11	408	7	255	9	663	8
		Very often	187	4	91	4	278	4	285	5	161	5	446	5
	Total	5,063	100	2,126	100	7,192	100	5,788	100	2,880	100	8,671	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	2,130	44	1,252	59	3,383	50	3,826	66	2,113	73	5,942	69
Yes		2,942	56	877	41	3,821	50	1,971	34	770	27	2,741	31	
Total		5,072	100	2,129	100	7,204	100	5,797	100	2,883	100	8,683	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	1,885	65	552	64	2,438	65	1,158	60	456	61	1,614	60
	GBL05b_2	Major/academic department office	634	22	236	29	870	25	441	23	235	33	676	27
	GBL05b_3	Career office	242	9	99	12	341	10	172	8	112	14	284	11
	GBL05b_4	Academic advisor	1,001	34	318	38	1,320	35	466	23	272	39	738	30
	GBL05b_5	Faculty member	758	26	267	31	1,026	28	630	32	278	36	908	34
	GBL05b_6	Attendance at international programs or events	572	19	155	18	728	18	264	13	129	17	393	15
	GBL05b_7	Website, newsletter, catalog, or other published sources	1,462	49	353	40	1,817	46	1,026	52	352	47	1,378	50
	GBL05b_8	Friends or other students	1,301	44	364	40	1,667	43	810	41	317	42	1,127	41
	GBL05b_9	Family members	481	17	181	20	662	18	223	11	99	12	322	12
	GBL05b_10	Other, please specify:	54	2	15	2	69	2	56	3	23	3	79	3

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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	909	19	364	18	1,273	19	1,004	18	562	20	1,566	19
		Some	2,101	42	885	41	2,987	42	2,242	38	1,097	37	3,341	38
		Quite a bit	1,448	28	626	29	2,075	28	1,613	28	784	27	2,397	28
		Very much	596	11	249	12	845	11	905	16	437	16	1,343	16
		Total	5,054	100	2,124	100	7,180	100	5,764	100	2,880	100	8,647	100
b. Speaking a second language	GBL06b	Very little	2,946	59	1,292	60	4,238	59	3,308	57	1,813	60	5,122	59
		Some	974	20	407	20	1,381	20	1,205	21	511	18	1,716	20
		Quite a bit	622	12	226	11	850	12	640	11	262	10	904	11
		Very much	505	10	199	9	705	9	626	11	294	11	920	11
		Total	5,047	100	2,124	100	7,174	100	5,779	100	2,880	100	8,662	100
c. Seeking international or global opportunities out of your comfort zone	GBL06c	Very little	1,628	34	791	38	2,420	36	2,360	41	1,236	42	3,597	41
		Some	1,870	37	733	34	2,603	35	1,843	32	903	31	2,747	32
		Quite a bit	1,077	20	430	20	1,509	20	962	17	454	16	1,417	17
		Very much	474	9	168	8	642	9	609	10	284	11	893	10
		Total	5,049	100	2,122	100	7,174	100	5,774	100	2,877	100	8,654	100
d. Understanding how your actions affect global communities	GBL06d	Very little	1,313	28	601	29	1,915	28	1,508	27	854	30	2,362	28
		Some	1,894	37	771	35	2,665	36	2,037	35	1,004	34	3,041	35
		Quite a bit	1,294	24	556	26	1,852	25	1,454	25	667	24	2,124	24
		Very much	553	11	187	9	740	10	769	13	351	12	1,120	13
		Total	5,054	100	2,115	100	7,172	100	5,768	100	2,876	100	8,647	100
e. Preparing for life and work in an increasingly globalized era	GBL06e	Very little	1,160	25	424	21	1,585	23	1,297	23	626	22	1,923	22
		Some	1,772	35	740	35	2,513	35	1,959	34	935	32	2,896	33
		Quite a bit	1,438	28	667	31	2,106	29	1,585	27	846	29	2,432	28
		Very much	663	13	277	13	940	13	921	16	461	17	1,382	16
		Total	5,033	100	2,108	100	7,144	100	5,762	100	2,868	100	8,633	100
f. Encouraging your sense of global responsibility	GBL06f	Very little	1,029	23	442	22	1,472	23	1,182	22	663	24	1,846	22
		Some	1,795	36	778	36	2,574	36	1,936	34	922	32	2,858	33
		Quite a bit	1,416	27	605	28	2,022	27	1,556	27	756	27	2,314	27
		Very much	743	14	269	13	1,012	14	1,033	18	498	18	1,531	18
		Total	4,983	100	2,094	100	7,080	100	5,707	100	2,839	100	8,549	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	4,370	87	1,740	83	6,112	85	4,922	86	2,280	80	7,205	83
		Yes	683	13	371	17	1,055	15	843	14	590	20	1,433	17
		Total	5,053	100	2,111	100	7,167	100	5,765	100	2,870	100	8,638	100

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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	.86	2.59	.82	2.60	.84	2.55	.88	2.57	.88	2.56	.88
b. Providing activities and experiences (speakers, events) that focus on global and international topics	GBL01b	2.68	.88	2.66	.84	2.67	.87	2.56	.89	2.58	.88	2.57	.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	2.65	.91	2.53	.92	2.60	.92	2.77	.99	2.52	1.03	2.66	1.01
b. Develop skills for interacting effectively and appropriately with those from different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL03b	2.55	.95	2.49	.93	2.53	.94	2.72	1.02	2.44	1.03	2.60	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	2.44	.90	2.46	.88	2.45	.89	2.56	.97	2.56	.95	2.56	.96
b. Talked about international opportunities (study abroad, international internship, Model UN, field study or research abroad, etc.) with a faculty member or advisor	GBL04b	2.22	.98	2.16	.96	2.20	.97	1.99	1.04	2.02	1.01	2.00	1.03
c. Attended events or activities that promoted the understanding of different world cultures, nationalities, and religions	GBL04c	1.97	.92	1.98	.92	1.97	.92	1.91	.95	1.89	.95	1.90	.95
d. Worked on out-of-class activities (campus events, committees, student groups, etc.) with an international or global focus	GBL04d	1.69	.92	1.79	.94	1.73	.93	1.66	.94	1.70	.96	1.68	.95
e. Participated in a program that pairs domestic and international students (language partners, buddy program, etc.)	GBL04e	1.44	.82	1.57	.88	1.50	.84	1.42	.82	1.49	.87	1.45	.84
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	2.30	.90	2.36	.91	2.33	.91	2.41	.96	2.39	.97	2.40	.97
b. Speaking a second language	GBL06b	1.72	1.01	1.69	.99	1.71	1.00	1.76	1.03	1.73	1.04	1.75	1.04
c. Seeking international or global opportunities out of your comfort zone	GBL06c	2.04	.95	1.99	.96	2.02	.95	1.96	.99	1.96	1.00	1.96	1.00
d. Understanding how your actions affect global communities	GBL06d	2.18	.96	2.16	.95	2.17	.95	2.24	.99	2.19	1.00	2.22	.99
e. Preparing for life and work in an increasingly globalized era	GBL06e	2.28	.98	2.37	.96	2.32	.97	2.36	1.00	2.41	1.01	2.39	1.01
f. Encouraging your sense of global responsibility	GBL06f	2.33	.98	2.32	.96	2.32	.97	2.41	1.02	2.39	1.03	2.40	1.02

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