2016 Invitation to Participate

“We rely upon NSSE and FSSE data to encourage the campus community to take responsibility for student learning and engagement.”

— Margaret W. Cohen, Associate Provost Emerita, University of Missouri–St. Louis

Register by September 25, 2015 at fsse.iub.edu

New in 2016!

Institutions will receive more information about their respondents

See inside for details

A project of the National Survey of Student Engagement
The Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) was designed to complement the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which is administered to undergraduate students. FSSE measures faculty, instructor, and graduate student expectations for undergraduate student engagement in educational practices that are empirically linked with student learning and development. Although most institutions use FSSE concurrently with NSSE, institutions choose when to administer FSSE to fit their needs.

FSSE’s core instrument targets faculty members and other instructional staff. Institutions that employ graduate student instructors (GSIs) can get a more complete understanding of undergraduate education on their campus by including GSIs in their FSSE administration. Participating GSIs receive FSSE-G—an adaptation of FSSE that captures the experiences, professional development, and perceptions of graduate students who teach undergraduates. As a result of the many different faculty, instructors, and graduate students who may participate in a FSSE administration, when we refer to faculty, we mean all people who teach undergraduate courses. Since FSSE’s inception, more than 230,000 faculty members from almost 800 colleges and universities have participated in the survey, and over 10,000 GSIs from 10 institutions have participated in FSSE-G.

Why Participate in FSSE?

Information from those who teach undergraduates at your institution helps contextualize findings from students. FSSE results, particularly in combination with those from NSSE, can be a catalyst for productive discussions related to teaching, learning, and the quality of your undergraduates’ educational experiences. Institutions can use FSSE results in many ways, including for accreditation and self-studies, assessment and improvement, curricular reform, professional development, institutional research, faculty and GSI workshops and retreats, and the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL).

FSSE Focuses on

- How often faculty use effective teaching strategies
- How much faculty encourage students to collaborate
- The nature and frequency of faculty-student interactions
- Opportunities for students to engage diverse perspectives
- The importance faculty place on increasing institutional support for students
- The importance faculty place on various areas of learning and development
- How faculty members organize their time, both in and out of the classroom
What’s New for FSSE in 2016?
In past FSSE administrations, institutional data files did not include faculty responses to demographic items. Beginning in 2016, FSSE will return these responses. Also starting in 2016, FSSE and FSSE-G will be administered simultaneously. For GSIs, individual identifiers will be returned along with their responses to demographic questions in FSSE-G.

What Does It Cost to Participate in FSSE?

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<th>Sample Size</th>
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<td>Fewer than 100</td>
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<td>1st topical module</td>
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- a. Topical modules are extra item sets focused on engagement-related topics that institutions can append to the FSSE instrument.
- b. Institutions participating in a NSSE consortium may add FSSE consortium questions when available. Institutions that do so may add only one topical module.

How Is FSSE Administered?
FSSE staff handle all aspects of survey administration, including invitations and follow-up messages, delivery of the online survey, compilation of data, and analysis of results. Institutions should also note the following:

- FSSE will be administered in spring 2016
- Each institution provides the names and email addresses of its selected sample of faculty, instructors, and/or graduate students who have taught at least one undergraduate course in the 2015–16 academic year.
- Customization options for FSSE include a selection of topical modules, the addition of parallel NSSE consortium or system questions, and the adaptation of disciplinary areas to complement NSSE major groupings.

We strongly recommend that each institution contact participating faculty, instructors, and/or graduate students who teach undergraduates prior to survey administration to indicate the institution’s support for the survey.

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<th>Civic Engagement</th>
<th>Development of Transferable Skills</th>
<th>Experiences with Diverse Perspectives*</th>
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What Does a Participating Institution Receive?

FSSE institutions receive detailed analyses including:

- Customized reports of participants’ responses
- A report of faculty and student participation in effective educational practices that pairs NSSE and FSSE results
- A report of participant responses by disciplinary area
- A data file of participant responses (including demographics as of 2016)
- An overview of FSSE 2016 institutions and respondents
- Key findings from the latest NSSE administration including findings based on FSSE and FSSE-G results

Register for FSSE 2016 by September 25, 2015
Go to fsse.iub.edu or call 866-435-6773 toll free

Photos (left to right)—Front cover: top, Wabash College, Shaw University. Back cover: Elon University, West Texas A&M University.