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College Activities: Academic, Intellectual and Social Experiences

	RSCC spring 2006	RSCC spring 2005	Other Consortium Colleges	2006 CCSSE Cohort
In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?	1 = Never, 2 = Sometimes, 3 = Often, 4 = Very Often			
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	2.96	2.89	2.93	2.90
Made a class presentation	2.17	2.15	2.07	2.02
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	2.51	2.62	2.51	2.47
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	2.76	2.75	2.73	2.68
Come to class without completing readings or assignments	1.85	1.80	1.89	1.89
Worked with other students on projects during class	2.42	2.32	2.44	2.45
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	1.95	1.85	1.85	1.84
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	1.42	1.36	1.36	1.37
Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	1.22	1.16	1.27	1.28
Used the Internet or instant messaging to work on an assignment	2.87	2.90	2.85	2.74
Used email to communicate with an instructor	2.61	2.43	2.42	2.30
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	2.56	2.58	2.51	2.48
Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor	1.97	1.92	1.98	1.98
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class	1.73	1.71	1.71	1.71
Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance	2.81	2.77	2.66	2.64
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	2.64	2.56	2.57	2.51
Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework	1.34	1.31	1.38	1.38
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members)	2.70	2.61	2.57	2.55
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	2.01	1.93	2.29	2.34
Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	2.32	2.26	2.29	2.32
Skipped class	1.55	1.58	1.54	1.59

College Activities: Character of Mental Activities

During the current school year, how much has your coursework at this college emphasized the following mental activities?	1 = Very little, 2 = Some, 3 = Quite a bit, 4 = Very Much			
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	2.98	2.92	2.86	2.81
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory	2.90	2.81	2.78	2.80

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Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways	2.78	2.65	2.65	2.67
Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods	2.59	2.57	2.51	2.51
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	2.64	2.61	2.59	2.60
Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill	2.79	2.66	2.70	2.71
College Activities: Reading and Writing				
During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done at this college? 1=None, 2=Between 1 and 4, 3=Between 5 and 10, 4=Between 11 and 20, 5=More than 20				
Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course reading	2.83	2.74	2.83	2.84
Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	2.06	2.08	2.03	2.08
Number of written papers or reports of any length	2.87	2.82	2.82	2.80
College Activities: Nature of Exams				
1=Extremely easy to 7=Extremely challenging				
Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college.	5.32	5.21	5.10	5.01
Opinions about your school: Institutional Emphasis				
How much does this college emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much				
Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying	3.09	3.07	2.98	2.93
Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college	3.02	3.02	2.92	2.91
Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	2.33	2.26	2.39	2.42
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc)	1.86	1.82	1.88	1.88
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	2.12	2.06	2.07	2.05
Providing the financial support you need to afford your education	2.46	2.57	2.41	2.35
Using computers in academic work	3.13	3.21	3.13	3.05
Weekly Activities				
About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 0=None, 1=1-5 hours/week, 2=6-10 hours/week, 3=11-20 hours/week, 4=21-30 hours/week, 5=more than 30 hours/week				
Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program)	2.16	2.00	1.89	1.88
Working for pay	3.04	3.31	3.36	3.23

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Participating in college-sponsored activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	0.24	0.21	0.25	0.26
Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	1.95	2.03	1.90	1.84
Commuting to and from classes	1.43	1.33	1.36	1.31
Quality of Relationships				
Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with People at this college				
1=Unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation to 7=friendly, supportive, sense of belonging				
Relationships with students	5.84	5.64	5.54	5.47
1=Unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic to 7=Available, helpful, sympathetic				
Relationships with instructors	5.80	5.80	5.64	5.63
1=Unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid to 7=helpful, considerate, flexible				
Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	5.22	5.28	5.06	4.92
Educational and Personal Growth				
How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much				
Acquiring a broad general education	3.05	3.02	2.93	2.91
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	2.64	2.54	2.56	2.54
Writing clearly and effectively	2.72	2.76	2.71	2.66
Speaking clearly and effectively	2.74	2.72	2.61	2.56
Thinking critically and analytically	3.02	2.91	2.86	2.83
Solving numerical problems	2.66	2.68	2.65	2.55
Using computing and information technology	2.75	2.80	2.75	2.67
Working effectively with others	2.77	2.66	2.70	2.68
Learning effectively on your own	2.97	2.91	2.89	2.86
Understanding yourself	2.54	2.54	2.54	2.54
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	2.18	2.12	2.29	2.31
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	2.27	2.25	2.29	2.29
Contributing to the welfare of your community	2.00	1.89	1.97	1.95
Developing clearer career goals	2.71	2.69	2.65	2.60
Gaining information about career opportunities	2.59	2.51	2.54	2.49

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College Experiences				
How likely it is that the following issues would cause you to withdraw from class or from this college?	1=Not likely, 2=Somewhat, 3=Likely, 4=Very Likely			
Working full-time	2.01	1.94	2.10	2.16
Caring for dependents	1.89	1.89	1.91	1.92
Academically unprepared	1.60	1.57	1.64	1.65
Lack of finances	2.42	2.46	2.43	2.40
Transfer to a 4-year college or university	2.43	2.40	2.47	2.45
	1=Not very, 2=Somewhat, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Extremely			
How supportive are your friends of your attending this college?	3.35	3.33	3.27	3.23
How supportive is your immediate family of your attending this college?	3.59	3.61	3.54	3.50
	1=Poor, 2=Fair, 3=Good, 4=Excellent			
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this college?				
	3.29	3.23	3.17	3.15

Additional Data Elements (not reported spring 2005)

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Student Services: Frequency, satisfaction, and importance			
Academic Advising/planning:			
How often do you use academic advising/planning?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.64	1.70	1.74
How satisfied are you with academic advising/planning?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.19	2.22	2.21
How important is academic advising/planning to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.43	2.50	2.49
Career Counseling:			
How often do you use career counseling?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.32	1.37	1.43

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	2.06	2.02	2.03
How important is career counseling to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.26	2.26	2.27
Job Placement Assistance:			
How often do you use job placement assistance?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.19	1.24	1.25
How satisfied are you with job placement assistance?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	1.87	1.83	1.81
How important is job placement assistance to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.00	2.03	2.01
Peer or other tutoring:			
How often do you use peer or other tutoring?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.44	1.45	1.45
How satisfied are you with peer or other tutoring?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.16	2.14	2.13
How important is peer or other tutoring to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.09	2.08	2.07
Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)			
How often do you use skill labs (writing, math, etc.)?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.66	1.72	1.71
How satisfied are you with skill labs (writing, math, etc.)?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.31	2.26	2.24
How important are peer labs to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.15	2.19	2.17
Child Care:			
How often do you use child care?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.15	1.18	1.18

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	1.67	1.72	1.74
How important is child care to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	1.70	1.71	1.72
Financial Aid Advising:			
How often do you use financial aid advising?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.82	1.84	1.82
How satisfied are you with financial aid advising?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.19	2.21	2.18
How important is financial aid advising to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.44	2.42	2.37
Computer Lab:			
How often do you use computer labs?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	2.24	2.13	2.09
How satisfied are you with computer labs?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.59	2.52	2.49
How important are computer labs to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	2.54	2.47	2.43
Student Organizations:			
How often do you use student organizations?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.28	1.31	1.34
How satisfied are you with student organizations?	0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	1.99	1.96	1.94
How important are student organizations to you?	1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very		
	1.80	1.80	1.80
Transfer Credit Assistance:			
How often do you use transfer credit assistance?	0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often		
	1.56	1.54	1.55

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	2.04	2.06	2.05
How important is transfer credit assistance to you? 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very			
	2.25	2.21	2.21
Services to Students with Disabilities:			
How often do you use services to students with disabilities? 0=Don't know/N.A., 1=Rarely/Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often			
	1.25	1.28	1.30
How satisfied are you with services to students with disabilities? 0=N.A., 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very			
	2.06	2.02	1.99
How important are services to students with disabilities to you? 1=Not at all, 2=Somewhat, 3=Very			
	2.09	2.08	2.02
How many TOTAL credit hours have you earned at this college, Not counting the current courses you are currently taking this term? 0=None, 1=1-14 credits, 2=15-29 credits, 3=30-44 credits, 4=45-60 credits, 5=over 60 credits			
	2.02	1.83	2.01
How many classes are you presently taking at OTHER institutions? 1=None, 2=1class, 3=2 classes, 4=3 classes, 5=4 classes or more			
	1.29	1.36	1.41
Special Additional Questions spring 2006			
	% response		
While attending this college, what has been your best source of academic advising (academic planning, course recommendations, graduation requirements, etc.)			
Academic advisor (not faculty)	7.3		
Academic advisor (faculty)	35.9		
Friends, family or other students	31.3		
Online registration and/or computerized degree advising system	13.1		
I have not received any academic advising	12.4		

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Please indicate the extent to which you disagree or agree with the following statements:			
With advising assistance from the college, I have set academic goals and created a plan for achieving them.			
Strongly agree	21.1		
Agree	42.8		
Disagree	10.5		
Strongly disagree	5.4		
I do not use advising services	20.2		
	% response		
The information I have received from academic advisors has been accurate and up-to-date.			
Strongly agree	23.4		
Agree	42.5		
Disagree	7.0		
Strongly disagree	3.8		
I do not use advising services	23.2		
	% response		
How would you rate the strength of your working relationship with your current academic advisor?			
Poor	14.1		
Fair	20.3		
Good	24.1		
Excellent	14.9		
I do not use advising services	26.6		
Have you declared a major program of study at this college?			
Yes	80.4		
No	19.6		