NSSE 2016 First-Year Experiences
Southeastern Louisiana University

Statistical Comparisons

Item wording or description	Southeastern Mean	Masters L Mean
1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?	*(1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often)*	
a. Studied when there were other interesting things to do	**2.7**	2.8
b. Found additional information for course assignments when you didn't understand the material	**2.8**	2.8
c. Participated in course discussions, even when you didn't feel like it	**2.5**	2.6 **
d. Asked instructors for help when you struggled with course assignments	**2.5**	2.6
e. Finished something you have started when you encountered challenges	**3.0**	3.1
f. Stayed positive, even when you did poorly on a test or assignment	**2.9**	2.9
2. During the current school year, how difficult have the following been for you?	*(1=Not at All Difficult, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6=Very Difficult)*	
a. Learning course material	**3.5**	3.3 **
b. Managing your time	**4.0**	3.8 *
c. Getting help with school work	**3.1**	2.9 *
d. Interacting with faculty	**2.9**	2.9
3. During the current school year, about how often have you sought help with coursework from the following sources?[i]	*(1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often)*	
a. Faculty members	**2.2**	2.2
b. Academic advisors	**1.9**	1.7 ***
c. Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	**2.0**	1.9
d. Friends or other students	**2.7**	2.9 *
e. Family members	**2.2**	2.0 ***
f. Other persons or offices	**1.5**	1.5
4a. During the current school year, have you seriously considered leaving this institution?		
	32%	32%
4b. [If answered "yes"] Why did you consider leaving? (Select all that apply.)		
Academics are too difficult	**26%**	15%
Academics are too easy	**1%**	6%
Other academic issues (major not offered, course availability, advising, credit transfer, etc.)	**20%**	20%
Financial concerns (costs or financial aid)	**40%**	36%
To change your career options (transfer to another school or program, military service, etc.)	**18%**	21%
Difficulty managing demands of school and work	**24%**	15%
Too much emphasis on partying	**0%**	8%
Not enough opportunities to socialize and have fun	**14%**	23%
Relations with faculty and staff	**9%**	11%
Relations with other students	**8%**	20%
Campus climate, location, or culture	**11%**	28%
Unsafe or hostile environment	**0%**	7%
Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesickness, stress, etc.)	**31%**	38%
5. How important is it to you that you graduate from this institution?	*(1=Not Important, 2, 3, 4, 5=Very Important)*	
	5.1	5.2

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed)