

## **Major Field Report 2023**

## **Northern Michigan University**

NSSE data identify strengths and weaknesses in reference to comparison institutions, yet institution-level comparisons may not capture important variation in student engagement that may exist among key subpopulations such as major-field groups. NSSE urges institutions to "look within," calling attention to the need to examine variation in the student experience. The dashboards in this interactive report facilitate a deeper dive into your students' responses by customizable groups of related majors.

### **About Your Major Field Report**

#### Sample

This report uses data from all 2022 and 2023 respondents who provided a major on the survey. Targeted and locally administered oversamples and other non-randomly selected students are not included.

#### Majors

Students' first <u>and second</u> majors are included in results.

#### Class level

Results are presented separately by institution-reported class level. Keep in mind that majors are student-reported. First-year students may report intended majors that have not yet been declared. Also, much of the first-year experience may take place outside of the major field. For these reasons, first-year results by major should be interpreted with caution.

#### Technical notes

Related-major groups with < 5 respondents in a given class are not reported (columns are blank). Likewise, customized comparison groups must have at least 5 institutions.

Results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate. Due to the disaggregation by student-reported major, results are unweighted.

### **Start by Customizing Major Groups**

Select the Define Groups button at right to customize up to ten major groups and apply student- and institution-level filters. Next, visit any dashboard linked below to explore your Engagement Indicators (EI) and other results. Because the dashboards draw from a very large dataset and apply multiple filters, page loading may be slow at times. If dashboards have trouble fully loading, try refreshing the page.

**Define Groups** 

### Within-Institution Dashboards

View your students' responses across groups of related majors side-by-side within your institution only. Select the buttons below or see the "W:" tabs at top.

El and Other Scale Summaries

Individual EI and Other Scale Results

**High-Impact Practices** 

**Additional Academic Challenge Items** 

**Time Spent in Selected Activities** 

### **Between-Institution Dashboards**

Compare your students' responses to those in the same groups of majors at customizable groups of institutions. Select the buttons below or see the "B:" tabs at top.

**EI and Other Scale Comparisons** 

**High-Impact Practice Comparisons** 

**Additional Challenge Item Comparisons** 

**Time Spent in Selected Activities** 

### All Items and Scales Dashboard

View all NSSE items and scales on a single page, one major group at a time, along with your customized comparison group.

All NSSE Items and Scales

#### Video Tutorial

Take a 12-minute video tour of the Major Field Report: <a href="https://youtu.be/qAWGECkIKcl?si=PCIp9N9BhtPAKHwb">https://youtu.be/qAWGECkIKcl?si=PCIp9N9BhtPAKHwb</a>

### Questions or feedback?

Comments, questions, and ideas for improving these dashboards are appreciated.

Click here: https://go.ju.edu/4fk3



# Major Field Report 2023: Within-Institution Results Northern Michigan University

**Define Groups: Customize Your Results** 

Customize your results using the pull-down menus below. In section A, select a class level. In section B, identify the majors to be included in up to 10 groups. Students' self-reported majors were assigned to a standard list of 138 majors. Groups are preloaded with NSSE's default categories. The number of respondents in each selected major is indicated. Only majors with at least one respondent are shown. In section C, filter by student-level variables which apply to all dashboards. In section D, filter by institutional characteristics to define a comparison group for the between-institution results.

Results require at least five students per major group (when less than five, the counts are shown in red); comparison group selections require at least five institutions. Filters will reduce counts and some majors may drop from the list. Return to this dashboard as desired to adjust selections.

To reset all selections to defaults, close this browser window and reopen your report via your NSSE Interface link. To reset only sections C and D, select "Reset C & D Filters" at bottom.

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Transfer status All	Course modality All				HBCU status (U.S. only) All	HSI status (U.S. only) All	
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### Major Field Report 2023: Within-Institution Results

## Northern Michigan University Summary of Engagement Indicators and Other Scales

A summary of scales for all majors combined, and for each related-major group identified on the Define Groups page. Student-level filters, if used, also apply. Blank columns represent groups with < 5 respondents. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.

Start

**Define Groups** 

## First-year First-year

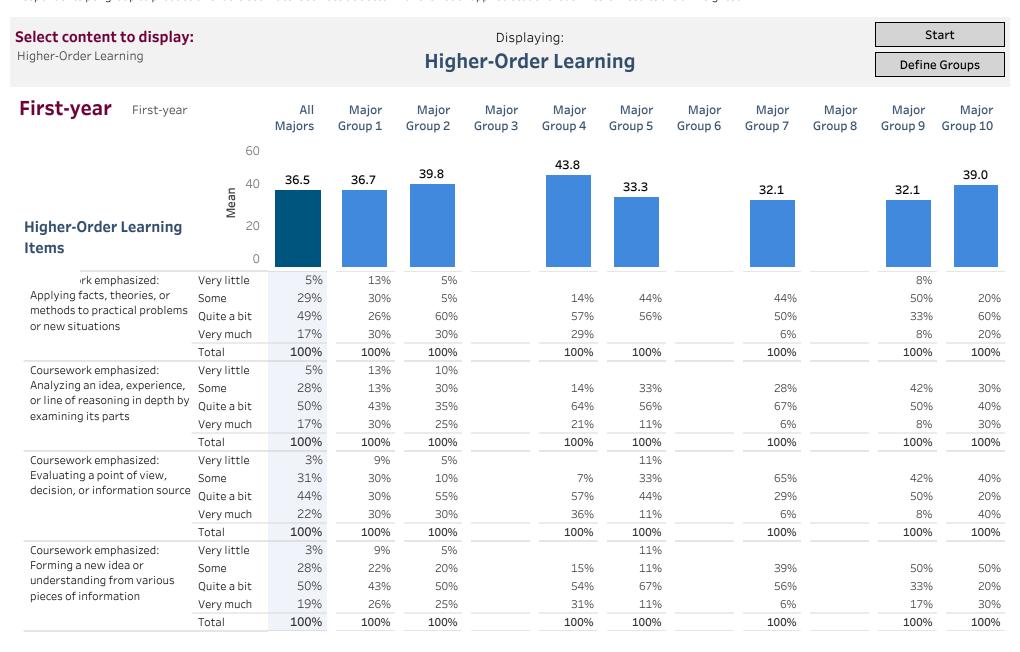
Engagement Indicators		All Majors	Major Group 1	Major Group 2	Major Group 3	Major Group 4	Major Group 5	Major Group 6	Major Group 7	Major Group 8	Major Group 9	Major Group 10
Higher-Order Learning	Mean	36.5	36.7	39.8		43.8	33.3		32.1		32.1	39.0
- <del>-</del>	Count	108	23	20		13	9		17		12	10
Reflective & Integrative	Mean	36.8	39.9	39.0		39.6	32.1		33.2		31.7	36.3
Learning	Count	110	23	20		14	9		18		12	10
Learning Strategies	Mean	37.3	34.2	42.3		38.1	31.1		38.5		35.6	43.3
	Count	110	23	20		14	9		18		12	10
Quantitative Reasoning	Mean	25.6	25.5	30.0		25.2	23.7		22.2		25.6	29.3
	Count	109	22	20		14	9		18		12	10
Collaborative Learning	Mean	29.5	25.7	33.5		28.9	28.9		30.3		25.8	34.0
	Count	109	23	20		14	9		17		12	10
Discussions With Diverse	Mean	37.2	37.2	39.5		40.7	31.7		38.3		30.0	39.5
Others	Count	110	23	20		14	9		18		12	10
Student-Faculty Interaction	Mean	21.2	22.4	18.1		16.8	25.6		20.3		22.1	30.0
	Count	108	23	18		14	9		18		12	10
Effective Teaching Practices	Mean	37.2	37.0	38.0		37.1	29.8		37.8		40.0	37.2
	Count	110	23	20		14	9		18		12	10
Quality of Interactions	Mean	44.2	43.9	43.1		42.5	39.2		44.5		44.4	51.0
	Count	104	23	20		12	9		17		11	8
Supportive Environment	Mean	33.7	34.1	35.1		35.5	34.7		32.8		28.5	38.8
	Count	110	23	20		14	9		18		12	10
Other Scales												
Sense of Belonging	Mean	38.8	40.0	41.7		37.4	31.9		37.4		37.8	43.3
	Count	109	23	20		13	9		18		12	10
Perceived Gains	Mean	31.5	32.3	35.2		30.9	24.4		29.8		28.5	39.8
	Count	110	23	20		14	9		18		12	10

**Notes**—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust related-major groups and to edit student-level filters. Cells with zero responses are blank, and entire columns with < 5 respondents are blank. Results are unweighted.



# Major Field Report 2023: Within-Institution Results Northern Michigan University Engagement Indicators, Sense of Belonging, and Perceived Gains

This page displays the individual Engagement Indicators, Sense of Belonging scale, and Perceived Gains scale—along with their component item frequencies—for all related-major categories identified in the "Define Groups" dashboard. Use the selection filter to change the content being displayed. Student-level filters, if used, also apply. Visit the Define Groups page to edit related-major groups and other student-level filters. Cells with zero responses and entire columns with < 5 respondents are blank. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate. See note at bottom for the list of applied student-level filters. Results are unweighted.





### Major Field Report 2023: Within-Institution Results

## Northern Michigan University High-Impact Practices

This page displays the percentage who participated (FY or senior) or planned to participate (FY only) in a HIP, and who participated overall (at least one for FY, two+for seniors). For FY students, internship and field experiences, study abroad, and capstone experiences show the percentages who responded "plan to do." For seniors, all results show the participation percentage. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.

Start	
Define Groups	

First-year First-year		All Majors	Major Group 1	Major Group 2	Major Group 3	Major Group 4	Major Group 5	Major Group 6	Major Group 7	Major Group 8	Major Group 9	Major Group 10
	100%			60%								500/
Service-Learning	50%	39%	26%			36%	44%		29%		33%	50%
	0%											
	100%											
Learning Community	50%											
	0%	9%	9%	10%		14%	11%		6%		8%	10%
	100%											
Research with Faculty	50%											
•	0%	6%	0%	5%		0%	0%		6%		17%	20%
	100%	65%		050/					67%		67%	
Plans to do an internship	50%	0370	57%	85%		57%	56%					50%
	0% 100%											
Plans to study abroad	50%											
rialis to study abroad		23%	26%	25%		29%	11%		22%		17%	20%
	0% 100%		70%									
Plans to do a capstone	500/	44%	70%	250/		50%			222/			
project	50%	1 1 7 0		35%			11%		33%		25%	30%
	0% 100%											
Completed at least one		46%		65%		43%	56%				42%	60%
HIP	50%	7070	35%			4370			33%		4270	
	0%											

**Notes**—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust major groups and other student filters. Cells with zero responses are blank; figures with < 5 respondents are entirely blank. Participation for service-learning is the percentage who responded that at least "some" courses included a community-based project. Results are unweighted.



# Major Field Report 2023: Within-Institution Results Northern Michigan University

## Time Spent on Selected Activities

This page displays the estimated amount of time students spent in various activities outside of the classroom. Understanding how students allocate their time among academic work, employment, and other activities and commitments offers insight into both student support needs and programmatic differences in expectations and requirements. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.

Start

Define Groups

First-year First-year		All Majors	Major Group 1	Major Group 2	Major Group 3	Major Group 4	Major Group 5	Major Group 6	Major Group 7	Major Group 8	Major Group 9	Major Group 10
Estimated hrs.: Preparing for class	hrs./week 0	12.7	10.3	17.8		13.0	8.2		8.8		18.4	13.0
Estimated hrs.: Co-curricular activities	15 0	4.6	3.9	5.4		4.1	5.6		3.3		4.4	4.6
Estimated hrs.: Total working for pay	0 hrs./week	8.4	5.0	13.1		6.4	9.6		8.4		10.8	9.3
Estimated hrs.: Community service	12./week	1.8	0.8	3.6		0.4	2.1		0.7		4.4	1.5
Estimated hrs.: Relaxing and socializing	hrs./week 0	13.9	15.4	13.5		13.7	17.4		10.8		13.4	12.5
Estimated hrs.: Caring for dependents	hrs./week 0	1.1	1.3	2.0		0.6	3.1		0.3		2.7	0.0
Estimated hrs.: Commuting	hrs./week 12 0	3.3	4.9	3.1		2.0	3.8		2.4		6.2	3.2

Notes—Visit the dashboard "Define Groups" to adjust major groups and filter by student characteristics. Charts with < 5 respondents are blank. Time-use values are estimates based on responses to items with categorical ranges. Results are unweighted.



# Major Field Report 2023: Within-Institution Results Northern Michigan University Academic Challenge: Additional Results

The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. The results presented here provide an overview of these individual items for each of the related-major categories identified in the "Define Groups" dashboard. Student-level filters, if used, also apply. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.

Start Define Groups

irst-year First-year		All Majors	Major Group 1	Major Group 2	Major Group 3	Major Group 4	Major Group 5	Major Group 6	Major Group 7	Major Group 8	Major Group 9	Major Group 10
Estimated hrs.: Preparing for class	30 15 0	12.7	10.3	17.8		13.0	8.2		8.8		18.4	13.0
Estimated pages: Total	200	55.1	61.3	59.3		49.1	24.8		61.9		25.0	81.5
Estimated hrs.: Assigned	20			7.1		7.4	24.8		_		25.8	
reading	0 7	5.1	5.1	5.6		5.2	2.5		4.1		5.6	5.8
Courses challenged to do best work	1						4.2		4.0			
Emphasis on studying and academics	1	2.8	2.8	3.0		2.9	2.8		2.7		3.0	3.0

**Notes**—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust major groups and other student filters. Cells with zero respondents are blank; figures with < 5 respondents are entirely blank. Results are unweighted.



# Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Northern Michigan University Engagement Indicators, Sense of Belonging, and Perceived Gains

Results for Engagement Indicators, Sense of Belonging, and Perceived Gains are shown for your students and the comparison group. Use the pull-down menus to change the displayed content areas and major group. Visit the Define Groups page to edit major groups and student- and institution-level filters. See page bottom for the list of applied filters. Cells with 0 responses are blank; columns with < 5 respondents are entirely blank, as are comparison groups with < 5 institutions. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate. Results are unweighted.

Select scales and item sets:

Higher-Order Learning / Reflective & Integrative Learning

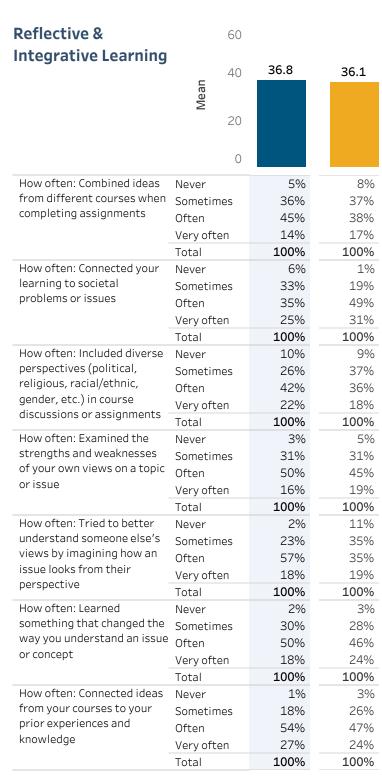
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Displaying:

All Majors

Define Groups

#### First-year First-year **Higher-Order** 60 Learning 38.5 36.5 40 Mean 20 0 Coursework emphasized: 5% 4% Very little Applying facts, theories, or 29% 26% methods to practical 49% 45% Quite a bit problems or new situations 26% 17% Very much Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: 5% 3% Very little Analyzing an idea, 28% 24% Some experience, or line of 50% 46% Quite a bit reasoning in depth by Very much 17% 27% examining its parts Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: Very little 3% 4% Evaluating a point of view, 31% Some 26% decision, or information 44% 45% Quite a bit source 22% 25% Very much Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: 3% 4% Very little Forming a new idea or 25% 28% Some understanding from various Quite a bit 50% 46% pieces of information Very much 24% 19% 100% 100% Total





2. Architecture

4. English (language and...

5. French (language and ..

6. Spanish (language an..7. Other language and lit..

9. Humanities (general)

13. Theater or drama

16. Biology (general)17. Agriculture

14. Other fine and perfo..15. Other humanities

18. Biochemistry or biop..

3. Art history

8. History

10. Music

11. Philosophy12. Religion

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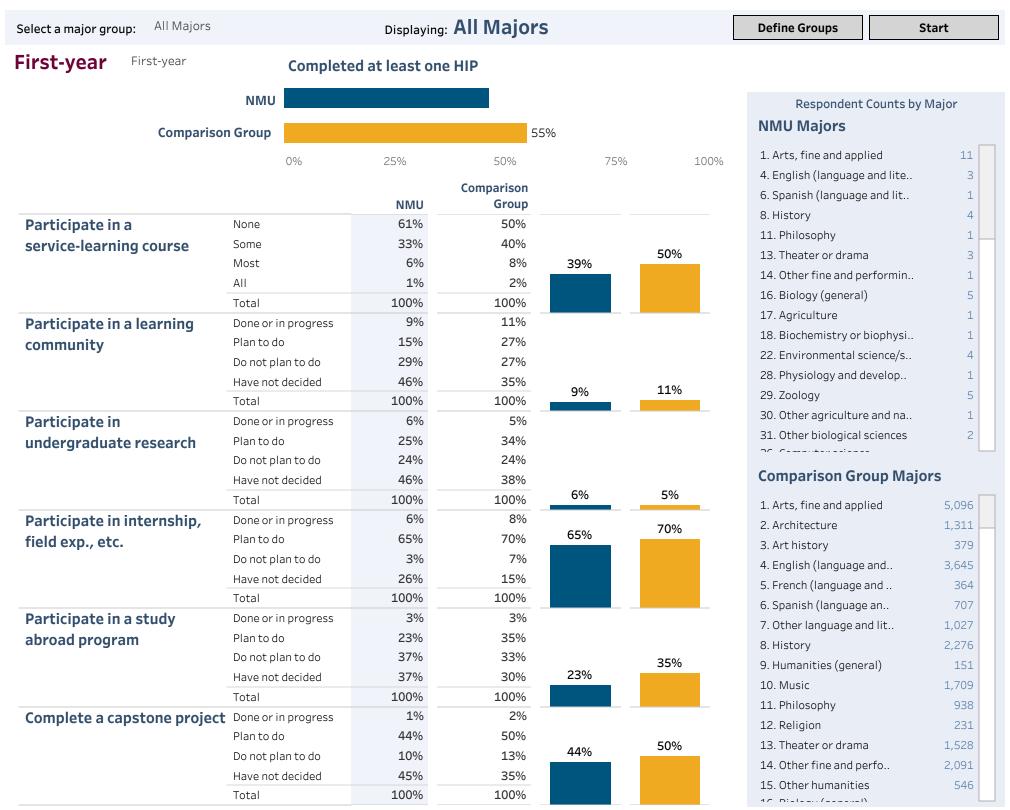
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# Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Northern Michigan University High-Impact Practices

This page displays the percentage of your students who participated (first-year or senior) or planned to participate (FY only) in a **High-Impact Practice**, alongside results for your customized comparison group and the percentage who participated overall (at least one for FY students, two or more for seniors). For FY students, internships, study abroad, and capstone experiences show "plan to do." For seniors, all results show the participation percentage. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.



**Notes**—Visit the Define Groups page to edit major groups and other filters. Items with 0 respondents are blank, as are figures with < 5 respondents and comp. groups with < 5 institutions. Results are unweighted.

Student filters: Race/eth. (US): All; Race/eth. (Can.): All; Sex. orient.: All; Gender: All; First-gen.: All; Transfer: All; International: All; Enroll.: All; Age: All; Courses: All.

Comp. group filters: Carnegie class.All; Control: All; Size: All; Region/Canada: All; HBCU: All; HSI: All; Year: All.

<sup>\*</sup> Participation in service-learning is the percentage who responded that at least "some" courses included a community-based project.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For first-year students, column charts show the percentages who responded "plan to do."



# Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Northern Michigan University Additional Academic Challenge Items

The Academic Challenge theme contains four Engagement Indicators as well as several important individual items. Results below show the mean score for your students alongside those of students at the comparison group institutions. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.

Displaying: All Majors All Majors Start Select a major group: **Define Groups** First-year First-year Respondent Counts by Major **Estimated Total Pages of Time Spent Preparing for** Average Hours per Week on **NMU Majors Assigned Writing, Current Year Course Reading** Class (hours/week) 1. Arts, fine and applied 11 20 30 200 4. English (language and lite.. 3 6. Spanish (language and lit.. 1 8. History 4 1 11. Philosophy 15.5 13. Theater or drama 3 15 100 10 12.7 14. Other fine and performin.. 1 6.7 5 16. Biology (general) 58.0 55.1 4.9 1 17. Agriculture 1 18. Biochemistry or biophysi... 4 22. Environmental science/s.. 1 28. Physiology and develop.. 29. Zoology 5 1 30. Other agriculture and na.. 2 31. Other biological sciences **How Challenged Were Emphasis on Studying and** 36. Computer science 2 Students to Do Their on Academic Work **Best Work? Comparison Group Majors** (1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a (1=Not at all to 7=Very much) bit, 4=Very much) 1. Arts, fine and applied 5,096 7 4 2. Architecture 1,311 3. Art history 379 5.4 4. English (language and... 3,645 3.1 5.1 5. French (language and ... 364 2.8 6. Spanish (language an... 707 **Comparison Group** 7. Other language and lit.. 1,027 8. History 2,276 9. Humanities (general) 151 10. Music 1,709 11. Philosophy 938 12. Religion 231 13. Theater or drama 1,528 14. Other fine and perfo.. 2,091 15. Other humanities 546

Notes—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust major groups, change the class level, and filter by student and institution characteristics. Figures with < 5 respondents are blank, as are comparison groups with < 5 institutions. Results are unweighted.

Student filters: Race/eth. (US): All; Race/eth. (Can.): All; Sex. orient.: All; Gender: All; First-gen.: All; Transfer: All; International: All; Enroll.: All; Age: All; Courses: All.

16. Biology (general)

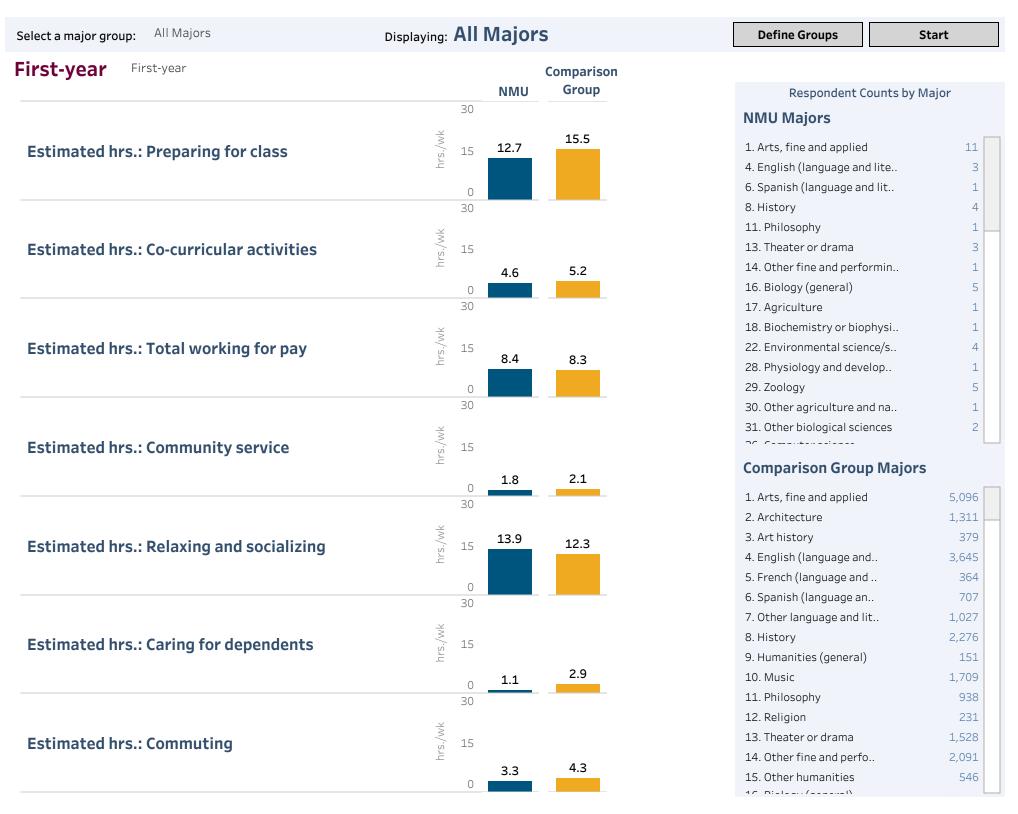
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Comp. group filters: Carnegie class. All; Control: All; Size: All; Region/Canada: All; HBCU: All; HSI: All; Year: All.



# Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Northern Michigan University Time Spent in Selected Activities

Understanding how students allocate time among academic work, employment, and other activities and commitments offers insight into both student support needs and programmatic differences in expectations and requirements. Keep in mind that results require a sufficient number of respondents per group to produce a reliable estimate.



Notes—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust major groups, change the class level, and filter by student and institution characteristics. Figures with < 5 respondents are blank, as are comparison groups with fewer than five institutions. Results are unweighted.

**Student filters:** Race/eth. (US): All; Race/eth. (Can.): All; Sex. orient.: All; Gender: All; First-gen.: All; Transfer: All; International: All; Enroll.: All; Age: All; Courses: All.

Comp. group filters: Carnegie class.All; Control: All; Size: All; Region/Canada: All; HBCU: All; HSI: All; Year: All.

