

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: https://youtu.be/qAWGECkIKcl?si=PCIp9N9BhtPAKHwb

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.

A. Select class level				Total counts* <u>before</u>	filters:			Start	
First-year Senior				First-year Senior	110 278	*Limited to those who identi at least one major on the sur			
B. Customize up to 10) majo	or groups (preloaded with	h NSSE	default categories—see <u>htt</u>	ps://go.i	u.edu/4DQs)			
Group 1:		Group 2:		Group 3:		Group 4:		Group 5:	
Multiple values		Multiple values		Multiple values		Multiple values		Multiple values	
1. Arts, fine and appl	12	16. Biology (general)	21	35. Chemistry	9	43. Anthropology	3	53. Accounting	5
4. English (language	6	18. Biochemistry or	10	36. Computer science	3	44. Economics	3	55. Entrepreneurial	2
5. French (language	2	20. Botany	5	37. Earth science (incl	3	48. International rela	3	56. Finance	2
6. Spanish (language	2	22. Environmental sc	16	38. Mathematics	3	49. Political science	6	57. Hospitality and t	3
7. Other language an	1	24. Microbiology or b	1	39. Physics	2	50. Psychology	14	59. Management	7
8. History	1	25. Natural resource	6	41. Other physical sci	3	51. Sociology	2	61. Marketing	5
11. Philosophy	2	27. Neuroscience	8	Group Total	22	Group Total	30	62. Organizational I	2
15. Other humanities	1	28. Physiology and d	3					64. Other business	3
Group Total	27	29. Zoology	5					Group Total	29
		30. Other agriculture	4						
		31. Other biological s	3						
		Group Total	81						
Group 6: Multiple values		Group 7: Multiple values		Group 8: Multiple values		Group 9: Multiple values		Group 10: Multiple values	
65. Communications (1	76. Elementary, mid	10	84. Engineering (gene	1	101. Health technolo	6	115. Criminal justice	7
66. Broadcast commu	2	77. Mathematics edu	2	88. Chemical engineeri	1	103. Kinesiology	4	117. Forensics	1
67. Journalism	2	78. Music or art educ	2	91. Electrical or electr	1	105. Nursing	17	119. Law	1
68. Mass communicat	1	79. Physical education	2	94. Mechanical engine	4	108. Occupational the	1	123. Social work	8
69. Public relations a	2	80. Secondary educa	12	Group Total	7	110. Physical therapy	1	Group Total	17
Group Total	8	81. Social studies ed	1	•		112. Speech therapy	4	•	
•		82. Special education	2			Group Total	33		
		83. Other education	2			·			
		Group Total	31						

C. Customize student (applies to all dashboa		D. Customize comparison institutions (applies to comparison group results)				
Race/ethnicity (U.S. only) All	Ethnicity (Canada only) All	Gender identity All		Sexual orientation All	Carnegie class. (U.S. only) All	Control (U.S. only) All
First-generation status All	International status All	Enrollment status All		Age All	U.S. region and Canada All	Undergrad. enroll. (U.S. on All
Transfer status All	Course modality All				HBCU status (U.S. only) All	HSI status (U.S. only) All
Tota	il counts* <u>after</u> filters:	First-year Senior	110 278	Reset C & D Filters	NSSE admin. year All	Total comparison institutions <u>after</u> filters: 857



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.

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Define Groups

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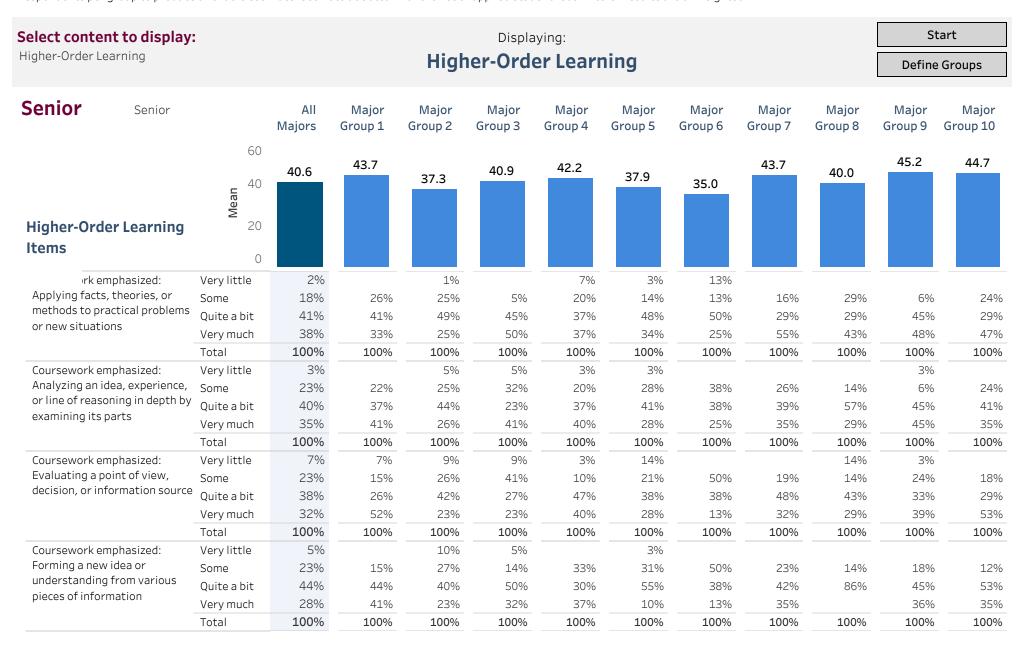
Engagement Indicators		All Majors	Major Group 1	Major Group 2	Major Group 3	Major Group 4	Major Group 5	Major Group 6	Major Group 7	Major Group 8	Major Group 9	Major Group 10
Higher-Order Learning	Mean	40.6	43.7	37.3	40.9	42.2	37.9	35.0	43.7	40.0	45.2	44.7
	Count	278	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	17
Reflective & Integrative	Mean	40.1	44.4	36.4	35.2	45.2	38.6	36.8	46.0	38.8	41.2	45.0
Learning	Count	278	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	17
Learning Strategies	Mean	36.8	36.8	35.3	32.1	39.8	33.8	35.0	37.8	44.8	39.0	38.8
	Count	278	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	17
Quantitative Reasoning	Mean	29.2	21.7	31.2	35.5	34.0	27.4	19.2	27.8	40.0	29.9	23.9
	Count	274	27	79	22	29	29	8	30	7	33	17
Collaborative Learning	Mean	32.5	28.0	30.8	38.4	29.1	33.4	31.3	39.5	39.3	34.1	31.3
	Count	274	25	80	22	29	29	8	31	7	33	16
Discussions With Diverse Others	Mean	33.7	33.2	31.8	36.4	36.2	31.6	40.0	35.8	29.3	33.5	38.8
	Count	274	25	80	21	30	29	8	31	7	33	17
Student-Faculty Interaction	Mean	26.2	26.9	23.8	24.3	25.0	23.4	31.9	30.3	25.7	30.5	30.0
	Count	278	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	17
Effective Teaching Practices	Mean	40.7	46.8	36.9	40.5	37.5	38.3	40.0	45.7	49.7	41.7	42.4
	Count	278	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	17
Quality of Interactions	Mean	41.6	39.9	38.8	38.8	41.9	40.9	40.3	45.5	47.6	45.8	43.9
	Count	265	27	76	21	30	29	8	30	5	32	14
Supportive Environment	Mean	30.0	30.7	28.3	23.6	29.3	30.0	36.3	34.6	28.2	32.7	30.0
	Count	277	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	16
Other Scales												
Sense of Belonging	Mean	39.7	39.8	36.8	36.8	36.4	43.0	41.7	43.7	39.0	41.4	43.8
	Count	276	27	81	21	30	29	8	31	7	33	16
Perceived Gains	Mean	36.7	37.6	33.9	32.7	38.0	35.1	40.8	44.4	36.3	37.5	42.3
	Count	277	27	81	22	30	29	8	31	7	33	16

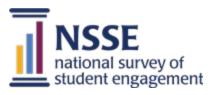
Notes—Visit the Define Groups page to adjust related-major groups and to edit student-level filters. Cells with zero responses are blank, and entire columns with < 5 respondents are blank. Results are unweighted.



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

Senior Senior		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%	54%	52%	49%		47%		63%	87%		76%	82%
Service-Learning	50%				18%		34%			14%		
	100%								58%		52%	
Learning Community	50%	27%	11%	10%	27%	13%	21%	38%		29%	3270	41%
	0% 100%											500/
Research with Facult	y 50%	27%		44%	41%	47%		25%				59%
	0%		8%				0%		13%	0%	12%	
Internship or Field Experience	50%	50%	42%	41%	41%	43%	28%	100%	61%	43%	82%	76%
	0% 100%											
Study Abroad	50%											
	0%	3%	15%	2%	0%	13%	3%	13%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Culminating Senior Experience	50%	42%	48%	31%	64%	33%	38%	100%	52%	43%	18%	47%
Experience	0%											
Completed two or mo	100% ore 50%	60%	56%	54%	59%	53%	41%	100%	81%	29%	73%	88%
	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

Senior Senior		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.: Pre for class	hrs. 12	15.0	14.1	14.8	16.2	15.5	12.8	12.4	15.4	14.4	17.4	13.3
Estimated hrs.: Co-curricular activi	30 × 30 × 15 × 15 × 0	5.0	5.9	5.1	4.5	7.2	4.1	7.0	6.2	2.0	3.9	5.3
Estimated hrs.: Tot working for pay	al 30 y 30 15 0	16.8	16.0	15.4	13.3	20.1	14.1	23.5	16.2	15.7	18.0	19.4
Estimated hrs.: Community service	_ 0	2.4	1.2	1.9	2.1	3.4	1.0	2.9	4.5	0.4	2.2	5.2
Estimated hrs.: Relation	- \. 15	12.2	13.0	11.0	12.1	14.2	13.8	15.1	13.0	10.9	9.5	12.7
Estimated hrs.: Car dependents	hrs. 12	1.8	1.7	1.0	0.1	2.3	4.1	1.0	1.9	4.7	1.1	0.8
Estimated hrs.: Commuting	0 hrs./week 30	4.0	3.4	4.2	3.3	3.3	4.0	5.8	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.3

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

enior Senior		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	15.0	14.1	14.8	16.2	15.5	12.8	12.4	15.4	14.4	17.4	13.3
Estimated pages: Total	200 100 0	68.0	67.9	69.8	120.8	73.1	89.2	59.5	62.7	25.2	30.4	71.5
Estimated hrs.: Assigned reading	20 10 0	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.0	8.1	5.9	5.2	6.1	4.4	7.4	6.1
Courses challenged to do best work	7	5.5	5.9	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.4
Emphasis on studying and academics	1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.5	2.8

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

All Majors

Displaying:

All Majors

Define Groups

Senior Senior **Higher-Order** 60 Learning 40.6 40.7 40 Mean 20 0 Coursework emphasized: 2% 3% Very little Applying facts, theories, or 18% 21% methods to practical 41% 43% Quite a bit problems or new situations 38% 33% Very much Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: 3% 3% Very little Analyzing an idea, 23% 19% Some experience, or line of 40% 45% Quite a bit reasoning in depth by 35% 33% Very much examining its parts Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: Very little 7% 5% Evaluating a point of view, 23% 22% Some decision, or information 38% 42% Quite a bit source Very much 32% 31% Total 100% 100% Coursework emphasized: 5% 4% Very little Forming a new idea or 23% 22% understanding from various Quite a bit 44% 45% pieces of information 28% 30% Very much 100% 100% Total

Reflective & Integrative Learning	60 40	40.1	39.1
	20		
How often: Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	Never Sometimes Often Very often Total	5% 19% 40% 36% 100%	4% 26% 40% 30% 100%
How often: Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	Never Sometimes Often Very often	5% 30% 34% 31%	1% 14% 45% 40% 100 %
How often: Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	Never Sometimes Often Very often Total	11% 33% 28% 28%	6% 29% 36% 28% 100%
How often: Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	Never Sometimes Often Very often Total	4% 30% 40% 27% 100%	5% 27% 43% 25% 100%
How often: Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from their perspective	Never Sometimes Often Very often Total	3% 22% 41% 35% 100 %	11% 31% 32% 26% 100%
How often: Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	Never Sometimes Often Very often Total	2% 27% 36% 34% 100 %	2% 25% 44% 29% 100%
How often: Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	Never Sometimes Often Very often Total	1% 13% 38% 48% 100%	3% 23% 45% 29% 100 %



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

15. Other humanities

16. Biology (general)17. Agriculture

14. Other fine and perfo..

18. Biochemistry or biop..

3. Art history

8. History

10. Music

11. Philosophy12. Religion

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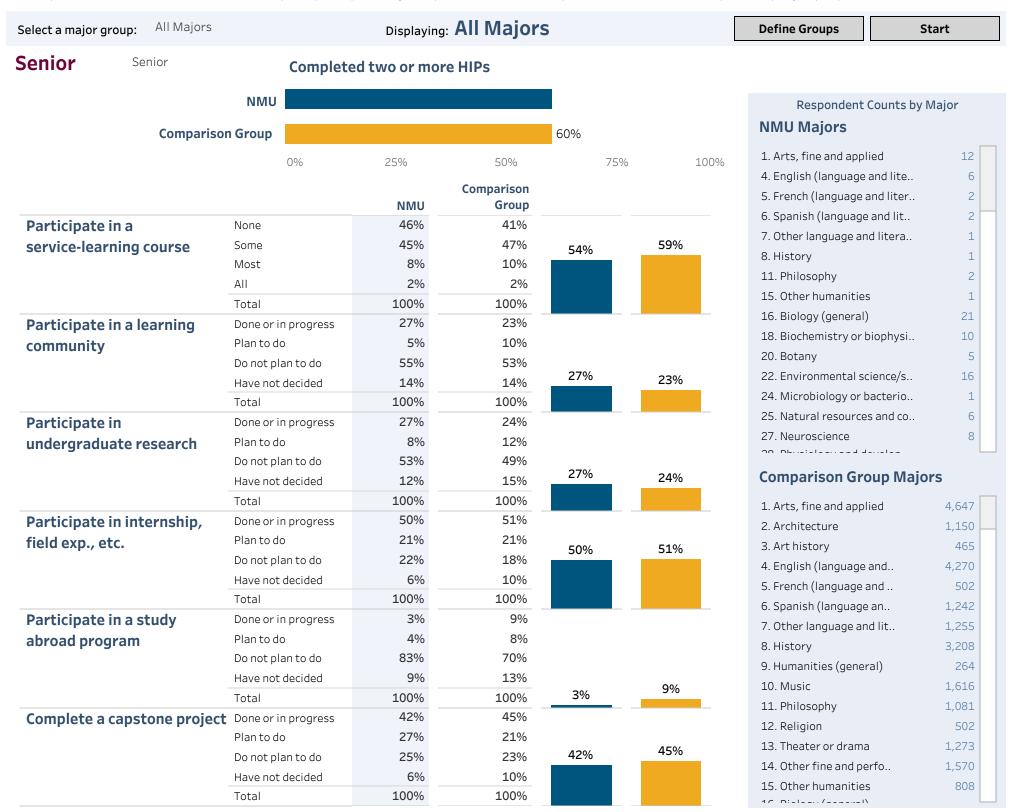
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Major Field Report 2023—Between-Institution Results Northern Michigan University High-Impact Practices

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.

^{*} Participation in service-learning is the percentage who responded that at least "some" courses included a community-based project.

^{**}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** Senior Senior 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 12 20 30 200 4. English (language and lite.. 6 2 5. French (language and liter... 2 6. Spanish (language and lit.. 7. Other language and litera.. 1 15.8 1 8. History 15.0 100 10 15 84.6 11. Philosophy 2 7.3 68.0 15. Other humanities 1 6.1 21 16. Biology (general) 10 18. Biochemistry or biophysi... 5 20. Botany 0 16 22. Environmental science/s.. 1 24. Microbiology or bacterio.. 25. Natural resources and co.. 6 8 27. Neuroscience **How Challenged Were Emphasis on Studying and** 28. Physiology and develop... 3 **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 4,647 1,150 7 4 2. Architecture 3. Art history 465 5.5 5.5 4. English (language and... 4,270 3.1 5. French (language and ... 502 6. Spanish (language an... 1,242 **Comparison Group** 7. Other language and lit.. 1,255 8. History 3,208 9. Humanities (general) 264 10. Music 1,616 11. Philosophy 1.081 12. Religion 502 13. Theater or drama 1,273 14. Other fine and perfo.. 1,570 15. Other humanities 808

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)

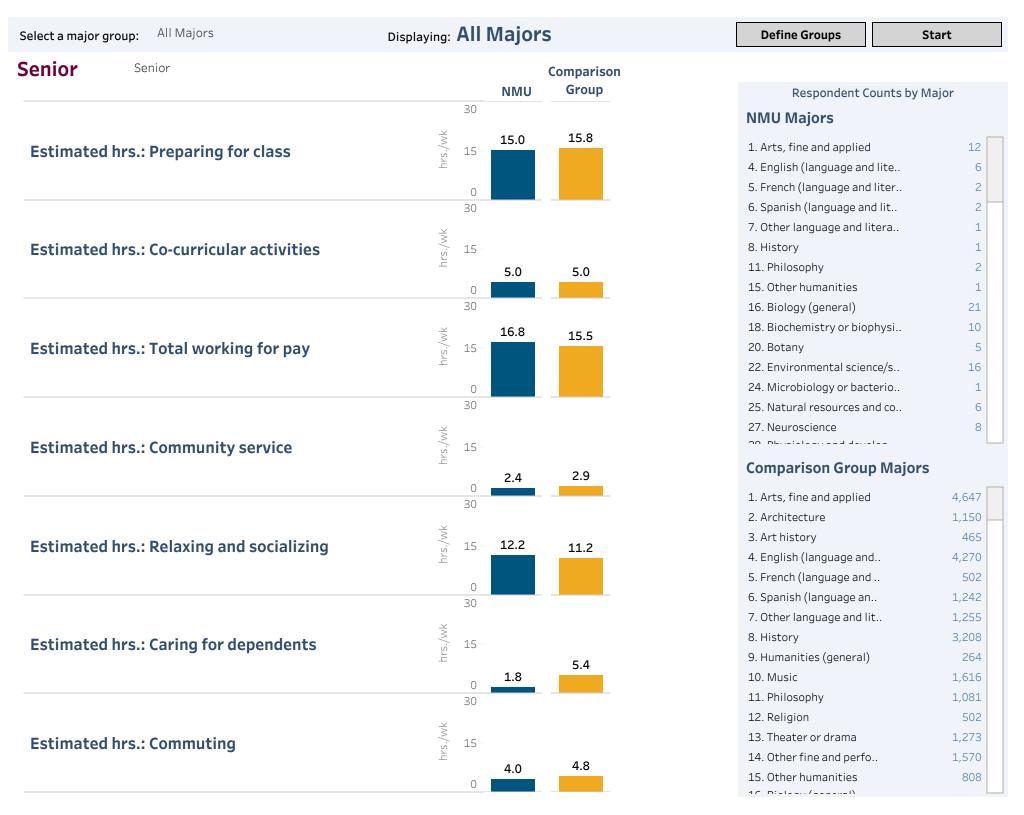
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Comp. group filters: Carnegie class.All; Control: All; Size: All; Region/Canada: All; HBCU: All; HSI: All; Year: All.



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

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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.

