The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information from first-year (FY) and senior (SR) undergraduates from hundreds of universities about their participation in programs and activities relevant to their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how students spend their time (which we know influences their success) and can be used as an indirect measure of student learning and development. The survey includes 85 items; 42 of the most critical items are used to build five ‘Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice’. The benchmarks reflect student behaviors and institutional features that are powerful contributors to student learning and personal development.

The NSSE data is rich and there is interest from the campus community to at look at sub groups on campus (by department, learning community participation, honor’s program participation, first generation status, Pell grant recipient status, ethnicity, etc.). The purpose of this report is to explore differences in benchmark means between Pell recipients and non-Pell students. An appendix is also included, which shows the frequency responses for all of the survey questions in the 2012 NSSE across Pell recipient status. Since NSSE surveys at the first-year and senior student levels comparisons of NSSE responses always need to be made within a student level.

Pell Grant recipients are well represented in the NSSE samples (25% and 27% of the first-year and senior samples respectively) and the samples are proportionally similar to the overall CSU undergraduate population. Overall, results are relatively similar across recipient status. When there are statistically significant differences; Pell Grant recipients have the higher mean. However, these differences have little practical significance as evidenced by small effect sizes.

The findings of equivalency across recipient status indicate that the freshman retention and six-year graduation gaps we observe between these groups are not due to corresponding gaps in the level of student engagement. The results show students have many similar experiences while at CSU and are impacted in many similar ways by their time on campus.

Highlights:
- Pell recipients are well represented in the NSSE sample
- First-year Pell recipients have statistically significant higher mean scores compared to first-year non-Pell students for two of the five benchmarks
- Senior Pell recipients have very similar benchmark mean scores compared to senior non-Pell students
Level of Academic Challenge (LAC)

Mean Comparisons

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Effect size (only shown for statistically significant differences) indicates the practical significance of the mean difference. It is calculated by dividing the mean difference by the pooled standard deviation. In practice, an effect size of .2 is often considered small, .5 moderate, and .8 large.

Distributions of Student Benchmark Scores

Note: Each box and whiskers chart plots the 5th (bottom of lower bar), 25th (bottom of box), 50th (middle line), 75th (top of box), and 95th (top of upper bar) percentile scores. The dot shows the benchmark mean.

Level of Academic Challenge (LAC) Items

Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote high levels of student achievement by emphasizing the importance of academic effort and setting high expectations for student performance.

* Hours spent preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, etc.)
* Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings
* Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more, between 5 and 19 pages, and fewer than 5 pages
* Coursework emphasizes: **Analysis** of the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory
* Coursework emphasizes: **Synthesis** and organizing of ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships
* Coursework emphasizes: **Making judgments** about the value of information, arguments, or methods
* Coursework emphasizes: **Applying** theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations
* Working harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations
* Campus environment emphasizes: Spending significant amount of time studying and on academic work
Active and Collaborative Learning (ACL)

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Active and Collaborative Learning (ACL) Items

Students learn more when they are intensely involved in their education and asked to think about what they are learning in different settings. Collaborating with others in solving problems or mastering difficult material prepares students for the messy, unscripted problems they will encounter daily during and after college.

- Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions
- Made a class presentation
- Worked with other students on projects during class
- Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments
- Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)
- Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of a regular course
- Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)
Student-Faculty Interaction (SFI)

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Student-Faculty Interaction (SFI) Items

Students learn firsthand how experts think about and solve practical problems by interacting with faculty members inside and outside the classroom. As a result, their teachers become role models, mentors, and guides for continuous, life-long learning.

- Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor
- Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor
- Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class
- Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student-life activities, etc.)
- Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance
- Worked on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements
Enriching Educational Experiences (EEE)

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Enriching Educational Experiences (EEE) Items

Complementary learning opportunities enhance academic programs. Diversity experiences teach students valuable things about themselves and others. Technology facilitates collaboration between peers and instructors. Internships, community service, and senior capstone courses provide opportunities to integrate and apply knowledge.

- Hours spent participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student gov., social fraternity or sorority, etc.)
- Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment
- Community service or volunteer work
- Foreign language coursework and study abroad
- Independent study or self-designed major
- Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)
- Serious conversations with students of different religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values
- Serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own
- Using electronic medium (e.g., listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment
- Campus environment encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds
- Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together
Supportive Campus Environment (SCE)

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Supportive Campus Environment (SCE) Items

Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relations among different groups on campus.

- Campus environment provides the support you need to help you succeed academically
- Campus environment helps you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
- Campus environment provides the support you need to thrive socially
- Quality of relationships with other students
- Quality of relationships with faculty members
- Quality of relationships with administrative personnel and offices
### First-Year Students

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| 1b. Made a class presentation | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** |
| CLPRESEN (ACL) | Never | 104 | 25% | 311 | 25% | 31 | 7% | 102 | 8% |
| | Sometimes | 224 | 53% | 664 | 53% | 179 | 40% | 497 | 40% |
| | Often | 72 | 17% | 221 | 18% | 147 | 32% | 432 | 35% |
| | Very often | 23 | 5% | 54 | 4% | 96 | 21% | 213 | 17% |
| **Total** | 423 | 100% | 1,250 | 100% | 453 | 100% | 1,244 | 100% |

| 1c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** |
| REWROPAP | Never | 48 | 11% | 215 | 17% | 71 | 16% | 227 | 18% |
| | Sometimes | 146 | 34% | 426 | 34% | 182 | 40% | 502 | 40% |
| | Often | 164 | 39% | 416 | 33% | 118 | 26% | 349 | 28% |
| | Very often | 67 | 16% | 194 | 16% | 80 | 18% | 173 | 14% |
| **Total** | 425 | 100% | 1,251 | 100% | 451 | 100% | 1,251 | 100% |

| 1d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** |
| INTEGRAT | Never | 3 | 1% | 31 | 2% | 1 | 0% | 17 | 1% |
| | Sometimes | 85 | 20% | 266 | 21% | 43 | 9% | 151 | 12% |
| | Often | 204 | 48% | 564 | 45% | 170 | 37% | 445 | 36% |
| | Very often | 133 | 31% | 395 | 31% | 241 | 53% | 631 | 51% |
| **Total** | 425 | 100% | 1,256 | 100% | 455 | 100% | 1,251 | 100% |

| 1e. Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** |
| DIVCLASS | Never | 22 | 5% | 101 | 8% | 41 | 9% | 146 | 12% |
| | Sometimes | 140 | 33% | 438 | 35% | 159 | 35% | 445 | 36% |
| | Often | 192 | 45% | 489 | 39% | 141 | 31% | 427 | 34% |
| | Very often | 71 | 17% | 227 | 18% | 110 | 24% | 224 | 18% |
| **Total** | 425 | 100% | 1,255 | 100% | 451 | 100% | 1,242 | 100% |

| 1f. Come to class without completing readings or assignments | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** |
| CLUNPREP | Never | 76 | 18% | 269 | 21% | 61 | 13% | 197 | 16% |
| | Sometimes | 252 | 59% | 716 | 57% | 268 | 59% | 701 | 56% |
| | Often | 67 | 16% | 188 | 15% | 85 | 19% | 239 | 19% |
| | Very often | 29 | 7% | 82 | 7% | 40 | 9% | 109 | 9% |
| **Total** | 424 | 100% | 1,255 | 100% | 454 | 100% | 1,246 | 100% |

| 1g. Worked with other students during class | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** | **Count** | **%** |
| CLASSGRP (ACL) | Never | 74 | 17% | 209 | 17% | 52 | 11% | 146 | 12% |
| | Sometimes | 186 | 44% | 580 | 46% | 180 | 39% | 535 | 43% |
| | Often | 122 | 29% | 356 | 28% | 143 | 31% | 395 | 32% |
| | Very often | 43 | 10% | 105 | 8% | 81 | 18% | 169 | 14% |
| **Total** | 425 | 100% | 1,250 | 100% | 456 | 100% | 1,245 | 100% |
## Appendix

### NSSE 2012 Engagement Item Frequency Distributions

**Colorado State University**

#### First-Year Students

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| TUTOR | Never | 197 | 47% | 579 | 47% | 179 | 40% | 460 | 38% |
|        | Sometimes | 138 | 33% | 441 | 36% | 164 | 36% | 454 | 37% |
|        | Often | 53 | 13% | 149 | 12% | 72 | 16% | 182 | 15% |
|        | Very often | 27 | 7% | 71 | 6% | 35 | 8% | 124 | 10% |
|        | Total | 415 | 100% | 1,240 | 100% | 450 | 100% | 1,220 | 100% |

| COMMPROJ | Never | 246 | 59% | 790 | 64% | 242 | 54% | 660 | 54% |
|          | Sometimes | 100 | 24% | 291 | 24% | 115 | 26% | 341 | 28% |
|          | Often | 42 | 10% | 94 | 8% | 44 | 10% | 130 | 11% |
|          | Very often | 28 | 7% | 59 | 5% | 45 | 10% | 83 | 7% |
|          | Total | 416 | 100% | 1,234 | 100% | 446 | 100% | 1,214 | 100% |

| ITACADEM | Never | 51 | 12% | 154 | 12% | 59 | 13% | 144 | 12% |
|          | Sometimes | 125 | 30% | 392 | 32% | 138 | 31% | 355 | 29% |
|          | Often | 119 | 29% | 362 | 29% | 117 | 26% | 347 | 28% |
|          | Very often | 118 | 29% | 334 | 27% | 133 | 30% | 376 | 31% |
|          | Total | 413 | 100% | 1,242 | 100% | 447 | 100% | 1,222 | 100% |

| EMAIL | Never | 10 | 2% | 25 | 2% | 3 | 1% | 6 | 0% |
|       | Sometimes | 95 | 23% | 337 | 27% | 49 | 11% | 182 | 15% |
|       | Often | 161 | 39% | 474 | 38% | 152 | 34% | 403 | 33% |
|       | Very often | 145 | 35% | 401 | 32% | 246 | 55% | 628 | 52% |
|       | Total | 411 | 100% | 1,237 | 100% | 450 | 100% | 1,219 | 100% |

| FACGRADE | Never | 37 | 9% | 126 | 10% | 19 | 4% | 67 | 6% |
|          | Sometimes | 190 | 46% | 578 | 47% | 174 | 39% | 482 | 40% |
|          | Often | 131 | 32% | 370 | 30% | 139 | 31% | 422 | 35% |
|          | Very often | 56 | 14% | 166 | 13% | 118 | 26% | 242 | 20% |
|          | Total | 414 | 100% | 1,240 | 100% | 450 | 100% | 1,213 | 100% |
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| 2a. Coursework emphasizes: MEMORIZE | Very little | 14 | 3% | 39 | 3% | 31 | 7% | 81 | 7% |
| | Some | 84 | 20% | 297 | 24% | 137 | 31% | 324 | 27% |
| | Quite a bit | 186 | 45% | 529 | 43% | 159 | 35% | 453 | 37% |
| | Very much | 130 | 31% | 371 | 30% | 121 | 27% | 353 | 29% |
| **Total** | 414 | 100% | 1,236 | 100% | 448 | 100% | 1,211 | 100% |

| 2b. Coursework emphasizes: ANALYZE (LAC) | Very little | 4 | 1% | 16 | 1% | 6 | 1% | 16 | 1% |
| | Some | 83 | 20% | 188 | 15% | 51 | 11% | 135 | 11% |
| | Quite a bit | 178 | 43% | 595 | 48% | 176 | 39% | 520 | 43% |
| | Very much | 146 | 36% | 429 | 35% | 213 | 48% | 538 | 44% |
| **Total** | 411 | 100% | 1,228 | 100% | 446 | 100% | 1,209 | 100% |

| 2c. Coursework emphasizes: SYNTHESZ (LAC) | Very little | 14 | 3% | 43 | 3% | 14 | 3% | 35 | 3% |
| | Some | 103 | 25% | 324 | 26% | 82 | 18% | 266 | 22% |
| | Quite a bit | 191 | 47% | 545 | 44% | 182 | 41% | 463 | 39% |
| | Very much | 102 | 25% | 322 | 26% | 168 | 38% | 438 | 36% |
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| 2d. Coursework emphasizes: EVALUATE (LAC) | Very little | 14 | 3% | 54 | 4% | 21 | 5% | 57 | 5% |
| | Some | 110 | 27% | 331 | 27% | 98 | 22% | 299 | 25% |
| | Quite a bit | 186 | 45% | 551 | 45% | 178 | 40% | 490 | 41% |
| | Very much | 104 | 25% | 298 | 24% | 149 | 33% | 362 | 30% |
| **Total** | 414 | 100% | 1,238 | 100% | 446 | 100% | 1,208 | 100% |

| 2e. Coursework emphasizes: APPLYING (LAC) | Very little | 17 | 4% | 38 | 3% | 12 | 3% | 36 | 3% |
| | Some | 72 | 17% | 235 | 19% | 57 | 13% | 180 | 15% |
| | Quite a bit | 175 | 42% | 499 | 40% | 161 | 36% | 422 | 35% |
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| **Total** | 414 | 100% | 1,238 | 100% | 446 | 100% | 1,210 | 100% |

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| | 11-20 | 81 | 20% | 235 | 19% | 75 | 17% | 194 | 16% |
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| **Total** | 412 | 100% | 1,238 | 100% | 447 | 100% | 1,213 | 100% |
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**Colorado State University**

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How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?

If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?