



Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

BCSSE 2007 Engagement Item Frequency Distributions

Mercer University

		All Students		Gender				First Generation ^a				
		Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No		
Variable	Response Options	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
You are taking this survey:	tksrvy	Before attending orientation	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%
		While attending orientation	454	91%	263	93%	184	88%	118	91%	300	91%
		After attending orientation	44	9%	20	7%	24	11%	11	8%	29	9%
		N/A, not attending orientation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Total	499	100%	283	100%	209	100%	130	100%	329	100%
1. Please write in the year you graduated from high school. (for example, "2007"):	hgradyr_r	2004 and earlier	4	1%	1	0%	2	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		2005	6	1%	3	1%	2	1%	1	1%	3	1%
		2006	6	1%	2	1%	4	2%	1	1%	5	1%
		2007	494	97%	281	98%	208	96%	132	98%	325	97%
		Total	510	100%	287	100%	216	100%	135	100%	335	100%
2. From which type of high school did you graduate? (Select only one.)	htype	Public	406	80%	241	84%	159	74%	124	92%	245	73%
		Private, religiously-affiliated	56	11%	23	8%	33	15%	6	4%	48	14%
		Private, independent	42	8%	19	7%	22	10%	5	4%	36	11%
		Home school	4	1%	3	1%	1	0%	0	0%	4	1%
		Other (e.g., GED)	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%
		Total	510	100%	287	100%	216	100%	135	100%	335	100%
3. What were most of your high school grades? (Select only one.)	hgrades	C- or lower	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		C	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		C+	3	1%	1	0%	2	1%	2	1%	1	0%
		B-	12	2%	2	1%	10	5%	0	0%	10	3%
		B	46	9%	19	7%	27	13%	14	10%	31	9%
		B+	70	14%	29	10%	40	19%	18	13%	46	14%
		A-	139	27%	76	27%	60	28%	32	24%	91	27%
		A	235	46%	156	55%	76	35%	67	50%	154	46%
		Grades not used	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%
		Total	507	100%	285	100%	215	100%	135	100%	333	100%
4. To date, in which of the following math classes did you earn a passing grade?												
a. Pre-calculus/Trigonometry	hprecalc	Did not pass	3	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	2	1%
		Passed	460	91%	255	89%	199	93%	116	87%	309	92%
		Did not take	43	8%	30	11%	13	6%	17	13%	24	7%
		Total	506	100%	285	100%	215	100%	133	100%	335	100%
b. Calculus	hcalc	Did not pass	5	1%	3	1%	2	1%	2	2%	3	1%
		Passed	254	52%	132	48%	119	57%	64	49%	171	53%
		Did not take	230	47%	140	51%	88	42%	65	50%	148	46%
		Total	489	100%	275	100%	209	100%	131	100%	322	100%

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			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
c. Probability or Statistics	hstats	Did not pass	3	1%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	0%
		Passed	119	25%	68	26%	50	25%	31	25%	79	26%
		Did not take	346	74%	196	74%	147	74%	94	75%	228	74%
		Total	468	100%	266	100%	198	100%	126	100%	308	100%
5. During <i>high school</i> , how many years of the following subjects did you complete?												
a. English/Literature	heng	0 years	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1 year	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2 years	3	1%	2	1%	1	0%	1	1%	2	1%
		3 years	5	1%	2	1%	3	1%	2	1%	2	1%
		4 years	459	91%	256	90%	198	92%	121	90%	303	91%
		5 or more years	40	8%	25	9%	13	6%	10	7%	26	8%
		Total	507	100%	285	100%	215	100%	134	100%	333	100%
b. Math	hmath	0 years	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1 year	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2 years	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		3 years	38	7%	26	9%	11	5%	10	7%	25	7%
		4 years	371	73%	206	72%	161	75%	93	69%	248	74%
		5 or more years	99	19%	55	19%	42	20%	31	23%	61	18%
Total	509	100%	287	100%	215	100%	134	100%	335	100%		
c. Science	hsci	0 years	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		1 year	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		2 years	7	1%	4	1%	3	1%	2	1%	4	1%
		3 years	121	24%	66	23%	54	25%	31	23%	77	23%
		4 years	310	61%	172	60%	133	62%	80	59%	208	62%
		5 or more years	68	13%	42	15%	25	12%	22	16%	42	13%
Total	508	100%	285	100%	216	100%	135	100%	333	100%		
d. History/Social Science	hhist	0 years	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		1 year	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
		2 years	9	2%	5	2%	3	1%	3	2%	5	2%
		3 years	116	23%	60	21%	54	25%	25	19%	75	23%
		4 years	328	65%	184	65%	140	65%	91	68%	217	65%
		5 or more years	50	10%	34	12%	16	7%	15	11%	33	10%
Total	506	100%	285	100%	214	100%	134	100%	333	100%		

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e. Foreign Language	Variable	Response Options	All Students		Gender				First Generation ^a			
			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
	hforlan	0 years	4	1%	2	1%	2	1%	2	1%	1	0%
		1 year	18	4%	7	2%	10	5%	6	4%	12	4%
		2 years	251	50%	131	46%	118	55%	73	54%	160	48%
		3 years	146	29%	89	31%	56	26%	32	24%	99	30%
		4 years	69	14%	44	15%	23	11%	14	10%	50	15%
		5 or more years	16	3%	12	4%	4	2%	7	5%	9	3%
		Total	504	100%	285	100%	213	100%	134	100%	331	100%
6. During <u>high school</u>, how many of the following types of <u>classes</u> did you complete?												
a. Advanced Placement (AP) classes	hapcl	0 classes	83	17%	46	17%	35	17%	26	20%	51	16%
		1 class	89	18%	45	16%	42	20%	24	18%	55	17%
		2 classes	91	19%	50	18%	41	20%	18	14%	67	21%
		3 classes	71	14%	46	17%	25	12%	19	15%	46	14%
		4 classes	59	12%	31	11%	28	14%	13	10%	45	14%
		5 or more classes	97	20%	60	22%	35	17%	30	23%	57	18%
		Total	490	100%	278	100%	206	100%	130	100%	321	100%
b. Honors classes (not AP) taught at your high school	hhonor	0 classes	74	15%	40	14%	34	16%	19	14%	50	16%
		1 class	36	7%	21	8%	14	7%	12	9%	18	6%
		2 classes	34	7%	18	6%	16	8%	11	8%	21	7%
		3 classes	43	9%	24	9%	18	9%	12	9%	29	9%
		4 classes	32	6%	16	6%	15	7%	7	5%	23	7%
		5 or more classes	275	56%	161	58%	111	53%	73	54%	180	56%
		Total	494	100%	280	100%	208	100%	134	100%	321	100%
7. During your <u>last year of high school</u>, about how much reading and writing did you do?												
a. Assigned Reading (textbooks or other course materials)	hreadasg	None	4	1%	0	0%	4	2%	1	1%	2	1%
		Very little	37	7%	14	5%	22	10%	10	7%	22	7%
		Some	118	23%	59	21%	58	27%	30	22%	76	23%
		Quite a bit	201	40%	116	41%	83	38%	55	41%	133	40%
		Very much	148	29%	96	34%	49	23%	39	29%	100	30%
		Total	508	100%	285	100%	216	100%	135	100%	333	100%
b. Writing short papers or reports (5 or fewer pages)	hwrite5	None	4	1%	3	1%	1	0%	2	1%	2	1%
		Very little	34	7%	23	8%	11	5%	11	8%	20	6%
		Some	116	23%	69	24%	47	22%	29	21%	79	24%
		Quite a bit	189	37%	94	33%	90	42%	52	39%	120	36%
		Very much	166	33%	97	34%	67	31%	41	30%	113	34%
		Total	509	100%	286	100%	216	100%	135	100%	334	100%

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			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
c. Writing longer papers or reports (more than 5 pages)	hwrite5m	None	46	9%	30	10%	16	7%	15	11%	26	8%
		Very little	171	34%	103	36%	65	30%	56	41%	101	30%
		Some	184	36%	98	34%	84	39%	34	25%	135	40%
		Quite a bit	66	13%	32	11%	34	16%	17	13%	48	14%
		Very much	43	8%	24	8%	17	8%	13	10%	25	7%
		Total		510	100%	287	100%	216	100%	135	100%	335
8. During your <u>last year of high school</u> , about how many <u>hours</u> did you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?												
a. Preparing for class (studying, doing homework, rehearsing, etc.)	hacadpr	0 hours per week	9	2%	2	1%	7	3%	4	3%	4	1%
		1-5 hours per week	184	36%	90	32%	92	43%	57	42%	115	35%
		6-10 hours per week	146	29%	78	27%	65	30%	38	28%	94	28%
		11-15 hours per week	78	15%	50	18%	28	13%	17	13%	54	16%
		16-20 hours per week	52	10%	35	12%	16	7%	13	10%	35	11%
		21-25 hours per week	22	4%	17	6%	4	2%	3	2%	18	5%
		26-30 hours per week	8	2%	6	2%	2	1%	1	1%	7	2%
		More than 30 hours per week	9	2%	7	2%	2	1%	2	1%	6	2%
		Total		508	100%	285	100%	216	100%	135	100%	333
b. Working for pay (before or after school, weekends)	hwork	0 hours per week	212	42%	116	41%	95	44%	51	38%	146	44%
		1-5 hours per week	55	11%	35	12%	18	8%	9	7%	40	12%
		6-10 hours per week	42	8%	24	8%	17	8%	12	9%	27	8%
		11-15 hours per week	73	14%	43	15%	30	14%	17	13%	51	15%
		16-20 hours per week	70	14%	40	14%	27	13%	17	13%	44	13%
		21-25 hours per week	26	5%	13	5%	13	6%	14	10%	11	3%
		26-30 hours per week	19	4%	10	4%	9	4%	7	5%	11	3%
		More than 30 hours per week	10	2%	3	1%	7	3%	7	5%	3	1%
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c. Participating in co-curricular activities (arts, clubs, athletics, etc.)	hcocurr	0 hours per week	17	3%	4	1%	13	6%	2	1%	12	4%
		1-5 hours per week	128	25%	78	27%	50	23%	42	31%	74	22%
		6-10 hours per week	119	23%	64	22%	52	24%	28	21%	81	24%
		11-15 hours per week	85	17%	51	18%	32	15%	21	16%	53	16%
		16-20 hours per week	67	13%	38	13%	28	13%	15	11%	50	15%
		21-25 hours per week	43	8%	24	8%	19	9%	10	7%	31	9%
		26-30 hours per week	19	4%	11	4%	7	3%	6	4%	13	4%
		More than 30 hours per week	30	6%	16	6%	14	7%	10	7%	20	6%
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d. Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)	hsocial	0 hours per week	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1-5 hours per week	83	16%	48	17%	33	15%	19	14%	59	18%
		6-10 hours per week	134	26%	83	29%	48	22%	40	30%	83	25%
		11-15 hours per week	132	26%	84	29%	48	22%	36	27%	85	25%
		16-20 hours per week	90	18%	40	14%	48	22%	22	16%	60	18%
		21-25 hours per week	33	6%	17	6%	16	7%	8	6%	23	7%
		26-30 hours per week	10	2%	5	2%	5	2%	3	2%	6	2%
		More than 30 hours per week	26	5%	8	3%	18	8%	6	4%	18	5%
		Total	508	100%	285	100%	216	100%	134	100%	334	100%
9. During your <u>last year of high school</u> , about how often did you do each of the following?												
a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	hclquest	Never	4	1%	0	0%	4	2%	0	0%	3	1%
		Sometimes	115	23%	59	21%	53	25%	29	22%	74	22%
		Often	177	35%	97	34%	78	37%	46	34%	117	35%
		Very often	208	41%	129	45%	77	36%	59	44%	137	41%
		Total	504	100%	285	100%	212	100%	134	100%	331	100%
b. Made a class presentation	hclprese	Never	11	2%	7	2%	3	1%	5	4%	5	2%
		Sometimes	238	47%	133	47%	100	47%	56	42%	161	49%
		Often	180	36%	92	32%	88	42%	44	33%	124	37%
		Very often	74	15%	52	18%	21	10%	28	21%	41	12%
		Total	503	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
c. Came to class without completing readings or assignments	hclunpre	Never	129	26%	84	29%	43	20%	35	26%	89	27%
		Sometimes	325	64%	178	62%	143	67%	81	60%	214	64%
		Often	37	7%	19	7%	18	8%	13	10%	21	6%
		Very often	14	3%	4	1%	9	4%	5	4%	8	2%
		Total	505	100%	285	100%	213	100%	134	100%	332	100%
d. Discussed grades or assignments with a teacher	hfacgrad	Never	22	4%	8	3%	14	7%	6	5%	13	4%
		Sometimes	218	43%	119	42%	94	44%	57	43%	147	44%
		Often	184	37%	110	39%	73	34%	49	37%	118	36%
		Very often	80	16%	48	17%	31	15%	21	16%	54	16%
		Total	504	100%	285	100%	212	100%	133	100%	332	100%
e. Worked with other students on projects during class	hclassgr	Never	13	3%	7	2%	6	3%	1	1%	11	3%
		Sometimes	178	35%	108	38%	68	32%	43	32%	124	37%
		Often	210	42%	112	39%	97	46%	64	48%	130	39%
		Very often	104	21%	58	20%	42	20%	26	19%	67	20%
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f.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare for assignments	hoccgrp	Never	73	14%	39	14%	33	15%	25	19%	41	12%
			Sometimes	270	53%	147	52%	120	56%	69	51%	180	54%
			Often	116	23%	71	25%	43	20%	28	21%	80	24%
			Very often	46	9%	28	10%	17	8%	12	9%	31	9%
			Total	505	100%	285	100%	213	100%	134	100%	332	100%
g.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	hrewropa	Never	92	18%	49	17%	42	20%	35	26%	51	15%
			Sometimes	226	45%	124	43%	99	47%	55	41%	155	47%
			Often	129	26%	79	28%	49	23%	30	22%	87	26%
			Very often	58	11%	34	12%	22	10%	14	10%	39	12%
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h.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	hdivrstu	Never	43	9%	27	9%	15	7%	15	11%	25	8%
			Sometimes	152	30%	87	31%	61	29%	35	26%	106	32%
			Often	147	29%	78	27%	68	32%	42	31%	96	29%
			Very often	163	32%	93	33%	69	32%	42	31%	105	32%
			Total	505	100%	285	100%	213	100%	134	100%	332	100%
i.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class	hfacidea	Never	121	24%	68	24%	51	24%	37	28%	73	22%
			Sometimes	239	47%	137	48%	98	46%	61	46%	161	48%
			Often	100	20%	56	20%	43	20%	24	18%	68	20%
			Very often	45	9%	24	8%	21	10%	12	9%	30	9%
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j.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, etc.)	hoocidea	Never	40	8%	21	7%	19	9%	13	10%	24	7%
			Sometimes	198	39%	109	38%	85	40%	54	40%	125	38%
			Often	175	35%	98	34%	75	35%	42	31%	120	36%
			Very often	93	18%	58	20%	34	16%	25	19%	64	19%
			Total	506	100%	286	100%	213	100%	134	100%	333	100%
k.	Talked with a counselor, teacher, or other staff member about college or career plans	hfacplan	Never	33	7%	16	6%	16	8%	9	7%	22	7%
			Sometimes	206	41%	96	34%	105	50%	48	36%	142	43%
			Often	153	30%	95	33%	57	27%	46	34%	95	29%
			Very often	112	22%	78	27%	34	16%	31	23%	72	22%
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l.	Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	hdiffstu	Never	44	9%	21	7%	23	11%	9	7%	33	10%
			Sometimes	177	35%	106	37%	69	32%	42	31%	121	36%
			Often	147	29%	80	28%	63	30%	46	34%	91	27%
			Very often	138	27%	79	28%	58	27%	37	28%	88	26%
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m. Missed a day of school	hmisssch	Never	96	19%	55	19%	38	18%	24	18%	66	20%
		Sometimes	350	70%	200	71%	146	69%	95	71%	226	68%
		Often	33	7%	18	6%	15	7%	10	8%	19	6%
		Very often	23	5%	10	4%	13	6%	4	3%	19	6%
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10. Did you take the SAT and/or ACT?	hsatact	No	7	1%	5	2%	1	0%	3	2%	2	1%
		Yes	495	99%	279	98%	210	100%	132	98%	326	99%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	211	100%	135	100%	328	100%
a. SAT Composite Score categories (SAT scores or ACT scores converted to SAT scale)	SAT_ACTr	900 or lower	30	7%	18	7%	12	6%	12	10%	14	5%
		901 - 1000	75	17%	44	18%	29	15%	25	21%	44	15%
		1001 - 1100	126	29%	75	31%	50	26%	37	31%	77	26%
		1101 - 1200	116	27%	70	29%	45	24%	30	25%	83	29%
		1201 - 1300	59	14%	23	9%	36	19%	10	8%	46	16%
		1301 - 1400	31	7%	14	6%	17	9%	4	3%	27	9%
		1400 - 1600	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Total	437	100%	244	100%	189	100%	118	100%	291	100%
11. During your <u>high school years</u> , how involved were you in the following activities at your school or elsewhere?												
a. Performing or visual arts programs (band, chorus, theater, art, etc.)	hinvarts	1 Not involved	191	38%	92	32%	96	45%	61	45%	117	35%
		2	64	13%	40	14%	22	10%	20	15%	39	12%
		3	46	9%	23	8%	23	11%	9	7%	34	10%
		4	41	8%	25	9%	15	7%	5	4%	30	9%
		5	40	8%	23	8%	17	8%	7	5%	33	10%
		6 Highly involved	124	25%	82	29%	41	19%	33	24%	79	24%
		Total	506	100%	285	100%	214	100%	135	100%	332	100%
b. Athletic teams (varsity, junior varsity, club sport, etc.)	hinvathl	1 Not involved	144	28%	91	32%	52	24%	41	30%	91	27%
		2	51	10%	30	11%	20	9%	12	9%	33	10%
		3	42	8%	19	7%	23	11%	12	9%	27	8%
		4	56	11%	35	12%	20	9%	16	12%	36	11%
		5	50	10%	31	11%	19	9%	12	9%	33	10%
		6 Highly involved	163	32%	79	28%	80	37%	42	31%	112	34%
		Total	506	100%	285	100%	214	100%	135	100%	332	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
c. Student government	hstugov	1 Not involved	298	59%	154	55%	141	66%	77	57%	200	61%
		2	67	13%	46	16%	21	10%	18	13%	40	12%
		3	45	9%	25	9%	20	9%	17	13%	26	8%
		4	30	6%	14	5%	13	6%	6	4%	21	6%
		5	21	4%	14	5%	6	3%	2	1%	17	5%
		6 Highly involved	41	8%	29	10%	12	6%	15	11%	24	7%
		Total	502	100%	282	100%	213	100%	135	100%	328	100%
d. Publications (student newspaper, yearbook, etc.)	hinvpubs	1 Not involved	342	68%	176	62%	161	76%	92	68%	220	67%
		2	39	8%	18	6%	21	10%	11	8%	26	8%
		3	39	8%	26	9%	13	6%	13	10%	24	7%
		4	28	6%	19	7%	8	4%	6	4%	21	6%
		5	16	3%	12	4%	4	2%	2	1%	14	4%
		6 Highly involved	38	8%	31	11%	6	3%	11	8%	23	7%
		Total	502	100%	282	100%	213	100%	135	100%	328	100%
e. Academic honor societies	hinvhono	1 Not involved	115	23%	49	17%	66	31%	26	19%	81	25%
		2	48	10%	22	8%	24	11%	9	7%	34	10%
		3	76	15%	35	12%	40	19%	25	19%	46	14%
		4	91	18%	50	18%	38	18%	24	18%	55	17%
		5	67	13%	52	18%	15	7%	14	10%	49	15%
		6 Highly involved	106	21%	74	26%	31	14%	37	27%	64	19%
		Total	503	100%	282	100%	214	100%	135	100%	329	100%
f. Academic clubs (debate, mathematics, science, etc.)	hinvaccl	1 Not involved	219	43%	123	43%	94	44%	65	48%	138	42%
		2	72	14%	40	14%	32	15%	17	13%	50	15%
		3	64	13%	27	10%	35	16%	15	11%	44	13%
		4	63	12%	34	12%	26	12%	15	11%	43	13%
		5	39	8%	29	10%	10	5%	9	7%	26	8%
		6 Highly involved	48	10%	31	11%	17	8%	14	10%	31	9%
		Total	505	100%	284	100%	214	100%	135	100%	332	100%
g. Vocational clubs (business, health, technology, etc.)	hinvvcl	1 Not involved	295	59%	156	55%	135	64%	77	57%	195	59%
		2	56	11%	26	9%	29	14%	12	9%	39	12%
		3	39	8%	26	9%	12	6%	11	8%	26	8%
		4	42	8%	25	9%	16	8%	11	8%	27	8%
		5	23	5%	18	6%	5	2%	4	3%	18	5%
		6 Highly involved	47	9%	33	12%	14	7%	19	14%	24	7%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	211	100%	134	100%	329	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
h. Religious youth groups	hrelgrp	1 Not involved	195	39%	100	35%	93	44%	61	45%	113	34%
		2	46	9%	25	9%	21	10%	10	7%	31	9%
		3	61	12%	34	12%	27	13%	12	9%	45	14%
		4	54	11%	34	12%	16	8%	10	7%	39	12%
		5	37	7%	20	7%	17	8%	11	8%	26	8%
		6 Highly involved	112	22%	72	25%	39	18%	31	23%	77	23%
		Total	505	100%	285	100%	213	100%	135	100%	331	100%
12. Overall, how academically challenging was your high school?	hacachal	1 Not at all challenging	14	3%	5	2%	9	4%	8	6%	6	2%
		2	50	10%	21	7%	28	13%	15	11%	30	9%
		3	84	17%	44	15%	37	17%	22	16%	55	17%
		4	170	34%	99	35%	70	33%	48	36%	107	32%
		5	150	30%	94	33%	54	25%	30	22%	111	33%
		6 Extremely challenging	37	7%	21	7%	16	7%	11	8%	23	7%
		Total	505	100%	284	100%	214	100%	134	100%	332	100%
13. During the coming school year, about how many hours do you think you will spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?												
a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	cacadpr	0 hours per week	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%
		1-5 hours per week	15	3%	7	2%	7	3%	3	2%	11	3%
		6-10 hours per week	63	13%	31	11%	30	14%	19	14%	37	11%
		11-15 hours per week	128	26%	65	23%	62	29%	33	25%	85	26%
		16-20 hours per week	130	26%	72	25%	58	27%	30	23%	93	28%
		21-25 hours per week	87	17%	60	21%	26	12%	26	20%	56	17%
		26-30 hours per week	50	10%	30	11%	19	9%	13	10%	33	10%
		More than 30 hours per week	27	5%	18	6%	9	4%	8	6%	15	5%
		Total	501	100%	283	100%	212	100%	133	100%	330	100%
b. Working for pay on- or off-campus	cwork	0 hours per week	200	40%	105	37%	91	43%	35	26%	152	46%
		1-5 hours per week	64	13%	40	14%	23	11%	15	11%	44	13%
		6-10 hours per week	87	17%	48	17%	39	18%	25	19%	56	17%
		11-15 hours per week	96	19%	59	21%	36	17%	35	26%	51	16%
		16-20 hours per week	41	8%	25	9%	16	8%	18	13%	19	6%
		21-25 hours per week	7	1%	3	1%	4	2%	4	3%	3	1%
		26-30 hours per week	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%	1	0%
		More than 30 hours per week	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		Total	499	100%	281	100%	212	100%	134	100%	327	100%

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			Count	%	Female		Male		Yes		No	
					Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
c. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	ccocurr	0 hours per week	10	2%	3	1%	7	3%	3	2%	6	2%
		1-5 hours per week	105	21%	63	22%	40	19%	25	19%	71	21%
		6-10 hours per week	168	33%	95	33%	71	33%	44	33%	107	32%
		11-15 hours per week	111	22%	66	23%	45	21%	36	27%	70	21%
		16-20 hours per week	67	13%	36	13%	31	15%	18	14%	46	14%
		21-25 hours per week	18	4%	8	3%	10	5%	3	2%	13	4%
		26-30 hours per week	11	2%	3	1%	7	3%	2	2%	9	3%
		More than 30 hours per week	13	3%	10	4%	2	1%	2	2%	10	3%
	Total		503	100%	284	100%	213	100%	133	100%	332	100%
d. Relaxing or socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)	csocial	0 hours per week	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		1-5 hours per week	121	24%	80	28%	38	18%	40	30%	72	22%
		6-10 hours per week	168	33%	95	34%	73	34%	45	34%	109	33%
		11-15 hours per week	132	26%	67	24%	63	29%	35	26%	86	26%
		16-20 hours per week	47	9%	28	10%	19	9%	10	8%	35	11%
		21-25 hours per week	19	4%	9	3%	9	4%	1	1%	16	5%
		26-30 hours per week	6	1%	1	0%	5	2%	1	1%	5	2%
		More than 30 hours per week	9	2%	2	1%	7	3%	1	1%	8	2%
	Total		502	100%	282	100%	214	100%	133	100%	331	100%
14. During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to do each of the following?												
a. Ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions	cclquest	Never	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		Sometimes	91	18%	51	18%	40	19%	21	16%	63	19%
		Often	212	42%	114	40%	94	44%	52	39%	144	44%
		Very often	196	39%	116	41%	78	37%	59	44%	122	37%
		Total	501	100%	283	100%	212	100%	133	100%	330	100%
b. Make a class presentation	cclprese	Never	3	1%	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
		Sometimes	218	43%	134	47%	81	38%	62	47%	140	42%
		Often	219	44%	109	38%	108	51%	52	39%	149	45%
		Very often	62	12%	38	13%	23	11%	19	14%	40	12%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
c. Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources	cintegra	Never	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Sometimes	53	11%	28	10%	23	11%	13	10%	35	11%
		Often	212	42%	102	36%	108	51%	51	38%	145	44%
		Very often	237	47%	154	54%	81	38%	69	52%	151	46%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
d. Work with other students on projects during class	cclassgr	Never	40	8%	25	9%	15	7%	10	8%	26	8%
		Sometimes	215	43%	126	44%	85	40%	55	41%	146	44%
		Often	164	33%	92	32%	71	33%	45	34%	106	32%
		Very often	83	17%	41	14%	41	19%	23	17%	53	16%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
e. Work with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	cocgrp	Never	5	1%	4	1%	1	0%	1	1%	3	1%
		Sometimes	122	24%	68	24%	53	25%	35	27%	84	26%
		Often	247	49%	132	47%	110	52%	56	42%	171	52%
		Very often	125	25%	79	28%	46	22%	40	30%	71	22%
		Total	499	100%	283	100%	210	100%	132	100%	329	100%
f. Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	cintidea	Never	7	1%	4	1%	3	1%	1	1%	3	1%
		Sometimes	96	19%	53	19%	43	20%	26	20%	67	20%
		Often	243	49%	129	46%	109	52%	58	44%	162	49%
		Very often	153	31%	96	34%	56	27%	48	36%	96	29%
		Total	499	100%	282	100%	211	100%	133	100%	328	100%
g. Discuss grades or assignments with an instructor	cfacgrad	Never	4	1%	1	0%	3	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		Sometimes	142	28%	71	25%	70	33%	33	25%	102	31%
		Often	218	44%	122	43%	92	44%	60	45%	139	42%
		Very often	135	27%	88	31%	46	22%	39	29%	85	26%
		Total	499	100%	282	100%	211	100%	133	100%	328	100%
h. Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	cfacidea	Never	27	5%	15	5%	12	6%	9	7%	15	5%
		Sometimes	258	52%	142	51%	114	54%	64	49%	179	54%
		Often	149	30%	88	31%	57	27%	41	31%	94	29%
		Very often	64	13%	36	13%	28	13%	17	13%	41	12%
		Total	498	100%	281	100%	211	100%	131	100%	329	100%
i. Receive prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	cfacfeed	Never	7	1%	5	2%	2	1%	3	2%	4	1%
		Sometimes	142	28%	76	27%	64	30%	32	24%	102	31%
		Often	221	44%	120	42%	98	46%	56	42%	149	45%
		Very often	131	26%	82	29%	48	23%	42	32%	75	23%
		Total	501	100%	283	100%	212	100%	133	100%	330	100%
j. Work with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	cfacothe	Never	23	5%	11	4%	11	5%	9	7%	14	4%
		Sometimes	243	49%	126	45%	116	55%	55	42%	169	51%
		Often	170	34%	103	37%	63	30%	47	36%	109	33%
		Very often	63	13%	42	15%	21	10%	21	16%	38	12%
		Total	499	100%	282	100%	211	100%	132	100%	330	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No		
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
k.	Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	coocidea	Never	13	3%	9	3%	4	2%	6	5%	6	2%
			Sometimes	173	35%	99	35%	73	35%	51	38%	108	33%
			Often	213	43%	114	40%	94	45%	49	37%	149	46%
			Very often	98	20%	60	21%	38	18%	27	20%	63	19%
			Total		497	100%	282	100%	209	100%	133	100%	326
l.	Have serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	cdivrstu	Never	11	2%	6	2%	5	2%	5	4%	5	2%
			Sometimes	102	20%	56	20%	44	21%	22	17%	75	23%
			Often	213	43%	111	40%	98	46%	57	43%	141	43%
			Very often	173	35%	108	38%	65	31%	48	36%	108	33%
			Total		499	100%	281	100%	212	100%	132	100%	329
m.	Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	cothrvie	Never	4	1%	1	0%	3	1%	1	1%	3	1%
			Sometimes	74	15%	35	12%	38	18%	15	11%	56	17%
			Often	224	45%	120	42%	99	47%	60	45%	148	45%
			Very often	199	40%	127	45%	72	34%	57	43%	123	37%
			Total		501	100%	283	100%	212	100%	133	100%	330
n.	Learn something that changes the way you understand an issue or idea	cchngvie	Never	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
			Sometimes	75	15%	37	13%	37	18%	12	9%	57	17%
			Often	240	48%	136	49%	100	48%	65	50%	164	50%
			Very often	179	36%	106	38%	72	34%	53	41%	105	32%
			Total		495	100%	280	100%	209	100%	130	100%	327
o.	Have serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	cdiffstu	Never	8	2%	3	1%	5	2%	2	2%	5	2%
			Sometimes	108	22%	54	19%	52	25%	23	18%	78	24%
			Often	189	38%	108	38%	78	37%	51	40%	127	39%
			Very often	191	39%	116	41%	74	35%	53	41%	119	36%
			Total		496	100%	281	100%	209	100%	129	100%	329

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		Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No		
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
15. During the coming school year, how certain are you that you will do the following?												
a. Study when there are other interesting things to do	cotherint	1 Not at all certain	6	1%	1	0%	5	2%	2	2%	4	1%
		2	18	4%	8	3%	9	4%	3	2%	12	4%
		3	86	17%	50	18%	36	17%	26	20%	54	16%
		4	184	37%	101	36%	81	38%	44	33%	123	37%
		5	131	26%	85	30%	45	21%	40	30%	88	27%
		6 Very certain	75	15%	38	13%	35	17%	18	14%	48	15%
	Total	500	100%	283	100%	211	100%	133	100%	329	100%	
b. Find additional information for course assignments when you don't understand the material	cfindinfo	1 Not at all certain	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2	11	2%	3	1%	7	3%	3	2%	6	2%
		3	56	11%	25	9%	31	15%	12	9%	41	12%
		4	126	25%	69	24%	55	26%	32	24%	86	26%
		5	166	33%	99	35%	66	31%	41	31%	108	33%
		6 Very certain	143	28%	88	31%	53	25%	45	34%	90	27%
	Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%	
c. Participate regularly in course discussions, even when you don't feel like it	ccourdis	1 Not at all certain	3	1%	1	0%	2	1%	1	1%	2	1%
		2	36	7%	16	6%	19	9%	10	8%	22	7%
		3	85	17%	49	17%	35	17%	20	15%	57	17%
		4	166	33%	99	35%	66	31%	48	36%	108	33%
		5	119	24%	68	24%	51	24%	34	26%	75	23%
		6 Very certain	93	19%	51	18%	39	18%	20	15%	67	20%
	Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%	
d. Ask instructors for help when you struggle with course assignments	caskinst	1 Not at all certain	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		2	13	3%	2	1%	10	5%	0	0%	10	3%
		3	45	9%	27	10%	18	8%	8	6%	35	11%
		4	88	18%	45	16%	42	20%	25	19%	53	16%
		5	141	28%	75	26%	63	30%	31	23%	105	32%
		6 Very certain	215	43%	135	48%	79	37%	69	52%	128	39%
	Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%	
e. Finish something you have started when you encounter challenges	cfinish	1 Not at all certain	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%
		2	3	1%	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%	1	0%
		3	23	5%	16	6%	6	3%	3	2%	18	5%
		4	96	19%	49	17%	47	22%	25	19%	66	20%
		5	185	37%	111	39%	73	34%	49	37%	127	38%
		6 Very certain	193	38%	108	38%	82	39%	55	41%	117	35%
	Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%	

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All Students

Gender

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	Variable	Response Options	All Students		Gender				First Generation ^a			
			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
f. Stay positive, even when you do poorly on a test assignment	cstaypos	1 Not at all certain	6	1%	4	1%	2	1%	2	2%	4	1%
		2	20	4%	12	4%	7	3%	4	3%	15	5%
		3	79	16%	42	15%	36	17%	24	18%	51	15%
		4	132	26%	85	30%	47	22%	33	25%	88	27%
		5	141	28%	73	26%	66	31%	31	23%	99	30%
		6 Very certain	124	25%	68	24%	54	25%	39	29%	74	22%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
16. During the coming school year, how difficult do you expect the following to be?												
a. Learning course material	clearnma	1 Not at all difficult	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	2%	0	0%
		2	29	6%	15	5%	13	6%	8	6%	20	6%
		3	93	19%	47	17%	46	22%	27	20%	60	18%
		4	223	45%	127	45%	93	44%	49	37%	153	47%
		5	119	24%	69	24%	49	23%	32	24%	78	24%
		6 Very difficult	33	7%	23	8%	9	4%	15	11%	17	5%
		Total	499	100%	282	100%	211	100%	133	100%	328	100%
b. Managing your time	cmantime	1 Not at all difficult	9	2%	5	2%	4	2%	3	2%	6	2%
		2	33	7%	14	5%	18	8%	8	6%	18	5%
		3	71	14%	40	14%	30	14%	13	10%	48	15%
		4	134	27%	76	27%	56	26%	36	27%	90	27%
		5	139	28%	85	30%	53	25%	41	31%	92	28%
		6 Very difficult	116	23%	64	23%	51	24%	32	24%	77	23%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
c. Paying college expenses	cpaycoll	1 Not at all difficult	75	15%	34	12%	41	19%	18	14%	55	17%
		2	85	17%	52	18%	31	15%	10	8%	67	20%
		3	84	17%	47	17%	35	17%	18	14%	59	18%
		4	91	18%	50	18%	41	19%	27	20%	60	18%
		5	67	13%	38	13%	29	14%	25	19%	33	10%
		6 Very difficult	97	19%	63	22%	34	16%	35	26%	57	17%
		Total	499	100%	284	100%	211	100%	133	100%	331	100%
d. Getting help with school work	cgethelp	1 Not at all difficult	66	13%	42	15%	24	11%	19	14%	38	12%
		2	157	31%	90	32%	65	31%	45	34%	101	31%
		3	144	29%	77	27%	65	31%	28	21%	106	32%
		4	96	19%	53	19%	42	20%	26	20%	65	20%
		5	28	6%	14	5%	14	7%	11	8%	16	5%
		6 Very difficult	9	2%	7	2%	2	1%	4	3%	4	1%
		Total	500	100%	283	100%	212	100%	133	100%	330	100%

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Mercer

Female

Male

Yes

No

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
e. Making new friends	cmakefr	1 Not at all difficult	151	30%	81	29%	68	32%	37	28%	97	29%
		2	120	24%	66	23%	51	24%	38	29%	77	23%
		3	107	21%	67	24%	40	19%	26	20%	75	23%
		4	75	15%	48	17%	27	13%	17	13%	54	16%
		5	28	6%	13	5%	15	7%	6	5%	19	6%
		6 Very difficult	18	4%	8	3%	10	5%	9	7%	7	2%
		Total		499	100%	283	100%	211	100%	133	100%	329
f. Interacting with faculty	cintfac	1 Not at all difficult	89	18%	57	20%	31	15%	29	22%	49	15%
		2	131	26%	68	24%	61	29%	36	27%	89	27%
		3	165	33%	93	33%	71	33%	39	30%	113	34%
		4	77	15%	46	16%	30	14%	19	14%	56	17%
		5	28	6%	14	5%	14	7%	5	4%	19	6%
		6 Very difficult	10	2%	5	2%	5	2%	4	3%	5	2%
		Total		500	100%	283	100%	212	100%	132	100%	331
17. How prepared are you to do the following in your academic work at this college?												
a. Write clearly and effectively	cgfwrite	1 Not at all prepared	6	1%	2	1%	4	2%	2	2%	4	1%
		2	20	4%	9	3%	11	5%	8	6%	8	2%
		3	81	16%	44	15%	35	17%	18	14%	57	17%
		4	156	31%	73	26%	83	39%	40	30%	105	32%
		5	153	31%	100	35%	50	24%	42	32%	98	30%
		6 Very prepared	85	17%	56	20%	29	14%	23	17%	59	18%
		Total		501	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331
b. Speak clearly and effectively	cgnspeak	1 Not at all prepared	6	1%	3	1%	3	1%	2	2%	4	1%
		2	21	4%	14	5%	7	3%	6	5%	12	4%
		3	74	15%	44	15%	29	14%	20	15%	50	15%
		4	164	33%	85	30%	78	37%	42	32%	108	33%
		5	143	29%	74	26%	66	31%	35	26%	97	29%
		6 Very prepared	93	19%	64	23%	29	14%	28	21%	60	18%
		Total		501	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331
c. Think critically and analytically	cgnanaly	1 Not at all prepared	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		2	13	3%	8	3%	5	2%	2	2%	8	2%
		3	57	11%	38	13%	19	9%	15	11%	35	11%
		4	170	34%	110	39%	58	27%	47	35%	108	33%
		5	151	30%	75	26%	73	34%	44	33%	101	31%
		6 Very prepared	108	22%	51	18%	57	27%	24	18%	78	24%
		Total		501	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
d. Analyze math or quantitative problems	cgnquant	1 Not at all prepared	12	2%	10	4%	2	1%	5	4%	7	2%
		2	33	7%	24	8%	9	4%	5	4%	26	8%
		3	108	22%	67	24%	39	18%	28	21%	69	21%
		4	139	28%	81	29%	57	27%	39	29%	93	28%
		5	119	24%	60	21%	57	27%	38	29%	74	22%
		6 Very prepared	90	18%	42	15%	48	23%	18	14%	62	19%
		Total	501	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
e. Use computing and information technology	cgncompt	1 Not at all prepared	6	1%	5	2%	1	0%	2	2%	4	1%
		2	26	5%	20	7%	6	3%	3	2%	22	7%
		3	99	20%	58	20%	38	18%	16	12%	72	22%
		4	156	31%	92	32%	63	30%	45	34%	102	31%
		5	125	25%	68	24%	56	26%	49	37%	68	21%
		6 Very prepared	89	18%	41	14%	48	23%	18	14%	63	19%
		Total	501	100%	284	100%	212	100%	133	100%	331	100%
f. Work effectively with others	cgnother	1 Not at all prepared	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		2	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%
		3	29	6%	18	6%	11	5%	8	6%	18	5%
		4	105	21%	46	16%	57	27%	17	13%	80	24%
		5	189	38%	113	40%	74	35%	56	42%	120	36%
		6 Very prepared	174	35%	106	37%	67	32%	52	39%	109	33%
		Total	500	100%	283	100%	212	100%	133	100%	330	100%
g. Learn effectively on your own	cgningq	1 Not at all prepared	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		2	4	1%	3	1%	1	0%	1	1%	3	1%
		3	40	8%	21	7%	18	8%	8	6%	26	8%
		4	132	26%	70	25%	60	28%	30	23%	90	27%
		5	165	33%	95	34%	69	33%	45	34%	112	34%
		6 Very prepared	157	31%	93	33%	63	30%	47	36%	99	30%
		Total	500	100%	283	100%	212	100%	132	100%	331	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
18. How important is it to you that your college or university provides each of the following?												
a. A challenging academic experience	cenvscho	1 Not important	7	1%	1	0%	6	3%	1	1%	5	2%
		2	5	1%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	4	1%
		3	49	10%	30	11%	18	8%	9	7%	33	10%
		4	159	32%	84	30%	75	35%	48	36%	103	31%
		5	161	32%	89	31%	71	33%	45	34%	106	32%
		6 Very important	122	24%	78	27%	43	20%	30	23%	82	25%
		Total	503	100%	284	100%	215	100%	133	100%	333	100%
b. Support to help you succeed academically	cenvsupr	1 Not important	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%
		2	4	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	3	1%
		3	14	3%	5	2%	9	4%	2	2%	8	2%
		4	60	12%	28	10%	32	15%	13	10%	43	13%
		5	109	22%	61	21%	47	22%	26	20%	76	23%
		6 Very important	314	63%	190	67%	122	57%	91	68%	202	61%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	214	100%	133	100%	332	100%
c. Opportunities to interact with students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	cenvdivr	1 Not important	8	2%	2	1%	6	3%	3	2%	4	1%
		2	20	4%	9	3%	9	4%	5	4%	13	4%
		3	63	13%	37	13%	26	12%	12	9%	47	14%
		4	108	21%	52	18%	55	26%	22	17%	80	24%
		5	135	27%	80	28%	54	25%	46	35%	75	23%
		6 Very important	169	34%	104	37%	65	30%	45	34%	114	34%
		Total	503	100%	284	100%	215	100%	133	100%	333	100%
d. Assistance with coping with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	cenvnaca	1 Not important	11	2%	5	2%	6	3%	3	2%	6	2%
		2	44	9%	27	10%	15	7%	8	6%	32	10%
		3	93	19%	45	16%	47	22%	19	14%	69	21%
		4	143	28%	78	27%	65	30%	32	24%	99	30%
		5	101	20%	63	22%	37	17%	34	26%	62	19%
		6 Very important	110	22%	66	23%	44	21%	37	28%	64	19%
		Total	502	100%	284	100%	214	100%	133	100%	332	100%
e. Support to help you thrive socially	cenvsoca	1 Not important	16	3%	6	2%	10	5%	4	3%	9	3%
		2	37	7%	18	6%	17	8%	8	6%	25	8%
		3	80	16%	42	15%	38	18%	22	17%	52	16%
		4	132	26%	73	26%	58	27%	38	29%	86	26%
		5	122	24%	76	27%	45	21%	27	20%	86	26%
		6 Very important	115	23%	70	25%	45	21%	34	26%	74	22%
		Total	502	100%	285	100%	213	100%	133	100%	332	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
f. Opportunities to attend campus events and activities	cenveven	1 Not important	5	1%	1	0%	4	2%	1	1%	3	1%
		2	17	3%	8	3%	7	3%	8	6%	7	2%
		3	52	10%	30	11%	22	10%	12	9%	38	11%
		4	122	24%	70	25%	51	24%	33	25%	75	22%
		5	146	29%	79	28%	66	31%	32	24%	107	32%
		6 Very important	162	32%	97	34%	65	30%	47	35%	104	31%
		Total	504	100%	285	100%	215	100%	133	100%	334	100%
19. About how much of your college expenses (tuition, fees, books, room & board) this year will be provided by each of the following sources?												
a. Scholarships and grants	cschgr	None	9	2%	4	1%	5	2%	2	1%	5	2%
		Less than half	118	24%	68	24%	49	23%	31	23%	78	23%
		Half or more	231	46%	141	50%	89	41%	56	42%	158	47%
		All or nearly all	139	28%	68	24%	69	32%	44	33%	88	26%
		Do not know	5	1%	2	1%	3	1%	1	1%	4	1%
		Total	502	100%	283	100%	215	100%	134	100%	333	100%
b. Student loans	cstudlo	None	159	33%	91	33%	68	33%	31	24%	121	37%
		Less than half	223	46%	122	44%	97	47%	68	52%	135	42%
		Half or more	61	13%	36	13%	25	12%	20	15%	38	12%
		All or nearly all	19	4%	13	5%	6	3%	7	5%	9	3%
		Do not know	25	5%	13	5%	12	6%	4	3%	20	6%
		Total	487	100%	275	100%	208	100%	130	100%	323	100%
c. Parents/family	cparfam	None	73	15%	34	12%	39	18%	28	21%	39	12%
		Less than half	262	53%	153	55%	106	50%	76	58%	170	52%
		Half or more	90	18%	51	18%	38	18%	16	12%	68	21%
		All or nearly all	49	10%	32	11%	17	8%	6	5%	39	12%
		Do not know	22	4%	10	4%	12	6%	5	4%	14	4%
		Total	496	100%	280	100%	212	100%	131	100%	330	100%
d. Self (work on-campus or off-campus, savings)	cself	None	231	47%	133	48%	97	47%	50	38%	171	53%
		Less than half	211	43%	119	43%	89	43%	70	53%	122	38%
		Half or more	9	2%	6	2%	3	1%	2	2%	7	2%
		All or nearly all	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		Do not know	36	7%	17	6%	19	9%	10	8%	22	7%
		Total	489	100%	277	100%	208	100%	133	100%	323	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
20. Did you receive a Federal Pell Grant?	cpell	No	202	40%	117	41%	84	39%	44	33%	144	44%
		Yes	114	23%	73	26%	40	19%	55	41%	47	14%
		Do not know	186	37%	93	33%	91	42%	36	27%	140	42%
		Total	502	100%	283	100%	215	100%	135	100%	331	100%
21. What do you expect most of your grades will be at this college during the coming year? (Select only one.)	cgrades	C- or lower	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		C	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		C+	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
		B-	19	4%	10	4%	9	4%	4	3%	13	4%
		B	75	15%	41	14%	34	16%	25	19%	45	14%
		B+	134	27%	68	24%	65	31%	34	26%	87	26%
		A-	182	36%	109	39%	70	33%	47	35%	127	38%
		A	89	18%	55	19%	34	16%	23	17%	58	18%
		Grades not used	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Total	500	100%	283	100%	213	100%	133	100%	331	100%
22. Do you intend to graduate from <u>this college</u> ?	cintgrad	No	16	3%	10	3%	5	2%	6	4%	8	2%
		Yes	401	79%	229	80%	169	79%	110	81%	263	79%
		Uncertain	89	18%	48	17%	41	19%	19	14%	63	19%
		Total	506	100%	287	100%	215	100%	135	100%	334	100%
23. What is the highest academic degree you intend to obtain at this <u>or any</u> college?	chighdeg	Associate's degree	2	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%
		Bachelor's degree	55	11%	32	11%	23	11%	17	13%	34	10%
		Master's degree	136	27%	69	24%	66	31%	27	20%	101	30%
		Doctoral degree	218	44%	131	46%	85	40%	66	50%	132	40%
		Uncertain	88	18%	52	18%	36	17%	22	17%	63	19%
		Total	499	100%	284	100%	212	100%	132	100%	332	100%

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			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
24. Do you know what your major will be?	cmajor	No	121	24%	69	24%	51	24%	23	17%	89	27%
		Yes	379	76%	214	76%	163	76%	111	83%	241	73%
		Total	500	100%	283	100%	214	100%	134	100%	330	100%
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		Biological sciences	55	17%	37	20%	16	11%	23	22%	27	14%
		Business	32	10%	17	9%	15	11%	7	7%	25	13%
		Education	9	3%	6	3%	3	2%	2	2%	6	3%
		Engineering	57	17%	10	5%	46	33%	16	16%	35	18%
		Physical science	32	10%	19	10%	13	9%	11	11%	18	9%
		Professional	64	20%	43	24%	21	15%	24	23%	36	18%
		Social science	31	10%	23	13%	8	6%	8	8%	20	10%
		Other	18	6%	12	7%	6	4%	7	7%	11	6%
		Undecided	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Total	326	100%	182	100%	141	100%	103	100%	199	100%
25. Are you, or will you be, a full-time student this fall term?	cenrlmen	No	4	1%	2	1%	1	0%	2	1%	1	0%
		Yes	500	99%	284	99%	213	100%	133	99%	332	100%
		Total	504	100%	286	100%	214	100%	135	100%	333	100%
26. How many of your <u>close</u> friends will attend this college during the coming year?	cfriends	None	294	58%	183	64%	109	51%	77	57%	195	59%
		1	117	23%	65	23%	52	24%	32	24%	80	24%
		2	45	9%	24	8%	21	10%	13	10%	28	8%
		3	18	4%	5	2%	12	6%	7	5%	9	3%
		4 or more	30	6%	9	3%	21	10%	6	4%	21	6%
		Total	504	100%	286	100%	215	100%	135	100%	333	100%
27. Your sex:	csex	Male	216	43%	0	0%	216	100%	47	35%	152	46%
		Female	287	57%	287	100%	0	0%	88	65%	181	54%
		Total	503	100%	287	100%	216	100%	135	100%	333	100%

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Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

BCSSE 2007 Engagement Item Frequency Distributions

Mercer University

	Variable	Response Options	All Students		Gender				First Generation ^a			
			Mercer		Female		Male		Yes		No	
			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
28. Are you an international student or foreign national?	cinterna	No	475	94%	267	94%	205	95%	125	93%	315	95%
		Yes	28	6%	18	6%	10	5%	10	7%	17	5%
		Total	503	100%	285	100%	215	100%	135	100%	332	100%
29. What is your racial or ethnic identification? (Select only one.)	crace	American Indian or other Native American	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
		Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	51	10%	32	11%	19	9%	20	15%	25	7%
		Black or African American	93	18%	66	23%	27	13%	36	27%	44	13%
		White (non-Hispanic)	307	61%	160	56%	144	67%	65	48%	230	69%
		Mexican or Mexican American	2	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
		Puerto Rican	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	1%	1	0%
		Other Hispanic or Latino	14	3%	5	2%	9	4%	4	3%	9	3%
		Multiracial	14	3%	8	3%	5	2%	3	2%	10	3%
		Other	12	2%	7	2%	5	2%	3	2%	6	2%
		I prefer not to respond	11	2%	6	2%	5	2%	3	2%	7	2%
		Total	506	100%	287	100%	215	100%	135	100%	334	100%
30. Please indicate whether your parents completed a 4-year college degree.												
a. Mother (or guardian)	cmotherd	Did not complete 4-year degree	193	39%	120	42%	73	34%	135	100%	51	15%
		Did complete 4-year degree	292	58%	158	55%	131	62%	0	0%	284	85%
		Do not know	15	3%	7	2%	8	4%	0	0%	0	0%
		Total	500	100%	285	100%	212	100%	135	100%	335	100%
b. Father (or guardian)	cfatherd	Did not complete 4-year degree	194	39%	122	43%	71	33%	135	100%	56	17%
		Did complete 4-year degree	288	58%	153	54%	134	63%	0	0%	279	83%
		Do not know	17	3%	8	3%	9	4%	0	0%	0	0%
		Total	499	100%	283	100%	214	100%	135	100%	335	100%
31. How far is your home from this college?	cdistanc	20 miles or less	29	6%	11	4%	18	8%	10	8%	16	5%
		21-50 miles	35	7%	21	7%	13	6%	14	11%	17	5%
		51-100 miles	124	25%	82	29%	42	20%	36	27%	74	22%
		101-200 miles	183	36%	95	33%	87	41%	43	32%	131	39%
		201-400 miles	74	15%	43	15%	31	14%	16	12%	56	17%
		more than 400 miles	57	11%	33	12%	23	11%	14	11%	39	12%
		Total	502	100%	285	100%	214	100%	133	100%	333	100%

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