

Miami University-Oxford



About This Report

About Your Engagement Indicators Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
	Higher-Order Learning
Academic Challenge	Reflective & Integrative Learning
	Learning Strategies
	Quantitative Reasoning
Lograing with Books	Collaborative Learning
Learning with Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others
Experiences with Faculty	Student-Faculty Interaction
Experiences with rucuity	Effective Teaching Practices
Campus Environment	Quality of Interactions
Campus Environment	Supportive Environment

Report Sections

Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your first-year and senior students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)

Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

Mean Comparisons

Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

Score Distributions

Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores within your institution and comparison groups.

Summary of Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15) Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of 2014 and 2015 participating institutions.

Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)

Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2015). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

Els vary more among students within an institution than between institutions, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how El scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder—Institution Version and your Major Field Report (both to be

How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: nsse.indiana.edu

Rocconi, L., & Gonyea, R. M. (2015). Contextualizing student engagement effect sizes: An empirical analysis. Paper presented at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum, Denver. CO.

NSSE national survey of student engagement

NSSE 2015 Engagement Indicators

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Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicator

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Your first-year students

compared with

NSSE 2015

Your first-year students

compared with

Carnegie Peers - RUH

Your first-year students

compared with

Select Peers

Use the following key:

First-Year Students

Theme

- **Your students' average** was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- \triangle Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- -- No significant difference.
- ∇ Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- **Your students' average** was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

	Higher-Order Learning			
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning		Δ	Δ
Challenge	Learning Strategies		Δ	
	Quantitative Reasoning			
Learning with	Collaborative Learning	Δ	Δ	Δ
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others			∇
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction			
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices	∇		
Campus	Quality of Interactions	∇		
Environment	Supportive Environment	∇		∇
niors		Your seniors compared with	Your seniors compared with	Your seniors compared with
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	Higher-Order Learning		Δ	Δ
Academic	Reflective & Integrative Learning			
Challenge	Learning Strategies	∇	∇	
	Quantitative Reasoning	Δ	Δ	Δ
Learning with	Collaborative Learning	Δ	Δ	Δ
Peers	Discussions with Diverse Others	∇	∇	∇
Experiences	Student-Faculty Interaction	Δ	Δ	Δ
with Faculty	Effective Teaching Practices			
Campus	Quality of Interactions	•	∇	∇
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Academic Challenge Miami University-Oxford

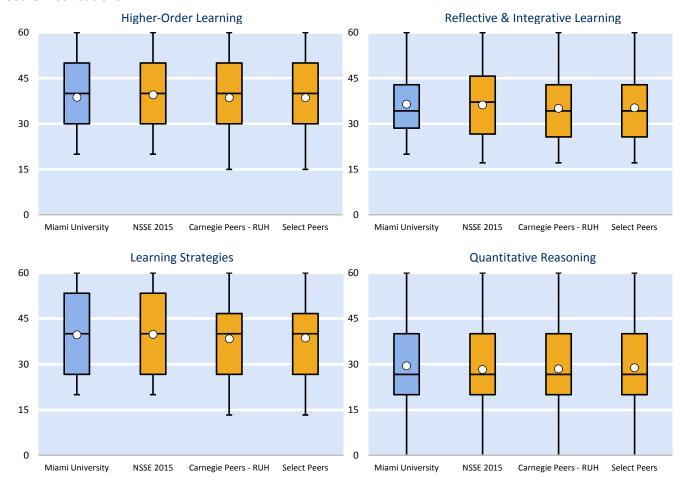
Academic Challenge: First-year students

Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote student learning by challenging and supporting them to engage in various forms of deep learning. Four Engagement Indicators are part of this theme: *Higher-Order Learning, Reflective & Integrative Learning, Learning Strategies,* and *Quantitative Reasoning*. Below and on the next page are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons		Your first-year students compared with							
	Miami University	NSSE	NSSE 2015		Carnegie Peers - RUH		Peers		
			Effect		Effect		Effect		
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size		
Higher-Order Learning	38.7	39.5	06	38.5	.01	38.6	.01		
Reflective & Integrative Learning	36.4	36.2	.02	35.1 **	.10	35.3 *	.09		
Learning Strategies	39.7	39.9	01	38.3 *	.09	38.6	.07		
Quantitative Reasoning	29.5	28.3	.07	28.5	.06	28.9	.04		

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Academic Challenge: First-year students (continued)

Summary of Indicator Items

Higher-Order Learning	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Carnegie Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized	%	%	%	%
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	75	74	73	73
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	76	73	72	72
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	70	71	68	67
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	63	70	67	67
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	60	57	55	56
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	56	55	51	52
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	53	52	48	49
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	63	64	61	61
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	66	68	65	66
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	66	66	64	64
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	82	78	76	76
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	81	80	77	78
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	64	66	63	63
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	63	64	60	62
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	58	53	55	55
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	42	40	40	41
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	41	40	40	41



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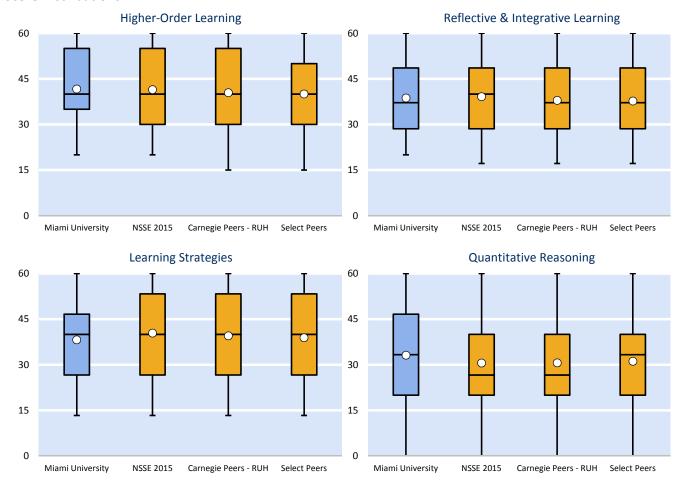
Academic Challenge: Seniors

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	Miami University	NSSE 2		Carnegie Pe		Select	Peers		
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size		
Higher-Order Learning	41.6	41.5	.01	40.5 *	.08	40.0 **	.12		
Reflective & Integrative Learning	38.7	39.1	03	37.9	.06	37.7	.08		
Learning Strategies	38.2	40.4 ***	15	39.5 *	09	38.9	05		
Quantitative Reasoning	33.1	30.6 ***	.15	30.6 ***	.14	31.1 **	.11		

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Academic Challenge: Seniors (continued)

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Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized	%	%	%	%
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	82	80	79	78
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	78	78	76	76
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	70	73	68	67
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	75	73	71	69
Reflective & Integrative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	73	72	71	72
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	63	65	61	60
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course	52	56	51	50
discussions or assignments 2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	63	67	64	63
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	69	71	69	68
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	70	71	68	68
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	83	84	82	81
Learning Strategies				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	85	83	81	80
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	52	64	63	60
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	60	66	64	62
Quantitative Reasoning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	61	56	57	58
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	50	46	46	46
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	53	46	46	48



Learning with Peers Miami University-Oxford

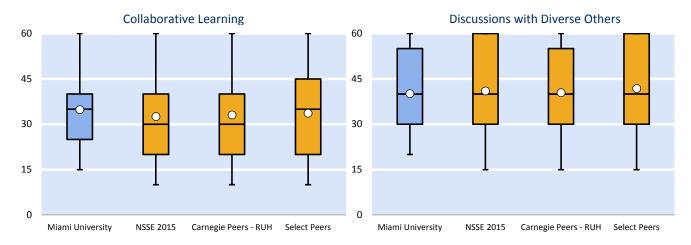
Learning with Peers: First-year students

Collaborating with others in mastering difficult material and developing interpersonal and social competence prepare students to deal with complex, unscripted problems they will encounter during and after college. Two Engagement Indicators make up this theme: *Collaborative Learning* and *Discussions with Diverse Others*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons			Your	first-year student	s compared	with	
	Miami University	NSSE 2015		NSSE 2015 Carnegie Peers - F		Select	Peers
			Effect		Effect		Effect
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size
Collaborative Learning	34.8	32.5 ***	.16	33.1 ***	.12	33.6 *	.08
Discussions with Diverse Others	40.1	41.0	05	40.4	02	41.8 **	11

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Summary of Indicator Items

			Carnegie	
Collaborative Learning	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%	%	%	%
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	56	50	53	55
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	66	57	59	61
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	54	50	51	52
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	61	54	54	54
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	62	73	71	74
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	70	74	73	75
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	72	69	68	72
8d. People with political views other than your own	67	68	68	70



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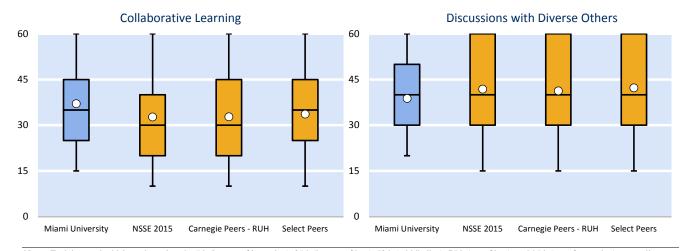
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			Effect		Effect		Effect
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size
Collaborative Learning	37.1	32.7 ***	.30	32.8 ***	.29	33.7 ***	.23
Discussions with Diverse Others	38.8	41.9 ***	19	41.3 ***	15	42.3 ***	22

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Collaborative Learning	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%	%	%	%
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	53	41	42	45
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	70	58	59	61
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	54	46	47	49
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	80	65	64	66
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	60	73	72	74
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	69	75	74	75
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	66	70	69	72
8d. People with political views other than your own	71	71	70	72



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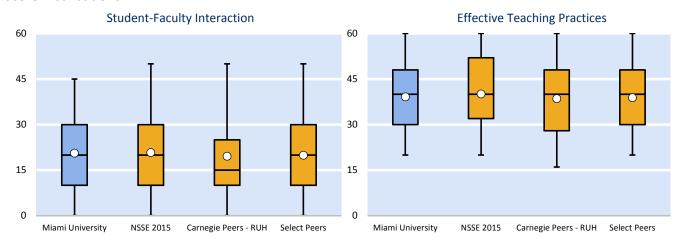
Experiences with Faculty: First-year students

Students learn firsthand how experts think about and solve problems by interacting with faculty members inside and outside of instructional settings. As a result, faculty become role models, mentors, and guides for lifelong learning. In addition, effective teaching requires that faculty deliver course material and provide feedback in student-centered ways. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Student-Faculty Interaction* and *Effective Teaching Practices*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

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			Effect		Effect		Effect		
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size		
Student-Faculty Interaction	20.6	20.8	01	19.6	.07	19.9	.05		
Effective Teaching Practices	39.1	40.1 *	07	38.5	.04	38.8	.02		

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			Carnegie	
Student-Faculty Interaction	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%	%	%	%
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	28	33	31	31
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	22	20	18	19
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	26	26	24	24
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	25	30	27	27
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	81	80	78	80
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	80	79	77	79
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	78	76	74	76
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	61	65	61	61
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	55	63	58	57



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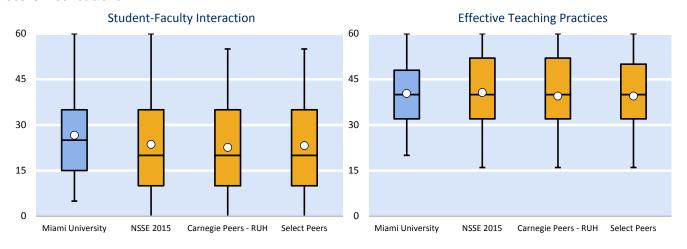
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			Effect		Effect		Effect	
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size	
Student-Faculty Interaction	26.6	23.6 ***	.18	22.6 ***	.25	23.2 ***	.21	
Effective Teaching Practices	40.4	40.7	02	39.5	.06	39.5	.06	

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Student-Faculty Interaction	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"	%	%	%	%
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	46	42	39	40
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	36	27	26	27
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	39	33	31	32
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	32	33	30	30
Effective Teaching Practices				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	84	82	80	81
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	83	80	78	79
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	83	78	78	79
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	59	61	57	56
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	68	67	63	62



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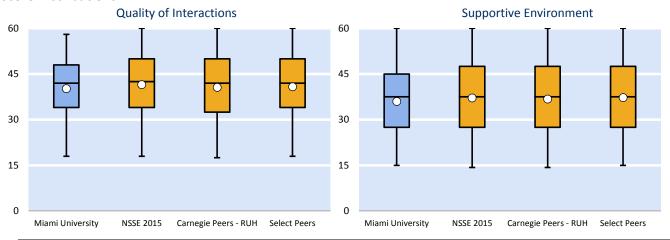
Campus Environment: First-year students

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			Effect		Effect		Effect	
Engagement Indicator	Mean	Mean	size	Mean	size	Mean	size	
Quality of Interactions	40.2	41.5 *	10	40.6	03	40.8	05	
Supportive Environment	36.0	37.1 *	08	36.8	05	37.3 *	09	

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Quality of Interactions	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage rating a 6 or 7 on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent" their interactions with	%	%	%	%
13a. Students	53	58	57	56
13b. Academic advisors	43	50	46	47
13c. Faculty	52	50	45	45
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	39	44	42	42
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	34	42	38	37
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	76	77	75	76
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	77	78	76	77
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	50	60	57	60
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	74	72	72	74
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	70	71	71	74
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	41	45	43	44
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	68	66	68	70
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	53	53	52	53



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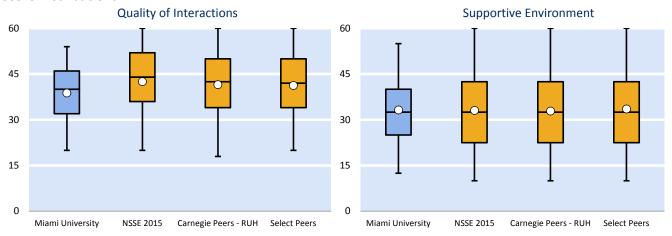
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Supportive Environment	33.2	33.1	.01	32.8	.03	33.6	03	

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Quality of Interactions	Miami University	NSSE 2015	Peers - RUH	Select Peers
Percentage rating a 6 or 7 on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent" their interactions with	%	%	%	%
13a. Students	55	63	62	61
13b. Academic advisors	33	53	48	47
13c. Faculty	61	59	56	54
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	32	43	41	40
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	24	42	39	36
Supportive Environment				
Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	76	71	70	70
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	66	67	65	65
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	40	54	52	53
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	70	65	65	68
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	65	61	62	66
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	29	33	31	31
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	59	56	58	63
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	50	45	45	45