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1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences

a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL	FY	3.33	3.06	3.02	.37	.05	2.91	.50	.18	2.88	.53	.21
					SR	3.20	3.39	3.40	-.23	-.01	3.23	-.03	.20	3.18	.02
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL	FY	3.29	2.65	2.36	.91	.29	2.36	.94	.30	2.32	.98	.34
					SR	3.40	3.11	3.05	.46	.08	2.88	.66	.30	2.81	.74
c.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP		FY	3.43	2.96	2.78	.75	.21	2.73	.77	.25	2.69	.81	.29
					SR	2.50	2.94	2.65	-.19	.39	2.55	-.07	.49	2.54	-.05
d.	Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT		FY	3.71	3.35	3.25	.49	.11	3.15	.64	.23	3.14	.65	.24
					SR	3.70	3.54	3.60	.11	-.07	3.39	.34	.16	3.38	.35
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS		FY	3.57	2.84	3.03	.62	-.22	2.80	.91	.05	2.80	.91	.04
					SR	3.10	3.09	3.18	-.10	-.11	2.91	.22	.21	2.88	.25
f.	Come to class without completing readings or assignments	CLUNPREP		FY	2.00	1.77	1.88	.17	-.16	1.92	.09	-.18	1.97	.04	-.23
					SR	1.90	1.87	1.96	-.06	-.09	2.00	-.10	-.13	2.04	-.13
g.	Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	ACL	FY	3.00	2.53	2.30	.87	.29	2.46	.68	.10	2.46	.67	.09
					SR	2.33	2.83	2.44	-.11	.42	2.64	-.34	.22	2.61	-.31
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	ACL	FY	3.29	2.55	2.41	.89	.15	2.40	.95	.16	2.47	.88	.09
					SR	2.89	2.92	2.60	.32	.36	2.76	.13	.17	2.77	.13
i.	Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS		FY	3.17	2.70	2.67	.59	.03	2.66	.60	.05	2.67	.58	.03
					SR	3.00	3.10	3.08	-.10	.02	2.98	.02	.14	2.99	.01
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	ACL	FY	2.17	1.61	1.51	.76	.12	1.65	.58	-.05	1.71	.51	-.12
					SR	2.00	1.66	1.71	.33	-.06	1.84	.18	-.20	1.86	.15
k.	Participated in a community-based project (e.g., service learning) as part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	ACL	FY	2.50	1.48	1.37	1.10	.11	1.60	.86	-.12	1.62	.85	-.13
					SR	1.50	1.86	1.73	-.22	.13	1.81	-.30	.05	1.74	-.24

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i.	Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	EEE	FY			3.00	2.89	2.67	.36	.24	2.66	.39	.27	2.71	.33	.20
				SR			2.90	3.20	2.88	.03	.43	2.93	-.03	.35	2.93	-.04	.35
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL		FY			3.83	3.44	3.26	.68	.21	3.25	.69	.23	3.23	.72	.25
				SR			3.60	3.65	3.62	-.03	.03	3.48	.14	.19	3.43	.20	.26
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	SFI	FY			3.17	2.84	2.62	.63	.25	2.70	.55	.16	2.67	.59	.20
				SR			2.40	2.91	2.90	-.49	.01	2.90	-.51	.02	2.84	-.46	.08
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	SFI	FY			2.83	2.32	2.13	.69	.19	2.24	.62	.08	2.23	.64	.10
				SR			2.30	2.23	2.40	-.18	-.30	2.49	-.26	-.36	2.44	-.20	-.30
p.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	SFI	FY			3.17	1.94	1.89	1.68	.07	1.89	1.53	.06	1.91	1.51	.04
				SR			2.30	1.95	2.08	.21	-.12	2.14	.16	-.18	2.09	.20	-.14
q.	Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	FACFEED	SFI	FY			3.00	2.70	2.83	.14	-.11	2.76	.21	-.05	2.74	.23	-.04
				SR			3.20	2.90	3.04	.13	-.11	2.89	.26	.01	2.86	.27	.03
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	WORKHARD	LAC	FY			3.17	3.01	2.87	.26	.12	2.78	.32	.19	2.77	.34	.20
				SR			2.70	3.10	2.98	-.33	.13	2.85	-.16	.26	2.84	-.15	.28
s.	Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FACOTHER	SFI	FY			2.67	1.62	1.58	1.04	.03	1.69	.93	-.06	1.69	.94	-.07
				SR			2.20	1.71	1.83	.32	-.11	1.90	.27	-.17	1.86	.30	-.14
t.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	ACL	FY			3.33	2.90	2.94	.43	-.04	2.74	.64	.17	2.76	.63	.16
				SR			2.90	3.01	3.06	-.20	-.06	2.91	-.01	.11	2.91	-.01	.12
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	EEE	FY			3.33	2.60	2.77	.67	-.20	2.58	.88	.02	2.64	.82	-.05
				SR			3.00	2.85	2.77	.84	.27	2.65	1.35	.76	2.69	1.16	.58
v.	Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	EEE	FY			3.50	2.55	2.72	1.65	-.37	2.63	1.79	-.17	2.68	1.66	-.28
				SR			3.00	2.71	2.69	1.09	.06	2.69	.83	.04	2.71	.75	-.01

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2. Mental Activities

a.	Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	FY	3.33	2.87	2.72	3.20	.79	2.98	1.57	-.49	2.96	1.59	-.39	
				SR	2.40	2.70	2.74	-.77	-.09	2.83	-1.12	-.34	2.80	-.98	-.25
b.	Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	ANALYZE	LAC	FY	3.83	3.11	3.25	3.62	-.90	3.17	3.57	-.33	3.20	3.51	-.53
				SR	3.40	3.40	3.44	-.22	-.22	3.31	.46	.46	3.33	.37	.36
c.	Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	SYNTHESZ	LAC	FY	3.33	2.99	3.06	1.95	-.48	2.95	2.62	.23	2.99	2.28	.00
				SR	3.00	3.31	3.30	-.22	.01	3.12	-.09	.13	3.14	-.10	.12
d.	Making judgments about the value of info., arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	EVALUATE	LAC	FY	3.67	2.93	2.97	.54	-.03	2.97	.53	-.03	2.97	.53	-.03
				SR	2.90	3.24	3.23	-.22	.01	3.09	-.12	.10	3.09	-.12	.10
e.	Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	LAC	FY	3.83	3.10	3.10	.43	.00	3.07	.47	.02	3.11	.43	-.01
				SR	3.20	3.46	3.33	-.13	.12	3.27	-.06	.17	3.28	-.07	.15

3. Reading and Writing

a.	Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	READASGN	LAC	FY	3.50	3.22	3.34	.06	-.04	3.17	.14	.02	3.19	.14	.01
				SR	3.50	3.17	3.34	.14	-.14	3.13	.23	.02	3.16	.22	.01
b.	Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	READOWN	LAC	FY	2.67	2.01	2.23	.31	-.16	2.05	.38	-.02	2.05	.38	-.02
				SR	2.30	2.40	2.20	.04	.07	2.19	.06	.11	2.20	.06	.11
c.	Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	WRITEMOR	LAC	FY	2.00	1.28	1.23	.73	.05	1.29	.60	-.01	1.29	.61	-.01
				SR	1.60	1.54	1.76	-.21	-.29	1.63	-.04	-.12	1.65	-.06	-.15
d.	Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	WRITEMID	LAC	FY	2.50	2.04	2.26	.30	-.27	2.23	.33	-.24	2.26	.30	-.28
				SR	2.60	2.43	2.78	-.18	-.35	2.57	.03	-.14	2.60	.00	-.17
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	LAC	FY	3.83	2.69	2.94	.90	-.24	2.99	.84	-.29	2.99	.85	-.30
				SR	3.30	2.65	2.85	.44	-.20	3.00	.31	-.37	3.00	.31	-.37

4. Problem Sets

a.	Number of problem sets that take you more than an hour to complete	PROBSETA	FY	3.83	3.03	2.85	.97	.18	2.75	1.12	.30	2.79	1.09	.25
				SR	3.00	3.04	2.70	.36	.41	2.72	.35	.40	2.74	.33
b.	Number of problem sets that take you less than an hour to complete	PROBSETB	FY	2.83	2.81	2.51	.40	.37	2.81	.03	.00	2.79	.05	.02
				SR	3.00	2.51	2.16	.88	.37	2.47	.56	.05	2.43	.61

5. Examinations

	Select the circle that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school	EXAMS	FY	5.33	5.84	5.73	-.47	.13	5.48	-.18	.42	5.51	-.20	.39
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6. Additional Collegiate Experiences

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			Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Effect Size ^c	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Mean ^a	Effect Size ^c	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a	Effect Size ^c	Effect Size ^c
a. Attended an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theater, or other performance	ATDART07	FY	3.17	2.22	1.94	1.56	.36	2.13	1.32	.12	2.13	1.34	.12	
		SR	2.70	1.89	1.89	.89	.00	1.96	.85	-.09	1.97	.83	-.10	
b. Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities	EXRCSE05	FY	2.50	2.57	2.72	-.23	-.16	2.79	-.32	-.25	2.83	-.37	-.29	
		SR	2.60	2.55	2.55	.05	.00	2.67	-.07	-.13	2.72	-.13	-.19	
c. Participated in activities to enhance your spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)	WORSH05	FY	1.83	2.15	2.01	-.18	.14	2.05	-.21	.09	2.06	-.23	.08	
		SR	2.40	2.60	2.01	.45	.68	2.13	.32	.55	2.14	.30	.54	
d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	FY	3.00	2.68	2.63	.39	.06	2.61	.40	.07	2.64	.38	.05	
		SR	2.70	2.85	2.75	-.06	.10	2.74	-.04	.11	2.75	-.05	.10	
e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	OTHRVIEW	FY	3.33	2.90	2.87	.49	.04	2.82	.54	.09	2.83	.54	.08	
		SR	3.10	3.04	2.99	.11	.05	2.90	.20	.14	2.91	.19	.13	
f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	FY	3.50	2.97	2.95	.54	.03	2.89	.60	.08	2.91	.59	.07	
		SR	3.00	3.04	3.01	-.01	.02	2.94	.05	.09	2.95	.04	.08	

7. Enriching Educational Experiences

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a. Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN04	EEE	3.20	.12	.08	3.88	.05	.07	3.79	.05	.08	3.80	.05	
		SR	2.90	.49	.48	3.67	.00	.49	3.34	-.01	.49	3.33	-.01	

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b.	Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	EEE	FY	3.80	.32	.33	4.49	-.02	.38	4.17	-.08	.40	4.18	-.11
				SR	3.70	.52	.60	3.92	-.10	.59	3.76	-.08	.59	3.64	-.08
c.	Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LRNCOM04	EEE	FY	3.40	.10	.09	3.77	.02	.17	3.64	-.07	.18	3.55	-.08
				SR	2.20	.31	.26	1.93	.05	.28	1.93	.03	.27	1.94	.04
d.	Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	SFI	FY	2.80	.06	.04	4.52	.03	.05	3.78	.00	.06	3.71	.00
				SR	2.40	.15	.18	2.69	-.04	.18	2.41	-.03	.20	2.33	-.06
e.	Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	EEE	FY	3.60	.32	.25	4.04	.08	.18	4.28	.18	.21	4.16	.13
				SR	4.00	.54	.34	3.79	.21	.35	4.00	.21	.38	3.85	.18
f.	Study abroad	STDABR04	EEE	FY	3.00	.03	.03	3.02	.01	.04	3.19	.00	.03	3.13	.00
				SR	2.30	.08	.12	2.77	-.06	.12	2.63	-.05	.14	2.61	-.07
g.	Independent study or self-designed major	INDSTD04	EEE	FY	2.80	.05	.04	2.81	.00	.04	2.84	.00	.04	2.83	.00
				SR	2.80	.14	.12	2.87	.02	.16	2.77	-.02	.17	2.84	-.03
h.	Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	SNRX04	EEE	FY	3.00	.02	.02	2.96	-.01	.02	2.98	-.01	.02	2.97	-.01
				SR	3.00	.17	.32	4.33	-.23	.33	3.80	-.21	.33	3.55	-.21

8. Quality of Relationships

a.	Relationships with other students	ENVSTU	SCE	FY	5.40	5.69	5.64	-.26	.06	5.51	-.13	.21	5.52	-.14	.19
				SR	5.90	5.84	5.87	.03	-.04	5.69	.21	.15	5.68	.22	.16
b.	Relationships with faculty members	ENVFAC	SCE	FY	5.40	5.35	5.61	-.22	-.27	5.38	.02	-.03	5.35	.05	.00
				SR	5.70	5.54	5.80	-.13	-.32	5.59	.14	-.06	5.53	.20	.01
c.	Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	SCE	FY	5.40	4.95	5.28	.15	-.39	4.91	.57	.05	4.89	.60	.07
				SR	5.00	5.01	5.20	-.20	-.19	4.79	.21	.23	4.81	.20	.21

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9. Time Usage

a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	ACADPR01	LAC	FY	4.60	4.62	4.38	.27	.29	4.13	.54	.56	4.30	.35	.37
				SR	4.40	4.65	4.51	-.11	.13	4.28	.12	.36	4.40	.00	.24
b.	Working for pay on campus	WORKON01		FY	2.60	1.68	1.65	.95	.03	1.48	1.14	.20	1.50	1.11	.18
				SR	2.60	1.33	1.64	.96	-.32	1.75	.93	-.46	1.81	.85	-.52
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01		FY	4.20	3.37	3.09	1.64	.41	2.46	2.36	1.23	2.22	2.69	1.56
				SR	3.30	5.10	4.15	-1.12	1.25	3.94	-.78	1.39	3.72	-.51	1.66
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	COCURR01	EEE	FY	3.60	2.05	1.93	2.08	.15	2.21	1.63	-.19	2.30	1.51	-.29
				SR	2.50	1.68	1.94	.71	-.33	2.05	.55	-.46	2.11	.48	-.53
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)	SOCIAL05		FY	3.20	2.94	3.15	.04	-.20	3.66	-.44	-.69	3.69	-.47	-.71
				SR	2.80	2.71	3.10	-.28	-.37	3.40	-.60	-.69	3.44	-.64	-.73
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01		FY	2.40	3.47	2.94	-.62	.61	2.04	.45	1.78	1.88	.63	1.92
				SR	2.10	4.67	3.41	-1.40	1.35	2.83	-.75	1.88	2.68	-.57	1.97
g.	Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	COMMUTE		FY	3.20	2.17	2.01	1.06	.14	2.22	.85	-.04	2.24	.82	-.06
				SR	2.40	2.37	2.12	.23	.20	2.39	.01	-.02	2.32	.06	.04

10. Institutional Environment

a.	Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	ENVSCHOL	LAC	FY	3.60	3.24	3.32	.24	-.07	3.17	.34	.05	3.20	.32	.03
				SR	3.40	3.33	3.42	-.02	-.08	3.16	.19	.13	3.19	.17	.11
b.	Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	SCE	FY	3.60	2.92	3.26	.40	-.40	3.12	.52	-.22	3.14	.51	-.24
				SR	3.00	2.93	3.17	-.16	-.23	3.01	-.01	-.07	3.01	-.01	-.08
c.	Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	EEE	FY	3.20	2.67	2.94	.24	-.24	2.75	.40	-.06	2.77	.38	-.08
				SR	2.90	2.60	2.87	.04	-.30	2.60	.33	.00	2.61	.32	-.01

^a Weighted by gender and enrollment status (and inst. size for comparisons)

^b * p<.05 ** p<.01 *** p<.001 (2-tailed)

^c Mean diff. divided by pooled SD

