

First-Year Students

Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Frequency Distributions ^a				Statistical Comparisons ^b		
				Brenau		Transferable Skills		Brenau	Transferable Skills	Effect size ^d
				Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	
1. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?										
a. Discussed or debated an issue of social, political, or philosophical importance	TRN01a	1	Never	7	15	4,411	14	2.7	2.5	.15
		2	Sometimes	16	32	12,089	37			
		3	Often	12	23	10,187	31			
		4	Very often	15	30	6,278	19			
		Total		50	100	32,965	100			
b. Made a speech to a group	TRN01b	1	Never	6	15	11,368	35	2.7	2.0 ***	.82
		2	Sometimes	15	28	13,545	41			
		3	Often	14	28	5,712	17			
		4	Very often	15	28	2,304	7			
		Total		50	100	32,929	100			
c. Worked in a group with people who differed from you in terms of background, political orientation, points of view, etc.	TRN01c	1	Never	3	6	2,489	8	3.0	2.7 **	.41
		2	Sometimes	11	23	11,588	35			
		3	Often	16	33	12,408	37			
		4	Very often	19	39	6,435	19			
		Total		49	100	32,920	100			
d. Discussed the ethical consequences of a course of action	TRN01d	1	Never	9	19	4,972	15	2.7	2.4	.30
		2	Sometimes	11	23	13,221	40			
		3	Often	16	30	10,592	32			
		4	Very often	14	28	4,118	12			
		Total		50	100	32,903	100			
e. Creatively thought about new ideas or about ways to improve things	TRN01e	1	Never	4	9	1,977	6	3.1	2.7 **	.40
		2	Sometimes	7	13	10,893	33			
		3	Often	19	38	13,380	40			
		4	Very often	20	40	6,658	20			
		Total		50	100	32,908	100			
f. Critically evaluated multiple solutions to a problem	TRN01f	1	Never	4	9	1,831	6	2.9	2.7	.24
		2	Sometimes	11	21	11,068	33			
		3	Often	18	36	13,734	42			
		4	Very often	17	34	6,250	19			
		Total		50	100	32,883	100			
g. Discussed complex problems with others to develop a better solution	TRN01g	1	Never	5	11	2,611	8	2.8	2.7	.14
		2	Sometimes	16	32	11,729	36			
		3	Often	13	25	12,729	38			
		4	Very often	16	32	5,771	18			
		Total		50	100	32,840	100			

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2. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you written something (paper, report, article, blog, etc.) that:										
a. Used information from a variety of sources (books, journals, Internet, databases, etc.)	TRN02a	1	Never	0	0	1,412	5	3.1	2.9	.25
		2	Sometimes	13	26	8,820	28			
		3	Often	18	34	12,813	38			
		4	Very often	19	39	9,816	29			
		Total		50	100	32,861	100			
b. Assessed the conclusions of a published work	TRN02b	1	Never	6	12	4,273	14	2.7	2.5	.22
		2	Sometimes	14	31	12,058	37			
		3	Often	15	29	10,834	32			
		4	Very often	13	28	5,603	17			
		Total		48	100	32,768	100			
c. Included ideas from more than one academic discipline	TRN02c	1	Never	4	8	3,482	11	2.8	2.6	.22
		2	Sometimes	16	34	11,869	36			
		3	Often	17	32	11,585	35			
		4	Very often	13	26	5,830	17			
		Total		50	100	32,766	100			
d. Presented multiple viewpoints or perspectives	TRN02d	1	Never	1	2	2,741	9	2.9	2.6 *	.35
		2	Sometimes	17	34	12,137	37			
		3	Often	17	34	12,230	37			
		4	Very often	15	30	5,675	17			
		Total		50	100	32,783	100			

*p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.