

Learning with Peers: First-year students

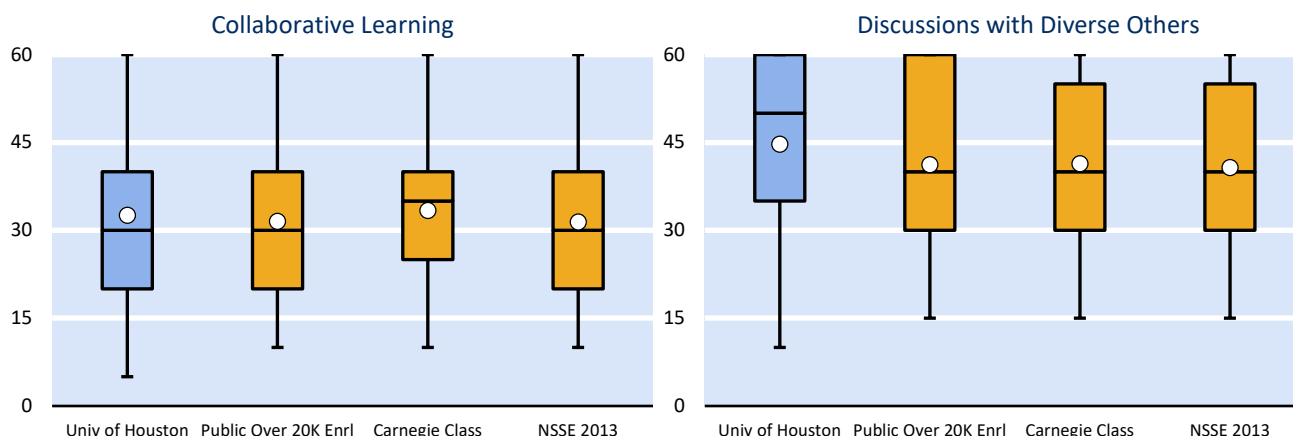
Collaborating with others in mastering difficult material and developing interpersonal and social competence prepare students to deal with complex, unscripted problems they will encounter during and after college. Two Engagement Indicators make up this theme: *Collaborative Learning* and *Discussions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

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	Univ of Houston Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Public Over 20K Enrl Mean	Effect size	Carnegie Class Mean	Effect size	NSSE 2013 Mean	Effect size
Collaborative Learning	32.6	31.5	.08	33.4	-.06	31.4	.08
Discussions with Diverse Others	44.7	41.2 ***	.22	41.4 ***	.22	40.7 ***	.25

Notes: Results weighted by gender and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the summary page are based on effect size and p before rounding.

Score Distributions



Notes: 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 represents the mean score.

Summary of Indicator Items

Collaborative Learning

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...

	Univ of Houston	Public Over 20K Enrl	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	50	49	55	48
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	62	57	61	56
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	53	48	53	48
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	47	49	52	50

Discussions with Diverse Others

Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...

	Univ of Houston	Public Over 20K Enrl	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2013
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	82	71	70	70
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	76	73	73	73
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	78	71	72	68
8d. People with political views other than your own	76	71	72	70

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your *Institutional Report* and available on the NSSE Web site.