

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

Salem State University administered the NSSE Survey in 2019 to first-year (FY) and senior (SR) students. The response rate was 23% for FY and 18% for SR students. The chart below is the percent of students responding 'very much' or 'quite a bit' to the question "How much has your Salem State experience contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development?" SSU's results are also compared below to two aspirational groups: NE public and a set of Peer institutions.

SSU Seniors and FY Perceived Gains (2019)

How much has SSU experience contributed to your knowledge, skills, & personal development?	SR '19	FY '19	NE Pub.	Peer Inst.
Thinking critically and analytically	84%	70%	72%	78%
Writing clearly and effectively	72%	64%	60%	65%
Working effectively with others	71%	64%	61%	65%
Speaking clearly and effectively	72%	68%	51%	58%
Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	68%	64%	60%	61%
Developing, clarifying a personal code of values, ethics	66%	58%	54%	58%
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	63%	42%	51%	54%
Solving complex real-world problems	63%	52%	53%	54%
Being an informed and active citizen	62%	54%	53%	53%
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	58%	51%	59%	55%

Percent of Seniors, FY responding 'very much; quite a bit.'
Source: National Survey of Student Engagement, 2019

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Salem State University administered the NSSE Survey in 2019 and 2016 to first-year (FY) and senior (SR) students. In 2016, the response rate was 31% for FY and 28% for SR students. In 2019, the response rate was 23% for FY and 18% for SR students. The chart below is the percent of students responding 'very much' or 'quite a bit' to the question "How much has your Salem State experience contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development?" SSU's results are also compared below to two aspirational groups: NE public and a set of Peer institutions.

SSU Seniors Perceived Gains (2019 and 2016)

How much has SSU experience contributed to your knowledge, skills, & personal development?	SR '19	SR '16	NE Pub.	Peer Inst.
Thinking critically and analytically	84%	82%	82%	84%
Writing clearly and effectively	72%	74%	70%	72%
Working effectively with others	71%	73%	72%	75%
Speaking clearly and effectively	72%	70%	65%	68%
Understanding people of other backgrounds (economic, racial/ethnic, political, religious, nationality, etc.)	68%	66%	61%	66%
Developing, clarifying a personal code of values, ethics	66%	66%	60%	64%
Acquiring job- or work-related knowledge and skills	63%	70%	63%	70%
Solving complex real-world problems	63%	62%	60%	63%
Being an informed and active citizen	62%	57%	55%	58%
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	58%	62%	64%	62%

Percent of Seniors responding 'very much; quite a bit.'
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