

**Items Included from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) in the
Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA):
Data for UMass Dartmouth 2008 and 2011**

Group Learning Experiences			
NSSE Item	2008	2011	2011 v. 2008
% of seniors worked with classmates on assignments outside of class.	94%	96%	+2%
% of seniors tutored or taught other students	60%	54%	-6%
% of seniors spent at least 6 hours per week participating in co-curricular activities such as student organizations and intramural sports	22%	23%	+1%
Active Learning Experiences			
NSSE Item	2008	2011	2011 v. 2008
% of seniors spent at least 6 hours per week preparing for class	85%	82%	-3%
% of seniors worked on a research project with a faculty member	20%	22%	+2%
% of seniors participated in an internship, practicum, or field experience	53%	50%	-3%
% of seniors participated in community service or volunteer work	49%	53%	+4%
% of seniors participated in study abroad	8%	8%	0%
% of seniors made at least one class presentation last year	99%	97%	-2%
Institutional Commitment to Student Learning and Success			
NSSE Item	2008	2011	2011 v. 2008
% of seniors believe this institution provides support for student success	94%	89%	-5%
% of seniors rated the quality of academic advising at this institution as good or excellent	66%	59%	-7%
% of seniors reported that this institution provided help in coping with work, family and other non-academic responsibilities	60%	60%	0%
% of seniors reported working harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	94%	93%	-1%
Student Interaction with Campus Faculty and Staff			
NSSE Item	2008	2011	2011 v. 2008
% of seniors believed that the campus staff were helpful, considerate, or flexible	45%	43%	-2%
% of seniors believed that faculty are available, helpful, or sympathetic	80%	74%	-6%
% of seniors reported that faculty members provided prompt feedback on their academic performance	97%	96%	-1%
% of seniors discussed readings or ideas with faculty members outside of class	78%	66%	-12%

Experiences with Diverse Groups of People and Ideas			
NSSE Item	2008	2011	2011 v. 2008
% of seniors reported that they often tried to understand someone else's point of view	62%	63%	+1%
% of seniors reported their experience at this institution contributed to their understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	90%	80%	-10%
% of seniors often had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity	54%	53%	-1%
Student Satisfaction			
NSSE Item	2008	2011	2011 v. 2008
% of seniors would attend this institution if they started over again	79%	68%	-11%
% of seniors rated their entire educational experience as good or excellent	87%	76%	-11%
% of seniors reported that other students were friendly or supportive	81%	77%	-4%