



Major Field Reports

NSSE data identify strengths and weaknesses in reference to comparison institutions, yet institution-level comparisons may not capture important variation in student engagement that may exist among key subpopulations such as major-field groups. NSSE urges institutions to "look within," calling attention to the need to examine variation in the student experience. The dashboards we can create in this interactive report facilitate a deeper dive into your students' responses by customizable groups of related majors.

Basic Major Field Reports for NMU First-Year and Senior NSSE2021 respondents are provided on the NMU Office of Institutional Effectiveness website. The NSSE Interactive Comparison Tool can be further customized by Class Level, Major Field Groups, Student Characteristics, and Comparison Institution Characteristics. Please contact us to access your customized report.

Major Field Categories

The NSSE 2021 Major Field Categories are detailed below and include the number of respondents from First-Year and Senior groups. Students' self-reported first and second (if applicable) majors were assigned to a standard list of 139 majors. [Learn more about NSSE's Ten Major Field Categories.](#) Keep in mind, majors are student-reported. First-year students may report intended majors that have not yet been declared. Also, much of the first-year experience may take place outside of the major field. For these reasons, first-year results by major should be interpreted with caution.

- **Group 1: Arts & Humanities (First-year N=18*, Senior N=36)**

Arts, fine and applied; Architecture; Art history; English (language and literature); French (language and literature); Spanish (language and literature); Other language and literature; History; Humanities (general); Music; Philosophy; Religion; Theater or drama; Other fine and performing arts; Other humanities

- **Group 2: Bio, Agric, & Nat Res (First-year N=70, Senior N=71)**

Biology (general); Agriculture; Biochemistry or biophysics; Biomedical science; Botany; Cell and molecular biology; Environmental science/studies; Marine science; Microbiology or bacteriology; Natural resources and conservation; Natural science; Neuroscience; Physiology and developmental biology; Zoology; Other agriculture and natural resources; Other biological sciences

- **Group 3: Phys Sci, Math, CS (First-year N=15*, Senior N=34)**

Physical sciences (general); Astronomy; Atmospheric science (including meteorology); Chemistry; Computer science; Earth science (including geology); Mathematics; Physics; Statistics; Other physical sciences



- **Group 4: Social Sciences (First-year N=27*, Senior N=29*)**

Social sciences (general); Anthropology; Economics; Ethnic studies; Gender studies; Geography; International relations; Political science; Psychology; Sociology; Other social sciences

- **Group 5: Business (First-year N=24*, Senior N=33)**

Accounting; Business administration; Entrepreneurial studies; Finance; Hospitality and tourism; International business; Management; Management information systems; Marketing; Organizational leadership or behavior; Supply chain and operations management; Other business

- **Group 6: Comm, Media, PR (First-year N=7*, Senior N=7*)**

Communications (general); Broadcast communications; Journalism; Mass communications and media studies; Public relations and advertising; Speech; Telecommunications; Other communications

- **Group 7: Education (First-year N=25*, Senior N=48)**

Education (general); Business education; Early childhood education; Elementary, middle school education; Mathematics education; Music or art education; Physical education; Secondary education; Social studies education; Special education; Other education

- **Group 8: Engineering (First-year N=9*, Senior N=15*)**

Engineering (general); Aero-, astronautical engineering; Bioengineering; Biomedical engineering; Chemical engineering; Civil engineering; Computer engineering and technology; Electrical or electronic engineering; Industrial engineering; Materials engineering; Mechanical engineering; Petroleum engineering; Software engineering; Other engineering

- **Group 9: Health Professions (First-year N=26*, Senior N=64)**

Allied health; Dentistry; Health science; Health technology (medical, dental, laboratory); Healthcare administration and policy; Kinesiology; Medicine; Nursing; Nutrition and dietetics; Occupational safety and health; Occupational therapy; Pharmacy; Physical therapy; Rehabilitation sciences; Speech therapy; Veterinary science; Other health professions

- **Group 10: Social Svc Professions (First-year N=19*, Senior N=23*)**

Criminal justice; Criminology; Forensics; Justice administration; Law; Military science; Public administration, policy; Public safety and emergency management; Social work; Urban planning

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