



Spring 2009 NSSE Results January, 26, 2010

During Spring 2009, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was distributed to 603 UHV seniors with valid email addresses. 107 of them completed the online survey, with a response rate of 18%. The seniors who responded were representative of the diversity of UHV's student population.

		NSSE Participants	All UHV Students
Ethnicity	White (non-Hispanic)	50%	50%
	Black/African American	16%	17%
	Hispanic or Latino, Mexican/Mexican American	18%	18%
	Other	16%	16%
Gender	Female	83%	66%
	Male	17%	34%

UHV seniors were more likely than students enrolled at similar institutions to participate in the following activities:

- 80% often ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions
- 76% use electronic medium to complete their assignments
- 90% use email to communicate with the instructor

Over 80% think the coursework emphasizes a variety of mental skills. 77% think their exams are very challenging, and 90% say that they spend significant amounts of time studying and on academic work. Overall, UHV students reported higher levels of academic challenge than their peers at other schools.

UHV's NSSE results also provide insight into our unique student body. 87% of seniors were considered non-traditional students (over 24 years of age), 58% were enrolled in school part-time, and 52% worked off-campus more than 30 hours per week. In addition to the challenges of work and school, 50% of students reported spending more than 20 hours per week caring for dependents.

Given the challenges of balancing work, family and school obligations, not surprisingly, UHV seniors are less likely to participate in certain enriching educational experiences:

- 27% have participated in practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment
- 16% have worked or plan to work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements
- 12% have participated or plan to participate in a Study Abroad program

The quality of relationships we have with our students has always been a top priority for UHV, and it seems that students recognize this effort. UHV seniors rated their on-campus relationships higher than students enrolled at similar institutions.

- 86% indicate that they have good relationships with other students
- 77% indicate that they have good relationships with faculty
- 71% indicate that they have good relationships with staff

Most importantly, 94% of the respondents indicate that their educational experience at UHV is good or excellent, and 96% indicate that if starting again, they would choose the same institution.

UHV will continue to participate in the NSSE, and the Spring 2011 administration will include both seniors and freshmen. We appreciate your participation in this important process. The results from surveys like the NSSE provide valuable information about our students' experiences and allow us to make comparisons against students at other institutions.