

Indiana State University

2007 Freshman Student Profile: NSSE Edition

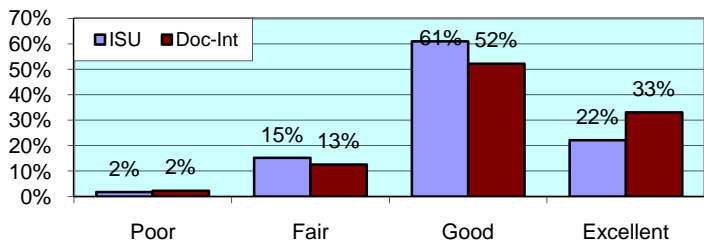
The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was administered to randomly selected ISU freshman students in Spring 2007. Out of 2,210 freshman students given the opportunity to participate, 1,018 students completed the survey via the internet, for a response rate of 46%. In addition to the results compiled for ISU students, this report includes the NSSE results of senior students enrolled at other doctoral institutions, which facilitates comparison with institutions similar to ISU.

All numbers in this report are percentages unless otherwise stated.

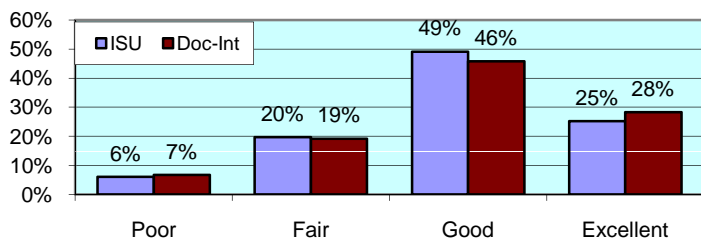
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I. ABOUT INSTITUTION

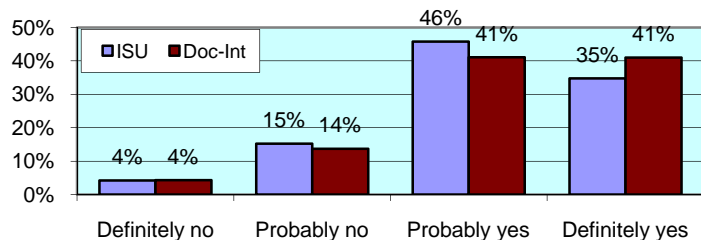
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution? *



Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution?



If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?

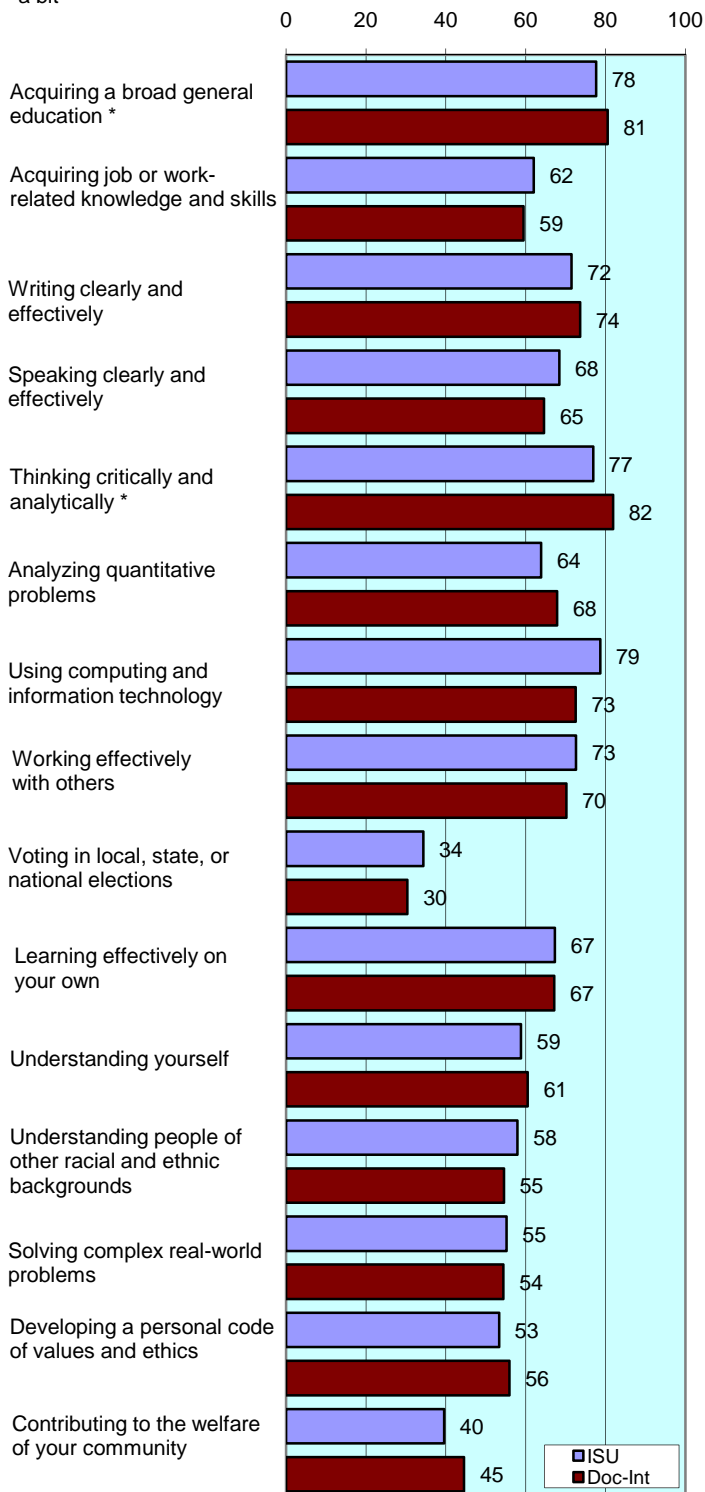


To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following?

Items		Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much
Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work *	ISU	3	27	44	26
	Doc-Int	2	19	48	31
Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically *	ISU	3	27	47	23
	Doc-Int	3	22	45	30
Encouraging contact among students from different racial/ethnic backgrounds	ISU	12	33	37	19
	Doc-Int	14	32	31	23
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities	ISU	27	39	24	10
	Doc-Int	27	39	24	10
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ISU	16	40	32	13
	Doc-Int	17	38	32	13
Attending campus events and activities (speakers, performances, etc.)	ISU	9	34	36	21
	Doc-Int	11	29	37	24
Using computers in academic work	ISU	1	13	35	50
	Doc-Int	2	13	35	50

To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following?

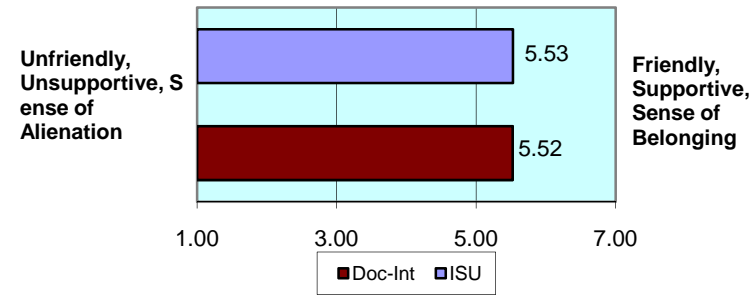
number is combined % who responded either 'very much' or 'quite a bit'



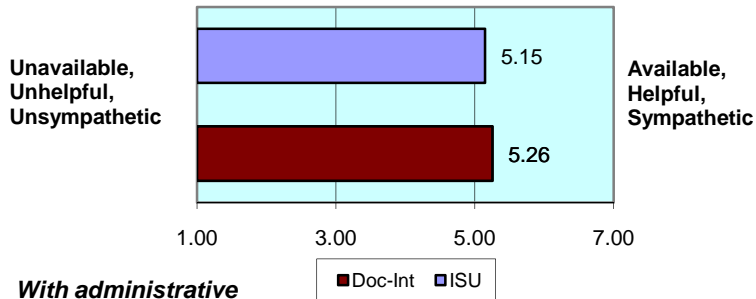
II. ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

How would you rate your relationships with people at your institution?

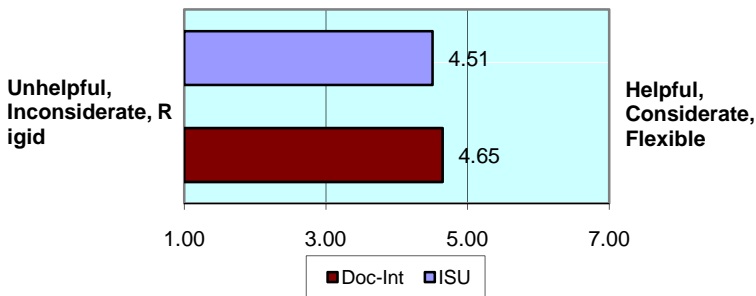
With other students... numbers indicate means of 7-point scale



*With faculty members... **



With administrative personnel & offices...



III. IN CLASSROOM

How often have you done each of the following?

Items		Never	Some-times	Often	Very often
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	ISU	3	40	37	20
	Doc-Int	3	38	34	25
Made a class presentation *	ISU	7	49	35	8
	Doc-Int	14	53	25	8
Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in *	ISU	14	33	33	20
	Doc-Int	12	29	34	26
Worked on a paper that required integrating ideas from various sources	ISU	1	21	48	30
	Doc-Int	2	19	45	34
Included diverse perspectives in class discussions or assignments *	ISU	7	38	36	19
	Doc-Int	6	31	37	26
Came to class without completing readings or assignments	ISU	21	59	14	5
	Doc-Int	25	58	12	5
Put together ideas from different courses for assignments or class discussions	ISU	5	41	42	12
	Doc-Int	7	42	38	14
Used an electronic medium to discuss or complete an assignment	ISU	11	32	31	26
	Doc-Int	16	31	28	25
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's expectations	ISU	8	40	40	12
	Doc-Int	8	38	37	17

IV. INVOLVEMENT WITH FACULTY

How often have you done each of the following?

Items		Never	Some-times	Often	Very often
Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor*	ISU	1	19	37	43
	Doc-Int	2	23	37	38
Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	ISU	5	40	36	18
	Doc-Int	8	42	31	18
Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor*	ISU	17	51	24	8
	Doc-Int	25	46	19	9
Discussed ideas from your classes with faculty outside of class	ISU	37	42	16	5
	Doc-Int	42	38	14	6
Received prompt feedback from faculty on your performance	ISU	6	41	41	12
	Doc-Int	7	37	40	16
Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework *	ISU	52	29	13	5
	Doc-Int	59	26	10	4

V. INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER STUDENTS

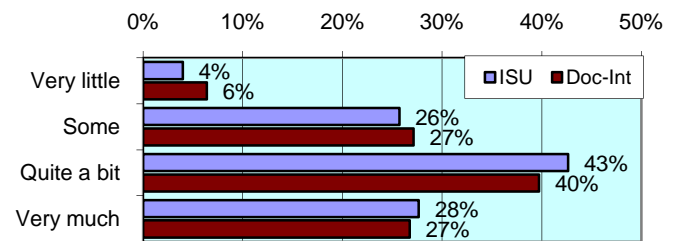
How often have you done each of the following?

Items		Never	Some-times	Often	Very often
Worked with other students on projects during class*	ISU	7	44	35	14
	Doc-Int	11	45	33	11
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare assignments*	ISU	8	48	31	12
	Doc-Int	15	45	29	11
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	ISU	57	29	11	4
	Doc-Int	53	33	10	4
Discussed ideas from your classes with others outside of class	ISU	7	43	35	15
	Doc-Int	7	39	35	19
Had serious conversations with students of a different race	ISU	17	34	30	18
	Doc-Int	15	35	27	23
Had serious conversations with students who have different personal values from yours	ISU	12	35	32	21
	Doc-Int	12	34	29	26

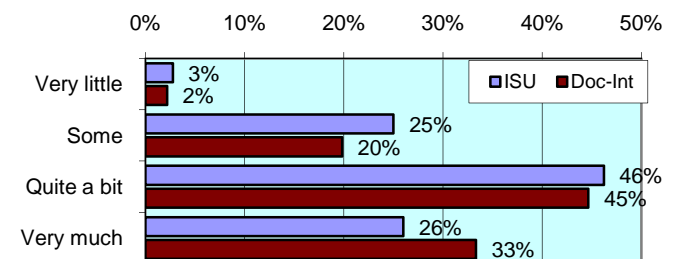
VI. ACADEMIC WORK

How much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?

Memorizing facts, ideas or methods from your courses and readings

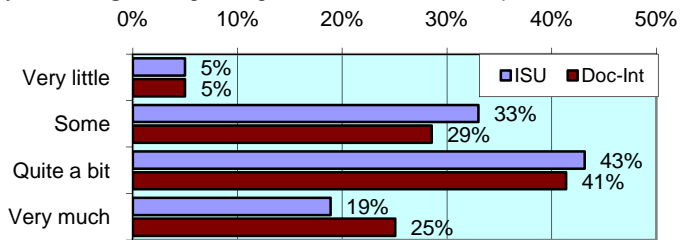


Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory *

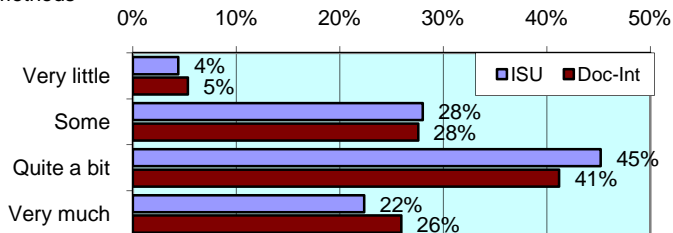


VI. ACADEMIC WORK (continued)

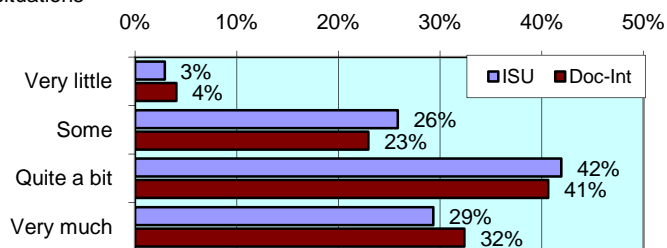
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences *



Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods



Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations



In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you complete?

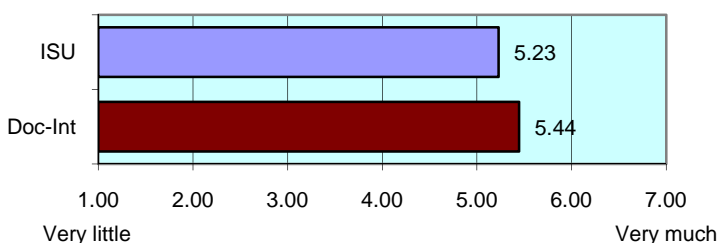
Items		None	1-2	3-4	More than 5
Number of problem sets that take you more than an hour to complete	ISU	13	39	33	15
	Doc-Int	14	36	32	18
Number of problem sets that take you less than an hour to complete *	ISU	9	33	31	28
	Doc-Int	12	36	27	25

During the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

Items		Never	Some- times	Often	Very often
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic*	ISU	38	45	32	13
	Doc-Int	11	38	34	18
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	ISU	6	39	36	19
	Doc-Int	7	35	37	22
Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	ISU	3	36	42	19
	Doc-Int	5	34	39	22

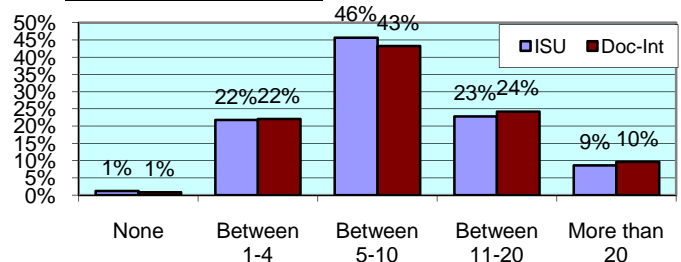
Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work *

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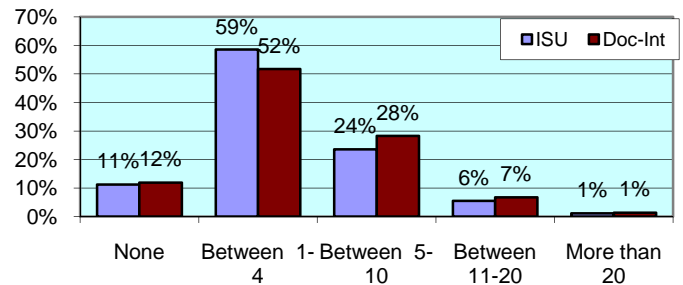


During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done?

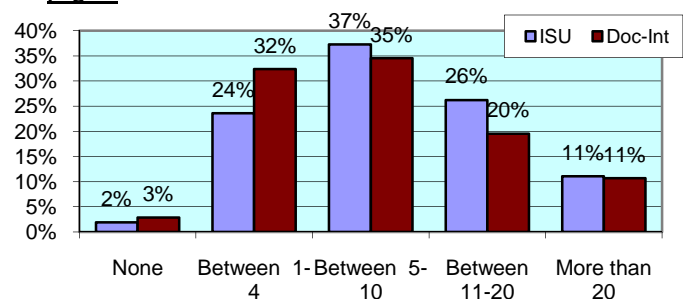
Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings



Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages



Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages*



VII. PLANS DURING COLLEGE

Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?

Item		Not decided	Won't do	Plan to do	Done
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	ISU	13	4	75	8
	Doc-Int	13	4	75	7
Community service or volunteer work	ISU	13	8	41	38
	Doc-Int	16	8	40	37
Participate in a learning community *	ISU	23	16	25	36
	Doc-Int	33	26	23	17
Worked on a research project with a faculty member outside of course*	ISU	37	23	32	8
	Doc-Int	40	27	29	5
Foreign language coursework	ISU	18	34	26	21
	Doc-Int	19	28	32	21
Study abroad	ISU	32	40	26	3
	Doc-Int	30	31	37	2
Independent study or self-designed major	ISU	34	47	15	4
	Doc-Int	34	48	15	3
Culminating senior experience (thesis, project, etc.)	ISU	37	9	52	2
	Doc-Int	39	12	47	1



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