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			<i>I=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often</i>											
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences														
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	3.09	2.93	.19	2.93	0.025	.18	2.95	0.062	.16	3.06	0.197	.04
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	2.67	2.62	.06	2.66	0.446	.01	2.69	0.025	-.02	2.80	0.001	-.15
c.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	REWROPAP	2.33	2.78	**	2.48	0.048	-.15	2.48	0.042	-.15	2.49	0.062	-.16
d.	Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	INTEGRAT	3.30	3.23	.09	3.25	0.116	.07	3.24	0.065	.08	3.30	0.938	.01
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	DIVCLASS	2.76	2.80	-.04	2.76	0.293	.00	2.70	0.005	.06	2.78	0.534	-.03
f.	Came to class without completing readings or assignments	CLUNPREP	2.45	2.09	**	2.13	0.104	.41	2.17	0.616	.36	2.12	0.025	.43
g.	Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	2.36	2.64	-.30	2.48	0.001	-.14	2.47	0.000	-.12	2.51	0.009	-.17
h.	Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	2.24	2.45	-.22	2.60	0.425	-.39	2.80	0.000	-.60	2.75	0.000	-.57
i.	Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	INTIDEAS	2.84	2.80	.05	2.86	0.075	-.02	2.90	0.416	-.07	2.91	0.597	-.08
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	1.31	1.76	***	1.80	0.903	-.52	1.90	0.006	-.62	1.89	0.017	-.60
k.	Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	1.56	1.72	-.18	1.56	0.001	.00	1.66	0.248	-.11	1.69	0.784	-.14

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<b>1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences (continued)</b>															
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l.	Used an electronic medium (list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	2.63	2.93	-.30	2.77	0.000	-.13	2.88	0.004	-.24	2.85	0.000	-.22	
m.	Used email to communicate with an instructor	EMAIL	3.28	3.32	-.05	3.29	0.002	-.01	3.31	0.003	-.03	3.31	0.002	-.03	
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	2.78	2.74	.04	2.71	0.095	.08	2.76	0.730	.02	2.79	0.601	-.01	
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	2.22	2.21	.01	2.22	0.265	.00	2.33	0.000	-.12	2.41	0.000	-.20	
p.	Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	1.78	1.90	-.13	1.96	0.842	-.20	2.03	0.036	-.27	2.08	0.000	-.33	
q.	Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	FACFEED	2.61	2.68	-.08	2.70	0.867	-.10	2.69	0.895	-.09	2.76	0.029	-.19	
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations.	WORKHARD	2.48	2.65	-.19	2.66	0.183	-.20	2.67	0.071	-.22	2.69	0.014	-.25	
s.	Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FACOTHER	1.90	1.62	.32	1.60	0.047	.36	1.75	0.040	.16	1.81	0.001	.10	
t.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OOCIDEAS	2.58	2.75	-.20	2.81	0.888	-.27	2.85	0.352	-.32	2.84	0.464	-.31	
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	2.45	2.57	-.12	2.70	0.014	-.25	2.64	0.260	-.19	2.64	0.219	-.20	
v.	Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	2.52	2.59	-.08	2.68	0.100	-.17	2.68	0.136	-.16	2.71	0.012	-.21	

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**2. Mental Activities**

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<i>I=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>														
a. Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	MEMORIZE	3.23	2.73	**	.55	2.77	0.022	.52	2.78	0.004	.50	2.74	0.088	.54
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	ANALYZE	3.23	3.11		.16	3.18	0.554	.07	3.22	0.073	.02	3.22	0.047	.02
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	SYNTHESZ	3.00	2.98		.03	2.94	0.168	.07	2.99	0.839	.02	3.01	0.592	-.02
d. Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	EVALUATE	3.23	2.90	*	.40	2.90	0.771	.38	2.92	0.806	.36	2.94	0.300	.33
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	3.17	3.11		.06	3.10	0.071	.08	3.16	0.903	.00	3.17	0.905	-.01

**3. Reading and Writing**

<i>I=none, 2= between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20</i>														
a. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	READASGN	3.33	3.08		.27	3.11	0.400	.22	3.14	0.140	.20	3.18	0.008	.15
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	READOWN	2.03	2.12		-.09	2.21	0.751	-.18	2.20	0.998	-.17	2.21	0.777	-.18
c. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	WRITEMOR	1.50	1.48		.03	1.56	0.397	-.08	1.61	0.461	-.15	1.64	0.084	-.18
d. Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	WRITEMID	2.93	2.42	*	.56	2.49	0.652	.47	2.49	0.690	.47	2.59	0.038	.36
e. Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	2.63	2.95		-.29	2.86	0.156	-.20	2.96	0.616	-.27	2.98	0.281	-.30

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<b>4. Challenge of Examinations</b>		<i>I=very little to 7=very much</i>													
	To what extent did your exams during the current school year challenge you to do your best work?	EXAMS	5.10	5.39	-.23	5.39	0.397	-.23	5.41	0.187	-.25	5.41	0.171	-.25	
<b>5. Quality of Advising</b>		<i>1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent</i>													
	Overall how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution?	ADVISE	2.46	2.75	-.30	2.59	0.045	-.13	2.76	0.043	-.31	2.82	0.000	-.38	
<b>6. Enriching Educational Experiences</b>		<i>Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? 0=No, 1=Yes (undecided=missing) Means are the proportion of students responding "Yes."</i>													
a.	Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN04	3.20	2.88	.33	.46	0.508	5.50	.50	0.712	5.40	.53	0.669	5.35	
b.	Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	3.13	3.11	.02	.50	0.332	5.27	.57	0.006	5.18	.59	0.001	5.17	
c.	Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	LRNCOM04	2.43	2.63	-.17	.22	0.000	5.30	.26	0.002	4.99	.25	0.001	5.04	
d.	Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	RESRCH04	2.00	2.17	-.18	.16	0.697	5.06	.19	0.104	4.63	.19	0.065	4.60	
e.	Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	2.73	2.58	.15	.38	0.079	4.85	.41	0.001	4.73	.41	0.000	4.72	
f.	Study abroad	STDABR04	1.97	2.04	-.10	.09	0.192	6.49	.13	0.000	5.38	.14	0.000	5.17	
g.	Independent study or self-designed major	INDSTD04	1.90	2.12	-.26	.15	0.762	4.91	.17	0.235	4.58	.19	0.031	4.40	
h.	Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)	SNRX04	3.53	2.52	***	.95	.26	0.000	7.48	.30	0.044	7.06	.32	0.465	6.85

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1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=more than 30 hrs/wk

**7. Time Usage**

			Other Schools'			Urban			Doc-Int			NSSE 2004			
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a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)	ACADPR01	3.17	4.00	**	-.48	3.95	0.687	-.46	4.11	0.011	-.53	4.10	0.011	-.54
b.	Working for pay on campus	WORKON01	1.23	1.65	**	-.25	1.73	0.514	-.29	1.87	0.164	-.38	1.83	0.378	-.38
c.	Working for pay off campus	WORKOF01	5.20	4.52		.24	4.63	0.004	.21	3.62	0.000	.57	3.80	0.000	.50
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, etc.)	COCURR01	1.57	1.61		-.04	1.68	0.002	-.09	2.02	0.000	-.32	2.08	0.000	-.34
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, etc.)	SOCIAL05	3.27	3.39		-.08	3.40	0.038	-.09	3.49	0.000	-.14	3.48	0.000	-.14
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	CAREDE01	3.10	2.78		.13	2.55	0.000	.23	2.28	0.000	.38	2.33	0.000	.34
g.	Commuting to class	COMMUTE	2.43	2.48		-.05	2.54	0.303	-.10	2.42	0.088	.01	2.37	0.006	.06

**8. Educational and Personal Growth**

1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much

			Other Schools'			Urban			Doc-Int			NSSE 2004			
		Mean	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	
a.	Acquiring a broad general education	NGNGLED	3.00	3.11		-.14	3.12	0.070	-.15	3.21	0.413	-.27	3.24	0.102	-.30
b.	Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	GNWORK	2.93	2.90		.03	2.85	0.000	.08	3.01	0.450	-.09	3.02	0.619	-.10
c.	Writing clearly and effectively	GNWRITE	3.07	3.08		-.02	2.98	0.001	.11	3.01	0.009	.07	3.07	0.260	.00
d.	Speaking clearly and effectively	GNSPEAK	2.96	2.98		-.02	2.81	0.000	.17	2.89	0.000	.08	2.96	0.052	.01

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**8. Educational and Personal Growth (continued)**

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<i>1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>														
a. Thinking critically and analytically	GNANALY	3.21	3.26	-.06	3.25	0.013	-.04	3.32	0.614	-.14	3.33	0.859	-.15	
b. Analyzing quantitative problems	GNQUANT	3.07	3.04	.04	2.97	0.001	.11	3.03	0.052	.04	3.02	0.014	.06	
c. Using computing and information technology	GNCMPTS	3.25	3.27	-.02	3.16	0.000	.11	3.23	0.000	.02	3.20	0.000	.05	
d. Working effectively with others	GNOTHERS	3.21	3.09	.15	2.99	0.000	.26	3.10	0.434	.13	3.14	0.846	.09	
e. Voting in local, state, or national elections	GNCITIZN	2.61	1.88	***	.72	2.06	0.020	.52	2.09	0.002	.51	2.10	0.001	.49
f. Learning effectively on your own	GNINQ	2.89	2.89	.00	2.89	0.271	.00	2.99	0.172	-.11	3.00	0.103	-.12	
g. Understanding yourself	GNSELF	2.54	2.66	-.12	2.59	0.186	-.05	2.75	0.017	-.21	2.78	0.002	-.24	
h. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	GNDIVERS	2.64	2.56	.08	2.60	0.258	.05	2.54	0.846	.11	2.57	0.507	.07	
i. Solving complex real-world problems	GNPROBSV	2.64	2.62	.02	2.60	0.014	.04	2.73	0.540	-.10	2.72	0.882	-.08	
j. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	GNETHICS	2.39	2.49	-.09	2.44	0.190	-.04	2.67	0.000	-.27	2.65	0.001	-.25	
k. Contributing to the welfare of your community	GNCOMMUN	2.57	2.30	.27	2.24	0.446	.33	2.44	0.000	.09	2.42	0.001	.15	
l. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	GNSPIRIT	1.96	1.78	.19	1.68	0.988	.29	2.01	0.000	-.04	1.93	0.000	.04	

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**9. Institutional Environment**

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a. Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	ENVSCHOL	2.57	3.04	**	-.60	3.01	0.843	-.56	3.07	0.037	-.65	3.08	0.023	-.66
b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	2.63	2.86		-.27	2.68	0.016	-.06	2.80	0.451	-.20	2.87	0.006	-.28
c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	2.23	2.45		-.22	2.36	0.915	-.13	2.34	0.650	-.11	2.40	0.352	-.17
d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	1.83	1.92		-.10	1.72	0.019	.13	1.90	0.022	-.07	1.91	0.010	-.08
e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	2.17	2.07		.10	1.96	0.998	.24	2.15	0.000	.02	2.14	0.000	.03
f. Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	ENVEVENT	2.27	2.31		-.05	2.39	0.001	-.13	2.59	0.000	-.34	2.57	0.000	-.32
g. Using computers in academic work	ENVCOMPT	3.57	3.53		.05	3.42	0.000	.20	3.47	0.001	.14	3.47	0.001	.13

**10. Quality of Relationships**

*Mark the box that best represents the quality of your relationships with people at your institution.  
1= unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation to 7=friendly, supportive, sense of belonging*

a. Relationships with other students	ENVSTU	5.07	5.26		-.14	5.33	0.085	-.19	5.60	0.000	-.40	5.61	0.000	-.40
<i>1=unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic to 7=available, helpful, sympathetic</i>														
b. Relationships with faculty members	ENVFAC	4.83	5.16		-.23	5.15	0.616	-.22	5.29	0.061	-.33	5.42	0.000	-.44
<i>1=unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid to 7=helpful, considerate, flexible</i>														
c. Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	4.27	4.46		-.12	4.21	0.000	.04	4.43	0.350	-.09	4.50	0.882	-.14

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			<i>Mean</i>	<i>Sig<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Effect Size<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Sig<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Effect Size<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Sig<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Effect Size<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Sig<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Effect Size<sup>b</sup></i>
<i>1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=excellent</i>														
11.	How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	ENTIREXP	2.86	3.06	-.28	3.01	0.499	-.21	3.16	0.000	-.41	3.19	0.000	-.46
<i>1=definitely no, 2=probably no, 3=probably yes, 4=definitely yes</i>														
12.	If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending?	SAMECOLL	2.89	3.10	-.24	2.99	0.326	-.11	3.16	0.000	-.31	3.18	0.000	-.33

**Problem Sets**

*1=none, 2=1-2, 3=3-4, 4=5-6, 5=more than 6*

Number of <i>problem sets</i> that take you more than an hour to complete	PROBSETA	2.60	2.67	-.06	2.55	0.508	.04	2.61	0.712	-.01	2.57	0.669	.03
Number of <i>problem sets</i> that take you less than an hour to complete	PROBSETB	2.33	2.53	-.16	2.33	0.741	.00	2.37	0.723	-.03	2.34	0.855	-.01

**Additional Collegiate Experiences**

*In your experience at this institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?  
1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often*

Attended an art exhibit, gallery, play, dance, or other theatre performance	ATDART05	1.67	1.88	-.24	1.95	0.128	-.31	1.98	0.012	-.35	2.01	0.001	-.38
Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities	EXRCSE05	1.97	2.42	* -.44	2.60	0.000	-.61	2.71	0.000	-.72	2.70	0.000	-.71
Participated in activities to enhance your spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)	WORSHPO5	1.90	2.17	-.24	2.16	0.338	-.23	2.36	0.001	-.39	2.18	0.653	-.25
Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	OWNVIEW	2.23	2.62	* -.43	2.69	0.934	-.50	2.70	0.640	-.53	2.69	0.789	-.52
Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	OTHRVIEW	2.50	2.78	-.32	2.81	0.999	-.36	2.83	0.704	-.38	2.83	0.602	-.39
Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	CHNGVIEW	2.93	2.83	.13	2.84	0.302	.11	2.87	0.785	.08	2.87	0.791	.08

<sup>a</sup> \* p<.05 \*\* p<.01 \*\*\*p<.001 (2-tailed).

<sup>b</sup> Effect size=mean difference divided by comparison group standard deviation.





PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	All Other IUPUI Schools	School of Public & Environmental Affairs compared with:											
		Selected Peers			Doc-Int			NSSE 2006					

Variable	Mean	Other Schools'			Urban			Doc-Int			NSSE 2004		
		Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>

**Benchmark Items**

**1. Level of Academic Challenge**

*1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often*

Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)	ACADPR01	3.17	4.00	**	-.48	3.95	0.687	-.46	4.11	0.011	-.53	4.10	0.011	-.54
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*1=none, 2= between 1 and 4, 3=between 5 and 10, 4=between 11 and 20, 5=more than 20*

Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	READASGN	3.33	3.08		.27	3.11	0.400	.22	3.14	0.140	.20	3.18	0.008	.15
Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	WRITEMOR	1.50	1.48		.03	1.56	0.397	-.08	1.61	0.461	-.15	1.64	0.084	-.18
Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	WRITEMID	2.93	2.42	*	.56	2.49	0.652	.47	2.49	0.690	.47	2.59	0.038	.36
Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	WRITESML	2.63	2.95		-.29	2.86	0.156	-.20	2.96	0.616	-.27	2.98	0.281	-.30

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Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	ANALYZE	3.23	3.11		.16	3.18	0.554	.07	3.22	0.073	.02	3.22	0.047	.02
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	SYNTHESZ	3.00	2.98		.03	2.94	0.168	.07	2.99	0.839	.02	3.01	0.592	-.02
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	EVALUATE	3.23	2.90	*	.40	2.90	0.771	.38	2.92	0.806	.36	2.94	0.300	.33
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	APPLYING	3.17	3.11		.06	3.10	0.071	.08	3.16	0.903	.00	3.17	0.905	-.01

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Variable	Mean	PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS			School of Public & Environmental Affairs compared with:								
		All Other IUPUI Schools			Selected Peers			Doc-Int			NSSE 2006		
		Other Schools' Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Urban Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Doc-Int Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	NSSE 2004 Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>

**2. Active and Collaborative Learning**

*1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often*

Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	3.09	2.93	.19	2.93	0.025	.18	2.95	0.062	.16	3.06	0.197	.04
Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	2.67	2.62	.06	2.66	0.446	.01	2.69	0.025	-.02	2.80	0.001	-.15
Worked with other students on projects during class	CLASSGRP	2.36	2.64	-.30	2.48	0.001	-.14	2.47	0.000	-.12	2.51	0.009	-.17
Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	OCCGRP	2.24	2.45	-.22	2.60	0.425	-.39	2.80	0.000	-.60	2.75	0.000	-.57
Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	TUTOR	1.31	1.76	***	1.80	0.903	-.52	1.90	0.006	-.62	1.89	0.017	-.60
Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course	COMMPROJ	1.56	1.72	-.18	1.56	0.001	.00	1.66	0.248	-.11	1.69	0.784	-.14
Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.)	OCCIDEAS	2.58	2.75	-.20	2.81	0.888	-.27	2.85	0.352	-.32	2.84	0.464	-.31

**3. Student-Faculty Interactions**

*1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often*

Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FACGRADE	2.78	2.74	.04	2.71	0.095	.08	2.76	0.730	.02	2.79	0.601	-.01
Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FACPLANS	2.22	2.21	.01	2.22	0.265	.00	2.33	0.000	-.12	2.41	0.000	-.20
Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with faculty members outside of class	FACIDEAS	1.78	1.90	-.13	1.96	0.842	-.20	2.03	0.036	-.27	2.08	0.000	-.33
Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FACOTHER	1.90	1.62	.32	1.60	0.047	.36	1.75	0.040	.16	1.81	0.001	.10
Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	FACFEED	2.61	2.68	-.08	2.70	0.867	-.10	2.69	0.895	-.09	2.76	0.029	-.19

*Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?  
0=No, 1=Yes (undecided=missing) Means are the proportion of students responding "Yes."*

Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program	RESRCH04	2.00	2.17	-.18	.16	0.697	5.06	.19	0.104	4.63	.19	0.065	4.60
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**Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**

PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	All Other IUPUI Schools	School of Public & Environmental Affairs compared with:										
		Selected Peers			Doc-Int			NSSE 2006				

Variable      Mean      Other Schools' Mean      Sig<sup>a</sup>      Effect Size<sup>b</sup>      Urban Mean      Sig<sup>a</sup>      Effect Size<sup>b</sup>      Doc-Int Mean      Sig<sup>a</sup>      Effect Size<sup>b</sup>      NSSE 2004 Mean      Sig<sup>a</sup>      Effect Size<sup>b</sup>

**4. Enriching Educational Experiences**

1=0 hrs/wk, 2=1-5 hrs/wk, 3=6-10 hrs/wk, 4=11-15 hrs/wk, 5=16-20 hrs/wk, 6=21-25 hrs/wk, 7=26-30 hrs/wk, 8=more than 30 hrs/wk

Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, etc.)	COCURR01	1.57	1.61	-.04	1.68	0.002	-.09	2.02	0.000	-.32	2.08	0.000	-.34
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Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution?  
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Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	INTERN04	3.20	2.88	.33	.46	0.508	5.50	.50	0.712	5.40	.53	0.669	5.35
Community service or volunteer work	VOLNTR04	3.13	3.11	.02	.50	0.332	5.27	.57	0.006	5.18	.59	0.001	5.17
Foreign language coursework	FORLNG04	2.73	2.58	.15	.38	0.079	4.85	.41	0.001	4.73	.41	0.000	4.72
Study abroad	STDABR04	1.97	2.04	-.10	.09	0.192	6.49	.13	0.000	5.38	.14	0.000	5.17
Independent study or self-designed major	INDSTD04	1.90	2.12	-.26	.15	0.762	4.91	.17	0.235	4.58	.19	0.031	4.40
Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.)	SNRX04	3.53	2.52	***	.26	0.000	7.48	.30	0.044	7.06	.32	0.465	6.85

1=never, 2=sometimes, 3=often, 4=very often

Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	DIVRSTUD	2.45	2.57	-.12	2.70	0.014	-.25	2.64	0.260	-.19	2.64	0.219	-.20
Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	DIFFSTU2	2.52	2.59	-.08	2.68	0.100	-.17	2.68	0.136	-.16	2.71	0.012	-.21
Used an electronic medium (list-serv, chat group, Internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	ITACADEM	2.63	2.93	-.30	2.77	0.000	-.13	2.88	0.004	-.24	2.85	0.000	-.22

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Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	ENVDIVRS	2.23	2.45	-.22	2.36	0.915	-.13	2.34	0.650	-.11	2.40	0.352	-.17
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PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	All Other IUPUI Schools	School of Public & Environmental Affairs compared with:										
		Selected Peers			Doc-Int			NSSE 2006				

**5. Supportive Campus Environment**

Variable	Mean	Other Schools'			Urban			Doc-Int			NSSE 2006		
		Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>	Mean	Sig <sup>a</sup>	Effect Size <sup>b</sup>
<i>1=very little, 2=some, 3=quite a bit, 4=very much</i>													
Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	ENVSUPRT	2.63	2.86	-.27	2.68	0.016	-.06	2.80	0.451	-.20	2.87	0.006	-.28
Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	ENVNACAD	1.83	1.92	-.10	1.72	0.019	.13	1.90	0.022	-.07	1.91	0.010	-.08
Providing the support you need to thrive socially	ENVSOCAL	2.17	2.07	.10	1.96	0.998	.24	2.15	0.000	.02	2.14	0.000	.03
<i>1=unfriendly, unsupportive, sense of alienation to 7=friendly, supportive, sense of belonging</i>													
Relationships with other students	ENVSTU	5.07	5.26	-.14	5.33	0.085	-.19	5.60	0.000	-.40	5.61	0.000	-.40
<i>1=unavailable, unhelpful, unsympathetic to 7=available, helpful, sympathetic</i>													
Relationships with faculty members	ENVFAC	4.83	5.16	-.23	5.15	0.616	-.22	5.29	0.061	-.33	5.42	0.000	-.44
<i>1=unhelpful, inconsiderate, rigid to 7=helpful, considerate, flexible</i>													
Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	ENVADM	4.27	4.46	-.12	4.21	0.000	.04	4.43	0.350	-.09	4.50	0.882	-.14

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