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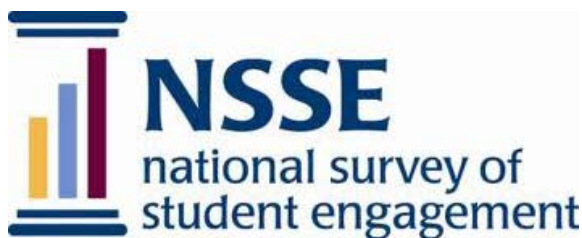
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Quick Facts

- Winthrop has participated in 12 NSSE administrations.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — The **National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)** applauds Winthrop University for the institution's "thoughtful and extensive approach" to using and implementing NSSE'S student engagement results. Winthrop administers NSSE to first-year students and seniors, and the survey asks about five key areas: academic challenge, learning, interaction with faculty, educational experiences and the campus environment.

NSSE recently highlighted Winthrop in [Volume 3 of Lessons from the Field](#), released in August 2015, entitled "**Using Data to Catalyze Change on Campus.**" In the publication, the organization notes two specific examples of Winthrop's approach in using the NSSE results:

1. Winthrop faculty and staff worked to update the undergraduate core curriculum beginning in 2009 with the design of university-level undergraduate competencies (ULCs), with guidance from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' accreditation standards. These four ULCs are that Winthrop graduates: think critically and solve problems; are personally and socially responsible; understand the interconnected nature of the world and the time in which they live; and communicate effectively.

To gauge success on these goals, the institution used relevant NSSE measures, including engagement indicators and topical modules.

2. Winthrop faculty and staff also used NSSE results to develop the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) proposal for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' reaccreditation process, focusing on a Global Learning Initiative (GLI). The university also further utilized NSSE results to assess the QEP proposal.

NSSE also notes the university's efforts to communicate NSSE results to the campus and outside community. Winthrop used the NSSE Major Field Report to produce customized reports for faculty and staff. The Office of University Relations created a NSSE infographic, which went out to the community via an e-mail blast, and incorporated the results with video and photos for a customized Storehouse post.

Winthrop has participated in **12 NSSE administrations**, including the 2012 pilot of the updated instrument and the 2014 administration. Winthrop publicly reports its NSSE results on an easy-to-read website that is highlighted by NSSE for integrating campus initiatives with its NSSE results, and was featured in NSSE'S [eNEWS \(June 2013\)](#) newsletter as a model institution.

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