

NSSE 2019 Topical Module Report First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions

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Administration Summary Kansas State University

About This Topical Module

This module includes a set of items only for first-year students and a set only for seniors, with questions adapted from the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement and the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project, respectively. The first-year items focus on academic perseverance, help-seeking behaviors, and institutional commitment, while the senior items explore post-graduation plans, links between the academic major and future plans, and confidence with skills developed during college.

Comparison Group

This section summarizes how this module's comparison group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default option was taken. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions represented in the '2025 and Like Peers' column of this report.

Group label	2025 and Like Peers
Date submitted	5/8/19
How was this comparison group constructed?	Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting institutions from all module participants.
Group description	No description provided

2025 and Like Peers (N=8)

Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)

East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)

Ferris State University (Big Rapids, MI)*

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)*

Ohio State University, The (Columbus, OH)

Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)

Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, TX)

Washington State University (Pullman, WA)



Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons: First-Year Experiences Kansas State University

				Frequen	cy D	istributio	ns ^a	Statistical Comparisons		
						2025 and L	.ike		2025 an	d Like
				K-State		Peers		K-State	Pee	rs
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
1. During the current school year	, about how of	ten have y	ou done the following?							
a. Studied when there were other	FYSfy01a	1	Never	15	3	176	3			
interesting things to do		2	Sometimes	220	39	1,898	35			
		3	Often	227	39	2,055	38	2.8	2.8	07
		4	Very often	112	20	1,248	24			
			Total	574	100	5,377	100			
b. Found additional information for	FYSfy01b	1	Never	13	2	91	2			
course assignments when you		2	Sometimes	173	30	1,466	27			
didn't understand the material		3	Often	261	46	2,632	48	2.9	2.9	06
		4	Very often	127	22	1,185	23			
			Total	574	100	5,374	100			
c. Participated in course	FYSfy01c	1	Never	35	7	450	9			
discussions, even when you		2	Sometimes	245	43	2,276	42			
didn't feel like it		3	Often	227	39	1,882	34	2.6	2.5	.01
		4	Very often	66	12	761	15	2.0	2.3	.01
			Total	573	100	5,369	100			
d. Asked instructors for help when	FYSfy01d	1	Never	55	10	691	14			
you struggled with course assignments	<i>y</i> .	2	Sometimes	271	47	2,423	45			
		3	Often	184	32	1,572	29	2.4	2.4	.05
		4	Very often	63	11	680	13	2.7	2.4	.03
		7	Total	573	100	5,366	100			
e. Finished something you have	FYSfy01e	1	Never	3	1	30	1			
started when you encountered	1 1 biyote	2	Sometimes	104	18	900	17			
challenges		3	Often	302	52	2,718	50	3.1	3.1	0.5
		4	Very often	164	29	1,716	32	5.1	3.1	05
		7	Total	573	100	5,364	100			
f. Stayed positive, even when you	FYSfy01f	1	Never	24	4	210	4			
did poorly on a test or	T I Siyoti	2	Sometimes	186	31	1,773	33			
assignment			Often					2.0		
		3		250	44	2,201	40	2.8	2.8	.00
		4	Very often	113	21	1,187	23			
			Total	573	100	5,371	100			
2. During the current school year										
a. Learning course material	FYSfy02a			20	4	181	4			
		2	2	106	18	730	13			
		3	3	195	35	1,546	28			
		4	4	180	30	2,026	38	3.3	3.6 ***	22
		5	5	65	11	686	13		∇	
		6	Very difficult	8	2	200	4			
			Total	574	100	5,369	100			
b. Managing your time	FYSfy02b	1	Not at all difficult	21	4	237	5			
		2	2	89	16	689	12			
		3	3	151	26	1,226	22			
		4	4	176	30	1,574	29	3.7	3.8 **	12
		5	5	82	15	1,062	20		∇	
		6	Very difficult	55	10	582	12		•	
			Total	574	100	5,370	100			

^{*}p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.



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						2025 and L	ike		2025 and		
				K-State		Peers		K-State	Peer	`S	
	Variable									Effect	
Item wording or description	name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	size ^d	
c. Getting help with school work	FYSfy02c	1	Not at all difficult	71	13	684	13				
		2	2	173	30	1,339	24				
		3	3	169	29	1,529	29				
		4	4	105	19	1,112	20	2.8	3.0 **	12	
		5	5	44	8	481	9		∇		
		6	Very difficult	12	2	223	4				
			Total	574	100	5,368	100				
d. Interacting with faculty	FYSfy02d	1	Not at all difficult	92	16	831	16				
		2	2	162	28	1,368	25				
		3	3	170	30	1,416	27				
		4	4	90	15	1,005	18	2.8	2.9 *	11	
		5	5	41	7	519	9		∇		
		6	Very difficult	18	3	230	5		•		
			Total	573	100	5,369	100				
During the correct school was	u ahaut hau afi	an have	. ation advantable	savusavusuli fuam	the f	allaudaa aau					
 During the current school year a. Faculty members 	FYSfy03a 16	en nave y	Never	94	17	1,019	20				
a. I acuity memocis	1 1 51y05a_10	2	Sometimes	338	60	2,946	54				
		3		119				2.1			
			Often		20 4	1,078 318	20	2.1	2.1	02	
		4	Very often	21			6				
	EX/05 021 16	1	Total	572	100	5,361	100				
b. Academic advisors	FYSfy03b_16	1	Never	257	45	2,264	44				
		2	Sometimes	221	39	2,159	39	4.5			
		3	Often	76	13	744	14	1.7	1.8	03	
		4	Very often	18	3	194	3				
			Total	572	100	5,361	100				
c. Learning support services	FYSfy03c_16	1	Never	214	37	2,076	39				
(tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)		2	Sometimes	202	36	1,998	37				
coaciming, etc.)		3	Often	98	17	864	16	2.0	1.9	.06	
		4	Very often	57	9	417	8				
			Total	571	100	5,355	100				
d. Friends or other students	FYSfy03d_16	1	Never	13	2	213	4				
		2	Sometimes	122	21	1,318	25				
		3	Often	258	45	2,159	41	3.1	3.0 *	.10	
		4	Very often	178	32	1,669	30		Δ		
			Total	571	100	5,359	100				
e. Family members	FYSfy03e_16	1	Never	255	47	2,299	45				
		2	Sometimes	195	34	1,757	32				
		3	Often	82	14	918	16	1.8	1.9	07	
		4	Very often	39	6	382	7				
			Total	571	100	5,356	100				
f. Other persons or offices	FYSfy03f_16	1	Never	370	64	3,263	61				
		2	Sometimes	159	28	1,532	29				
		3	Often	36	6	420	8	1.4	1.5 **	11	
		4	Very often	6	1	140	3		∇		
			Total	571	100	5,355	100		•		



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				Frequen	cy D	istributio		Statistical Comparisons 2025 and Like		
				K-State		Peers	inc	K-State	Pee	
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Effect size ^d
4a. During the current schoo		usly cor	sidered leaving this insti	tution? ^j						
· ·	FYSfy04a	•	No	464	82	3,885	74			
	(Means indicate the		Yes	108	18	1,481	26	18%	26% ***	21
	percentage who responded "Yes.")		Total	572	100	5,366	100		∇	
4b. [If answered "yes"] \	Why did you consider	leaving	(Select all that apply.)							
	FYSfy04b_1_16	_	Academics are too difficult	22	21	344	26			
	FYSfy04b_2_16	_	Academics are too easy	2	3	69	4			
			Other academic issues							
			(major not offered,							
	FYSfy04b_3_16	_	course availability,	17	14	215	15			
			advising, credit transfer, etc.)							
			Financial concerns							
	FYSfy04b_4_16	_	(costs or financial aid)	53	47	667	44			
			To change your career							
			options (transfer to							
	FYSfy04b_5_16	_	another school or	25	25	249	18			
			program, military service, etc.)							
			Difficulty managing							
	FYSfy04b 6 16	_	demands of school	19	18	278	20			
	•		and work							
	FYSfy04b 7 16		Too much emphasis	5	5	132	10			
	1151,010_/_10		on partying	J	3	132	10			
	FYSfy04b_8_16	_	Not enough opportunities	7	6	170	11			
	,		to socialize and have fun							
	FYSfy04b_9_16	_	Relations with faculty	11	10	103	8			
			and staff							
	FYSfy04b_10_16	_	Relations with other students	20	19	295	19			
	FYSfy04b_11_16	_	Campus climate, location, or culture	18	17	409	27			
			Unsafe or hostile							
	FYSfy04b_12_16	_	environment	4	3	65	5			
			Personal reasons (family							
			issues, physical or							
	FYSfy04b_13_16	_	mental health,	53	48	740	48			
			homesickness, stress, etc.)							
			A reason not listed above,							
	FYSfy04b_14_16		please specify:	13	13	168	12			
6. How important is it to you		om <i>this</i>	institution?							
	FYSfy05	1	Not important	20	4	206	4			
		2	2	14	2	158	3			
		3	3	27	5	311	6			
		4	4	58	10	646	12	5.2	5.1	.06
		5	5	93	16	874	16			
		6	Very important	356	62	3,141	59			
			Total	568	100	5,336	100			



Detailed Statistics: First-Year Experiences^e Kansas State University

						Stan	dard			Effect
	N	Me	an	Standar	rd error ^f	devia	ation ^g	DF ^h	Sig.i	size ^d
Variable			2025 and Like		2025 and Like	2025 and Like		Comp	arisons with:	
name	K-State	K-State	Peers	K-State	Peers	K-State	Peers	2025 a	nd Like Peers	s
FYSfy01a	571	2.76	2.82	.033	.011	0.80	0.83	6,205	.117	07
FYSfy01b	571	2.87	2.92	.032	.010	0.77	0.75	6,201	.156	06
FYSfy01c	570	2.56	2.55	.033	.011	0.78	0.85	713	.833	.01
FYSfy01d	570	2.45	2.40	.034	.012	0.82	0.88	709	.216	.05
FYSfy01e	570	3.11	3.14	.029	.009	0.69	0.71	6,191	.265	05
FYSfy01f	570	2.82	2.82	.034	.011	0.80	0.84	700	.991	.00
FYSfy02a	571	3.30	3.55	.044	.015	1.06	1.12	6,198	.000	22
FYSfy02b	571	3.68	3.83	.054	.018	1.28	1.33	6,199	.008	12
FYSfy02c	571	2.85	3.01	.051	.017	1.21	1.31	6,195	.004	12
FYSfy02d	570	2.79	2.93	.053	.018	1.27	1.36	6,197	.016	11
FYSfy03a_16	569	2.11	2.13	.030	.010	0.71	0.79	717	.638	02
FYSfy03b_16	569	1.74	1.76	.033	.011	0.80	0.81	6,183	.427	03
FYSfy03b_16	568	1.99	1.93	.040	.012	0.96	0.93	6,176	.142	.06
FYSfy03b_16	568	3.05	2.97	.033	.011	0.79	0.85	707	.020	.10
FYSfy03e_16	567	1.79	1.86	.037	.012	0.89	0.93	6,177	.097	07
FYSfy03f_16	568	1.44	1.52	.028	.010	0.67	0.75	721	.007	11
FYSfy04a ^k	569	.176	.264	.0160	.0059				.000	21
FYSfy05	564	5.19	5.10	.055	.018	1.32	1.35	6,156	.148	.06



Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons: Senior Transitions Kansas State University

Seniors										
				Frequen	cy Di	istributio	ns ^a	Statistical (Compari	sons
					,	2025 and L			2025 an	
				K-State		Peers	inc	K-State	Peei	
	Variable									Effect
Item wording or description	name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	size °
. Do you expect to graduat	e this spring or summe	r?								
	FYSsr01_16		No	365	40	3,005	43			
			Yes	551	60	4,671	57			
			Total	916	100	7,676	100			
1a. [Excludes those who	answered "No," not e	xpectin	g spring/summer gradua	ntion] After gr	aduat	ion, what be	st desc	ribes your immed	diate plans?	•
	FYSsr01a	_	Full-time employment	366	67	2,823	61			
		_	Part-time employment	9	2	168	3			
			Graduate or	128	22	946	21			
			professional school							
		_	Military service	6	1	44	1			
		_	Service or volunteer activity (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach	5	1	47	1			
		_	for America, etc.) Internship (paid or unpaid)	17	3	250	5			
		_	Travel or gap year	5	1	214	4			
		_	No plans at this time	13	2	140	3			
		_	Other, please specify:	9	2	89	2			
			Total	558	100	4,721	100			
1b. [If immediate plans	included full- or part-ti	me em	ployment] Do you alread	ly have a job f	or afte	er graduatio	n? ^j			
	FYSsr01b		No	175	45	1,522	49			
	(Means indicate the		Yes, I will start a new job	162	44	846	30			
	percentage who		Yes, I will continue	38	11	618	21			
	responded "Yes.")		in my current job					55%	51%	.08
			Total	375	100	2,986	100			
. [Excludes those who answ		ting spr	ing/summer graduation	To what exte	nt hav	ve courses in	your r	najor(s) prepared	you	
	FYSsr02	1	Very little	22	4	300	7			
	•	2	Some	129	24	1,119	24			
		3	Quite a bit	229	40	1,879	40	3.0	2.9 *	.09
		4	Very much	179	32	1,410	30	3. 0	Δ	.09
		•	Total	559	100	4,708	100		4	
Do you intend to work ev	rentually in a field relat	ed to v								
. 20 you michia to work ev	FYSsr03	10 y	Yes	790	86	6,625	85			
	(Means indicate the		No	46	5	351	5	86%	85%	.01
	percentage who		Unsure	85	9	708	10	00 /0	03/0	.01
	responded "Yes.")		Total	921	100	7,684	100			
. Do you plan to be self-em	nployed, an independer	nt cont	ractor, or a freelance wo	rker someday	? ^j					
, ,	FYSsr04		Yes	172	20	1,391	18			
	(Means indicate the		No	510	54	4,194	54	20%	18%	.05
	percentage who		Unsure	239	27	2,116	28	_ = , ,	2.2	.00
	responded "Yes.")				100		100			

921 100

7,701 100

Total

p<.05, p<.01, p<.01, p<.01 (2-tailed); Refer to the endnotes page for the key to triangle symbols.



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Seniors

				Frequen	cy D	istributio	ns ^a	Statistical (Comparis	sons
						2025 and I	ike		2025 and	
				K-State		Peers		K-State	Peer	·s
	Variable						_			Effect
Item wording or description	name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	size ^d
5. Do you plan to start your o	wn business (nonpr	ofit or fo	r-profit) someday? ^j							
	FYSsr05		Yes	179	20	1,620	21			
	(Means indicate the		No	490	52	3,784	49	20%	21%	03
	percentage who responded "Yes.")		Unsure	255	28	2,297	30			
	7		Total	924	100	7,701	100			
6. How much confidence do y	ou have in your abil	ity to co	mplete tasks requiring t	he following sl	kills a	nd abilities?				
a. Critical thinking and analysis	FYSsr06a	1	Very little	5	1	44	1			
of arguments and information		2	Some	95	10	543	7			
		3	Quite a bit	353	38	2,989	37	3.4	3.5 **	10
		4	Very much	468	52	4,114	55		∇	
			Total	921	100	7,690	100		ľ	
b. Creative thinking and problem	FYSsr06b	1	Very little	5	1	55	1			
solving		2	Some	70	8	559	8			
		3	Quite a bit	370	40	2,885	37	3.4	3.5	04
		4	Very much	475	52	4,188	55			
			Total	920	100	7,687	100			
c. Research skills	FYSsr06c	1	Very little	26	3	148	2			
		2	Some	191	21	1,337	18			
		3	Quite a bit	405	44	3,140	41	3.1	3.2 ***	13
		4	Very much	299	33	3,070	39		∇	
			Total	921	100	7,695	100		,	
d. Clear writing	FYSsr06d	1	Very little	18	2	92	1			
		2	Some	154	18	976	13			
		3	Quite a bit	387	42	3,216	41	3.2	3.3 ***	16
		4	Very much	361	39	3,404	44		∇	
			Total	920	100	7,688	100			
e. Persuasive speaking	FYSsr06e	1	Very little	39	4	327	4			
		2	Some	270	29	2,006	26			
		3	Quite a bit	357	39	3,032	38	2.9	3.0 *	08
		4	Very much	254	28	2,324	31		∇	
			Total	920	100	7,689	100			
f. Technological skills	FYSsr06f	1	Very little	20	2	227	3			
		2	Some	201	20	1,677	21			
		3	Quite a bit	404	44	3,208	41	3.1	3.1	.00
		4	Very much	294	33	2,579	35			
			Total	919	100	7,691	100			
g. Financial and business	FYSsr06g	1	Very little	111	11	1,282	16			
management skills		2	Some	355	38	2,895	38			
		3	Quite a bit	299	33	2,257	29	2.6	2.5 ***	.11
		4	Very much	154	18	1,257	17		Δ	
			Total	919	100	7,691	100			



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	Variable									Effect
Item wording or description	name	Values ^c	Response options	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	size d
h. Entrepreneurial skills	FYSsr06h	1	Very little	203	21	1,983	25			
		2	Some	387	41	3,001	39			
		3	Quite a bit	223	25	1,761	23	2.3	2.2	.06
		4	Very much	106	12	946	13			
			Total	919	100	7,691	100			
i. Leadership skills	FYSsr06i	1	Very little	22	3	234	3			
		2	Some	165	18	1,321	17			
		3	Quite a bit	324	35	2,838	37	3.2	3.2	.02
		4	Very much	410	44	3,298	43			
			Total	921	100	7,691	100			
j. Networking and relationship	FYSsr06j	1	Very little	38	4	423	6			
building		2	Some	206	22	1,853	25			
		3	Quite a bit	359	39	2,906	37	3.0	3.0 *	.08
		4	Very much	320	34	2,505	33		Δ	
			Total	923	100	7,687	100		_	
7. To what extent has your cou	rsework in your	maior(s) e	mnhasized the following	,7						
a. Generating new ideas or	FYSsr07a	1	Very little	47	5	299	4			
brainstorming		2	Some	235	26	1,689	23			
		3	Quite a bit	358	39	3,145	41	2.9	3.0 **	10
		4	Very much	282	30	2,549	33		∇	
			Total	922	100	7,682	100		Y	
b. Taking risks in your	FYSsr07b	1	Very little	234	25	2,034	27			
coursework without fear of		2	Some	304	33	2,376	31			
penalty		3	Quite a bit	230	25	1,940	25	2.3	2.3	.01
		4	Very much	154	17	1,319	17		2.3	.01
			Total	922	100	7,669	100			
c. Evaluating multiple	FYSsr07c	1	Very little	39	4	353				
approaches to a problem		2	Some	234	26	1,740	23			
		3	Quite a bit	374	40	3,082	40	2.9	3.0	06
		4	Very much	270	29	2,479	33	2.0	3.0	00
			Total	917	100	7,654	100			
d. Inventing new methods to	FYSsr07d	1	Very little	117	13	987	14			
arrive at unconventional		2	Some	342	37	2,493	32			
solutions		3	Quite a bit	280	31	2,485	32	2.6	2.6	06
		4	Very much	180	19	1,662	22	2.0	2.0	00
		·	Total	919	100	7,627	100			
			10111	919	100	7,027	100			

8. Is there anything your institution could have done better to prepare you for your career or further education? Please describe.

This final question asked students to respond in an open text box. Comments were recorded for 248 seniors. Responses are provided in your "NSSE19 Student Comments" report and in a separate SPSS data file.

 $These \ open-ended \ responses \ appear \ exactly \ as \ respondents \ entered \ them \ and \ may \ not \ be \ suitable \ for \ distribution \ without \ prior \ review.$



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Seniors

						Stan		Effect		
	N	Me	an	Standar	d error ^f	devia	ntion ^g	DF ^h	Sig. ⁱ	size ^d
Variable			2025 and Like		2025 and Like		2025 and Like	Comp	arisons with:	
name	K-State	K-State	Peers	K-State	Peers	K-State	Peers	2025 a	nd Like Peers	
FYSsr01b ^k	384	.550	.511	.0254	.0082				.140	.08
FYSsr02	559	3.00	2.92	.036	.012	0.85	0.89	681	.034	.09
FYSsr03 ^k	923	.856	.854	.0115	.0035				.869	.01
FYSsr04 ^k	922	.198	.180	.0131	.0038				.172	.05
FYSsr05 ^k	926	.201	.212	.0132	.0041				.442	03
FYSsr06a	922	3.41	3.47	.023	.006	0.69	0.65	1,077	.005	10
FYSsr06b	921	3.43	3.46	.022	.007	0.66	0.67	11,016	.264	04
FYSsr06c	922	3.07	3.17	.026	.008	0.80	0.79	1,093	.000	13
FYSsr06d	921	3.17	3.29	.026	.007	0.78	0.74	11,012	.000	16
FYSsr06e	921	2.90	2.97	.028	.009	0.86	0.86	11,017	.025	08
FYSsr06f	920	3.09	3.09	.026	.008	0.79	0.82	1,110	.995	.00
FYSsr06g	920	2.58	2.47	.030	.010	0.91	0.95	1,112	.001	.11
FYSsr06h	920	2.29	2.23	.031	.010	0.93	0.97	11,022	.061	.06
FYSsr06i	922	3.21	3.20	.027	.008	0.82	0.83	11,017	.520	.02
FYSsr06j	925	3.03	2.96	.028	.009	0.86	0.90	11,020	.021	.08
FYSsr07a	923	2.93	3.02	.029	.008	0.87	0.85	1,087	.004	10
FYSsr07b	924	2.33	2.32	.034	.010	1.03	1.05	10,998	.793	.01
FYSsr07c	917	2.94	3.00	.028	.009	0.85	0.87	10,970	.068	06
FYSsr07d	920	2.56	2.62	.031	.010	0.94	0.97	10,942	.107	06



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- a. Column percentages are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Counts are unweighted; column percentages cannot be replicated from counts.
- b. All statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Unless otherwise noted, statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t-tests. Items with categorical response sets are left blank.
- c. These are the values used to calculate means. For the majority of items, these values match the codes in the data file and codebook.
- d. Effect size for independent t- tests uses Cohen's d; z- tests use Cohen's h.
- e. Statistics are weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups). Categorical items are not listed.
- f. The 95% confidence interval for the population mean is equal to the sample mean plus or minus 1.96 times the standard error of the mean.
- g. A measure of the amount individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.
- h. Degrees of freedom used to compute the t-tests. Values differ from Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.
- i. Statistical comparisons are two-tailed independent t-tests or z-tests. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between your students' mean and that of the students in the comparison group is due to chance.
- j. Statistical comparison uses z- test to compare the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes" with all who responded otherwise.
- k. Mean represents the proportion who responded (depending on the item) "Done or in progress" or "Yes."

Key to symbols:



Your students' average was significantly higher ($p \le .05$) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.



Your students' average was significantly higher (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.



Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.



Your students' average was significantly lower (p < .05) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.

Note: It is important to interpret the direction of differences relative to item wording and your institutional context.