# Are Fresno State Seniors Academically Challenged Enough? 

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The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) combines 11 questions into a construct called Level of Academic Challenge (LAC). The rationale for measuring such a construct, according to NSSE, is that "challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote high levels of student achievement by emphasizing the importance of academic effort and setting high expectations for student performance."

A review of NSSE data collected from Fresno State freshmen and seniors in Spring 2007 shows that academic challenge at Fresno State is lower for seniors than it is at comparable Carnegie institutions (Table 1). The effect size, which indicates the magnitude of the difference, is small. Therefore, administrators and faculty must decide whether it is of substantive importance. At the request of the Provost, this study examines academic challenge among our seniors more closely in order to facilitate discussion and help answer that question. (See Appendix for methodological notes.)

Table 1
Level of Academic Challenge (LAC)

| Fresno State |  | Carnegie Peers |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Effect |
| Class | Mean | Mean | Sig | Size |
| First-Year | 50.6 | 51.0 |  | -. 03 |
| Senior | 53.3 | 55.5 | *** | -. 16 |

## How Does Fresno State Compare on Specific Academic Challenge Items?

On the 11 items that comprise the LAC construct, Fresno State seniors rated the University and themselves equivalent to Carnegie peers on six items and lower on five (Table 2).

Equivalent: Fresno State seniors spend as many hours per week preparing for class as Carnegie peer seniors. Their coursework requires them to make judgments about the value of information just as frequently and they write an equivalent number of papers of varying page lengths. Spending significant amounts of time studying is emphasized by Fresno State to the same degree as similar Carnegie schools.

Lower: Fresno State seniors were less likely than their peers at comparable Carnegie universities to have worked harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor's expectations. Their coursework emphasizes analyzing, synthesizing and applying concepts and theories to practical problems or new situations less than their peers’ coursework. Fresno State seniors' courses require fewer assigned textbooks or book-length readings.

Table 2
What LAC Items Do Fresno Seniors Rate Lower Than Peer Seniors?

|  |  |  | Fresno |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| State |  | Carnegie Peers |  |  |  |

*Significant at the . 05 level (2-tailed).
** Significant at the .01 level (2-tailed).
***Significant at the . 001 level (2-tailed).

## How Does Fresno State Compare on Other Academic Challenge Related Items?

In an attempt to bring additional information to bear on the question of academic challenge, I reviewed the survey for items that seem reasonably related to those included in the LAC then ran correlations to confirm the relationship.

Among these eight items (Table 3), Fresno State seniors’ coursework was more likely than Carnegie peers to emphasize memorization and they were less likely to put together concepts or ideas from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions. Their exams, however, are just as challenging. They are as likely as peers to complete two or more drafts of papers they turn in and their papers or projects are equally likely to require them to integrate ideas or information from various sources. Attending class without having completed readings or assignments is more common for Fresno State seniors than their peers. They rate Fresno State lower on providing support to help them succeed academically than
seniors at other Carnegie peers rate their institutions. As with all other items in this analysis, the effect sizes are small.

Table 3
What Other Academic Challenge Related Items Do Fresno State Seniors Rate Differently Than Peers?

|  |  | Fresno State | Carnegie Peers |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NSSE Item | Class | Mean | Mean | Sig | Effect Size |
| Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form | SR | 2.87 | 2.75 | ** | . 13 |
| Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work. | SR | 5.46 | 5.43 |  | . 03 |
| Come to class without completing readings or assignments | SR | 2.18 | 2.04 | *** | . 18 |
| Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in. | SR | 2.48 | 2.54 |  | -. 06 |
| Institution provides the support you need to help you succeed academically | SR | 2.74 | 2.88 | *** | -. 16 |
| Number of problem sets that take you more than an hour to complete | SR | 2.69 | 2.60 |  | . 07 |
| Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions | SR | 2.78 | 2.89 | ** | -. 13 |
| How often worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources | SR | 3.35 | 3.32 |  | . 03 |

** Significant at the .01 level (2-tailed).
*** Significant at the .001 level (2-tailed).

## Does Academic Challenge Differ By College?

The overall level of academic challenge, as measured by the LAC construct, does not differ by college for seniors. However, seven items do show differences. Education places the least emphasis on analysis and Engineering emphasizes it most. Engineering, Science and Math and Arts and Humanities all emphasize analysis more than Education and Health and Human Services.

Seniors majoring in the Social Sciences and Arts and Humanities are more likely than those in Business, Agriculture, Engineering and Health and Human Services to write more 5-19 page reports or papers.

Education majors are more likely to write at least two drafts of a paper than are majors in Science and Math, Business, Engineering and Health and Human Services. Arts and Humanities and Social Science majors are more likely to do so than Science and Math majors.

Engineering majors spend more hours studying than majors in all colleges except Arts and Humanities and Science and Math. Majors in these three colleges spend about the same amount of time studying. Additionally, Engineering majors complete more problem sets that take more than one hour than do majors in the other colleges.

Engineering majors were less likely than all other colleges except Agriculture to indicate that their coursework involves integrating ideas or information from various sources. Arts and Humanities and Social Science majors were more likely to do this than Agriculture majors.

Education majors are more likely than all majors except Health and Human Services and Social Sciences to say they would start again at Fresno State. Social Science majors were more likely than Agriculture, Engineering, Science and Math and Arts and Humanities to say they would start here again.

## Do Faculty and Student Ratings of Academic Challenge Agree?

As Table 4 shows, more students than faculty think Fresno State emphasizes spending significant amounts of time studying ( $76 \%$ to $61 \%$ ). Conversely, more faculty members than students believe Fresno State provides students the support they need to succeed academically (71\% to 62\%).

Ninety percent of faculty members said their course exams are quite challenging for students. Eighty percent of students rate their exams quite challenging. Students are much more likely than faculty to say that their coursework involves a substantial amount of memorization (67\% to $26 \%$ ). A higher percentage of faculty members than students indicate that their course emphasizes synthesizing ideas and information and applying theories or concepts to practical problems (Table 4).

Students and faculty agree on the extent to which two or more drafts of papers are done, the extent to which courses require integrating ideas or information from various sources, and on the degree to which coursework requires putting together ideas from different courses for class assignments or discussions (Table 4).

Table 4
Upper Division Faculty and Senior Student Comparisons

| Faculty Responses |  | Student Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of faculty who reported that their institution emphasizes each of the following |  | Extent to which your institution emphasizes the following |  |
| Very Much or Quite a Bit |  | Very Much or Quite a Bit |  |
| Requiring students to spend significant amounts of time studying and on academic work | 61\% | Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work | 76\% |
| Providing students the support they need to help them succeed academically | 71\% | Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically | 62\% |
| Percentage of faculty who reported that it is important or very important that their students do the following |  | How often did you do the following during the current school year |  |
| Very Important or Important |  | ten or Offen |  |
| Prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in | 53\% | Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in | 55\% |
| Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources | 86\% | Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources | 85\% |
| Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions | 64\% | Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions | 63\% |
| Percentage of faculty who reported that their evaluations of student performance are quite challenging for students |  | To what extent did your examininations challenge you to do your best work |  |
| Quite Challenging |  | Challenging |  |
| Extent to which your evaluations of studentperformance (e.g., examinations, portfolio)challenge students in your selected coursesection to do their best work |  | Extent to which your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work |  |
| Note: Faculty reponded to this item on a 7 -point scale ( $1=$ Very little to $7=$ Very much). Responses of 5,6 , or 7 are coded as quite challenging. |  | Note: Students reponded to this item on a 7 -point scale ( $1=$ Very little to $7=$ Very much). Responses of 5,6 , or 7 are coded as quite challenging. |  |
| Percentage of faculty who reported that they place quite a bit or very much emphasis on the following in their courses |  | How much coursework during the current school year emphasized the following? |  |
| Very Much or Quite a Bit |  | ery Much or Quite a Bit |  |
| Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods from your course and readings | 26\% | Memorizing facts, ideas or methods from your course and readings | 67\% |
| Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory |  | Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, <br> experience or theory $80 \%$ |  |
| Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences |  | Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences |  |
| Making judgments about the value of information, arguments or methods |  | Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods |  |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Applying theories or concepts to practical } \\ \text { problems or in new situations }\end{array}$ $\mathbf{8 5 \%}$ |  | Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations |  |

Comparisons of student and faculty agreement on the extent to which book-length readings, problem sets and number of papers of specific lengths are assigned are difficult to make given the way the questions were asked on the two surveys and the differing response scales. However, responses on one item are clear. Faculty and students agree that most seniors "are not" writing 20-page papers (Table 5). Additional data is in Appendix Table 2A.

Table 5

| Faculty Responses |  |  | Student Responses |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| None |  | 1 |  | None | $1-4$ |
| Number of written papers or reports of <br> 20 pages or more | $\mathbf{7 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | Number of written papers or reports of <br> 20 pages or more | $78 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

The faculty has considerably higher expectations for the amount of time students will spend studying for their classes than students actually spend studying (Table 6). Ninety-two percent of faculty members expect students to spend 3 or more hours per week studying for a single class. Sixty-five percent expect students to spend more than 5 hours per week studying for a single class. Their estimation of the time students actually spend studying is very close to the amount of time students say they do spend. Using the interpretation of Table 6 as noted in the following paragraph, about $47 \%$ spend 3 or more hours per week studying for one class and about $15 \%$ study 5 or more hours per week for a class.
(Table 6 Interpretation Note: Given that faculty members were to respond to the questions based on a single class and student responses were based on all classes, a full-time course load of 12 credit units and 3 -credit unit courses are assumed in choosing the appropriate student response categories for comparison in Table 6. Students, it's assumed, are basing their estimation on four 3-unit courses per semester.)

Table 6


Table 7 shows that $28 \%$ of faculty members say that more than half of their students frequently come to class without having prepared. Twenty-seven percent of students say they come to class unprepared often or very often. However, $62 \%$ say they sometimes attend class
without having completed their assignments. Twenty-nine percent of faculty members say more than half of their students work harder than usual to meet their standards. Fifty-three percent of students say they often or very often work harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor's standards. Forty percent say they sometimes do. Again, the comparative interpretation of these responses is not straightforward. Therefore, all student response categories are shown to assist in interpretation.

Table 7

| Faculty Responses |  | Student Responses |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of faculty who reported that more than half of students from their courses do the following |  | How often did you do the following during the current school year |  |  |  |  |
|  | 50\% or Higher |  | Very Often | Offen | Sometimes | Never |
| Frequently come to class without completing readings or assignments | 28\% | Come to class without completing assignments | 7\% | 18\% | 62\% | 14\% |
| Frequently work harder than they usually do to meet your standards | 29\% | Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations | 15\% | 38\% | 40\% | 7\% |

## Does the Level of Academic Challenge Affect Seniors’ Satisfaction with Fresno State?

 In considering whether these relatively small academic challenge differences between Fresno State and its Carnegie peers are substantial enough to warrant action, the relationship between the survey's measures of overall student satisfaction and the Level of Academic Challenge construct was examined. The measures (i.e., how students rate their entire educational experience here and whether they would start here again) are mildly correlated with the LAC (Table 8). Both items are rated lower by Fresno State seniors than by Carnegie peers (Table 9). The correlation between seniors' rating of their educational experience and the likelihood that they would start here again is high (.653). Again, the size of the difference between FresnoTable 8
Academic Challenge and Seniors' Overall Assessment of Fresno State

|  |  | How would you <br> evaluate your entire <br> educational <br> experience at this <br> institution? | If you could start <br> over again, would <br> you go to the SAME <br> INSTITUTION you <br> are now attending? |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| NSSE Construct |  | $.226\left(^{* *}\right)$ | 0.119 |
| Academic | Correlation | 0.000 | 0.005 |
| Challenge | Sig. | 544 | 544 |
| Evaluate entire | N |  | .653 |
| educational experience at | Correlation <br> this institution | Sig. |  |

State and Carnegie peers on the two satisfaction measures is small and the overall ratings are "good" and "probably yes." However, the strong correlation between students' satisfaction with their educational experience and their willingness to start here again, the numerous small differences between Fresno State and its Carnegie peers, and the differences between student and faculty ratings should be considered as discussion of this issue of academic challenge unfolds.

Table 9
Comparison of Seniors' Satisfaction: Fresno State and Carnegie Peers
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|c|c|ccc|}\hline & & & & \\ \hline \text { Cresno State } & & \text { Carnegie Peers }\end{array}\right]$
*** Significant at the . 001 level (2-tailed).

## Appendix

## Methodology Notes

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the companion Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) were administered in Spring 2007. A total of 1,187 new freshman and senior students responded to the NSSE ( $24 \%$ response rate) and 442 Faculty to the FSSE ( $36 \%$ response rate). The FSSE asks faculty respondents to identify themselves as responding based on teaching a lower division or upper division class. The analyses in this report are based on senior responses ( $\mathrm{N}=625$ ) and faculty teaching an upper division course ( $\mathrm{N}=232$ ). The margin of error for each survey as a whole is plus or minus $2.6 \%$ at a $95 \%$ confidence level for the NSSE and plus or minus $3.7 \%$ for the FSSE. Utilizing these two subpopulations, rather than all respondents, the margin of error for NSSE seniors is $3.7 \%$ and $5.7 \%$ for FSSE upper division faculty.

In order to give some indication of the extent to which respondents to the two surveys are from the same college, Table 1A below shows the student and faculty survey sample distributions by discipline as coded by NSSE. For college-level analyses in this report, student data was recoded to correspond with Fresno State colleges. To assure faculty confidentiality, the NSSE organization does not provide faculty data at the level of detail needed to recode by college.

Table 1A
Survey Sample Distributions for Faculty and Students by Academic Area

|  | Faculty |  | Students |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | N | $\%$ | $\mathbf{N}$ | $\%$ |
| Arts \& Humanities | 49 | 21.1 | 128 | 23.8 |
| Biological science | 12 | 5.2 | 26 | 4.8 |
| Business | 18 | 7.8 | 101 | 18.8 |
| Education | 7 | 3.0 | 17 | 3.2 |
| Engineering | 13 | 5.6 | 25 | 4.6 |
| Physical science | 17 | 7.3 | 14 | 2.6 |
| Professional | 21 | 9.1 | 52 | 9.7 |
| Social science | 48 | 20.7 | 87 | 16.2 |
| Other | 44 | 19.0 | 87 | 16.2 |
| Unidentified | 3.2 | 1.3 | 1 | 0.2 |
| Total | 232 | 100 | 538 | 100 |

Data on comparisons to Carnegie peers was provided by the NSSE organization. Frequencies, means and effect sizes in this report were provided by NSSE. Pearson and Spearman’s rho correlations were used to test associations between items. One-Way ANOVA with Tukey's HSD and Games-Howell multiple comparison tests and the Kruskal-Wallis One-Way ANOVA and Mann-Whitney U tests were utilized to compare means by college. Levene’s Homogeneity of Variance and ANOVA Linearity tests were used to explore the nature of the data.

Table 2A shows the percentage of faculty that assign one or 2-3 textbooks for a single class, the percentage that require zero or one paper of specific lengths, and the percentage that assign zero or 1-2 problem sets that take students more than one hour to complete. Student responses
show the percentage of students whose coursework throughout the year has included 1-4 or 510 book-length readings, zero or 1-4 papers of varying lengths, and zero or 1-2 problem sets that take them more than 1 hour to complete. It is included here for reference though making comparisons from the data is not straightforward.

Table 2A

| Faculty Responses | 1 | $2-3$ | Student Responses | $1-4$ | $5-10$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of assigned textbooks, books, <br> or book-length packs of course <br> readings | $\mathbf{5 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | Number of assigned textbooks, books, <br> or book-length packs of course <br> readings | $25 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
|  | None | 1 |  | None | $1-4$ |
| Number of written papers or reports of <br> $\mathbf{2 0}$ pages or more | $\mathbf{7 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | Number of written papers or reports of <br> $\mathbf{2 0}$ pages or more | $78 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Number of written papers or reports <br> between 5 and 19 pages | $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | Number of written papers or reports <br> between 5 and 19 pages | $8 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Number of written papers or reports of <br> fewer than 5 pages | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | Number of written papers or reports of <br> fewer than 5 pages | $4 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
|  | None | $\mathbf{1 - 2}$ |  | None | $1-2$ |
| Number of problem sets that take you <br> more than an hour to complete | $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 \%}$ | Number of problem sets that take you <br> more than an hour to complete | $12 \%$ | $32 \%$ |

Table 3A
NSSE 2007 Peer Group

## California State University, Fresno

## HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your Institution did not identify a peer group. Your default criteria were all institutions in your 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.
SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA

|  | Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): | 18 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Institution Name | City | State |
| Appalachian State University | Boone | NC |
| Arizona State University at the West Campus | Glendale | AZ |
| Arkansas State University | Jonesboro | AR |
| Baldwin-Wallace College | Berea | OH |
| Bellarmine University | Louisville | KY |
| Belmont University | Nashville | TN |
| Bradley University | Peoria | IL |
| California State University-Bakersfield | Bakersfield | CA |
| California State University-Dominguez Hills | Carson | CA |
| California State University-Long Beach | Long Beach | CA |
| California State University-Los Angeles | Los Angeles | CA |
| California State University, Northridge | Northridge | CA |
| California University of Pennsylvania | California | PA |
| Central Connecticut State University | New Britain | CT |
| Central Washington University | Ellensburg | WA |
| Chaminade University of Honolulu | Honolulu | HI |
| Chicago State University | Chicago | IL |


| Columbia College | Columbia | SC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Converse College | Spartanburg | SC |
| CUNY Bernard M Baruch College | New York | NY |
| CUNY Brooklyn College | Brooklyn | NY |
| CUNY Hunter College | New York | NY |
| East Central University | Ada | OK |
| Eastern Kentucky University | Richmond | KY |
| Eastern Washington University | Cheney | WA |
| Emporia State University | Emporia | KS |
| Fort Hays State University | Hays | KS |
| Framingham State College | Framingham | MA |
| Frostburg State University | Frostburg | MD |
| Gardner-Webb University | Boiling Springs | NC |
| Grand Valley State University | Allendale | MI |
| Hamline University | St. Paul | MN |
| Holy Family University | Philadelphia | PA |
| Indiana University-South Bend | South Bend | IN |
| Iona College | New Rochelle | NY |
| La Salle University | Philadelphia | PA |
| Lesley University | Cambridge | MA |
| Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus | Brooklyn | NY |
| Loyola College in Maryland | Baltimore | MD |
| Loyola Marymount University | Los Angeles | CA |
| Manhattanville College | Purchase | NY |
| Marian College of Fond du Lac | Fond du Lac | WI |
| Marist College | Poughkeepsie | NY |
| Marymount University | Arlington | VA |
| Maryville University of Saint Louis | St. Louis | MO |
| Marywood University | Scranton | PA |
| McDaniel College | Westminster | MD |
| McNeese State University | Lake Charles | LA |
| Mercer University | Macon | GA |
| Millersville University of Pennsylvania | Millersville | PA |
| Minnesota State University-Mankato | Mankato | MN |
| Missouri State University | Springfield | MO |
| Morehead State University | Morehead | KY |
| Murray State University | Murray | KY |
| Naropa University | Boulder | CO |
| National University | La Jolla | CA |
| Nazareth College of Rochester | Rochester | NY |
| Niagara University | Niagara University | NY |
| Norfolk State University | Norfolk | VA |
| Northeastern Illinois University | Chicago | IL |
| Northern Kentucky University | Highland Heights | KY |
| Northern Michigan University | Marquette | MI |
| Notre Dame de Namur University | Belmont | CA |
| Pfeiffer University | Misenheimer | NC |
| Pittsburg State University | Pittsburg | KS |
| Plymouth State University | Plymouth | NH |
| Prairie View A\&M University | Prairie View | TX |
| Quinnipiac University | Hamden | CT |
| Radford University | Radford | VA |

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| Rochester Institute of Technology | Rochester | NY |
| Rockhurst University | Kansas City | MO |
| Roosevelt University | Chicago | IL |
| Sacred Heart University | Fairfield | CT |
| Saint Bonaventure University | St. Bonaventure | NY |
| Saint Mary's College of California | Moraga | CA |
| Saint Peters College | Jersey City | NJ |
| Saint Xavier University | Chicago | IL |
| San Francisco State University | San Francisco | CA |
| Santa Clara University | Santa Clara | CA |
| Seattle Pacific University | Seattle | WA |
| Seattle University | Seattle | WA |
| Shenandoah University | Winchester | VA |
| Simmons College | Boston | MA |
| Southeastern Louisiana University | Hammond | LA |
| Southern Connecticut State University | New Haven | CT |
| Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | Edwardsville | IL |
| Southern Oregon University | Ashland | OR |
| Southern Wesleyan University | Central | SC |
| St. Cloud State University | St. Cloud | MN |
| St. Edward's University | Austin | TX |
| St. Mary's University | San Antonio | TX |
| Stephen F. Austin State University | Nacogdoches | TX |
| SUNY College at Brockport | Brockport | NY |
| SUNY Potsdam | Potsdam | NY |
| Tarleton State University | Stephenville | TX |
| Texas A\&M University-Corpus Christi | Corpus Christi | TX |
| The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina | Charleston | SC |
| The College of New Rochelle | New Rochelle | NY |
| The College of Saint Rose | Albany | NY |
| The College of Saint Scholastica | Duluth | MN |
| The College of St. Catherine | St. Paul | MN |
| The University of Findlay | Findlay | OH |
| The University of Texas-Pan American | Edinburg | TX |
| The University of Texas at San Antonio | San Antonio | TX |
| The University of Texas at Tyler | Tyler | TX |
| Touro College | New York | NY |
| Towson University | Towson | MD |
| Trinity (Washington) University | Washington | DC |
| Troy University | Troy | AL |
| University of Dallas | Irving | TX |
| University of Illinois at Springfield | Springfield | IL |
| University of Indianapolis | Indianapolis | IN |
| University of Michigan-Dearborn | Dearborn | MI |
| University of New England | Biddeford | ME |
| University of New Haven | West Haven | CT |
| University of North Carolina Wilmington | Wilmington | NC |
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| University of Wisconsin-Whitewater | Whitewater | WI |
| Valdosta State University | Valdosta | GA |
| Viterbo University | La Crosse | WI |
| Webster University Worldwide | St. Louis | MO |
| West Texas A\&M University | Canyon | TX |
| Western Carolina University | Cullowhee | NC |
| Western Connecticut State University | Danbury | CT |
| Western Illinois University | Macomb | IL |
| Western Kentucky University | Bowling Green | KY |
| Wheelock College | Boston | MA |
| William Carey University | Hattiesburg | MS |
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