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		Class	*Mean* [a]	*Mean* [a]	*Sig* [b]	*Mean* [a]	*Sig* [b]	*Mean* [a]	*Sig* [b]
1. Academic and Intellectual Experiences			*In your experience at your 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*						
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	FY	**3.22**	3.06		3.03		2.78	**
		SR	**3.29**	3.37		3.29		3.07	
b.	Made a class presentation	FY	**2.43**	2.45		2.31		2.27	
		SR	**3.16**	2.91		2.83	*	2.80	*
c.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	FY	**3.06**	2.74	*	2.61	**	2.65	*
		SR	**2.39**	2.60		2.41		2.47	
d.	Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources	FY	**3.09**	3.19		3.16		3.06	
		SR	**3.42**	3.44		3.42		3.30	
e.	Included diverse perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments	FY	**3.11**	2.93		2.91		2.78	*
		SR	**3.16**	3.00		2.95		2.81	*
f.	Come to class without completing readings or assignments	FY	**2.02**	1.94		1.97		2.01	
		SR	**2.10**	1.96		2.05		2.10	
g.	Worked with other students on projects **during class**	FY	**2.51**	2.38		2.37		2.41	
		SR	**2.47**	2.42		2.39		2.52	
h.	Worked with classmates **outside of class** to prepare class assignments	FY	**2.79**	2.52		2.54		2.40	**
		SR	**3.16**	2.67	**	2.70	**	2.75	*
i.	Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions	FY	**2.69**	2.72		2.73		2.63	
		SR	**3.13**	3.00		3.02		2.94	
j.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	FY	**1.77**	1.81		1.76		1.70	
		SR	**2.10**	1.90		2.02		1.88	
k.	Participated in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a regular course	FY	**2.63**	1.79	***	1.59	***	1.60	***
		SR	**2.28**	1.88	*	1.74	**	1.74	**

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l.	Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, Internet, instant messaging, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	FY	**2.60**	2.62		2.56		2.59	
		SR	**2.47**	2.87	*	2.71		2.82	
m.	Used e-mail to communicate with an instructor	FY	**2.99**	3.22		3.27	*	3.11	
		SR	**3.20**	3.51	*	3.52	*	3.38	
n.	Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor	FY	**2.96**	2.83		2.72		2.62	*
		SR	**3.07**	3.00		2.86		2.81	
o.	Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor	FY	**2.49**	2.33		2.23		2.19	
		SR	**2.87**	2.61		2.65		2.42	*
p.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class	FY	**2.24**	2.08		2.08		1.91	*
		SR	**2.17**	2.29		2.33		2.12	
q.	Received prompt written or oral feedback from faculty on your academic performance	FY	**2.84**	2.84		2.83		2.65	
		SR	**2.83**	3.03		2.97		2.80	
r.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	FY	**2.86**	2.79		2.69		2.65	
		SR	**2.80**	2.88		2.75		2.73	
s.	Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)	FY	**2.16**	1.88		1.78	**	1.65	***
		SR	**2.30**	2.03		2.09		1.84	**
t.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	FY	**2.94**	2.82		2.85		2.69	
		SR	**3.13**	2.96		2.95		2.84	
u.	Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own	FY	**2.80**	2.70		2.74		2.60	
		SR	**2.60**	2.73		2.72		2.67	
v.	Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values	FY	**3.14**	2.80	*	2.87		2.69	**
		SR	**2.87**	2.80		2.84		2.71	

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				Fisk University compared with:					
2. Mental Activities			*During the current school year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much*						
a.	**Memorizing** facts, ideas, or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	FY	**2.67**	2.88		2.78		2.90	
		SR	**2.97**	2.72		2.57	*	2.75	
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	FY	**3.57**	3.19	**	3.27	*	3.10	***
		SR	**3.17**	3.33		3.37		3.24	
c.	**Synthesizing** and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	FY	**3.07**	2.99		3.06		2.89	
		SR	**2.90**	3.17		3.22	*	3.05	
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	FY	**3.33**	3.01	*	3.01	*	2.90	**
		SR	**3.10**	3.13		3.11		3.01	
e.	**Applying** theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	FY	**3.31**	3.09		3.11		3.03	
		SR	**3.03**	3.28		3.24		3.19	
3. Reading and Writing			*During the current school year, about how much reading and writing have you done? 1=None, 2=1-4, 3=5-10, 4=11-20, 5=More than 20*						
a.	Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	FY	**3.25**	3.43		3.63	*	3.24	
		SR	**3.63**	3.36		3.50		3.20	*
b.	Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment	FY	**2.10**	2.11		2.09		2.06	
		SR	**2.13**	2.25		2.22		2.19	
c.	Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	FY	**1.31**	1.32		1.26		1.28	
		SR	**1.73**	1.73		1.75		1.64	
d.	Number of written papers or reports between 5 and 19 pages	FY	**2.25**	2.40		2.52	*	2.29	
		SR	**2.63**	2.74		2.82		2.58	
e.	Number of written papers or reports of fewer than 5 pages	FY	**2.69**	3.22	**	3.27	***	3.04	
		SR	**2.87**	3.08		3.12		3.00	

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4. Problem Sets			*In a typical week, how many homework problem sets do you complete? 1=None, 2=1-2, 3=3-4, 4=5-6, 5=More than 6*						
a.	Number of problem sets that take you **more** than an hour to complete	FY	**3.03**	2.69		2.64	*	2.69	
		SR	**2.63**	2.59		2.39		2.61	
b.	Number of problem sets that take you **less** than an hour to complete	FY	**2.67**	2.75		2.60		2.75	
		SR	**2.03**	2.37		2.11		2.35	
5. Examinations			*1=Very little to 7=Very much*						
	Select the circle that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year challenged you to do your best work.	FY	**5.53**	5.49		5.50		5.41	
		SR	**5.63**	5.60		5.43		5.39	
6. Additional Collegiate Experiences			*During the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Very often*						
a.	Attended an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theatre or other performance	FY	**2.53**	2.41		2.44		2.22	
		SR	**2.50**	2.25		2.34		2.07	*
b.	Exercised or participated in physical fitness activities	FY	**2.24**	2.91	***	3.01	***	2.79	**
		SR	**2.60**	2.81		2.93		2.68	
c.	Participated in activities to enhance your spirituality (worship, meditation, prayer, etc.)	FY	**3.07**	2.44	***	2.02	***	2.06	***
		SR	**2.67**	2.47		2.03	**	2.11	**
d.	Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	FY	**2.81**	2.78		2.73		2.60	
		SR	**2.62**	2.86		2.79		2.68	
e.	Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	FY	**3.04**	2.89		2.87		2.76	*
		SR	**2.90**	2.94		2.91		2.83	
f.	Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	FY	**3.14**	2.96		2.96		2.84	*
		SR	**3.00**	3.00		2.98		2.89	
7. Enriching Educational Experiences			*Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from your institution? (Recoded: 0=Have not decided, Do not plan to do, Plan to do; 1=Done. Thus, the mean is the proportion responding "Done" among all valid respondents.)*						
a.	Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	FY	**.20**	.10		.09		.08	
		SR	**.55**	.58		.63		.53	

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b. Community service or volunteer work	FY	**.92**	.50	***	.41	***	.38	***
	SR	**.75**	.70		.68		.60	
c. Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	FY	**.30**	.17		.12	*	.16	
	SR	**.38**	.29		.25		.26	
d. Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	FY	**.10**	.07		.05		.05	
	SR	**.31**	.23		.29		.20	
e. Foreign language coursework	FY	**.76**	.28	***	.37	***	.22	***
	SR	**.79**	.48	***	.61	*	.41	***
f. Study abroad	FY	**.06**	.04		.02		.03	
	SR	**.00**	.24	***	.33	***	.15	***
g. Independent study or self-designed major	FY	**.15**	.06		.03		.04	
	SR	**.31**	.24		.30		.18	
h. Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	FY	**.03**	.02		.02		.02	
	SR	**.39**	.43		.52		.32	

8. Quality of Relationships

Select the circle 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	FY	**5.65**	5.63		5.60		5.47	
	SR	**6.07**	5.79		5.64	*	5.59	**

1=Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic to 7=Available, Helpful, Sympathetic

b. Relationships with faculty members	FY	**5.52**	5.54		5.55		5.19	
	SR	**5.75**	5.84		5.75		5.41	

1=Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid to 7=Helpful, Considerate, Flexible

c. Relationships with administrative personnel and offices	FY	**5.13**	4.92		4.84		4.65	
	SR	**4.31**	4.91		4.62		4.53	

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9. Time Usage			*About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following? 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*						
a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)	FY	**4.03**	4.15		4.46		4.04	
		SR	**4.57**	4.15		4.47		4.14	
b.	Working for pay on campus	FY	**1.52**	1.71		1.76		1.55	
		SR	**1.83**	1.79		2.07		1.79	
c.	Working for pay off campus	FY	**1.41**	2.29	***	1.90	*	2.46	***
		SR	**3.45**	3.85		2.80		3.79	
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	FY	**2.62**	2.55		2.73		2.26	
		SR	**2.72**	2.37		2.67		2.11	*
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)	FY	**3.07**	3.61		3.69	*	3.77	*
		SR	**3.62**	3.39		3.57		3.49	
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	FY	**1.69**	1.82		1.45		1.79	
		SR	**1.52**	2.61	***	1.84		2.38	**
g.	Commuting to class (driving, walking, etc.)	FY	**2.09**	2.07		1.96		2.26	
		SR	**2.61**	2.11		1.99	*	2.36	
10. Institutional Environment			*To what extent does your institution emphasize each of the following? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much*						
a.	Spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work	FY	**3.69**	3.22	***	3.28	***	3.14	***
		SR	**3.31**	3.25		3.29		3.14	
b.	Providing the support you need to help you succeed academically	FY	**3.41**	3.19		3.26		3.07	*
		SR	**3.14**	3.17		3.16		2.93	
c.	Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds	FY	**3.12**	2.77	*	2.82		2.70	*
		SR	**2.72**	2.66		2.61		2.50	

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d.	Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	FY	**2.44**	2.41		2.38		2.27	
		SR	**2.17**	2.19		2.11		1.99	
e.	Providing the support you need to thrive socially	FY	**2.73**	2.60		2.55		2.49	
		SR	**2.31**	2.38		2.28		2.23	
f.	Attending campus events and activities (special speakers, cultural performances, athletic events, etc.)	FY	**3.08**	2.99		3.02		2.84	
		SR	**2.86**	2.69		2.84		2.61	
g.	Using computers in academic work	FY	**3.46**	3.32		3.31		3.31	
		SR	**3.14**	3.49		3.45		3.46	
11. Educational and Personal Growth			*To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? 1=Very little, 2=Some, 3=Quite a bit, 4=Very much*						
a.	Acquiring a broad general education	FY	**3.31**	3.28		3.35		3.20	
		SR	**3.29**	3.45		3.49		3.29	
b.	Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	FY	**3.15**	2.89		2.79	*	2.80	*
		SR	**3.00**	3.16		2.93		3.07	
c.	Writing clearly and effectively	FY	**3.47**	3.17	*	3.17	*	3.02	**
		SR	**3.29**	3.33		3.31		3.11	
d.	Speaking clearly and effectively	FY	**3.33**	2.97	*	2.91	**	2.85	**
		SR	**3.36**	3.16		3.13		3.00	*
e.	Thinking critically and analytically	FY	**3.52**	3.30		3.35		3.21	*
		SR	**3.36**	3.51		3.51		3.36	
f.	Analyzing quantitative problems	FY	**3.40**	3.00	*	2.99	**	2.96	**
		SR	**3.14**	3.17		3.07		3.08	
g.	Using computing and information technology	FY	**3.22**	3.05		2.95		3.04	
		SR	**2.82**	3.26	*	3.09		3.22	
h.	Working effectively with others	FY	**3.31**	3.09		3.05		2.99	*
		SR	**3.29**	3.27		3.19		3.17	

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i. Voting in local, state, or national elections	FY	**3.21**	2.21	***	2.30	***	2.24	***
	SR	**2.72**	2.12	**	2.25	*	2.11	**
j. Learning effectively on your own	FY	**3.42**	3.02	**	3.01	**	2.96	**
	SR	**3.12**	3.20		3.16		3.05	
k. Understanding yourself	FY	**3.26**	2.92	*	2.88	*	2.81	**
	SR	**3.24**	3.03		3.00		2.83	*
l. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	FY	**3.10**	2.72	*	2.72	*	2.67	*
	SR	**2.80**	2.73		2.68		2.64	
m. Solving complex real-world problems	FY	**2.98**	2.75		2.73		2.69	
	SR	**2.72**	2.88		2.79		2.78	
n. Developing a personal code of values and ethics	FY	**3.18**	2.90		2.80	*	2.70	**
	SR	**2.84**	2.97		2.83		2.71	
o. Contributing to the welfare of your community	FY	**3.20**	2.73	**	2.62	***	2.47	***
	SR	**3.08**	2.75		2.63	*	2.48	**
p. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality	FY	**3.05**	2.54	**	2.14	***	2.15	***
	SR	**2.80**	2.39		1.98	***	1.96	***
12. Academic Advising		*1=Poor, 2=Fair, 3=Good, 4=Excellent*						
Overall, how would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at your institution?	FY	**3.35**	3.12		3.11		3.00	*
	SR	**3.04**	3.15		3.11		2.85	
13. Satisfaction		*1=Poor, 2=Fair, 3=Good, 4=Excellent*						
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution?	FY	**3.26**	3.27		3.32		3.19	
	SR	**3.08**	3.41	*	3.39	*	3.21	
14.		*1=Definitely no, 2=Probably no, 3=Probably yes, 4=Definitely yes*						
If you could start over again, would you go to the *same institution* you are now attending?	FY	**3.13**	3.23		3.25		3.23	
	SR	**3.08**	3.32		3.25		3.20	

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