



### Learning Goal: Inquiry

Dates: 2005, 2009, 2011

What was assessed: quality and nature of undergraduate experience

How it was assessed: Seniors using the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

**Results:**

	Year	Have not decided	Do not plan to do	Plan to do	Done	Mean
7d. Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=342)	12%	49%	13%	25%	0.25
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=511)	14%	50%	11%	24%	0.24
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=653)	15%	44%	14%	27%	0.27
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=65,398)	20%	49%	15%	16%	0.16

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7g. Independent study or self designed major	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=342)	11%	58%	10%	21%	0.21
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=511)	10%	60%	10%	20%	0.20
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=650)	9%	59%	8%	24%	0.24
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=65,091)	15%	60%	10%	15%	0.15

**Discussion:**

41% of seniors report that they have worked or plan to work on a research project with a faculty member. This is 10% higher than at other Carnegie class institutions.

32% of seniors report doing or plans to do independent study or a self-designed major. This is 7% higher than at other Carnegie class institutions.