

### Learning Goal: Thoughtful Expression - Written

**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	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Mean
1c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=362)	15%	37%	25%	23%	2.55
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=550)	15%	38%	28%	19%	2.5
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=703)	14%	40%	26%	20%	2.53
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=69,787)	15%	36%	28%	21%	2.55

	Year	None	1-4	5-10	11-20	20+	Mean
3c. Number of written papers or reports of <b>20 pages or more</b>	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=346)	46%	43%	7%	3%	1%	1.69
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=522)	53%	38%	7%	1%	1%	1.59
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=666)	52%	40%	5%	2%	1%	1.60
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=66,715)	50%	40%	6%	2%	2%	1.64

	Year	None	1-4	5-10	11-20	20+	Mean
3d. Number of written papers or reports between <b>5 and 19 pages</b>	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=346)	8%	42%	33%	12%	5%	2.66
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=520)	11%	42%	30%	12%	5%	2.58
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=667)	9%	47%	29%	11%	4%	2.56
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=66,808)	9%	44%	31%	11%	5%	2.57

	Year	None	1-4	5-10	11-20	20+	Mean
3e. Number of written papers or reports of <b>fewer than 5 pages</b>	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=345)	5%	30%	28%	21%	17%	3.15
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=521)	6%	31%	29%	21%	14%	3.06
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=669)	6%	21%	30%	17%	15%	3.04
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=66,808)	6%	35%	28%	17%	14%	2.98

	Year	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	Mean
11f. Analyzing quantitative problems	<b>2005 UNCW</b> (n=333)	3%	17%	35%	45%	3.23
	<b>2009 UNCW</b> (n=493)	3%	20%	38%	38%	3.11
	<b>2011 UNCW</b> (n=637)	4%	18%	37%	41%	3.14
	<b>2011 Carnegie</b> (n=63,718)	4%	18%	38%	40%	3.14

**Discussion:**

86% of UNCW seniors reported preparing drafts of papers at least sometimes. Whereas over 90% of students reported writing papers up to 19 pages, only 48% reported writing papers of 20 or more pages. UNCW results are equal to or above Carnegie clas results except for the number of 20-page or more papers.