

NSSE Shorts 2025

Civic Engagement Item Set

1. How much does your institution emphasize the following?

Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1

- a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others [CIVdiscussS]
- b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues [CIVorganizeS]
- c. Being an informed and active participant in campus, local, state/provincial, or national issues [CIVparticipantS]
- d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues [CIVinvolvedS]
- e. Voting in campus, local, state/provincial, or national elections [CIVvotingS]
- f. Encouraging free speech and expression [CIVspeechS]
- g. Developing a sense of responsibility to the communities that matter to you [CIVcommunityS]

Note: Canadian version replaced "state" with "provincial" for CIVparticipant

2. How comfortable do you feel addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following?

Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1

- a. In course assignments [CIVassignmentsS]
- b. In course discussions [CIVdiscussionsS]
- c. Outside of class or in your community [CIVoutsidesS]

3. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:

Response options: Poor=1, 2=2, 3=3, 4=4, Excellent=5

- a. Help people work through disagreements with each other [CIVdisagreementsS]
- b. Respond to conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice [CIVconflictS]
- c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included [CIVleadS]
- d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you [CIVdialogueS]
- e. Contribute to the health of communities that matter to you [CIVcontributesS]

4. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?

Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1

- a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues [CIVinvolvelocalS]
- b. Informed yourself about state/provincial, national, or global issues [CIVinvolveglobalS]
- c. Discussed campus or local issues with others [CIVdiscusslocalS]
- d. Discussed state/provincial, national, or global issues with others [CIVdiscussglobalS]
- f. Raised awareness about issues, whether local or global [CIVraiseS]
- g. Volunteered time, money, or resources to support an issue, whether local or global [CIVvolunteerS]
- h. Asked others to address issues, whether local or global [CIVaskS]
- i. Organized others to work on issues, whether local or global [CIVorgworkS]
- j. Participated in research or a project for your community or the public good [CIVprojectS]

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5. Think about the experiences you may have had with campus, local, state/provincial, national, or global issues. What about these experiences has been most meaningful to you? (5,000 character limit) [CIVexperience_txtS]

Response option: Text box