

NSSE Shorts 2025

Experiences with Information Literacy Item Set

1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

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

- a. Completed an assignment using an information source (book, article, website, etc.) other than required course readings [INLsourceS]
- b. Completed an assignment using a library's physical or digital collection of articles, books, or journals (JSTOR, EBSCO, LexisNexis, ProQuest, Interlibrary Loan, etc.) [INLcollectionS]
- c. Received help from the library (met with a librarian, used the library's chat service, etc.) [INLhelpS]
- d. Changed the focus of a paper or project based on information you found while researching the topic [INLfocusS]
- e. Looked for an information source that was cited in something you read [INLcitedS]
- f. Evaluated an information source by conducting additional research [INLavaladdS]
- g. Identified information that was biased, misleading, or deceptive [INLbiasedS]
- h. Decided not to use an information source in a course assignment due to its questionable quality [INLquesqualS]
- i. Referred to an information source you found on social media for an assignment [INLsocmedS]
- j. Consulted with an expert as an information source (on campus, in community) [INLexpertS]
- k. Coached or mentored a classmate or peer with research for their course assignment [INLcoachS]

2. Which of the following have you done while in college or do you plan to do before you graduate?

Response options: Have not decided =1, Do not plan to do =2, Plan to do =3, Done or in progress =4, To my knowledge is not available=9

- a. Attend a campus-sponsored session about conducting research (instructional session with a librarian, writing center for help with a research paper, a library or department workshop, etc.) [INLsessionS]
- b. Present, publish, or publicly share the results of your research, scholarly activity, or creative work to an audience beyond your classmates (on- or off-campus academic conference, exhibition, research journal, literary magazine, professional blog, etc.) [INLshareS]
- c. Use library resources for a non-academic task (leisure reading, researching jobs, watching films, etc.) [INLnonacadS]

3. How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1, Not at all=0

- a. Understanding the research and writing styles or practices of your major or field of study [INLdevstyleS]
- b. Developing information and research management strategies (note-taking, using citation software, document organization, etc.) [INLdevstratS]
- c. Developing your research skills to identify information for personal reasons (not related to your courses) [INLdevpersS]
- d. Keeping an open mind when encountering opposing perspectives during your research [INLdevopenS]