

# NSSE NUGGETS 2010

## What is the NSSE?

A college survey evaluating the extent to which students engage in educational behaviors that are linked with high levels of learning and development and student success in college.

A variety of domains are sampled:

- o Academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences, supportive campus environment

## Why did UC Denver administer it?

Improve the student experience

Help school and college administrations gather information they need (e.g., accreditation, program review, process improvement)

Provide additional information for our diversity programs and reports

Respond to data requests from the University of Colorado System, Voluntary System of Accountability

## Administered to all first-year and senior students of UCD Denver Campus:

Web administration only (i.e., no paper version used)

32% UC Denver response rate (total of 563 respondents)

- o 315 of 1108 1<sup>st</sup>-years (28% response rate)
- o 248 of 669 seniors (37% response rate)
- o Overall NSSE cohort response rate: 37%

	UCD UG (Fall 09 EOT)	NSSE Respondents	
		1 <sup>st</sup> -Years	Seniors
Full-time	72%	94%	81%
Female	53%	61%	63%
< 24 yo	66%	95%	80%

## Three comparison groups:

Urban universities consortium (N=8)

Carnegie classification (N=18)

Denver Campus peers (N=6; note that only 5 of the DC peers participated, so also included University of South Florida)

## Results (Multi-Year Benchmarks):

UCD first year and senior students compare favorably with all 3 sets of peers on the "Level of Academic Challenge" scale. Longitudinal data indicate improvements in this area for both freshmen and seniors, with the highest scores seen to date for freshmen. These data suggest that students are finding that UCD has increasingly promoted high levels of student achievement through emphasis on academic effort and high expectations of student performance.

All other 2010 subscale scores (Active and Collaborative Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, and Supportive Campus Environment) were higher for first year and senior students than had ever been achieved in prior NSSE administrations.

Next administration: 2012 (tentative)

Panning for more NSSE Nuggets?  
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