

Education Testing Services (ETS) Proficiency Profile Test Results 2016-2017  
University of Colorado Denver

**Test**

The ETS Proficiency Profile is a 40 minute, 36 question multiple-choice test that measures student performance in four areas: critical thinking, reading, writing, and mathematics. The ETS Proficiency Profile is one of the tests recommended by the VSA (Voluntary System of Accountability) for the College Portrait.

**Test Takers and Testing Dates**

Student volunteers (208 Freshmen in October 2016 & 91 Seniors in April 2017) were recruited and each received a \$35 gift card as a “thank you.”

**Test Scores**

FRESHMEN AND SENIORS

Type	#Students	Total	Critical Thinking	Reading	Writing	Math
Freshmen	208	443.32	110.77	117.53	114.35	113.51
Seniors	91	461.10	115.63	122.60	117.02	118.02

**KEY FINDING:** Seniors substantially out-performed Freshmen on the overall test and in each of the sub-areas, suggesting that a University of Colorado Denver educational experience makes a significant contribution to students’ knowledge and skills.

FRESHMEN AND SENIORS (PERCENT ABOVE COMPARISON UNIVERSITIES)

Type	#Students	Total	Critical Thinking	Reading	Writing	Math
Freshmen	208	48%	42%	48%	45%	42%
Seniors	91	80%	66%	78%	78%	68%

**KEY FINDING:** Seniors performed well above the average score on all measures for comparison doctoral/research level universities.

**How The Information Will Be Used**

The test results will be used by the faculty to help it develop effective strategies for teaching students and modifying the core/general education curriculum, by the Regents of the University of Colorado to see how well the Denver Campus is educating its students in the areas covered by the test, by the university to provide the public with information via the College Portrait about the value of a UC Denver education, and by the participating students to help them gauge their own performance in each of the four tested areas.