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Comparison with COPLAC



- Comparison data and NSSE
- COPLAC is a diverse group of 29 schools.
- The Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges advances the aims of its member institutions and drives awareness of the value of high-quality, public liberal arts education in a student-centered, residential environment.

COPLAC Comparison



	MSU	COPLAC AVERAGE
Number of FT Undergraduates	3,864	3,093
Percent Minority	36%	19%
Student to Faculty Ratio	17.4	16.5
Retention Rate (Fr-So)	72%	76%
In-State Tuition	\$4,845*	\$6,405
Out-of-State Tuition	\$6,795**	\$15,956

*2013-14 Tuition

** Lowest Out-of-State Price

NSSE

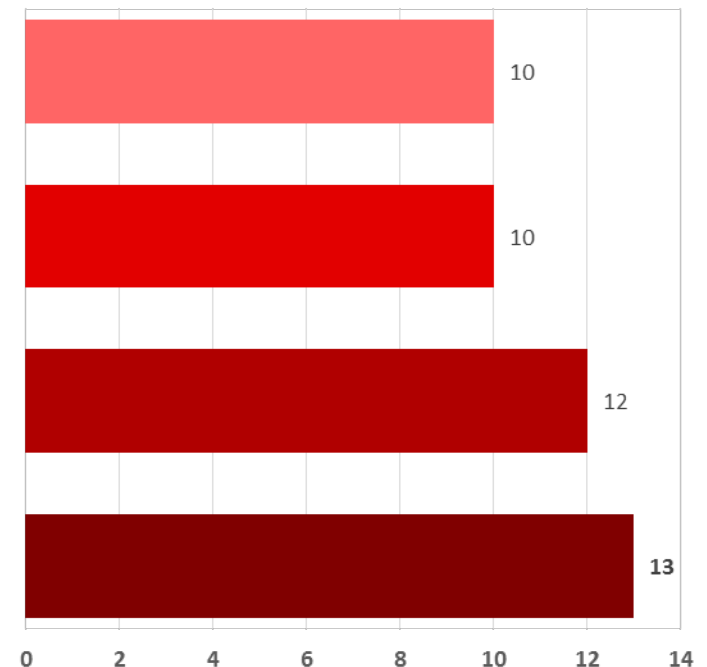


- National Survey of Student Engagement
 - Given every other Spring to First-year and Seniors (Spring 2014)
- 23 of 29 schools participated
- Engagement – 2 features of collegiate quality
 - Time and effort students put into their studies
 - How the institution gets the students to participate in activities related to learning (HIPS, learning communities)

NSSE Comparison

MSU Highest Performing Relative to COPLAC

- Discussions with people of a race or ethnicity other than your own
- Quality of interactions with student services staff
- Reviewed your notes after class
- Quality of interactions with other administrative staff and offices

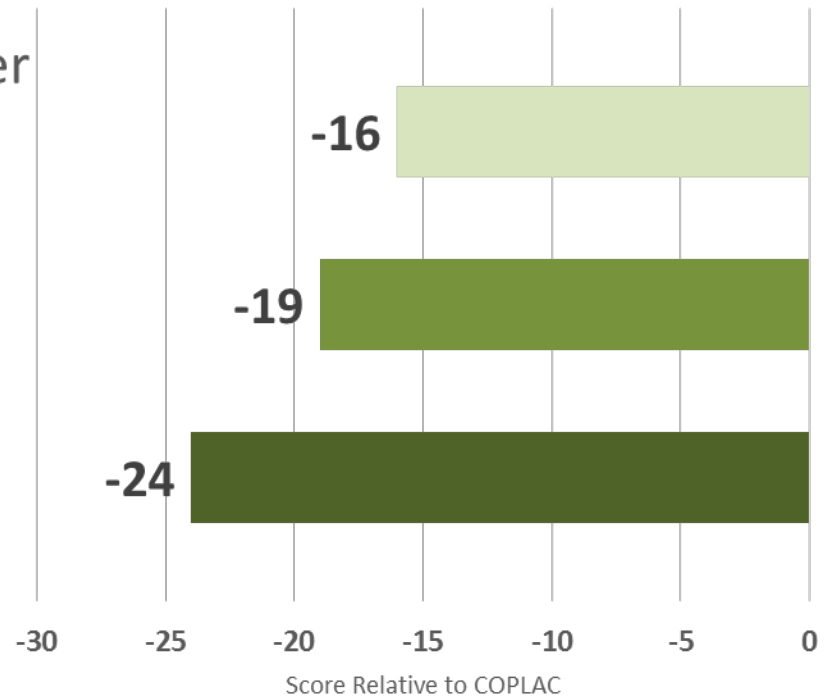


NSSE Comparison



MSU Lowest Performing Relative to COPLAC

- Worked with a faculty member on a research project
- Assigned more than 50 pages of writing
- Completed a culminating senior experience



NSSE Comparison



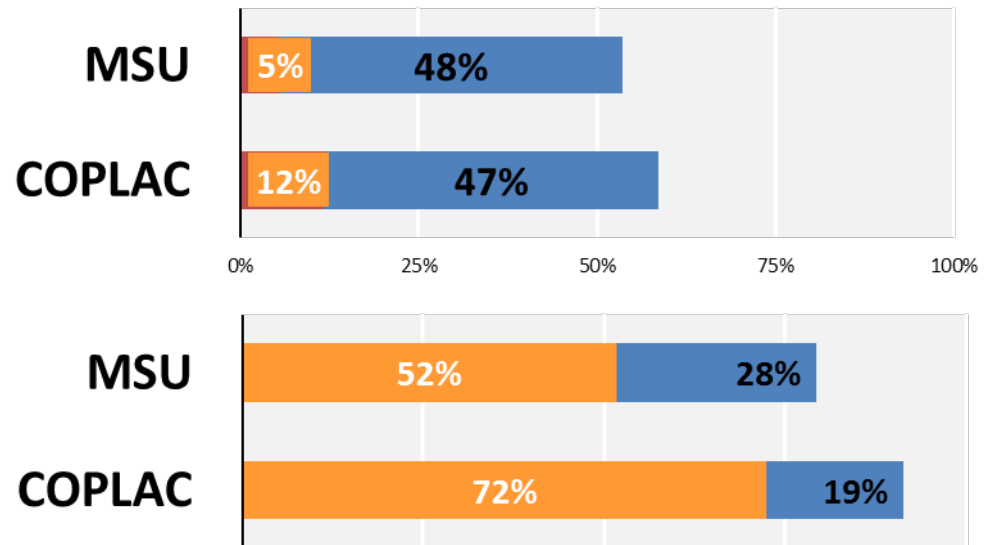
High-Impact Practices (HIPs)

First-year

Learning Community, Service-Learning, and Research w/Faculty

Senior

Learning Community, Service-Learning, Research w/Faculty, Internship, Study Abroad, and Culminating Senior Experience



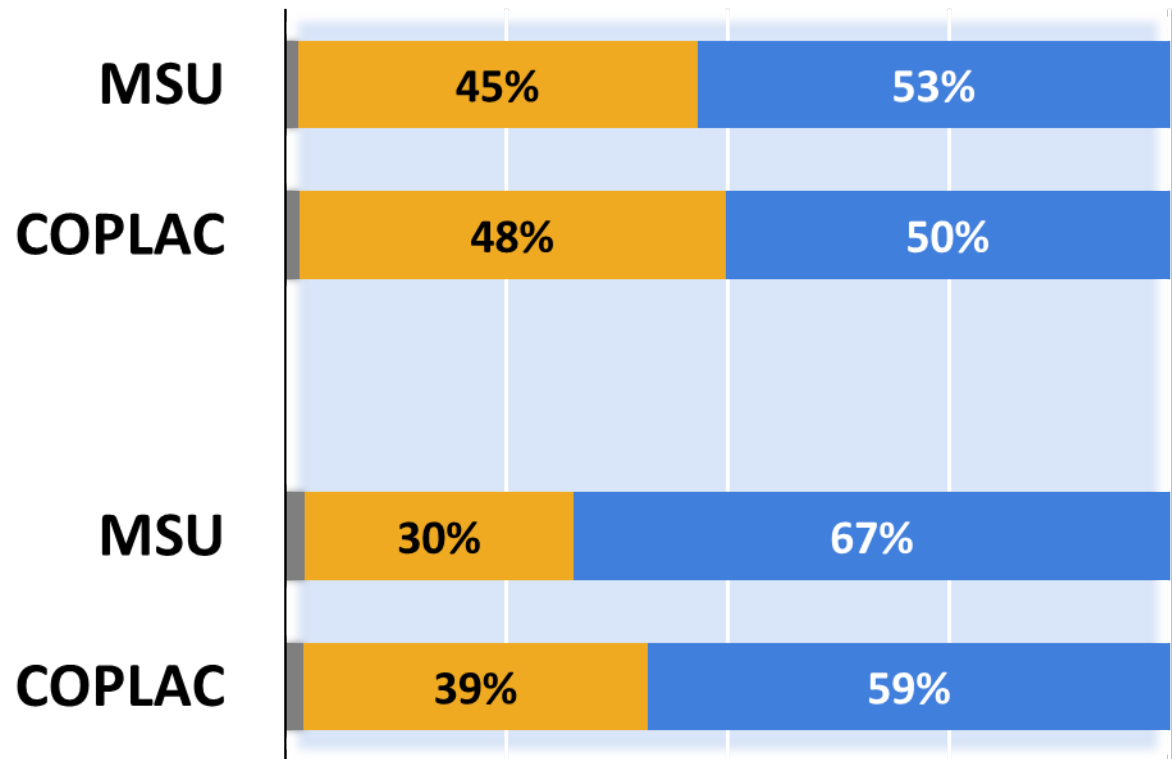
- Participated in two or more HIPs
- Participated in one HIP

NSSE Comparison



Challenging Students to Do Their Best Work

First-year



Senior

■ Low challenge (1 or 2) ■ Moderate challenge (3, 4, or 5) ■ High challenge (6 or 7)

NSSE Comparison



Academic Emphasis

How much did students say their institution emphasizes spending significant time studying and on academic work? Response options included "Very much," "Quite a bit," "Some," and "Very little."

First-year

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83%

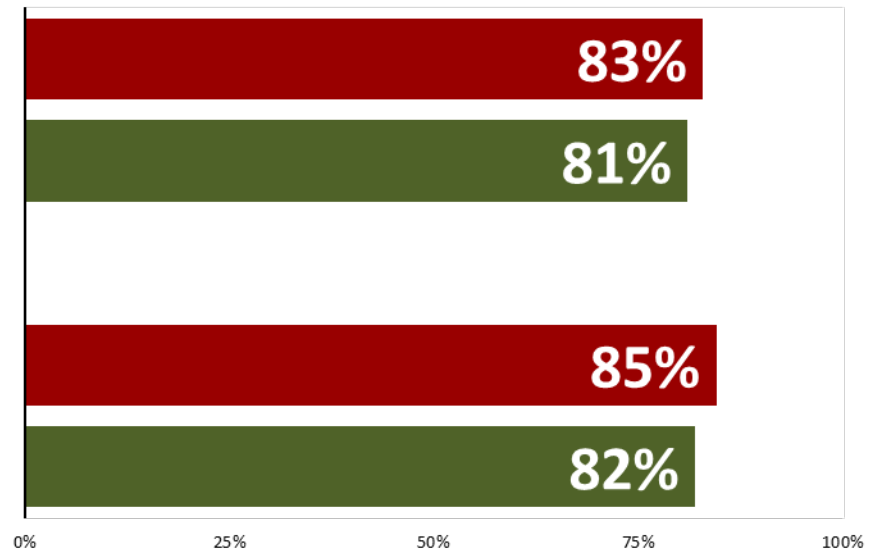
81%

Senior

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85%

82%



Percentage Responding
"Very much" or "Quite a bit"

NSSE Comparison



Academic Challenge: Seniors

Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Colleges and universities promote student learning by challenging and supporting them to engage in various forms of deep learning.

	MSU	COPLAC AVERAGE
Higher-Order Learning	41.5	41.6
Reflective and Integrative Learning	37.4	40.0
Learning Strategies	42.9	40.4
Quantitative Reasoning	29.2	29.5



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