Engagement in activities outside the classroom supplements the classroom experience by allowing students to grow and learn as part of their broader college experience. Collecting, analyzing, and applying data from students about these experiences allows for us to not only better understand their experience with activities, but demonstrate the positive impact of these activities on student success.

STUDENTS CARE ABOUT ACTIVITIES

Whether to meet new people, feel a sense of belonging to the campus, or learn new skills, students report that having a variety of activity options is important:

- 49% of students who participated in student activities report that these activities contributed to their learning.
- 48% of students report that participating in student activities has led to a new or different idea.
- 79% of students who participated in student activities report that these activities contributed to their overall college experience.

STUDENTS FREQUENTLY PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES

The overwhelming majority of students reported participating in student activities:

- 80% of students participated in at least one student activity per year.
- 89% of students participated in at least one student activity per month.
- 30% of students participated in at least two student activities per week.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

Students reported participating in a variety of activities:

- 51% of students participated in extracurricular clubs, teams, or student organizations.
- 48% of students participated in community service projects.
- 46% of students participated in student organization meetings.
- 45% of students participated in student leadership development programs.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION RELATES TO STUDENT LEARNING

Students reported that their participation in student activities contributed to various learning outcomes:

- 76% of students who participated in student activities report that these activities contributed to their learning.
- 69% of students report that participating in student activities has led to a new or different idea.
- 65% of students report that participating in student activities has helped them develop leadership roles.
- 56% of students report that participating in student activities has improved their ability to interact socially.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION RELATES TO OVERALL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Student activity participants were more likely than non-participants to report:

- 63% of students who participated in student activities report that they intend to return to their college for the next term.
- 59% of students who participated in student activities report that they recommended their college to a friend.
- 63% of students who participated in student activities report that their college experience has been positive.

Chart footnote: Chart displays percent of respondents selecting 6 or 7 on a 7-point scale.