

## 2016 vs. 2020 NSSE Engagement Indicators

Students at Western New England University report that their academic and co-curricular experience is very positive. One way to measure this is by looking at our National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Engagement Indicators results. The ten NSSE Engagement Indicators (EI's) represent multiple dimensions of student engagement, as calculated from 47 core NSSE items. The indicators are grouped into four themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment.

The 2020 NSSE results show that Western New England University students scored significantly higher than the national average ( $p < .05$ ) on six of the ten Engagement Indicators (EI's) for first year students and on three of the ten EI's for seniors. In fact, the NSSE data is one way that we have been able to measure results in continuous improvement efforts over recent years. From 2016 to 2020, the WNE Engagement Indicator results for first year students improved from 4 above average and 1 below average to 6 above average and 0 below average. During the same time period, seniors improved from only 1 above average and 4 below the national average to 3 above average and only 1 below average.

