The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

The NSSE survey provides students the opportunity to reflect on and evaluate their educational experience. Nationwide NSSE is currently administering its 2003 survey to more than 300,000 college students. Elon provides contact information for all freshmen and seniors to NSSE in the fall. From these populations a sample of 400 from each class is randomly selected by NSSE. A random sample of students receive notice through mailings conducted throughout the spring semester. The mode of administration is paper or web, and results are received the following fall.

First Year Experience

Elon has administered a first year experience survey for the past decade. Since 2002, Elon has used the nationally administered Your First College Year (YFCY) survey, created by UCLA’s Higher Education Research Institute (HERI). The YFCY survey, which was a collaborative effort between HERI and the Policy Center on the First Year of College at Brevard College, allows institutions to identify first-year features that promote involvement, student learning and satisfaction. Elon administers the survey each spring, with the assistance of all faculty teaching GST 110 and English 110, by paper or web, and results are received in early fall.

Exiting Senior Survey (ESS)

The ESS, an in-house survey developed by Elon, is designed to obtain general information about seniors’ skills and activity engagement during their four years at Elon. It is also an excellent source for feedback concerning their evaluation of university services and general education. This survey assists in aligning student progress with respect to the goals of General Studies. It is web-based and administered after spring break by the office of Institutional Research.

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