National Survey of Student Engagement

2,636 Total Respondents
1st Years & Seniors

Had good overall experience: 81%
Would attend VCU again if started over: 81%

Supportive Environment
Students perceived substantial support for...

- Helping students succeed academically: 69%
- Using learning support services: 68%
- Providing opportunities for social involvement: 66%

Commitment to Diversity
VCU emphasizes...

- Ensuring that students feel comfortable being themselves: 89%
- Ensuring that students feel like a part of the community: 74%
- Ensuring that students feel valued: 69%

Enriching Experiences
By senior year...

- Had an internship or field experience: 52%
- Participated in co-curricular activities: 60%
- Had held a leadership role in a student group: 36%
- Had worked with faculty on a research project: 23%

Students had discussions with people with different political views

- 2014: 75% Often / Very Often
- 2017: 65% Often / Very Often
- 2020: 60% Often / Very Often

Experiences with Diversity

- VCU emphasizes contact among diverse students
- Students have frequent discussions with people of a different race/ethnicity
- VCU contributes substantially to students' understanding of other backgrounds

*U. of Alabama Birmingham, U. of Cincinnati, U. of Illinois at Chicago, U. of South Carolina Columbia, & U. of South Florida
Source: Select results from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Spring 2014, 2017 & 2020.