Each metric in the Undergraduate Experience dashboard is described below. A link is provided to the underlying data for each metric. For some metrics, only the most recent year of data is linked because of the large volume of data. Click on Technical Notes for definitions of terms and other detail about the data.

**Participation in High-Impact Practices (4-Year Institutions)**

High-impact practices are educational experiences linked with gains in students’ intellectual and practical skills and in personal and social development. The percent of students participating in each high-impact practice is shown by class (first-year or senior) for UW four-year institutions. It is compared to the rate of participation at national public four-year institutions and to the average of peer institutions. See Technical Notes for peer institutions.

**Participation in High-Impact Practices (2-Year Institutions)**

The percent of students participating in high-impact practices is shown for UW Colleges and is compared to the rate of participation at other community colleges nationally.

**Contribution of College Experience to Critical Thinking (4-Year Institutions)**

Critical thinking skills are one of the most fundamental outcomes of learning. They include the ability to draw conclusions, analyze information, solve complex problems, clearly express original thought, and be objective. The percent of students is shown that reported their college experience contributed to various aspects of critical thinking. It is presented by class (first-year or senior) for UW four-year institutions. It is compared to rates at national public four-year institutions and to the average of peer institutions. See Technical Notes for peer institutions.
**Contribution of College Experience to Critical Thinking (2-Year Institutions)**

The percent of students reporting that their college experience contributed to various aspects of critical thinking is shown for UW Colleges and is compared to the rate at other community colleges nationally.

**Overall College Experience (4-Year Institutions)**

The percent of students reporting positive outcomes on measures of overall college experience is shown by class (first-year or senior) for UW four-year institutions. It is compared to the rate of participation at national public four-year institutions and to the average of peer institutions. See Technical Notes for peer institutions.

**Overall College Experience (2-Year Institutions)**

The percent of students reporting positive outcomes on measures of overall college experience is shown for UW Colleges and is compared to the rate at other community colleges nationally.