



FSSE Item Set: Teaching Environment

This item set asks questions about faculty sense of belonging; faculty perceptions of commitment to quality teaching; and faculty perceptions of departmental and institutional support for teaching.

1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Response options: Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly disagree

- a. I feel like part of the community at my institution
- b. I feel like part of the community *within my department*
- c. My department chair/supervisor cares about me as a person
- d. My colleagues are committed to my success
- e. My colleagues understand how aspects of my identity influence my teaching
- f. I feel personally connected to the students I teach
- g. I have at least one close colleague at my institution
- h. I have good working relationships with my department colleagues
- i. I have good working relationships with administrative staff at my institution

Your response?				
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2. How committed to quality teaching are the following people at your institution?

Response options: Very committed, Quite committed, Somewhat committed, Not at all committed

- a. Department colleagues
- b. Department chair
- c. Department staff members
- d. Upper-level administrators (deans, provost, vice presidents, president)
- e. Other administrators
- f. Faculty colleagues from other departments
- g. Student affairs professionals

Departmental Commitment to Teaching

External Commitment to Teaching

3. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your department and colleagues?

Response options: Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly disagree

- a. My department supports me to do my best teaching
- b. My department publicly recognizes quality teaching
- c. My department encourages a diversity of perspectives on effective teaching
- d. My department supports experimentation with new ways of teaching
- e. My department encourages efforts to improve teaching
- f. My colleagues talk about teaching improvement
- g. My colleagues use data to improve student learning
- h. My colleagues are committed to activities and programs that support innovative teaching
- i. My colleagues value my teaching
- j. My colleagues are willing to help with my teaching
- k. I share teaching interests with at least one colleague in my department
- l. I have opportunities to learn and grow in my teaching

Departmental
Support for
Teaching

Collegial Support
for Teaching

4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Response options: Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly disagree

- a. Faculty at my institution are held to high professional standards for teaching
- b. I have the time I need to prepare for class
- c. I have the resources I need to do my best teaching (office space, technology, materials, etc.)
- d. The environments (classroom, online, etc.) I teach in are conducive to quality teaching
- e. I know where to go for help with my teaching at my institution

