

## INFORMATION ON THE NSSE SURVEY AT UMKC

### What is the NSSE survey?

The National Survey of Student Engagement, or NSSE, is a national survey sent to a sample of first-year and senior students to determine their relationship with the academic, social, and environmental aspects of the college or university they are attending. NSSE data are used for conducting national research, comparing across institutions, and initiating improvement in individual institutions. By completing the NSSE you are helping UMKC specifically and higher education nationally!

### Who is invited to participate?

The NSSE is sent to a random group of first-year and senior students. All first-year and senior students have an equal chance of being selected for participation. As selected students respond to the web survey, it becomes more likely the entire population of first-year and senior students are being accurately represented.

### Why should UMKC students complete the NSSE?

There are many benefits for many parties! Most importantly, the results of the NSSE help UMKC determine what students need and want to make their experiences the best possible. Institutions are able to focus their resources where things are needed or help boost areas of engagement on campus that have an impact on students. National researchers can use these responses to see what will benefit state and federal policies in higher education and improve the post-secondary education experience for all students.

In addition, many questions can be answered by NSSE on their FAQ page. Please refer to <http://nsse.iub.edu/faq/sfaq.cfm> for answers to questions commonly posed by students.

### NSSE Administration at UMKC

The NSSE has been administered at UMKC since 2000. Beginning in 2007, the administration of the survey moved from every year to every other year to allow for the introduction of other student response measures on campus. First year and senior students attending UMKC in the Spring 2009 semester have been sampled for the most recent administration of the NSSE. Response rates for UMKC for all administrations are included in the table below.

Year	Response Rate	Year	Response Rate
2007	29%	2003	41%
2006	37%	2002	38%
2005	40%	2001	34%
2004*	49%	2000	35%

\*This was the first year with 100% web survey administration.