Subject Matter Reports

An outcomes assessment tool for educators







Subject Matter Reports How does your program and your students' performance compare?

NCEES provides an institution- and degree-specific report known as the Subject Matter Report. The Subject Matter Report details the performance of currently enrolled students at your institution who take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam.

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Name of Institution:		EXAMPLE	
Major:	Civil	FE Examination:	Civil

	Institution	ABET Comparator ²
No. Examinees Taking ¹	31	2,499
No. Examinees Passing	26	1,760
Percent Examinees Passing	84%	70%

Uncertainty Range for Scaled Score⁴ ± 0.18

	Number of Exam Questions	Institution Average Performance Index ³		ABET Comparator Standard Deviation	Ratio Score ⁴	Scaled Score ⁴
Mathematics	7	9.8	9.8	2.7	1.00	0.00
Probability and Statistics	4	10.4	10.1	3.5	1.03	0.09
Computational Tools	4	10.2	9.9	3.7	1.03	0.08
Ethics and Professional Practice	4	12.3	11.1	3.8	1.11	0.32
Engineering Economics	4	10.7	10.1	3.6	1.06	0.17
Statics	7	10.7	9.5	2.8	1.13	0.43
Dynamics	4	10.9	10.3	3.6	1.06	0.17
Mechanics of Materials	7	9.7	9.7	2.5	1.00	0.00
Materials	4	8.7	9.2	3.1	0.95	-0.16
Fluid Mechanics	4	10.5	10.9	3.4	0.96	-0.12
Hydraulics and Hydrologic Systems	8	9.7	9.4	2.2	1.03	0.14
Structural Analysis	6	9.7	8.9	2.5	1.09	0.32
Structural Design	6	8.4	8.9	2.6	0.94	-0.19
Geotechnical Engineering	9	9.5	9.4	2.1	1.01	0.05
Transportation Engineering	8	9.2	9.0	2.2	1.02	0.09
Environmental Engineering	6	8.9	8.8	2.7	1.01	0.04
Construction	4	11.5	9.5	3.7	1.21	0.54
Surveying	4	8.4	8.1	3.6	1.04	0.08

1. <u>O</u> examinees have been removed from this data because they were flagged as a random guesser.

2. Comparator includes all examinees from programs accredited by the ABET commission noted.

3. Performance index is based on a 0-15 scale.

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Name of Institution:			EXAMPLE
Major:	Electrical	FE Examination:	Electrical and Computer
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	Institution	Comparator ²
No. Examinees Taking ¹	14	595
No. Examinees Passing	13	462
Percent Examinees Passing	93%	78%

Uncertainty Range for Scaled Score⁴ ± 0.27

	Number of Exam Questions	Institution Average Performance Index ³	ABET Comparator Average Performance Index	ABET Comparator Standard Deviation	Ratio Score ⁴	Scaled Score ⁴
Mathematics	11	10.6	10.1	2.4	1.05	0.21
Probability and Statistics	4	9.8	10.3	3.2	0.95	-0.16
Ethics and Professional Practice	3	13.4	11.8	4.0	1.14	0.40
Engineering Economics	3	11.6	9.9	4.1	1.17	0.41
Properties of Electrical Materials	4	10.8	11.0	2.9	0.98	-0.07
Engineering Sciences	6	12.5	11.6	3.3	1.08	0.27
Circuit Analysis	10	10.1	9.9	2.6	1.02	0.08
Linear Systems	5	9.9	9.4	3.0	1.05	0.17
Signal Processing	5	10.2	9.7	3.0	1.05	0.17
Electronics	7	10.8	9.7	2.3	1.11	0.48
Power	8	9.5	9.6	2.1	0.99	-0.05
Electromagnetics	5	11.6	10.0	3.1	1.16	0.52
Control Systems	6	9.4	9.2	2.5	1.02	0.08
Communications	5	10.0	9.0	2.8	1.11	0.36
Computer Networks	3	9.7	9.5	4.3	1.02	0.05
Digital Systems	7	10.7	9.2	2.7	1.16	0.56
Computer Systems	4	10.1	8.9	3.7	1.13	0.32
Software Development	4	11.9	10.5	4.4	1.13	0.32

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Name of Institution:		EXAMPLE	
Major:	Mechanical	FE Examination:	Mechanical

	Institution	ABET Comparator ²
No. Examinees Taking ¹	3	1,707
No. Examinees Passing	2	1,452
Percent Examinees Passing	67%	85%

Uncertainty Range for Scaled Score⁴ ± 0.58

	Number of Exam Questions	Institution Average Performance Index ³		ABET Comparator Standard Deviation	Ratio Score ⁴	Scaled Score ⁴
Mathematics	6	10.3	10.5	3.0	0.98	-0.07
Probability and Statistics	4	8.7	10.5	3.2	0.83	-0.56
Computational Tools	3	8.0	11.0	4.2	0.73	-0.71
Ethics and Professional Practice	3	15.0	11.8	3.9	1.27	0.82
Engineering Economics	3	8.2	10.2	4.2	0.80	-0.48
Electricity and Magnetism	3	13.2	11.0	3.8	1.20	0.58
Statics	8	10.2	10.1	2.6	1.01	0.04
Dynamics, Kinematics, and Vibrations	9	10.5	10.0	2.3	1.05	0.22
Mechanics of Materials	8	11.3	9.9	2.1	1.14	0.67
Material Properties and Processing	8	9.8	9.9	2.1	0.99	-0.05
Fluid Mechanics	9	10.5	10.3	2.2	1.02	0.09
Thermodynamics	13	9.5	9.6	1.5	0.99	-0.07
Heat Transfer	9	10.8	9.9	2.2	1.09	0.41
Measurements, Instrumentation, and Controls	5	8.6	9.5	3.1	0.91	-0.29
Mechanical Design and Analysis	9	9.4	9.1	2.4	1.03	0.13

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Name of Institution:		EXAMPLE	
Major:	Petroleum	FE Examination:	Other Disciplines

	Institution	ABET Comparator ²
No. Examinees Taking ¹	7	81
No. Examinees Passing	6	54
Percent Examinees Passing	86%	67%

Uncertainty
Range for
Scaled
Score ⁴
± 0.38

	Number of Exam Questions	Institution Average Performance Index ³		ABET Comparator Standard Deviation	Ratio Score ⁴	Scaled Score ⁴
Mathematics and Advanced Engineering Mathematics	12	8.8	9.0	1.8	0.98	-0.11
Probability and Statistics	6	9.3	9.2	1.9	1.01	0.05
Chemistry	7	9.9	9.6	2.3	1.03	0.13
Instrumentation and Data Acquisition	4	7.0	9.0	3.4	0.78	-0.59
Ethics and Professional Practice	3	13.1	11.4	3.7	1.15	0.46
Safety, Health, and Environment	4	11.6	11.2	3.4	1.04	0.12
Engineering Economics	7	11.5	9.8	2.8	1.17	0.61
Statics	8	9.1	8.8	2.5	1.03	0.12
Dynamics	7	10.3	9.5	2.3	1.08	0.35
Strength of Materials	8	9.4	8.7	2.0	1.08	0.35
Materials Science	6	8.4	8.9	2.3	0.94	-0.22
Fluid Mechanics and Dynamics of Liquids	8	9.4	9.0	2.3	1.04	0.17
Fluid Mechanics and Dynamics of Gases	4	9.8	8.6	3.1	1.14	0.39
Electricity, Power, and Magnetism	7	9.3	8.5	2.2	1.09	0.36
Heat, Mass, and Energy Transfer	9	8.9	8.7	2.1	1.02	0.10

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Major:	Construction	FE Examination:	Civil	

	Institution	ABET Comparator ²
No. Examinees Taking ¹	2	3
No. Examinees Passing	1	2
Percent Examinees Passing	50%	67%

Uncertainty Range for Scaled Score⁴ ± 0.71

	Number of Exam Questions	Institution Average Performance Index ³	ABET Comparator Average Performance Index	ABET Comparator Standard Deviation	Ratio Score ⁴	Scaled Score ⁴
Mathematics	7	8.4	8.0	0.6	1.05	0.67
Probability and Statistics	4	12.6	11.3	2.7	1.12	0.48
Computational Tools	4	9.2	8.2	1.4	1.12	0.71
Ethics and Professional Practice	4	15.0	15.0	0.0	1.00	_
Engineering Economics	4	10.5	9.6	3.9	1.09	0.23
Statics	7	11.5	11.1	2.9	1.04	0.14
Dynamics	4	10.3	11.8	4.5	0.87	-0.33
Mechanics of Materials	7	9.1	9.2	0.4	0.99	-0.25
Materials	4	9.0	9.4	1.0	0.96	-0.40
Fluid Mechanics	4	12.4	13.3	2.5	0.93	-0.36
Hydraulics and Hydrologic Systems	8	11.6	9.9	3.6	1.17	0.47
Structural Analysis	6	7.9	8.3	0.7	0.95	-0.57
Structural Design	6	8.8	8.1	1.8	1.09	0.39
Geotechnical Engineering	9	8.9	7.9	1.5	1.13	0.67
Transportation Engineering	8	9.5	9.0	1.5	1.06	0.33
Environmental Engineering	6	8.8	8.8	1.5	1.00	0.00
Construction	4	11.5	12.6	3.3	0.91	-0.33
Surveying	4	9.1	9.2	0.6	0.99	-0.17

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Examination: Report title: Exams administered: Examinees included: Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Subject Matter Report by Major and Examination Jul 01—Nov 30, 20XX First-Time Examinees from EAC/ABET-Accredited Engineering Programs

Name of Institution:		EXAMPLE	
Major:	Chemical	PE Examination:	Chemical

	Institution	ABET Comparator ²
No. Examinees Taking ¹	4	176
No. Examinees Passing	2	132
Percent Examinees Passing	50%	75%

	Number of Exam Questions	Institution Average Percent Correct	ABET Comparator Average Percent Correct	ABET Comparator Standard Deviation ³
Mass Energy Balances and Thermodynamics: Mass Balances	8	53.1	61.5	1.9
Mass Energy Balances and Thermodynamics: Energy Balances and Thermodynamics	10	52.5	63.0	1.9
Heat Transfer: Mechanisms	7	42.9	64.7	1.3
Heat Transfer: Applications	6	50.0	62.4	1.4
Kinetics: Reaction Parameters	5	50.0	56.9	1.2
Kinetics: Reactors	4	62.5	57.8	1.1
Fluids: Mechanical-Energy Balance	10	65.0	67.0	2.0
Fluids: Flow and Pressure Measurement Techniques	3	50.0	69.2	0.9
Mass Transfer: Phase Equilibria	4	62.5	67.5	1.1
Mass Transfer: Continuous Vapor-Liquid Contactors	6	41.7	49.4	1.4
Mass Transfer: Miscellaneous Mass Transfer Processes	1	100.0	87.9	0.3
Plant Design and Operation: Economic Considerations	1	75.0	77.0	0.4
Plant Design and Operation: Design	8	59.4	65.7	1.7
Plant Design and Operation: Operation	3	58.3	62.6	0.8
Plant Design and Operation: Safety; Health; and Environment	4	68.8	69.8	0.9

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3. The standard deviation is based on number of questions correct, not percentage of questions correct.

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