



The Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership (MSL) Catholic Schools Coalition is expanding significantly for the 2012 data collection. The coalition was started back in 2009 and collects data together every three years. This provides a rich, shared dataset that allows for benchmarking with other Catholic institutions as well as the ability to differentiate results based on affiliation (e.g., Jesuit, Dominican). Additionally, the Coalition adds a set of unique questions to more deeply probe the impact of Catholic mission and identity on educational experiences and to explore student attitudes about the influence of the college/university on mission-related outcomes.

The MSL is an international research program examining the influences of higher education on college students' capacities for socially responsible leadership and other leadership related outcomes (e.g., efficacy, complex cognitive skills, racial identity, spiritual development). To date more than 175 schools and 225,000 college students have participated in the research. Many participating campuses use the MSL to build off and supplement other survey research with organizations such as NSSE and Student Voice. Institutions use results for a broad range of activities ranging from program development and needs assessments to accreditation and institutional benchmarking.

Registration for the MSL is currently underway and 16 Catholic schools have already registered. Another 14 institutions are actively considering participation. A few key points about MSL include:

- Participating campuses receive a comprehensive report with results from the study including benchmarking with peer institutions.
- The MSL measures leadership outcomes consistent with the Social Change Model of Leadership Development, critical college outcomes, and aspects of the college environment (e.g., campus climate, mentoring relationships, student involvement, high-impact learning experiences).
- MSL data increases the ability to engage in evidence-based practice, justify resource allocation, and gauge student learning.
- The MSL offers a Delta Measure in the standard report – a measure of outcome change over time. With the Delta Measure you can see what your impact is on students over the course of their 4-year education.

Please note that the MSL collects data on a three year cycle, so the next opportunity after 2012 will not be until 2015. **The standard fee for participating in the MSL is \$3600.** Indicative of the broad impact MSL results can have on campus, participation can be coordinated by a wide range of campus offices including: Senior Student Affairs Officers, Institutional Research, Leadership and Service Programs, Residence Life, Student Activities, Multicultural Student Affairs, and the Provost's Office among others. Small scholarships are also available for schools unable to support the total cost of participation.

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