

Dear Students,

This spring, Kenyon took part in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE). The NSLVE provides colleges with an opportunity to learn about the voting habits of their students using various national sources. The main objective of the NSLVE is to support greater involvement in student civic learning and engagement in democracy. This is the last of three emails that we will be sending in that hope that this information will help students make more informed decisions about if and where they would like to vote in the upcoming Presidential election and in support of more robust campus conversations about civic engagement.

The voting rate of Kenyon students varies across majors, as demonstrated below.

College Major	2012 Presidential Election			2014 Midterm Election		
	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout	Enrolled	Voted	Turnout
Biological Sciences	83	30	36.1%	117	14	12.0%
Humanities	329	105	31.9%	327	37	11.3%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, Humanities (undecided)	595	203	34.1%	646	74	11.5%
Mathematics and Statistics	27	11	40.7%	32	*	*
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	142	42	29.6%	104	*	*
Physical Sciences	32	13	40.6%	52	*	*
Psychology	77	22	28.6%	89	*	*
Social Sciences	280	90	32.1%	232	22	9.5%
Visual and Performing Arts	131	47	35.9%	133	*	*

*Results for cells that represent less than five students have been suppressed.

While the voting rate across the College was about 24 percentage points lower in the midterm election than the Presidential election, some groups of majors saw a smaller decline. Humanities majors saw the smallest decline (-21 percentage points) but biological science majors saw the largest decline of 24 percentage points, mirroring the turnout seen in the College as whole. It's also important to note that several groups of majors (those with asterisks) had fewer than 5 students voting in the midterm election.

Please remember that Ohio voter registration for the November election ends October 11, 2016. Registration information for Ohio and all other states can be found at <https://vote.usa.gov/> or the secretary of state's website for most states.

About NSLVE

The NSLVE provides colleges and universities with an opportunity to learn about the voting habits of their students using enrollment records from the National Student Clearinghouse, publicly available voting records from Catalist, and calculations from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The NSLVE determines the rate of eligible students at each school who are registered to vote,

the rate of registered students who voted, and the overall rate of eligible students who voted with 96% confidence.

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