The Evergreen State College Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006 Responses of Olympia Campus Students

Primary Area of Study or Concentration and Ability to Study in Field of Interest

Students were asked to respond to the question: "What is your primary field of study or concentration at Evergreen?" The open-ended responses to this question were coded into the Classification for Instructional Programs (CIP) 2000 codes. Some respondents wrote in more than one field of study, so percentages do not add up to 100%. The greatest proportion of Olympia campus respondents indicated an interest in Visual and Performing Arts (21.0%), Social Sciences (15.9%), Natural Resources and Conservation (10.6%), and Psychology (9.5%). (Click here to view by Planning Units instead)

What is your primary field of study or concentration at Evergreen?

CIP Classification Representing Primary Area(s) of Study or Concentration(s) (N=377, nine did not respond)	Number of Olympia Campus Respondents Wrote in Area of Interest within CIP category (N)	Percent of Olympia Campus Respondents Wrote in Area of Interest within CIP
Visual and Performing Arts	79	21.0%
Social Sciences	60	15.9%
Natural Resources and Conservation	40	10.6%
Psychology	36	9.5%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	32	8.5%
English Language and Literature/Letters	30	8.0%
Education	30	8.0%
Area, Ethnic. Cultural, and Gender Studies	29	7.7%
Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences	22	5.8%
Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	21	5.6%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	20	5.3%
Business, Management, Marketing and Related Support Services	19	5.0%
Multi-Interdisciplinary Studies: International Global Studies (N=2), Peace and Justice Studies (N=1); Consciousness Studies (N=1); Systems Theory (N=1); Science with no distinction between physical and biological sciences		
(N=13)	18	4.8%
Liberal Arts and Sciences	17	4.5%

CIP Classification Representing Primary Area(s) of Study or Concentration(s) (N=377, nine did not respond)	Number of Olympia Campus Respondents Wrote in Area of Interest within CIP category (N)	Percent of Olympia Campus Respondents Wrote in Area of Interest within CIP
Physical Sciences	15	4.0%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	14	3.7%
Philosophy and Religious Studies	11	2.9%
History	10	2.7%
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	10	2.7%
Architecture and Related Services (Urban Studies, Urban Planning)	8	2.1%
Mathematics and Statistics	6	1.6%
Agriculture, Agricultural Operations, and Related Sciences	5	1.3%
Legal Professions and Studies	4	1.1%
Communication Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	3	0.8%
Library Science	1	0.3%
Undecided	5	1.3%
Other comments not categorized	9	2.4%

There were nine comments that were not categorized. These comments were: "broad," "do not have a single focus," "Gen," "N/A," "n/a," "no concentration," "not really," "PLE," and "Whatever I want."

Students were asked to indicate how satisfied they are with their ability to study what they are interested in at Evergreen. A total of 65.8% indicated that they were "quite a bit" satisfied or "very" satisfied. Another 21.4% said that they were "moderately" satisfied. A little over 12% indicated that they were "Not at All" or "A Little Bit" satisfied.

	Not at All	A Little Bit	Moderately	Quite a Bit	Very
This year, to what extent do you feel?	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Satisfied that you can study what you are interested					
in at Evergreen	3.4%	9.4%	21.4%	36.3%	29.5%

Mean = 2.79, Median = 3.00. One respondent skipped this question.