The Evergreen State College
Evergreen New Student Survey 2005

Transfer Students (N=445)

How important are the following goals for you in earning your college degree?

Goals Listed from Highest to Lowest Means Scale: 0=Not Important, 1=Slightly Important, 2=Important, 3=Very Important	Mean	Not Important (0)	Slightly Important (1)	Important (2)	Very Important (3)	Missing
Personal growth and development	2.80	0.2%	1.8%	15.8%	**82.1%**	3
Achieving personal success or satisfaction	2.79	0.5%	3.2%	13.6%	**82.8%**	3
Getting a job of your choice or making a career change	2.54	2.1%	7.3%	25.7%	**64.9%**	6
Developing creative and effective communication skills (e.g. speaking and writing)	2.49	1.8%	7.9%	29.6%	**60.6%**	3
Having expertise in a particular field	2.49	0.2%	7.5%	35.5%	**56.8%**	5
Becoming an informed citizen	2.43	2.9%	8.6%	30.6%	**57.8%**	4
Being prepared for further education (graduate, professional, or doctoral)	2.39	3.4%	12.7%	25.1%	**58.8%**	3
Helping others or contributing to the community	2.39	2.9%	9.9%	32.3%	**54.9%**	2
Gaining an understanding of a broad range of ideas and fields of study	2.35	2.5%	10.2%	37.6%	**49.8%**	3
Having a better understanding and appreciation for differences (ethnic, political, etc.)	2.33	2.5%	11.5%	36.1%	**49.9%**	2
Improving and protecting the environment	2.12	5.2%	21.0%	29.9%	**43.9%**	3
Having a professional career	2.06	8.0%	19.1%	31.6%	**41.4%**	5
Influencing or changing the political system	1.77	13.0%	28.5%	27.6%	**31.0%**	6
Having the ability to apply scientific principles and methods	1.76	14.5%	23.9%	**33.0%**	28.6%	5
Having computer technology skills	1.73	8.6%	32.8%	**35.3%**	23.3%	3
Making more money	1.68	11.3%	31.8%	**34.5%**	22.3%	2
Developing artistic abilities using one or more media (e.g. sculpture, painting, film, video, photography)	1.62	20.3%	26.4%	23.9%	**29.3%**	2
Having the ability to use quantitative reasoning (e.g. statistics, mathematics, etc.)	1.54	16.6%	30.4%	**35.6%**	17.5%	4
Starting or improving a business	1.15	**35.5%**	29.6%	19.5%	15.4%	3
Meeting the expectations of family and friends	0.95	**43.0%**	29.2%	17.4%	10.4%	3