

Graduating Senior Survey 2009-10

Preliminary Results

Part A. General Education at CSU Stanislaus

Q3 - Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statements regarding your General Education (GE) experience at CSU Stanislaus.

#	Question	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	GE enhanced my understanding of the disciplines' basic principles, methodologies, and perspectives.	24.62%	162	55.47%	365	13.37%	88	4.56%	30	1.98%	13	658
2	GE enhanced my ability to communicate.	22.22%	146	48.71%	320	18.72%	123	7.00%	46	3.35%	22	657
3	GE enhanced my critical thinking skills that will contribute to inquiry and lifelong learning.	26.07%	171	50.76%	333	15.55%	102	5.18%	34	2.44%	16	656
4	GE enhanced my ability to find, understand, examine critically, and use information from various sources.	26.30%	172	49.69%	325	14.98%	98	6.88%	45	2.14%	14	654
5	GE enhanced my understanding of the interrelationships between disciplines.	23.63%	155	48.32%	317	19.82%	130	5.95%	39	2.29%	15	656
6	GE enhanced my ability to look at issues from multiple perspectives.	27.26%	178	50.23%	328	17.00%	111	3.22%	21	2.30%	15	653
7	Ge enhanced my ability to see a discipline's connection to global issues.	20.58%	134	47.00%	306	24.58%	160	5.99%	39	1.84%	12	651
8	GE enhanced my understanding of social responsibility, ethical behavior, and the discipline's connection to social issues.	23.55%	154	46.94%	307	21.25%	139	5.35%	35	2.91%	19	654
9	I was properly advised as to what courses I needed to take to fulfill GE requirements.	23.85%	156	29.97%	196	21.71%	142	14.83%	97	9.63%	63	654
10	I was able to enroll in the courses I wanted to fulfill my GE requirements.	25.46%	167	41.01%	269	16.31%	107	11.43%	75	5.79%	38	656

Part B. Your Major Department

Q6 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements as they relate to your courses and experience in your major department.

#	Question	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	I was prepared for upper division courses in my major.	37.64%	236	53.43%	335	5.90%	37	2.71%	17	0.32%	2	627
2	Teaching by faculty in my major was effective.	43.84%	274	45.76%	286	7.68%	48	2.40%	15	0.32%	2	625
3	I was advised well by faculty in my major.	35.26%	220	32.69%	204	17.95%	112	10.42%	65	3.69%	23	624
4	Grading practices and other academic policies were administered fairly.	31.95%	200	50.80%	318	12.30%	77	4.15%	26	0.80%	5	626
5	Faculty members in my department were interested in my progress as a student.	34.66%	217	32.43%	203	22.68%	142	8.15%	51	2.08%	13	626
6	The courses required for my major were appropriate.	41.79%	262	41.95%	263	10.85%	68	4.94%	31	0.48%	3	627
7	My major courses were intellectually challenging.	43.45%	272	45.05%	282	9.74%	61	1.60%	10	0.16%	1	626
8	The courses I needed to meet my major requirements were not difficult to get into.	22.92%	143	35.74%	223	19.23%	120	15.06%	94	7.05%	44	624
9	I was able to get the courses I needed at times that fit my schedule.	19.30%	121	30.46%	191	23.92%	150	18.34%	115	7.97%	50	627
10	Faculty members were accessible during posted office hours.	35.09%	220	46.41%	291	13.24%	83	3.99%	25	1.28%	8	627
11	Class size for lower division courses was acceptable.	21.29%	132	46.61%	289	24.84%	154	4.84%	30	2.42%	15	620
12	Class size for upper division courses was acceptable.	30.78%	193	52.47%	329	11.32%	71	3.83%	24	1.59%	10	627
13	I understand the global and international issues as a result of my study in this major.	30.56%	191	46.08%	288	18.40%	115	3.52%	22	1.44%	9	625

Part C. Personal Development

Q8 - Please evaluate the degree of personal development or gain which resulted from your attendance at CSU Stanislaus, from the following list:

#	Question	High Gain		Moderate Gain		Slight Gain		No Gain		A Loss		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Writing effectively	42.50%	258	43.33%	263	11.86%	72	2.14%	13	0.16%	1	607
2	Speaking effectively	37.25%	225	45.53%	275	14.07%	85	3.15%	19	0.00%	0	604
3	Creating original ideas and products	35.22%	212	47.01%	283	13.46%	81	4.15%	25	0.17%	1	602
4	Getting along with people whose attitudes and opinions differ from my own	37.69%	228	40.99%	248	16.03%	97	4.46%	27	0.83%	5	605
5	Understanding American and World social and political systems	23.60%	143	39.11%	237	27.56%	167	9.41%	57	0.33%	2	606
6	Appreciating fine arts, music, and literature	28.64%	173	29.30%	177	28.81%	174	13.08%	79	0.17%	1	604
7	Using technology effectively	31.68%	192	40.10%	243	20.79%	126	7.43%	45	0.00%	0	606
8	Communicating in a language other than English	12.42%	75	14.07%	85	20.70%	125	48.18%	291	4.64%	28	604
9	Understanding mathematical reasoning	16.67%	100	29.50%	177	30.17%	181	22.17%	133	1.50%	9	600
10	Understanding scientific principles and methods	27.71%	166	34.72%	208	27.55%	165	9.52%	57	0.50%	3	599
11	Working cooperatively in groups	38.84%	235	41.82%	253	14.38%	87	4.30%	26	0.66%	4	605
12	Learning on my own	49.75%	301	37.02%	224	9.92%	60	3.31%	20	0.00%	0	605
13	Organizing my time effectively	43.40%	263	36.14%	219	14.19%	86	5.61%	34	0.66%	4	606
14	Conducting research	45.38%	275	38.61%	234	11.72%	71	3.96%	24	0.33%	2	606
15	Preparing for graduate or professional school	28.05%	170	36.30%	220	22.44%	136	11.39%	69	1.82%	11	606
16	Preparing for employment	27.36%	165	37.31%	225	23.22%	140	10.45%	63	1.66%	10	603
17	Cooperating with diverse populations	36.33%	218	40.17%	241	16.50%	99	6.33%	38	0.67%	4	600

Part E. Library Services

Q12 - Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of the University Library.

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Quality of resources	32.31%	189	59.83%	350	3.93%	23	0.51%	3	3.42%	20	585
2	Overall services	31.97%	187	58.63%	343	5.13%	30	1.20%	7	3.08%	18	585
3	Quality of assistance	33.50%	196	53.16%	311	5.64%	33	1.71%	10	5.98%	35	585
4	Circulation service desk	32.19%	188	51.71%	302	3.77%	22	1.37%	8	10.96%	64	584
5	Reference desk	36.19%	211	47.34%	276	3.09%	18	0.34%	2	13.04%	76	583
6	Inter-library loan	26.84%	157	37.26%	218	3.08%	18	0.51%	3	32.31%	189	585
7	Books and journals for my program	37.03%	217	51.02%	299	3.92%	23	1.02%	6	7.00%	41	586
8	Other library materials for my program	31.68%	185	55.14%	322	3.08%	18	0.34%	2	9.76%	57	584
9	Hours of service	30.94%	181	51.11%	299	11.11%	65	3.93%	23	2.91%	17	585
10	Physical environment	32.99%	193	59.15%	346	4.27%	25	0.68%	4	2.91%	17	585
11	Knowledge of library staff	34.59%	202	52.05%	304	3.08%	18	0.51%	3	9.76%	57	584
12	Courtesy of library staff	38.49%	224	50.52%	294	3.61%	21	1.03%	6	6.36%	37	582

Q13 - How many times in the last 12 months did you use the University Library's collections or services?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	None	5.44%	21
2	1 - 5	30.05%	116
3	6 - 10	19.69%	76
4	11 - 20	17.36%	67
5	More than 20	27.46%	106
	Total	100%	386

Q14 - Please indicate whether or not you have used the following in the last 12 months.

#	Question	Yes		No		Total
1	Databases or other electronic sources	93.17%	546	6.83%	40	586
2	Books or journals	87.35%	511	12.65%	74	585
3	Course reserves	53.86%	314	46.14%	269	583
4	Study areas	82.07%	476	17.93%	104	580
5	Reference librarians	58.69%	341	41.31%	240	581

Q15 - Please indicate whether or not you would prefer the following types of library instruction.

#	Question	Yes		No		Total
1	Credit classes	56.35%	324	43.65%	251	575
2	Web-based tutorials	66.96%	385	33.04%	190	575
3	Workshops, orientations, or tours	65.73%	376	34.27%	196	572
4	Written guides or handouts	72.79%	420	27.21%	157	577

Part F. Student Support Services

Q17 - Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following Student and Academic Support Services.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
1	Admissions processing	25.53%	145	60.92%	346	10.04%	57	3.17%	18	0.35%	2	568
2	Student academic records and transcripts	23.12%	132	58.14%	332	11.56%	66	5.08%	29	2.10%	12	571
3	Registration	24.34%	139	62.87%	359	9.81%	56	2.80%	16	0.18%	1	571
4	Financial Aid	26.90%	152	40.71%	230	7.96%	45	3.36%	19	21.06%	119	565

Q18 - CAREER SERVICES

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Career planning and guidance	8.63%	49	22.54%	128	8.10%	46	3.17%	18	57.57%	327	568
2	Career placement services	6.21%	35	13.48%	76	6.91%	39	2.66%	15	70.74%	399	564
3	Internships/ co-op	7.41%	42	13.05%	74	7.23%	41	2.29%	13	70.02%	397	567
4	Campus employment services while a student	8.50%	48	13.63%	77	6.02%	34	2.83%	16	69.03%	390	565

Q19 - PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Personal counseling	9.57%	54	10.28%	58	1.95%	11	0.35%	2	77.84%	439	564
2	Couple counseling	1.95%	11	4.26%	24	0.35%	2	0.00%	0	93.44%	527	564
3	Wellness/ personal development workshops	3.54%	20	6.73%	38	0.18%	1	0.00%	0	89.56%	506	565

Q20 - ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
1	Tutoring center	13.56%	77	20.95%	119	3.70%	21	0.70%	4	61.09%	347	568
2	Writing center	8.64%	49	16.23%	92	2.29%	13	0.35%	2	72.49%	411	567
3	First year programs and advising	10.72%	61	21.44%	122	4.39%	25	2.64%	15	60.81%	346	569
4	Computer lab overall	32.75%	186	53.35%	303	0.88%	5	0.18%	1	12.85%	73	568
5	Computer lab hardware	28.35%	161	52.82%	300	1.58%	9	0.18%	1	17.08%	97	568
6	Computer lab software	28.70%	163	51.41%	292	2.29%	13	0.35%	2	17.25%	98	568
7	Computer lab help desk	21.77%	123	41.24%	233	3.89%	22	0.71%	4	32.39%	183	565
8	Computer center hours	23.59%	134	48.94%	278	8.80%	50	2.29%	13	16.37%	93	568
9	Computer equipment and labs in your department	24.78%	141	43.76%	249	5.27%	30	1.23%	7	24.96%	142	569
10	Residence halls	9.15%	52	15.32%	87	1.41%	8	0.53%	3	73.59%	418	568
11	Campus security	19.51%	111	34.62%	197	4.92%	28	1.58%	9	39.37%	224	569
12	Cafeteria	17.70%	100	52.92%	299	12.74%	72	5.49%	31	11.15%	63	565
13	Student center and lounges	22.18%	126	53.70%	305	3.35%	19	1.58%	9	19.19%	109	568
14	Recreation	15.55%	88	35.69%	202	4.06%	23	1.94%	11	42.76%	242	566
15	Bookstore facilities	31.05%	177	58.95%	336	5.44%	31	2.46%	14	2.11%	12	570
16	Student Health Center	38.66%	220	36.20%	206	1.76%	10	0.53%	3	22.85%	130	569

Q21 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Cultural programs	7.75%	44	20.60%	117	4.05%	23	0.53%	3	67.08%	381	568
2	Social activities overall	8.29%	47	30.34%	172	3.53%	20	1.76%	10	56.08%	318	567
3	Campus organizations/ clubs	11.07%	63	26.54%	151	3.87%	22	2.11%	12	56.41%	321	569
4	Athletic events	6.53%	37	17.46%	99	3.70%	21	1.06%	6	71.25%	404	567
5	Greek life	4.96%	28	8.85%	50	2.30%	13	1.59%	9	82.30%	465	565
6	Music productions	13.73%	78	29.93%	170	1.23%	7	0.35%	2	54.75%	311	568
7	Drama productions	15.14%	86	26.76%	152	1.23%	7	0.18%	1	56.69%	322	568
8	Art gallery/ exhibitions	12.74%	72	22.12%	125	1.24%	7	0.18%	1	63.72%	360	565
9	Associated Students, Inc. (ASI)	8.29%	47	19.93%	113	6.00%	34	4.59%	26	61.20%	347	567
10	Intramural sports	8.50%	48	12.04%	68	1.77%	10	0.53%	3	77.17%	436	565

Q22 - SERVICE LEARNING

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Availability of volunteer and service opportunities in your major.	13.43%	76	25.27%	143	10.78%	61	1.77%	10	48.76%	276	566
2	Availability of volunteer and service opportunities in GE courses.	9.20%	52	18.23%	103	8.32%	47	1.42%	8	62.83%	355	565

Q23 - GLOBAL AFFAIRS

#	Question	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Did Not Use/ Participate		Total
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
1	Study Abroad	3.69%	21	4.04%	23	1.58%	9	0.70%	4	89.98%	512	569
2	Local cross-cultural experience	5.26%	30	13.68%	78	1.75%	10	0.35%	2	78.95%	450	570
3	Global issues in GE courses	10.56%	60	33.45%	190	5.11%	29	0.53%	3	50.35%	286	568
4	Global issues in your major	14.59%	83	31.46%	179	4.22%	24	0.18%	1	49.56%	282	569
5	Foreign language instruction	7.23%	41	12.35%	70	1.94%	11	1.94%	11	76.54%	434	567

Part G. Additional Education

Q25 - Do you plan to continue your education?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	81.63%	462
0	No	18.37%	104
	Total	100%	566

Q26 - Please rank the following reasons for continuing your education in order of importance. (Drag and drop to rank your choices.)

#	Question	1		2		3		4		5		Total
1	To earn a graduate or professional degree.	69.39%	272	22.19%	87	5.36%	21	2.30%	9	0.77%	3	392
2	To improve skills related to my current job.	5.36%	21	27.04%	106	28.57%	112	15.56%	61	23.47%	92	392
3	To meet certification or continuing education requirements.	17.35%	68	24.74%	97	29.34%	115	21.94%	86	6.63%	26	392
4	To prepare for a career change.	3.32%	13	9.95%	39	14.80%	58	28.83%	113	43.11%	169	392
5	For general education and self-improvement.	4.59%	18	16.07%	63	21.94%	86	31.38%	123	26.02%	102	392

Q27 - How soon do you plan to continue your education after completing your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Immediately	35.55%	166
2	Within 3 months	11.78%	55
3	Within 6 months	11.78%	55
4	Within 1 year	23.55%	110
5	Within 2 years	10.28%	48
6	2 or more years	7.07%	33
	Total	100%	467

Q31 - When do you anticipate completing your next degree? (Indicate year and term.)

#	Answer	%	Count
11	2012	26.05%	112
6	2011	21.63%	93
16	2013	20.70%	89
26	2015	9.30%	40
21	2014	9.07%	39
1	2010	7.21%	31
31	2016	3.49%	15
36	2017	1.40%	6
51	2020	0.70%	3
46	2019	0.23%	1
56	2021 or later	0.23%	1
41	2018	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	430

Q32 - What type(s) of financial support do you expect to receive while pursuing your next degree? (Check all that apply.)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Scholarship/ Fellowship	17.14%	213
2	Teaching or research assistant-ship	7.24%	90
3	Loans	22.85%	284
4	Grants	20.03%	249
5	Personal earnings or savings	21.96%	273
6	Spouse/other family member's funds	8.85%	110
7	Other	1.93%	24
	Total	100%	1243

Part H. Employment

Q34 - On average, how many hours a week were you employed while pursuing your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	None, I did not work.	19.43%	110
2	Less than 10 hours	6.54%	37
3	10 - 14 hours	7.95%	45
4	15 - 19 hours	11.31%	64
5	20 - 24 hours	16.96%	96
6	25 - 29 hours	11.84%	67
7	30 - 34 hours	7.95%	45
8	35 - 40 hours	12.90%	73
9	More than 40 hours	5.12%	29
	Total	100%	566

Q35 - What best describes your immediate employment plans after completing your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I will work at the job I had before I graduated.	32.69%	185
2	I will work at a new job I recently obtained.	7.07%	40
3	Seek employment	46.11%	261
4	Attend a graduate or professional school	10.60%	60
5	Join the U.S. Armed Forces	0.53%	3
6	Other	3.00%	17
	Total	100%	566

Q36 - Will you receive a new job or a promotion upon obtaining your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	34.67%	78
0	No	65.33%	147
	Total	100%	225

Q37 - Which of the following best describes your employer upon obtaining your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	A governmental agency (local, state, or federal)	16.05%	39
2	A public school, college, or university	24.69%	60
3	A private school, college, or university	2.88%	7
4	Self-employed	3.70%	9
5	A local business	19.75%	48
6	A regional business	4.94%	12
7	A national corporation	7.41%	18
8	A multi-national corporation	7.00%	17
9	A non-profit organization	5.76%	14
10	Other	7.82%	19
	Total	100%	243

Q38 - Which of the following best describes your job title or occupation upon obtaining your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Accountant	7.08%	17
2	Computer programmer	0.00%	0
3	Counselor	2.08%	5
4	Law enforcement officer	3.33%	8
5	Nurse	8.75%	21
6	Social Worker	1.67%	4
7	Teacher	25.83%	62
8	Other	51.25%	123
	Total	100%	240

Q40 - How well is your job related to your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
4	Highly related	47.13%	115
3	Fairly related	17.21%	42
2	Slightly related	13.52%	33
1	Not at all related	22.13%	54
	Total	100%	244

Q41 - What is the primary reason you will not be employed in a position related to your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	My bachelor's degree program failed to adequately prepare me for a related career.	1.89%	1
2	Pursuing or seeking admission to a credential, graduate or professional program.	39.62%	21
3	I was unable to find a job related to my major.	7.55%	4
4	I am working in another field while I look for a job related to my major.	16.98%	9
5	I preferred a job unrelated to my major.	9.43%	5
6	I have not seriously sought employment related to my major.	13.21%	7
7	A job related to my major was not available in my desired geographical area.	1.89%	1
8	Other	9.43%	5
	Total	100%	53

Q42 - What will your annual salary be upon obtaining your bachelor's degree?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than \$30,000	49.13%	113
2	\$30,000 to \$39,999	18.26%	42
3	\$40,000 to \$49,999	12.17%	28
4	\$50,000 to \$59,999	6.52%	15
5	\$60,000 to \$69,999	4.78%	11
6	\$70,000 or more	9.13%	21
	Total	100%	230

Degree

Answer	%	Count
BA	67.59%	488
BFA	0.69%	5
BM	0.14%	1
BS	31.58%	228
Total	100%	722