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DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS

Table 1. Department of Major, number and percent

Department of Major	N	%
Anthropology	2	0.40%
Art	42	8.00%
Communications	111	21.10%
Communication Disorders	29	5.50%
Economics	43	8.20%
English	41	7.80%
History	45	8.60%
Modern & Classical Languages	7	1.30%
Music	26	5.00%
Philosophy	3	0.60%
Political Science	56	10.70%
Psychology	85	16.20%
Sociology	7	1.30%
Spanish (Hispanic Studies)	20	3.80%
Theatre	8	1.50%
Total	525	100.00%

Table 2. Secondary Major, number and percent

Secondary Major	N	%
Anthropology	2	3.40%
Art	1	1.70%
Economics	6	10.30%
English	3	5.20%
History	5	8.60%
Modern & Classical Languages	4	6.90%
Political Science	8	13.80%
Psychology	7	12.10%
Religious Studies	1	1.70%
Sociology	1	1.70%
Spanish (Hispanic Studies)	4	6.90%
Other: College of Architecture	4	6.90%
Other: Bauer College of Business	5	8.60%
Other: College of Education	4	6.90%
Other: NSM	2	3.40%
Other	1	1.70%
Total	58	100.00%

Table 3. Demographics, number and percent

	N	%
On average, as an undergraduate student, I enrolled:		
Mostly Full-Time	412	90.5%
Mostly Part-Time	43	9.5%
Gender:		
Male	170	37.2%
Female	287	62.8%
Age:		
Less than or equal to 22	140	30.4%
23-26	212	46.1%
27-30	60	13.0%
31-39	32	7.0%
Greater than or equal to 40	16	3.5%
Ethnicity:		
White, Non-Hispanic	217	47.1%
Black, Non-Hispanic	51	11.1%
Hispanic or Latino	115	24.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	50	10.8%
Middle Eastern	10	2.2%
Native American or Alaskan	3	0.7%
Other	15	3.3%

Table 4. Percent and mean agreement for items 1 through 7.

Item	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	Mean*	SD
I had access to an advisor when I needed one.	313	59.8%	181	34.6%	28	5.4%	1	0.2%	523	3.54	0.61
The advisors in my major were effective in guiding me through my academic requirements.	269	51.3%	202	38.5%	38	7.3%	15	2.9%	524	3.38	0.74
The advisor(s) I consulted with was knowledgeable about graduation requirements.	295	56.5%	191	36.6%	26	5.0%	10	1.9%	522	3.48	0.68
I am satisfied with the courses I took in my major.	289	54.9%	227	43.2%	9	1.7%	1	0.2%	526	3.53	0.54
I am satisfied with the courses I took in CLASS.	265	51.9%	235	46.0%	10	2.0%	1	0.2%	511	3.50	0.55
I feel prepared to work in the field of my major.	246	47.8%	242	47.0%	25	4.9%	2	0.4%	515	3.42	0.60
I believe I made the right decision in choosing my major.	317	61.4%	177	34.3%	20	3.9%	2	0.4%	516	3.57	0.59

*Note. Scale from 4 (Strongly Agree) to 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Table 5. Combined agreement/disagreement for items 1 through 7, sorted by percent agreement.

Item	Agree		Disagree		Total		
	N	%	N	%	N	Mean*	SD
I am satisfied with the courses I took in my major.	516	98.1%	10	1.9%	526	3.53	0.54
I am satisfied with the courses I took in CLASS.	500	97.8%	11	2.2%	511	3.50	0.55
I believe I made the right decision in choosing my major.	494	95.7%	22	4.3%	516	3.57	0.59
I feel prepared to work in the field of my major.	488	94.8%	27	5.2%	515	3.42	0.60
I had access to an advisor when I needed one.	494	94.5%	29	5.5%	523	3.54	0.61
The advisor(s) I consulted with was knowledgeable about graduation requirements.	486	93.1%	36	6.9%	522	3.48	0.68
The advisors in my major were effective in guiding me through my academic requirements.	471	89.9%	53	10.1%	524	3.38	0.74

*Note. Scale from 4 (Strongly Agree) to 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Figure 1: Percent Agreement for Items 1 to 7

Percent Agreement for Items 1 to 7

Item	% Agreement
The advisors in my major were effective in guiding me through my academic requirements.	89.9%
The advisor(s) I consulted with was knowledgeable about graduation requirements.	93.1%
I had access to an advisor when I needed one.	94.5%
I feel prepared to work in the field of my major.	94.8%
I believe I made the right decision in choosing my major.	95.7%
I am satisfied with the courses I took in CLASS.	97.8%
I am satisfied with the courses I took in my major.	98.1%

Table 6. Combined agreement/disagreement for items 1 through 7 by Major.

Major	Item	Agree N	%	Disagree N	%	Mean	SD	Total N
ANTH	Item 1	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	4.0	0.0	2
	Item 2	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.5	0.7	2
	Item 3	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	4.0	0.0	2
	Item 4	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	4.0	0.0	2
	Item 5	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	4.0	0.0	2
	Item 6	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	4.0	0.0	2
	Item 7	2	100.00%	0	0.00%	4.0	0.0	2
ART	Item 1	41	97.62%	1	2.38%	3.6	0.5	42
	Item 2	40	95.24%	2	4.76%	3.5	0.7	42
	Item 3	40	95.24%	2	4.76%	3.6	0.7	42
	Item 4	42	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	42
	Item 5	40	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	40
	Item 6	41	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	41
	Item 7	41	97.62%	1	2.38%	3.7	0.6	42
COMM	Item 1	107	96.40%	4	3.60%	3.5	0.6	111
	Item 2	100	90.09%	11	9.91%	3.3	0.7	111
	Item 3	98	89.91%	11	10.09%	3.3	0.7	109
	Item 4	106	95.50%	5	4.50%	3.4	0.6	111
	Item 5	102	95.33%	5	4.67%	3.3	0.6	107
	Item 6	105	94.59%	6	5.41%	3.3	0.6	111
	Item 7	105	94.59%	6	5.41%	3.4	0.6	111
COMD	Item 1	27	96.43%	1	3.57%	3.8	0.5	28
	Item 2	28	96.55%	1	3.45%	3.8	0.5	29
	Item 3	27	93.10%	2	6.90%	3.7	0.7	29
	Item 4	29	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.8	0.4	29
	Item 5	27	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.4	27
	Item 6	29	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	29
	Item 7	29	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.8	0.4	29
ECON	Item 1	43	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	43
	Item 2	41	95.35%	2	4.65%	3.6	0.7	43
	Item 3	43	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	43
	Item 4	42	97.67%	1	2.33%	3.5	0.5	43
	Item 5	41	97.62%	1	2.38%	3.5	0.6	42
	Item 6	40	93.02%	3	6.98%	3.3	0.6	43
	Item 7	39	90.70%	4	9.30%	3.5	0.7	43

Item Key for Table 5	
Item 1	I had access to an advisor when I needed one.
Item 2	The advisors in my major were effective in guiding me through my academic requirements.
Item 3	The advisor(s) I consulted with was knowledgeable about graduation requirements.
Item 4	I am satisfied with the courses I took in my major.
Item 5	I am satisfied with the courses I took in CLASS.
Item 6	I feel prepared to work in the field of my major.
Item 7	I believe I made the right decision in choosing my major.

		Agree		Disagree				Total
Major	**Item**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**Mean**	**SD**	**N**
ENGL	Item 1	37	90.24%	4	9.76%	3.5	0.7	41
	Item 2	38	92.68%	3	7.32%	3.5	0.6	41
	Item 3	40	97.56%	1	2.44%	3.6	0.5	41
	Item 4	40	97.56%	1	2.44%	3.5	0.6	41
	Item 5	39	97.50%	1	2.50%	3.5	0.6	40
	Item 6	37	92.50%	3	7.50%	3.4	0.6	40
	Item 7	36	94.74%	2	5.26%	3.6	0.6	38
HIST	Item 1	41	91.11%	4	8.89%	3.4	0.7	45
	Item 2	40	90.91%	4	9.09%	3.3	0.7	44
	Item 3	43	97.73%	1	2.27%	3.5	0.5	44
	Item 4	44	97.78%	1	2.22%	3.6	0.5	45
	Item 5	43	95.56%	2	4.44%	3.6	0.7	45
	Item 6	42	95.45%	2	4.55%	3.5	0.6	44
	Item 7	43	97.73%	1	2.27%	3.7	0.5	44
MCL	Item 1	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.1	0.4	7
	Item 2	6	85.71%	1	14.29%	3.0	0.6	7
	Item 3	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.1	0.4	7
	Item 4	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	7
	Item 5	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	7
	Item 6	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.4	0.5	7
	Item 7	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	7
MUSI	Item 1	26	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.9	0.4	26
	Item 2	25	96.15%	1	3.85%	3.6	0.7	26
	Item 3	26	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.8	0.4	26
	Item 4	25	96.15%	1	3.85%	3.6	0.6	26
	Item 5	26	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	26
	Item 6	24	92.31%	2	7.69%	3.6	0.6	26
	Item 7	24	92.31%	2	7.69%	3.8	0.6	26
PHIL	Item 1	3	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.3	0.6	3
	Item 2	3	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.0	0.0	3
	Item 3	3	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.6	3
	Item 4	3	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.3	0.6	3
	Item 5	3	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.3	0.6	3
	Item 6	1	50.00%	1	50.00%	2.5	0.7	2
	Item 7	3	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.0	0.0	3

Table 6 (cont'd). Combined agreement/disagreement for items 1 through 7 by Major.

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Table 6 (cont'd). Combined agreement/disagreement for items 1 through 7 by Major.

Major	Item	Agree N	Agree %	Disagree N	Disagree %	Mean	SD	Total N
POLS	Item 1	55	98.21%	1	1.79%	3.6	0.6	56
	Item 2	49	87.50%	7	12.50%	3.3	0.8	56
	Item 3	53	94.64%	3	5.36%	3.6	0.7	56
	Item 4	56	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	56
	Item 5	55	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.5	0.5	55
	Item 6	53	98.15%	1	1.85%	3.5	0.5	54
	Item 7	53	96.36%	2	3.64%	3.6	0.6	55
PSYC	Item 1	71	85.54%	12	14.46%	3.2	0.7	83
	Item 2	64	76.19%	20	23.81%	3.0	0.8	84
	Item 3	72	85.71%	12	14.29%	3.2	0.8	84
	Item 4	84	98.82%	1	1.18%	3.4	0.5	85
	Item 5	80	97.56%	2	2.44%	3.5	0.5	82
	Item 6	73	90.12%	8	9.88%	3.3	0.7	81
	Item 7	81	98.78%	1	1.22%	3.5	0.5	82
SOC	Item 1	6	85.71%	1	14.29%	3.6	0.8	7
	Item 2	6	85.71%	1	14.29%	3.4	1.1	7
	Item 3	6	85.71%	1	14.29%	3.4	1.1	7
	Item 4	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.1	0.4	7
	Item 5	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.1	0.4	7
	Item 6	6	85.71%	1	14.29%	3.0	0.6	7
	Item 7	5	71.43%	2	28.57%	3.3	1.0	7
SPAN	Item 1	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.9	0.4	20
	Item 2	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	20
	Item 3	19	95.00%	1	5.00%	3.6	0.8	20
	Item 4	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.8	0.4	20
	Item 5	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	20
	Item 6	19	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	19
	Item 7	18	94.74%	1	5.26%	3.8	0.5	19
THEA	Item 1	8	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.8	0.5	8
	Item 2	8	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	8
	Item 3	6	75.00%	2	25.00%	3.3	0.9	8
	Item 4	8	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.5	0.5	8
	Item 5	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.7	0.5	7
	Item 6	8	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	8
	Item 7	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	3.6	0.5	7

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Table 7. Frequency analysis for items 8 through 10.

Item	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Did Not Use		Total		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	Mean*	SD
The Writing Center helped me improve my writing skills.	40	7.63%	91	17.37%	31	5.92%	2	0.38%	360	68.70%	524	3.03	0.70
The Language Acquisition Center helped me improve my foreign language skills.	51	9.75%	105	20.08%	27	5.16%	7	1.34%	333	63.67%	523	3.05	0.75
Learning Support Services provided me with academic support.	51	9.77%	88	16.86%	15	2.87%	2	0.38%	366	70.11%	522	3.21	0.66

*Note. Scale from 4 (Strongly Agree) to 1 (Strongly Disagree). Mean does not include 'Did Not Use' answers.

Table 8. Frequency analysis for items 8 through 10 (of those that indicated use).

| Item	Agree		Disagree		Total
	N	%	N	%	N
The Writing Center helped me improve my writing skills.	131	79.88%	33	20.12%	164
The Language Acquisition Center helped me improve my foreign language skills.	156	82.11%	34	17.89%	190
Learning Support Services provided me with academic support.	139	89.10%	17	10.90%	156

*Note. Scale from 4 (Strongly Agree) to 1 (Strongly Disagree)
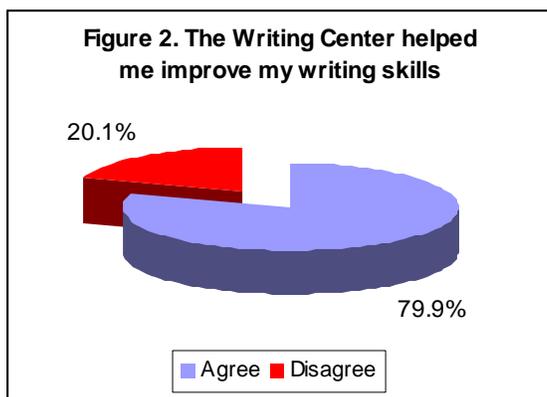

Figure 2. The Writing Center helped me improve my writing skills

Figure 3. Language Acquisition Center helped me improve my foreign language skills

Figure 4. Learning Support Services provided me with academic support
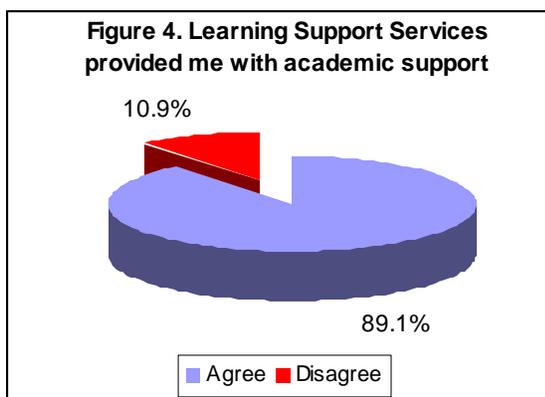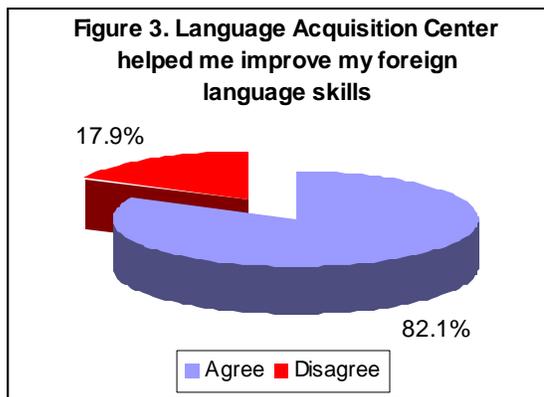
Table 9. Survey items 11, frequency and percent.

Item 11. Plans for graduate/professional school	Frequency	
	N	%
I have applied for graduate/ professional school next year and am waiting for a response	34	6.94%
I have been accepted to a graduate /professional school and plan to enroll next year	50	10.20%
I plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future	290	59.18%
I do not plan on attending graduate/professional school	84	17.14%
Other	32	6.53%
N =	490	

Figure 5: Plans for graduate/professional school
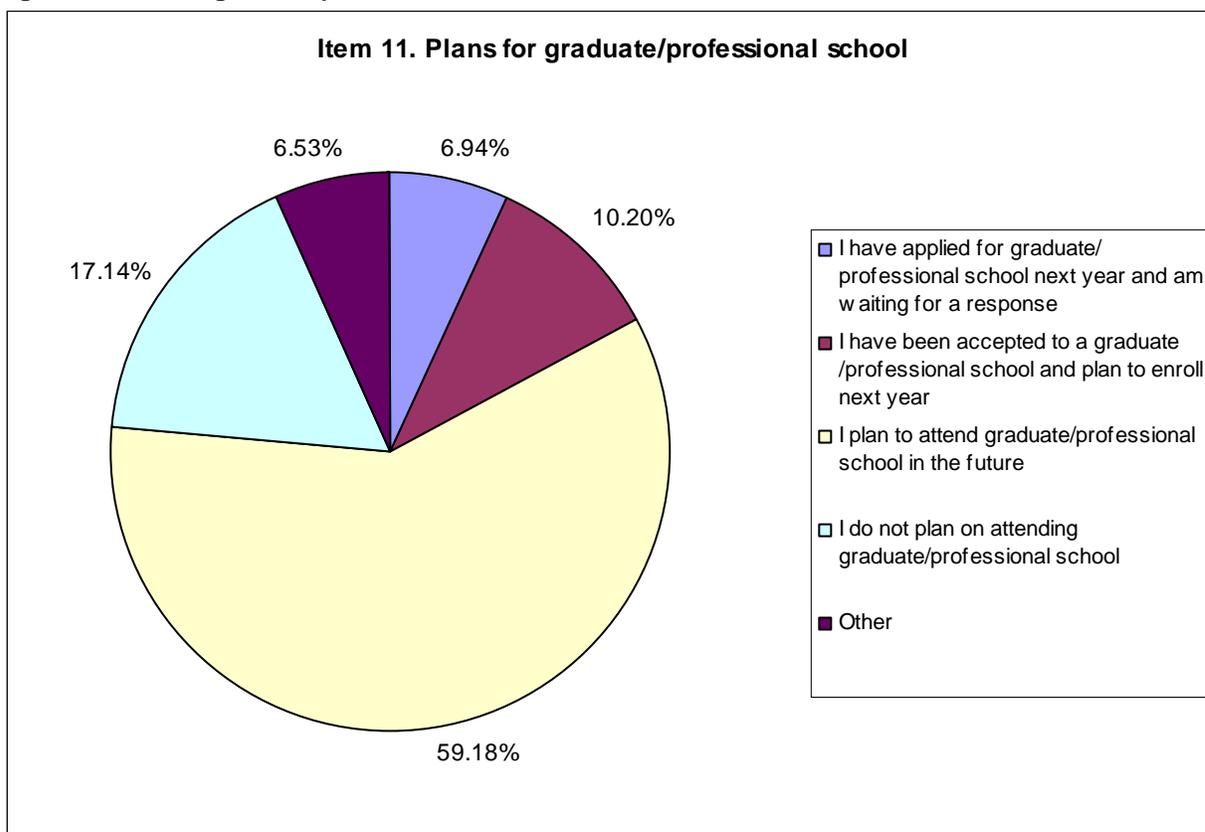
Table 10. Survey items 12, frequency and percent.

Item 12. Plans regarding employment in my field:	Frequency	
	N	%
I am currently employed in my field	83	17.47%
I have accepted a position in my field	45	9.47%
I am currently seeking employment in my field	240	50.53%
I have no plans for employment in my field	67	14.11%
Other	40	8.42%
N =	475	

Figure 6: Plans regarding employment in my field.
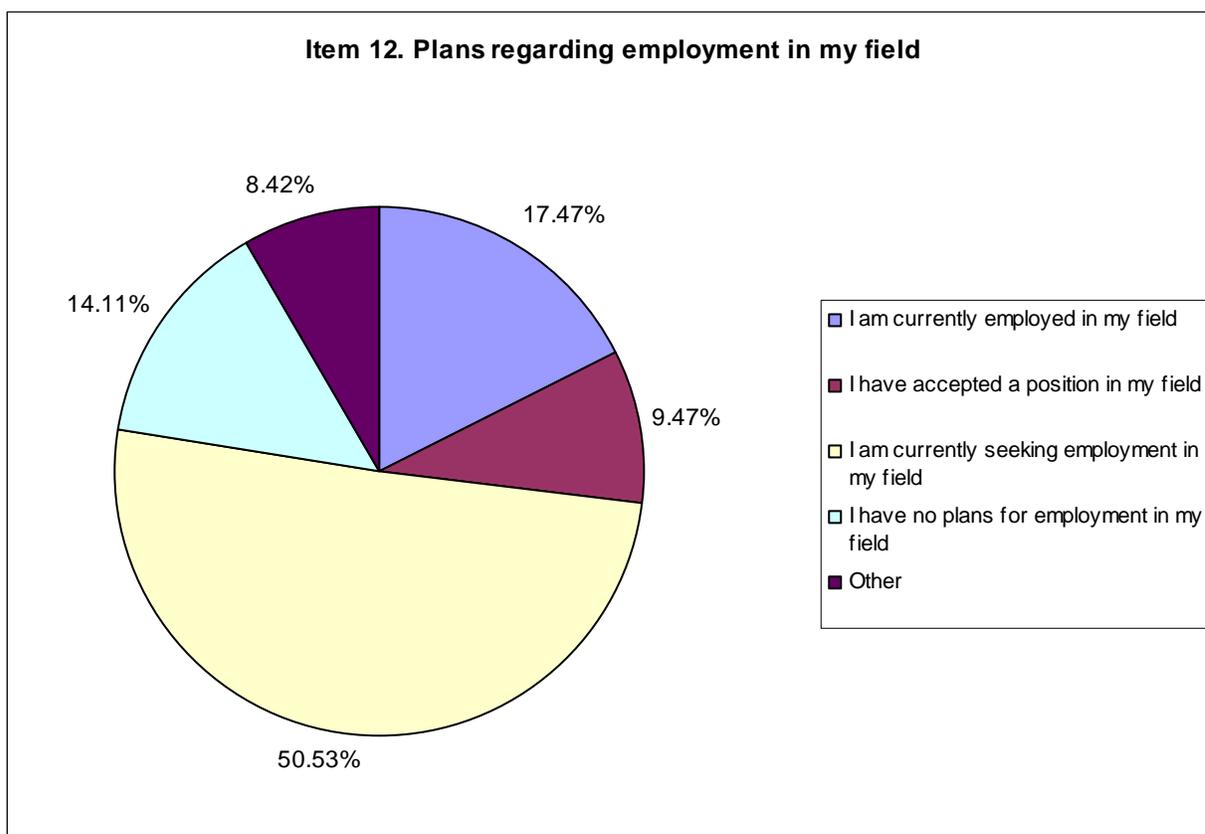
Table 11. Survey items 13, frequency and percent.

Item 13. Plans regarding employment in other fields:	Frequency	
	N	%
I am currently employed in other fields	101	21.86%
I have accepted a position in other fields	25	5.41%
I am currently seeking employment in other fields	101	21.86%
I have no plans for employment in other fields	211	45.67%
Other	24	5.19%
N =	462	

Figure 7: Plans regarding employment in other fields.
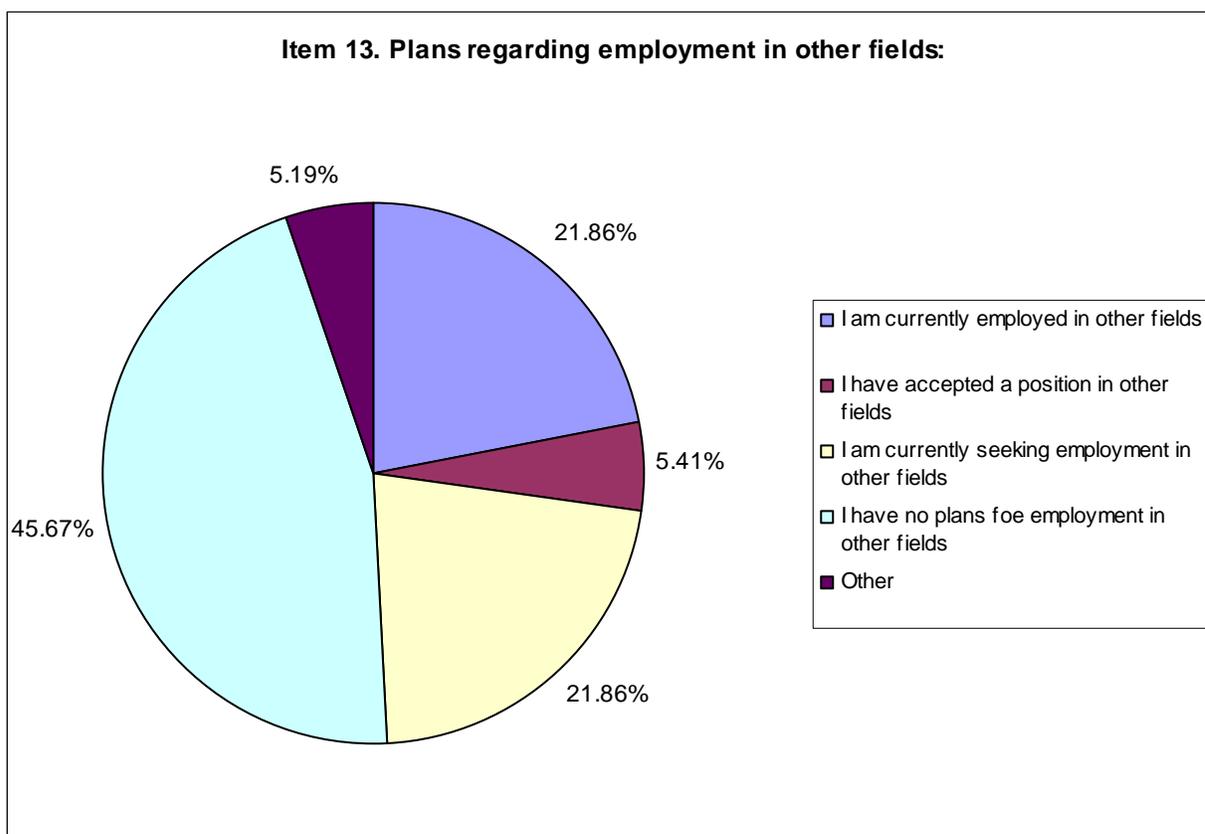
Table 12. Survey items 14, frequency and percent.

Item 14. Plans regarding teaching in my field:	Frequency	
	N	%
I have accepted a teaching position in my field	33	7.14%
I plan to find a teaching position in my field	107	23.16%
I have been certified to teach in my field	9	1.95%
I do not plan to teach in my field	290	62.77%
Other	23	4.98%
N =	462	

Figure 8: Plans regarding teaching in my field.
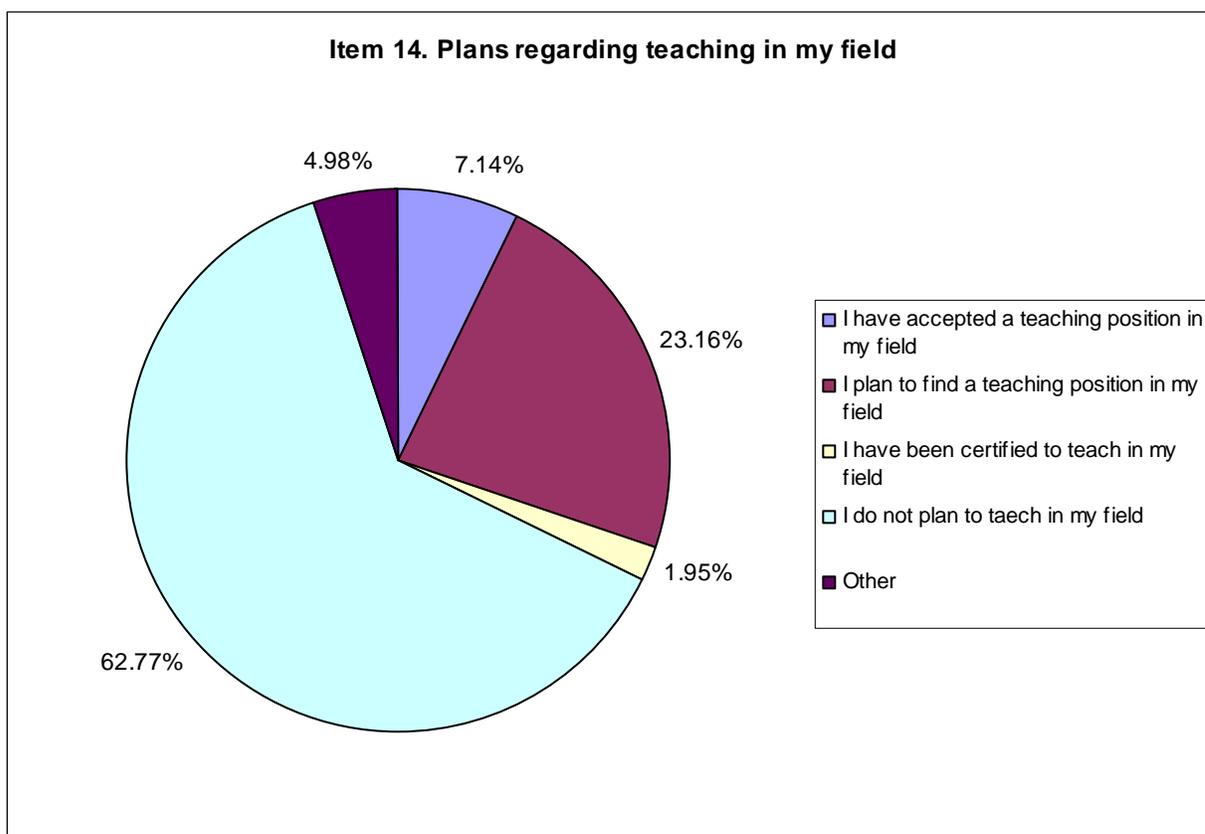
Table 13. Survey items 15, frequency and percent.

Item 15. Plans regarding teaching in other fields:	Frequency	
	N	%
I have accepted a teaching position in other fields	10	2.21%
I plan to find a teaching position in other fields	39	8.63%
I have been certified to teach in other fields	10	2.21%
I do not plan to teach in other fields	368	81.42%
Other	25	5.53%
N =	452	

Figure 9: Plans regarding teaching in other fields.

Item 15. Plans regarding teaching in other fields

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Please Bubble in Your Major/Academic Plan:

- (1) Anthropology
- (2) Art
- (3) Communication
- (4) Communication Disorders
- (5) Economics
- (6) English
- (7) History
- (8) Modern and Classical Languages
- (9) Music
- (10) Philosophy
- (11) Political Science
- (12) Psychology
- (13) Sociology
- (14) Spanish (Hispanic Studies)
- (15) Theater

- ( ) Secondary Major: _____

Please Answer the Following Questions:

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	N/A
1. I had access to an advisor when I needed one.	5	4	3	2	1
2. The advisors in my major were effective in guiding me through my academic requirements.	5	4	3	2	1
3. The advisor(s) I consulted with were knowledgeable about graduation requirements.	5	4	3	2	1
4. I am satisfied with the courses I took in my major.	5	4	3	2	1
5. I am satisfied with the courses I took in CLASS.	5	4	3	2	1
6. I feel prepared to work in the field of my major.	5	4	3	2	1
7. I believe I made the right decision in choosing my major.	5	4	3	2	1

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DID NOT USE
8. The Writing Center helped me improve my writing skills.	5	4	3	2	1
9. The Language Acquisition Center helped me improve my foreign language skills.	5	4	3	2	1
10. Learning Support Services provided me with academic support.	5	4	3	2	1

11. Plans for graduate/professional school:
- (5) I have applied for graduate/professional school next year and am waiting for a response.
- (4) I have been accepted to a graduate/professional school and plan to enroll next year.
- (3) I plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future.
- (2) I do not plan on attending graduate/professional school.
- (1) Other: _____
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12. Plans regarding **employment in my field**:
- (5) I am currently employed in my field.
- (4) I have accepted a position in my field.
- (3) I am currently seeking employment in my field.
- (2) I have no plans for employment in my field.
- (1) Other : _____

13. Plans regarding **employment in other fields**:
- (5) I am currently employed in other fields.
- (4) I have accepted a position in other fields.
- (3) I am currently seeking employment in other fields.
- (2) I have no plans for employment in other fields.
- (1) Other : _____

14. Plans regarding **teaching in my field**:
- (5) I have accepted a teaching position in my field.
- (4) I plan to find a teaching position in my field.
- (3) I have been certified to teach in my field.
- (2) I do not plan to teach in my field.
- (1) Other: _____

15. Plans regarding **teaching in other fields**:
- (5) I have accepted a teaching position in other fields.
- (4) I plan to find a teaching position in other fields.
- (3) I have been certified to teach in other fields.
- (2) I do not plan to teach in other fields.
- (1) Other: _____

16. Name the two most positive aspects of your learning experiences in CLASS.

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17. Tell us about academic or administrative areas that need improvement. Do you have any suggestions for how we might improve those areas?

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18. What specific programs, services or people assisted you in achieving your academic goals?

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Demographic:

19. On average, as an undergraduate student I enrolled:
- (2) Mostly Full-time
- (1) Mostly Part-time

20. Gender:
- (M) Male
- (F) Female

21. Age:
- (5) Less than or equal to 22
- (4) 23 - 26
- (3) 27 - 30
- (2) 31 - 39
- (1) Greater than or equal to 40

22. Ethnicity:
- (7) White, Non-Hispanic
- (6) Black, Non-Hispanic
- (5) Hispanic or Latino
- (4) Asian/Pacific Islander
- (3) Middle Eastern
- (2) Native American or Alaskan
- (1) Other