

# GRADUATING SENIOR SURVEY SPRING 2017 ALL DEPARTMENTS

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## What department are you in?

	Count	Percent
ACIS - Department of Accounting and Finance	19	5.3%
AHSC - Department of Allied Health Sciences	34	9.5%
ART - Department of Art	7	1.9%
BACI - Department of Business Administration and Computer Information Systems	41	11.4%
BIOL - Department of Biology	20	5.6%
GOSS - Department of Government and Social Sciences	3	0.8%
HIGE - Department of History and Geography	4	1.1%
IDST - Department of Interdisciplinary Studies	55	15.3%
JFCI - Department of John Folse Culinary Institute	3	0.8%
LANG - Department of Languages and Literature	5	1.4%
MACO - Department of Mass Communication	15	4.2%
MATH - Department of Mathematics	3	0.8%
MNMK - Department of Management and Marketing	18	5.0%
MTPS - Department of Applied Sciences	2	0.6%
MUS - Department of Music	1	0.3%
NURS - Department of Nursing	52	14.5%
PETS - Department of Petroleum Engineering Technology & Safety Management	31	8.6%
PHSC - Department of Physical Sciences	3	0.8%
PSYC - Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Studies	42	11.7%
TEED - Department of Teacher Education	1	0.3%
Total	359	100.0%

**How HELPFUL were your undergraduate experiences at Nicholls in furthering your development in each area listed below?**

	Very Helpful	Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Little Help	No Help at All	Count	Mean
Ability to write well	39.82%	41.30%	17.11%	1.47%	0.29%	339	1.81
Ability to speak effectively	42.01%	41.12%	15.09%	0.89%	0.89%	338	1.78
Ability to use mathematical concepts and tools	34.02%	39.05%	20.12%	6.21%	0.59%	338	2
Ability to use critical thinking skills	50.59%	37.87%	9.76%	1.18%	0.59%	338	1.63
Belief in yourself as a capable person	53.55%	31.36%	12.13%	1.78%	1.18%	338	1.66
Skills for work (knowledge at skills applicable to a specific job or type of work)	46.59%	35.91%	14.24%	2.67%	0.59%	337	1.75
Preparation for further education in some professional, scientific, or scholarly field	47.63%	38.46%	11.54%	2.07%	0.30%	338	1.69
Acquisition of a broad, general education about a variety of subject areas	41.54%	43.92%	13.35%	0.89%	0.30%	337	1.74
Acquisition of a range of information that may be relevant to a career	45.56%	43.49%	9.17%	1.48%	0.30%	338	1.67
Awareness of the historical factors which influence current events	33.43%	36.39%	21.89%	6.80%	1.48%	338	2.07
Wide acquaintance with literature	30.18%	35.21%	26.04%	7.40%	1.18%	338	2.14
Understanding of your own capabilities	46.88%	40.36%	10.98%	0.59%	1.19%	337	1.69
Awareness of how political and economic events impact families and communities	35.80%	34.32%	19.23%	7.99%	2.66%	338	2.07
Ability to meet deadlines	55.03%	32.25%	9.76%	1.78%	1.18%	338	1.62
Ability to see relationships, similarities, and distinctions between ideas	49.11%	38.17%	10.65%	1.78%	0.30%	338	1.66
Own set of values	50.89%	35.21%	10.06%	2.66%	1.18%	338	1.68
Ability to make ethical decisions	51.78%	36.39%	7.69%	2.66%	1.48%	338	1.66
Ability to take responsibility for your own actions	56.51%	33.43%	7.40%	1.48%	1.18%	338	1.57
Ability to interact with others	57.10%	29.59%	10.06%	2.66%	0.59%	338	1.6
Ability to interact comfortably with people of a different race	55.49%	31.16%	8.31%	2.37%	2.67%	337	1.66

**How HELPFUL were your undergraduate experiences at Nicholls in furthering your development in each area listed below?**

	Very Helpful	Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Little Help	No Help at All	Count	Mean
Ability to learn independently	53.68%	37.73%	7.36%	0.61%	0.61%	326	1.57
Understanding of the nature and value of at least one of the fine arts (e.g., theater, dance, classical music, visual art)	34.05%	34.66%	21.78%	7.67%	1.84%	326	2.09
Recognition of the value of coming into contact with people whose ideas, race, and/or culture differ from your own	45.40%	38.04%	12.58%	2.76%	1.23%	326	1.76
Ability to comprehend reading material	43.25%	42.02%	12.27%	2.15%	0.31%	326	1.74
Ability to utilize computers	49.39%	34.66%	12.88%	2.45%	0.61%	326	1.7
Understanding of experimentation in science	34.05%	34.66%	19.02%	9.20%	3.07%	326	2.13
Familiarity with key applications of the basic sciences (e.g., in medicine, industry, agriculture, communications, energy, transportation, etc.)	36.81%	34.05%	16.87%	9.51%	2.76%	326	2.07

**In your courses OUTSIDE your major field, were the class sizes usually compatible with effective learning?**

	Percent	Count
Yes	89.85%	292
No, they usually had too few students for effective learning	0.92%	3
No, they usually had too many students for effective learning	9.23%	30

**In terms of your MAJOR field at Nicholls, how SATISFIED are you with each of the following?**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Count	Mean
Clarity of the degree requirements in your major	50.95%	44.30%	4.43%	0.32%	316	1.54
Academic advice you received from your departmental faculty adviser	57.46%	37.14%	4.44%	0.95%	315	1.49
Willingness of your departmental faculty adviser to assist you	64.24%	31.96%	3.16%	0.63%	316	1.4
Effort your departmental faculty adviser made in keeping appointments	61.66%	34.82%	2.56%	0.96%	313	1.43
Degree to which your departmental faculty adviser kept up-to-date with curricula changes	59.29%	35.58%	4.17%	0.96%	312	1.47
Overall effectiveness of your departmental faculty adviser	63.29%	33.54%	2.22%	0.95%	316	1.41
Availability of opportunities outside of class for you to interact with instructors in your major field courses	52.44%	41.04%	5.86%	0.65%	307	1.55
Effectiveness of the faculty in your major as teachers	59.31%	37.54%	3.15%		317	1.44
Helpfulness of faculty in your major	61.71%	36.08%	2.22%		316	1.41
Interest shown by departmental faculty in your intellectual development	55.21%	40.38%	4.42%		317	1.49
Friendliness and helpfulness of the office staff in your department	60.69%	36.16%	2.20%	0.94%	318	1.43
Effectiveness of lower division courses in preparing you for upper division courses in your major	45.89%	48.73%	5.38%		316	1.59
Quality of instruction in upper division courses in your major	56.78%	40.38%	2.52%	0.32%	317	1.46
Availability of formal opportunities for you to evaluate instruction in your major	50.32%	42.09%	7.28%	0.32%	316	1.58
Availability of opportunities for you to have meaningful participation in research projects in your field	48.36%	44.08%	5.92%	1.64%	304	1.61
Availability of professional activities or clubs in your field	45.64%	43.96%	9.40%	1.01%	298	1.66

**In terms of your MAJOR field at Nicholls, how SATISFIED are you with each of the following?**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Count	Mean
Availability of practicum, internship, or clinical experiences in your field	42.81%	42.81%	12.23%	2.16%	278	1.74
Availability of the required courses in your major	42.62%	52.13%	4.92%	0.33%	305	1.63
Adequacy of emphasis on behaviors/practices which are considered unprofessional and/or unethical in your field	46.18%	52.16%	1.66%		301	1.55
Availability of elective courses you wanted to take in your major	38.61%	50.50%	10.23%	0.66%	303	1.73
Availability of opportunities for you to collaborate with other students on projects for classes in your major	45.18%	51.16%	3.65%		301	1.58
Availability of classroom facilities related to your major	44.63%	52.35%	2.01%	1.01%	298	1.59
Adequacy of computer resources (PC and/or mainframe) for courses in your major	46.78%	49.83%	3.39%		295	1.57
Adequacy of library resources related to your major	42.76%	53.45%	3.45%	0.34%	290	1.61
Adequacy of laboratory facilities related to your major	45.56%	50.74%	2.59%	1.11%	270	1.59
Effectiveness of your major's curriculum in providing a logical sequence of learning experiences	46.23%	51.80%	1.97%		305	1.56
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to attending graduate or professional school	46.90%	47.59%	4.48%	1.03%	290	1.6
Effectiveness of your major in preparing you to apply what you learned in your classes to decisions you will be making in the workplace	44.74%	52.30%	2.30%	0.66%	304	1.59
The size of classes in your major	51.32%	46.36%	1.66%	0.66%	302	1.52
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to finding employment in your field	46.02%	45.67%	6.92%	1.38%	289	1.64
Overall quality of your major field	56.58%	41.78%	1.64%		304	1.45
Overall quality of your department	56.39%	42.62%	0.98%		305	1.45
Overall quality of your entire degree program	54.43%	43.28%	2.30%		305	1.48

**Do you think the grades you received in your major courses usually were consistent with how much you learned in those courses?**

	Percent	Count
Yes	81.25%	247
No, I usually learned substantially more than my grades show	16.45%	50
No, I usually learned substantially less than my grades show	2.30%	7

**What are your immediate plans after graduation (choose only one)?**

	Percent	Count
I plan to enter a graduate program	28.96%	86
I plan to attend law school	1.35%	4
I plan to attend medical school	3.03%	9
I plan to seek another undergraduate degree	5.05%	15
I presently have a job offer, but have not accepted as of this date	9.43%	28
I have accepted a job offer	8.42%	25
I presently do not have any job offers, but I plan to start work as soon as possible	43.77%	130
Total	100%	297