

GRADUATING SENIOR SURVEY SPRING 2017 COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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What department are you in?

	Count	Percent
ACIS - Department of Accounting and Finance		
AHSC - Department of Allied Health Sciences		
ART - Department of Art	7	4.7%
BACI - Department of Business Administration and Computer Information Systems		
BIOL - Department of Biology	20	13.4%
GOSS - Department of Government and Social Sciences	3	2.0%
HIGE - Department of History and Geography	4	2.7%
IDST - Department of Interdisciplinary Studies	55	36.9%
JFCI - Department of John Folse Culinary Institute		
LANG - Department of Languages and Literature	5	3.4%
MACO - Department of Mass Communication	15	10.1%
MATH - Department of Mathematics	3	2.0%
MNMK - Department of Management and Marketing		
MTPS - Department of Applied Sciences	2	1.3%
MUS - Department of Music	1	0.7%
NURS - Department of Nursing		
PETS - Department of Petroleum Engineering Technology & Safety Management	31	20.8%
PHSC - Department of Physical Sciences	3	2.0%
PSYC - Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Studies		
TEED - Department of Teacher Education		
Total	149	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	40.58%	42.03%	15.22%	1.45%	0.72%	138	1.8
Ability to speak effectively	39.13%	43.48%	13.77%	1.45%	2.17%	138	1.84
Ability to use mathematical concepts and tools	30.43%	36.96%	23.91%	7.25%	1.45%	138	2.12
Ability to use critical thinking skills	47.10%	38.41%	13.04%		1.45%	138	1.7
Belief in yourself as a capable person	55.80%	25.36%	13.04%	3.62%	2.17%	138	1.71
Skills for work (knowledge at skills applicable to a specific job or type of work)	42.34%	35.04%	16.79%	4.38%	1.46%	137	1.88
Preparation for further education in some professional, scientific, or scholarly field	43.48%	34.06%	18.84%	2.90%	0.72%	138	1.83
Acquisition of a broad, general education about a variety of subject areas	43.07%	38.69%	16.06%	1.46%	0.73%	137	1.78
Acquisition of a range of information that may be relevant to a career	41.30%	42.03%	13.77%	2.17%	0.72%	138	1.79
Awareness of the historical factors which influence current events	38.41%	31.16%	22.46%	5.07%	2.90%	138	2.03
Wide acquaintance with literature	31.88%	35.51%	23.91%	6.52%	2.17%	138	2.12
Understanding of your own capabilities	49.64%	35.77%	11.68%	0.73%	2.19%	137	1.7
Awareness of how political and economic events impact families and communities	36.23%	31.16%	19.57%	9.42%	3.62%	138	2.13
Ability to meet deadlines	52.17%	28.26%	15.22%	1.45%	2.90%	138	1.75
Ability to see relationships, similarities, and distinctions between ideas	45.65%	36.23%	13.77%	3.62%	0.72%	138	1.78
Own set of values	52.17%	30.43%	12.32%	2.90%	2.17%	138	1.72
Ability to make ethical decisions	47.83%	36.23%	10.14%	2.90%	2.90%	138	1.77
Ability to take responsibility for your own actions	55.07%	34.06%	7.25%	0.72%	2.90%	138	1.62
Ability to interact with others	53.62%	27.54%	13.77%	3.62%	1.45%	138	1.72
Ability to interact comfortably with people of a different race	50.72%	30.43%	11.59%	2.90%	4.35%	138	1.8

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	48.48%	40.15%	9.09%	0.76%	1.52%	132	1.67
Understanding of the nature and value of at least one of the fine arts (e.g., theater, dance, classical music, visual art)	37.12%	39.39%	14.39%	6.82%	2.27%	132	1.98
Recognition of the value of coming into contact with people whose ideas, race, and/or culture differ from your own	46.21%	35.61%	12.12%	3.03%	3.03%	132	1.81
Ability to comprehend reading material	39.39%	46.97%	10.61%	2.27%	0.76%	132	1.78
Ability to utilize computers	46.97%	34.85%	14.39%	3.03%	0.76%	132	1.76
Understanding of experimentation in science	34.85%	34.09%	18.94%	9.09%	3.03%	132	2.11
Familiarity with key applications of the basic sciences (e.g., in medicine, industry, agriculture, communications, energy, transportation, etc.)	36.36%	31.82%	16.67%	12.12%	3.03%	132	2.14

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

	Percent	Count
Yes	95.42%	125
No, they usually had too few students for effective learning	1.53%	2
No, they usually had too many students for effective learning	3.05%	4

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	40.16%	54.33%	5.51%		127	1.65
Academic advice you received from your departmental faculty adviser	50.79%	44.44%	3.17%	1.59%	126	1.56
Willingness of your departmental faculty adviser to assist you	58.27%	37.01%	3.15%	1.57%	127	1.48
Effort your departmental faculty adviser made in keeping appointments	55.2%	40.8%	1.6%	2.4%	125	1.51
Degree to which your departmental faculty adviser kept up-to-date with curricula changes	55.2%	37.6%	5.60%	1.6%	125	1.54
Overall effectiveness of your departmental faculty adviser	57.48%	37.80%	3.15%	1.57%	127	1.49
Availability of opportunities outside of class for you to interact with instructors in your major field courses	48.39%	45.16%	6.45%		124	1.58
Effectiveness of the faculty in your major as teachers	51.56%	45.31%	3.13%		128	1.52
Helpfulness of faculty in your major	53.54%	45.67%	0.79%		127	1.47
Interest shown by departmental faculty in your intellectual development	47.66%	46.88%	5.47%		128	1.58
Friendliness and helpfulness of the office staff in your department	53.13%	42.19%	3.13%	1.56%	128	1.53
Effectiveness of lower division courses in preparing you for upper division courses in your major	42.06%	51.59%	6.35%		126	1.64
Quality of instruction in upper division courses in your major	50.39%	47.24%	2.36%		127	1.52
Availability of formal opportunities for you to evaluate instruction in your major	44.53%	49.22%	5.47%	0.78%	128	1.63
Availability of opportunities for you to have meaningful participation in research projects in your field	43.90%	49.59%	5.69%	0.81%	123	1.63
Availability of professional activities or clubs in your field	42.15%	42.98%	13.22%	1.65%	121	1.74

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	35.14%	50.45%	11.71%	2.70%	111	1.82
Availability of the required courses in your major	39.02%	53.66%	7.32%		123	1.68
Adequacy of emphasis on behaviors/practices which are considered unprofessional and/or unethical in your field	38.66%	57.98%	3.36%		119	1.65
Availability of elective courses you wanted to take in your major	35.25%	54.10%	9.84%	0.82%	122	1.76
Availability of opportunities for you to collaborate with other students on projects for classes in your major	37.5%	57.50%	5%		120	1.68
Availability of classroom facilities related to your major	42.02%	52.94%	3.36%	1.68%	119	1.65
Adequacy of computer resources (PC and/or mainframe) for courses in your major	44.44%	51.28%	4.27%		117	1.6
Adequacy of library resources related to your major	38.46%	57.26%	4.27%		117	1.66
Adequacy of laboratory facilities related to your major	40.57%	52.83%	4.72%	1.89%	106	1.68
Effectiveness of your major's curriculum in providing a logical sequence of learning experiences	39.84%	57.72%	2.44%		123	1.63
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to attending graduate or professional school	37.17%	53.98%	7.96%	0.88%	113	1.73
Effectiveness of your major in preparing you to apply what you learned in your classes to decisions you will be making in the workplace	40.16%	54.92%	4.10%	0.82%	122	1.66
The size of classes in your major	48.78%	47.97%	2.44%	0.81%	123	1.55
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to finding employment in your field	38.98%	47.46%	10.17%	3.39%	118	1.78
Overall quality of your major field	45.90%	51.64%	2.46%		122	1.57
Overall quality of your department	48.78%	49.59%	1.63%		123	1.53
Overall quality of your entire degree program	45.53%	52.03%	2.44%		123	1.57

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	80.33%	98
No, I usually learned substantially more than my grades show	17.21%	21
No, I usually learned substantially less than my grades show	2.46%	3

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

	Percent	Count
I plan to enter a graduate program	22.88%	27
I plan to attend law school		
I plan to attend medical school	5.93%	7
I plan to seek another undergraduate degree	11.02%	13
I presently have a job offer, but have not accepted as of this date	7.63%	9
I have accepted a job offer	11.02%	13
I presently do not have any job offers, but I plan to start work as soon as possible	41.53%	49
Total	100.00%	118