

# GRADUATING SENIOR SURVEY SPRING 2017 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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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		
BACI - Department of Business Administration and Computer Information Systems		
BIOL - Department of Biology		
GOSS - Department of Government and Social Sciences		
HIGE - Department of History and Geography		
IDST - Department of Interdisciplinary Studies		
JFCI - Department of John Folse Culinary Institute		
LANG - Department of Languages and Literature		
MACO - Department of Mass Communication		
MATH - Department of Mathematics		
MNMK - Department of Management and Marketing		
MTPS - Department of Applied Sciences		
MUS - Department of Music		
NURS - Department of Nursing		
PETS - Department of Petroleum Engineering Technology & Safety Management		
PHSC - Department of Physical Sciences		
PSYC - Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Studies	42	97.7%
TEED - Department of Teacher Education	1	2.3%
Total	43	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	46.34%	36.59%	17.07%			41	1.71
Ability to speak effectively	39.02%	39.02%	21.95%			41	1.83
Ability to use mathematical concepts and tools	26.83%	46.34%	17.07%	9.76%		41	2.1
Ability to use critical thinking skills	46.34%	43.90%	2.44%	7.32%		41	1.71
Belief in yourself as a capable person	48.78%	34.15%	17.07%			41	1.68
Skills for work (knowledge at skills applicable to a specific job or type of work)	51.22%	26.83%	17.07%	4.88%		41	1.76
Preparation for further education in some professional, scientific, or scholarly field	51.22%	31.71%	12.20%	4.88%		41	1.71
Acquisition of a broad, general education about a variety of subject areas	39.02%	46.34%	14.63%			41	1.76
Acquisition of a range of information that may be relevant to a career	43.90%	43.90%	9.76%	2.44%		41	1.71
Awareness of the historical factors which influence current events	31.71%	43.90%	14.63%	7.32%	2.44%	41	2.05
Wide acquaintance with literature	29.27%	36.59%	26.83%	4.88%	2.44%	41	2.15
Understanding of your own capabilities	43.90%	46.34%	9.76%			41	1.66
Awareness of how political and economic events impact families and communities	31.71%	39.02%	19.51%	7.32%	2.44%	41	2.1
Ability to meet deadlines	51.22%	39.02%	4.88%	4.88%		41	1.63
Ability to see relationships, similarities, and distinctions between ideas	53.66%	39.02%	7.32%			41	1.54
Own set of values	46.34%	39.02%	9.76%	4.88%		41	1.73
Ability to make ethical decisions	56.10%	34.15%	4.88%	4.88%		41	1.59
Ability to take responsibility for your own actions	58.54%	26.83%	9.76%	4.88%		41	1.61
Ability to interact with others	48.78%	31.71%	14.63%	4.88%		41	1.76
Ability to interact comfortably with people of a different race	56.10%	29.27%	7.32%	7.32%		41	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	56.10%	36.59%	4.88%	2.44%		41	1.54
Understanding of the nature and value of at least one of the fine arts (e.g., theater, dance, classical music, visual art)	29.27%	36.59%	24.39%	9.76%		41	2.15
Recognition of the value of coming into contact with people whose ideas, race, and/or culture differ from your own	48.78%	36.59%	12.20%	2.44%		41	1.68
Ability to comprehend reading material	36.59%	51.22%	9.76%	2.44%		41	1.78
Ability to utilize computers	41.46%	34.15%	19.51%	4.88%		41	1.88
Understanding of experimentation in science	31.71%	39.02%	19.51%	9.76%		41	2.07
Familiarity with key applications of the basic sciences (e.g., in medicine, industry, agriculture, communications, energy, transportation, etc.)	31.71%	41.46%	19.51%	7.32%		41	2.02

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

	Percent	Count
Yes	80.49%	33
No, they usually had too few students for effective learning	2.44%	1
No, they usually had too many students for effective learning	17.07%	7

**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	47.5%	42.5%	7.5%	2.5%	40	1.65
Academic advice you received from your departmental faculty adviser	50%	45%	5%		40	1.55
Willingness of your departmental faculty adviser to assist you	65%	32.5%	2.5%		40	1.38
Effort your departmental faculty adviser made in keeping appointments	50%	37.5%	12.5%		40	1.63
Degree to which your departmental faculty adviser kept up-to-date with curricula changes	56.41%	35.90%	7.69%		39	1.51
Overall effectiveness of your departmental faculty adviser	55.00%	40%	2.5%	2.5%	40	1.53
Availability of opportunities outside of class for you to interact with instructors in your major field courses	46.15%	43.59%	5.13%	5.13%	39	1.69
Effectiveness of the faculty in your major as teachers	67.5%	30%	2.5%		40	1.35
Helpfulness of faculty in your major	70%	27.50%	2.5%		40	1.33
Interest shown by departmental faculty in your intellectual development	57.50%	37.5%	5%		40	1.48
Friendliness and helpfulness of the office staff in your department	68.29%	29.27%	2.44%		41	1.34
Effectiveness of lower division courses in preparing you for upper division courses in your major	43.90%	46.34%	9.76%		41	1.66
Quality of instruction in upper division courses in your major	56.10%	41.46%	2.44%		41	1.46
Availability of formal opportunities for you to evaluate instruction in your major	48.78%	34.15%	17.07%		41	1.68
Availability of opportunities for you to have meaningful participation in research projects in your field	46.15%	33.33%	12.82%	7.69%	39	1.82
Availability of professional activities or clubs in your field	40.54%	48.65%	8.11%	2.70%	37	1.73

**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	40.63%	28.13%	28.13%	3.13%	32	1.94
Availability of the required courses in your major	34.21%	55.26%	7.89%	2.63%	38	1.79
Adequacy of emphasis on behaviors/practices which are considered unprofessional and/or unethical in your field	47.37%	52.63%			38	1.53
Availability of elective courses you wanted to take in your major	31.58%	57.89%	10.53%		38	1.79
Availability of opportunities for you to collaborate with other students on projects for classes in your major	35.14%	56.76%	8.11%		37	1.73
Availability of classroom facilities related to your major	42.11%	52.63%	5.26%		38	1.63
Adequacy of computer resources (PC and/or mainframe) for courses in your major	37.84%	51.35%	10.81%		37	1.73
Adequacy of library resources related to your major	37.84%	56.76%	5.41%		37	1.68
Adequacy of laboratory facilities related to your major	40.63%	50%	6.25%	3.13%	32	1.72
Effectiveness of your major's curriculum in providing a logical sequence of learning experiences	39.47%	55.26%	5.26%		38	1.66
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to attending graduate or professional school	52.63%	39.47%	5.26%	2.63%	38	1.58
Effectiveness of your major in preparing you to apply what you learned in your classes to decisions you will be making in the workplace	47.37%	50%	2.63%		38	1.55
The size of classes in your major	52.63%	44.74%		2.63%	38	1.53
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to finding employment in your field	41.67%	44.44%	13.89%		36	1.72
Overall quality of your major field	60.53%	39.47%			38	1.39
Overall quality of your department	63.16%	36.84%			38	1.37
Overall quality of your entire degree program	55.26%	39.47%	5.26%		38	1.5

**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	84.21%	32
No, I usually learned substantially more than my grades show	5.26%	2
No, I usually learned substantially less than my grades show	10.53%	4

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

	Percent	Count
I plan to enter a graduate program	62.16%	23
I plan to attend law school		
I plan to attend medical school	2.70%	1
I plan to seek another undergraduate degree	2.70%	1
I presently have a job offer, but have not accepted as of this date		
I have accepted a job offer		
I presently do not have any job offers, but I plan to start work as soon as possible	32.43%	12
Total	100.00%	37