

GRADUATING SENIOR SURVEY SPRING 2017 MASS COMMUNICATION

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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	15	100.0%
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		
TEED - Department of Teacher Education		
Total	15	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	35.71%	64.29%				14	1.64
Ability to speak effectively	50%	50%				14	1.5
Ability to use mathematical concepts and tools	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%			14	2.14
Ability to use critical thinking skills	50%	50%				14	1.5
Belief in yourself as a capable person	57.14%	35.71%	7.14%			14	1.5
Skills for work (knowledge at skills applicable to a specific job or type of work)	71.43%	21.43%	7.14%			14	1.36
Preparation for further education in some professional, scientific, or scholarly field	50%	42.86%	7.14%			14	1.57
Acquisition of a broad, general education about a variety of subject areas	42.86%	57.14%				14	1.57
Acquisition of a range of information that may be relevant to a career	57.14%	42.86%				14	1.43
Awareness of the historical factors which influence current events	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%			14	1.71
Wide acquaintance with literature	35.71%	57.14%	7.14%			14	1.71
Understanding of your own capabilities	57.14%	42.86%				14	1.43
Awareness of how political and economic events impact families and communities	35.71%	42.86%	21.43%			14	1.86
Ability to meet deadlines	64.29%	35.71%				14	1.36
Ability to see relationships, similarities, and distinctions between ideas	57.14%	42.86%				14	1.43
Own set of values	78.57%	21.43%				14	1.21
Ability to make ethical decisions	64.29%	35.71%				14	1.36
Ability to take responsibility for your own actions	71.43%	28.57%				14	1.29
Ability to interact with others	64.29%	35.71%				14	1.36
Ability to interact comfortably with people of a different race	71.43%	28.57%				14	1.29

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	42.86%	57.14%				14	1.57
Understanding of the nature and value of at least one of the fine arts (e.g., theater, dance, classical music, visual art)	42.86%	50%	7.14%			14	1.64
Recognition of the value of coming into contact with people whose ideas, race, and/or culture differ from your own	50%	50%				14	1.5
Ability to comprehend reading material	50%	50%				14	1.5
Ability to utilize computers	71.43%	28.57%				14	1.29
Understanding of experimentation in science	42.86%	28.57%	21.43%		7.14%	14	2
Familiarity with key applications of the basic sciences (e.g., in medicine, industry, agriculture, communications, energy, transportation, etc.)	42.86%	35.71%	7.14%	7.14%	7.14%	14	2

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

	Percent	Count
Yes	100%	14
No, they usually had too few students for effective learning		
No, they usually had too many students for effective learning		

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	42.86%	57.14%			14	1.57
Academic advice you received from your departmental faculty adviser	57.14%	42.86%			14	1.43
Willingness of your departmental faculty adviser to assist you	64.29%	35.71%			14	1.36
Effort your departmental faculty adviser made in keeping appointments	64.29%	35.71%			14	1.36
Degree to which your departmental faculty adviser kept up-to-date with curricula changes	71.43%	28.57%			14	1.29
Overall effectiveness of your departmental faculty adviser	64.29%	35.71%			14	1.36
Availability of opportunities outside of class for you to interact with instructors in your major field courses	57.14%	42.86%			14	1.43
Effectiveness of the faculty in your major as teachers	50%	50%			14	1.5
Helpfulness of faculty in your major	42.86%	57.14%			14	1.57
Interest shown by departmental faculty in your intellectual development	50%	50%			14	1.5
Friendliness and helpfulness of the office staff in your department	50%	50%			14	1.5
Effectiveness of lower division courses in preparing you for upper division courses in your major	35.71%	64.29%			14	1.64
Quality of instruction in upper division courses in your major	50%	42.86%	7.14%		14	1.57
Availability of formal opportunities for you to evaluate instruction in your major	57.14%	42.86%			14	1.43
Availability of opportunities for you to have meaningful participation in research projects in your field	50%	42.86%	7.14%		14	1.57
Availability of professional activities or clubs in your field	50%	28.57%	21.43%		14	1.71

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	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%		14	1.71
Availability of the required courses in your major	35.71%	57.14%	7.14%		14	1.71
Adequacy of emphasis on behaviors/practices which are considered unprofessional and/or unethical in your field	28.57%	71.43%			14	1.71
Availability of elective courses you wanted to take in your major	28.57%	71.43%			14	1.71
Availability of opportunities for you to collaborate with other students on projects for classes in your major	28.57%	71.43%			14	1.71
Availability of classroom facilities related to your major	35.71%	64.29%			14	1.64
Adequacy of computer resources (PC and/or mainframe) for courses in your major	42.86%	50%	7.14%		14	1.64
Adequacy of library resources related to your major	21.43%	78.57%			14	1.79
Adequacy of laboratory facilities related to your major	42.86%	50%	7.14%		14	1.64
Effectiveness of your major's curriculum in providing a logical sequence of learning experiences	28.57%	71.43%			14	1.71
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to attending graduate or professional school	23.08%	76.92%			13	1.77
Effectiveness of your major in preparing you to apply what you learned in your classes to decisions you will be making in the workplace	42.86%	57.14%			14	1.57
The size of classes in your major	42.86%	57.14%			14	1.57
Help/encouragement you received from faculty in your department with regard to finding employment in your field	35.71%	57.14%	7.14%		14	1.71
Overall quality of your major field	42.86%	57.14%			14	1.57
Overall quality of your department	42.86%	57.14%			14	1.57
Overall quality of your entire degree program	42.86%	57.14%			14	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	100%	14
No, I usually learned substantially more than my grades show		
No, I usually learned substantially less than my grades show		

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

	Percent	Count
I plan to enter a graduate program		
I plan to attend law school		
I plan to attend medical school		
I plan to seek another undergraduate degree		
I presently have a job offer, but have not accepted as of this date	7.14%	1
I have accepted a job offer		
I presently do not have any job offers, but I plan to start work as soon as possible	92.86%	13
Total	100%	14