

The Evergreen State College  
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2008  
Responses of First-Time, First-Year Students

**Ability to Enroll in First Choice of Academic Offerings**

Students were asked to indicate whether they were able to enroll in their first choice of academic offerings. The percentage of first-time, first-year respondents indicating that they could not enroll in their first choice of academic offerings ranged from a low of 13.0% in winter 2008 to a high of 15.2% in spring 2008. Students were then asked to indicate what academic offerings they would have preferred if they were not able to enroll in their first choice. Responses are listed by quarter below.

*Were you able to enroll in your first choice of offering...?*

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Yes	86.2%	87.0%	84.8%
No	13.8%	13.0%	15.2%
<i>Missing*</i>	2	2	2

*\*Students were recoded as missing if they said that they transferred in winter or spring quarter, or were otherwise not enrolled for that particular quarter.*

## First Choice Preference

Students were asked to indicate their preference if they were not able to enroll in their first choice of academic offering. The following tables show comments by quarter. Specific first-choice programs and courses and relevant comments are grouped by Planning Unit. Some respondent's comments appear in the table more than once, because the comments fit within different planning units.

### Fall Quarter

*If no, I would have preferred:*

Planning Unit*	Respondent Comments
Culture, Text and Language (5)	awareness
	Japanese Language and Culture
	Poetics and Power
	Made for Contemplation (CTL, EA, IA)
	HOLLYWOOD (CTL, EA, CORE)
Environmental Studies (1)	Money, Molecules, and Meds (ES, SI, SPBC, IA)
Evening and Weekend Studies (2)	some leadership or business course
	For my main program, yes; but Japanese couldn't fit me past their waitlist, even with an add/drop form and showing up the first day; Which was very frustrating and made me fairly angry, as it's not a program that you can start when folks drop during winter quarter or spring quarter. I have to wait until next fall to try again, which bumped my study abroad plans by a full year.
Expressive Arts (6)	performing lab- theater
	Winter quarter.
	Made for Contemplation (CTL, EA, IA)
	Awakening the Dreamer, Pursuing the Dream (EA, SPBC, CORE)
	HOLLYWOOD (CTL, EA, CORE)
Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE)	
Native American and World Indigenous Peoples (1)	Colonialism and Decolinazation (IA, SPBC, NAWIP)
Society, Politics, Behavior and Change (5)	Colonialism and Decolinazation (IA, SPBC, NAWIP)
	some leadership or business course
	Money, Molecules, and Meds (ES, SI, SPBC, IA)
	Awakening the Dreamer, Pursuing the Dream (EA, SPBC, CORE)
	Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE)
Scientific Inquiry (4)	Foundations of Health Science
	Introduction to Natural Science, I could have gotten in if I had tried.
	Money, Molecules, and Meds (ES, SI, SPBC, IA)
	Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE)
Inter-area (3)	Made for Contemplation (CTL, EA, IA)
	Money, Molecules, and Meds (ES, SI, SPBC, IA)
	Colonialism and Decolinazation (IA, SPBC, NAWIP)
Core (3)	Awakening the Dreamer, Pursuing the Dream (EA, SPBC, CORE)
	HOLLYWOOD (CTL, EA, CORE)
	Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE)
Other Comments (1)	Programs i am glad i did not get into

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\* Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of students who had comments related to this category.

Winter Quarter

*If no, I would have preferred:*

Planning Unit	Individual Comments
Culture, Text and Language (2)	Gender and Culture in Japanese Society HOLLYWOOD (CTL, EA, CORE)
Environmental Studies (1)	sustainable living forget?
Evening and Weekend Studies (3)	American Lit Evening and Weekend Studies some leadership or business course
Expressive Arts (5)	Performing lab-Theater Taking Things Apart (EA, SI, IA) Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE) gender and film (EA, SPBC, CORE) HOLLYWOOD (CTL, EA, CORE)
Scientific Inquiry (2)	Taking Things Apart (EA, SI, IA) Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE)
Society, Politics, Behavior and Change (3)	some leadership or business course Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE) gender and film (EA, SPBC, CORE)
Inter-area (1)	Taking Things Apart (EA, SI, IA)
Core (3)	gender and film (EA, SPBC, CORE) HOLLYWOOD (CTL, EA, CORE) Perception, Mind, and Reality (SI, EA, SPBC, CORE)
Other Comments (5)	Anything else. it wasn't my first choice but it turned out to be wonderful brick wall Transcript mix ups didn't allow me to register for Winter. Were not many options.

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Spring Quarter

If no, I would have preferred:

Planning Unit	Individual Comments
Culture, Text, and Language (4)	Contemplative Studies
	Japanese Culture
	Literature of the Americas
	Monstrous Possibilities (CTL, EWS)
Environmental Studies (1)	learning about learning sustainable living
Evening and Weekend Studies (4)	Clinical Application to Mindfulness meditation
	I wanted to take 3 night and weekend classes for a total of 16 credits, but I only got into one and ended up taking 20 credits.
	Several weekend classes, however the class lists were too small.
	Monstrous Possibilities (CTL, EWS)
Expressive Arts (2)	Psychology & Shaping Neon Light
	Art of the Non-violent Political Action
Independent Learning Contract (2)	Independent contract
	Independent Bee Keeping study
Society, Politics, Behavior and Change (9)	"So You Want to Be a Psychologist?"
	Learning About Learning
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	to take Learning About Learning
	learning about learning sustainable living
	Political Economy and Social Movements
	political science and social movements
Other Comments (1)	I didn't want any of the classes offered this quarter

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