

1998 ALUMNI SURVEY: Summary of Results

(318 respondents: 248 mailed and 70 phone surveys)

1. Year of birth: (Age in 1998)
 - 18.7% 20-23 yrs old
 - 32.5% 24-26 yrs old
 - 24.4% 27-34 yrs old
 - 24.4% 35 or + yrs old

2. Ethnic Background: (Please check as many as apply to you:)
 - 2.2% African American
 - 4.1% Asian American or Pacific Islander
 - 3.5% Native American
 - 3.8% Hispanic/Latino American
 - 59.7% White/Caucasian
 - 4.1% Other
 - 29.8% Not indicated

3. 64.8% Female 35.2% Male

4. Select the one area below that best describes your overall area of study at Evergreen:
 - 8.4% Expressive Arts
 - 15.1% Science, Math, Computers
 - 26.5% Humanities, Language Arts, Culture
 - 0.4% Native American Studies
 - 23.1% Social Sciences
 - 15.1% Environmental Studies
 - 11.3% Other field:

5. What was your primary enrollment status as a student at Evergreen?
 - 91.5% Full-Time 8.5% Part-Time

6. What type of tuition did you pay?
 - 83.5% In-state 16.5% Out-of-state

7. What was your academic standing when you first enrolled at Evergreen?
 - 24.4% New Freshman (less than 44 transfer credits)
 - 21.5% Transferred as soph. (45-89 transfer credits)
 - 45.9% Transferred as junior (90-134 transfer credits)
 - 8.1% Transferred as senior (135 + transfer credits)

8. In which state are you now residing?
 - 63.6% reside in Washington state 36.4% reside outside of Washington state

9. When you applied for admission, was Evergreen your first, second, third or fourth choice of college?

- 89.1% 1st choice
- 6.1% 2nd choice
- 3.6% 3rd choice
- 1.2% 4th choice

Indicate your level of agreement or disagreement:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
10. If I could start college over, I would choose to attend Evergreen.	4.9%	5.7%	20.1%	69.3%
11. If I could start college over, I would choose the same field(s) of study.	2.8%	11.4%	32.1%	53.3%

12. How satisfied are you with Evergreen's contribution to your academic and personal growth in each of the areas listed below? (Includes both written and phone survey respondents)

	Mean	1 Not at all satisfied	2 Little satisfaction	3 Somewhat satisfied	4 Mostly satisfied	5 Very satisfied
Writing effectively	4.12	1.0%	4.8%	16.2%	36.9%	41.1%
Speaking effectively	3.99	1.0%	7.4%	20.2%	34.3%	37.2%
Critically analyzing written information	4.30	1.0%	1.9%	12.1%	36.2%	48.9%
Learning independently	4.59	0.6%	1.9%	7.0%	19.0%	71.4%
Understanding and appreciating the arts	3.84	1.9%	7.4%	28.5%	29.15	33.0%
Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	3.55	5.2%	9.3%	30.4%	35.3%	19.7%
Understanding and applying quantitative principles and methods	3.43	6.3%	13.5%	28.8%	34.0%	17.4%
Defining and solving problems	4.11	1.6%	3.2%	16.6%	40.1%	38.5%
Working cooperatively in a group	4.38	0.3%	3.8%	9.2%	30.5%	56.2%
Readiness for a career	3.48	7.4%	12.5%	26.3%	32.1%	21.8%
Readiness for advanced education	3.99	3.2%	5.8%	19.5%	31.5%	39.9%
Understanding different philosophies and cultures	4.26	0.6%	4.5%	12.9%	32.2%	49.8%
Understanding the interaction of society and the environment	4.23	0.3%	2.8%	15.4%	35.2%	44.0%
Recognizing your rights and responsibilities as a citizen	3.91	1.6%	8.2%	21.6%	35.3%	33.3%
Opportunities to learn computer skills (e.g., Word, Excel, Internet)	3.68	2.9%	13.4%	25.7%	28.7%	29.3%

13. Looking back at your education and experiences as a student at Evergreen, how satisfied are you with:
(Written survey, only)

		NA	1	2	3	4
	Mean	Does not apply	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
Narrative evaluations written by faculty	3.45		0.4%	4.6%	45.0%	50.0%
The quality of self-evaluations	3.22	1.6%	0.8%	13.9%	46.5%	37.1%
The education you were able to construct as an Evergreen student	3.53	0.4%		7.7%	31.3%	60.6%
Evergreen's interdisciplinary approach to education	3.59	1.2%	2.1%	4.1%	25.9%	66.7%
The quality of instruction	3.50		1.7%	5.0%	34.7%	58.7%
Quality of intellectual discussions with other students (e.g., in seminar)	3.15	0.4%	4.2%	13.9%	44.1%	37.4%
Tolerance and respect shown for different or opposing viewpoints	3.00	1.3%	5.5%	19.3%	44.1%	29.8%
Opportunities to work individually with faculty	3.48	3.7%	1.2%	7.4%	31.7%	56.0%
Opportunities for internships or for independent study	3.62	8.2%	2.0%	5.7%	16.7%	64.9%
The Evergreen Library	3.07	0.8%	4.9%	18.9%	39.8%	35.7%
The Computer Center	3.23	5.7%	1.6%	13.5%	40.8%	38.4%
The Academic Advising Office	2.92	18.4%	6.7%	15.9%	36.4%	22.6%
Academic advice from faculty	3.21	7.9%	2.5%	12.4%	40.2%	36.9%
The Financial Aid Office	2.80	38.1%	9.8%	11.1%	22.5%	18.4%
The Cooperative Education Office	3.00	85.4%	1.3%	2.5%	5.9%	5.0%
The Health Services Office	3.18	43.9%	2.5%	8.2%	22.1%	23.4%
The Counseling Center	3.12	60.6%	3.3%	5.0%	14.9%	16.2%
The Career Development Office	2.75	45.6%	7.1%	14.6%	17.6%	15.1%
The Learning Resource Center	3.27	62.1%	1.3%	2.9%	17.9%	15.8%

14. Did you contact the Evergreen Career Development Office for help in finding a job after graduation?
(Written survey, only)

22.8% YES

77.2% NO



How helpful was the Career Development Office in your job search?

17.1% Very helpful

42.9% Somewhat helpful

40.0% Not helpful

**EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION FROM EVERGREEN
Compared with Alumni Survey Data from Previous Years**

(Written Survey, Only)

Current Employment Status:	1992		1994		1996		1998		ave. 1992-98
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Employed Full-Time	134	46.5%	126	45.3%	140	47.1%	152	61.3%	50.1%
Graduate/Professional School	51	17.7%	55	19.8%	50	16.8%	41	16.5%	17.7%
Self-Employed	21	7.3%	20	7.2%	28	9.4%	6	2.4%	6.6%
Employed Part-Time or Temporarily	32	11.1%	38	13.7%	47	15.8%	18	7.3%	12.0%
Other (travel, caring for family)	28	9.7%	20	7.2%	21	7.1%	14	5.6%	7.4%
Unemployed or Seeking Employment	22	7.6%	19	6.8%	11	3.7%	13	5.2%	5.9%
Total (valid cases)	288	100%	278	100%	297	100%	248	100%	100%

(Written and Phone Survey Combined)

Current Employment Status:	1992		1994		1996		1998		ave. 1992-98
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Employed Full-Time/Self-Employed	187	64.9%	184	66.2%	274	70.6%	247	77.7%	69.9%
Graduate/Professional School	51	17.7%	55	19.8%	71	18.3%	48	15.1%	17.7%
Other (travel, caring for family)	50	17.4%	39	14.0%	43	11.1%	23	7.2%	12.4%
Total (valid cases)	288	100%	278	100%	388	100%	318	100%	100%

Note: The phone versions of the 1996 and 1998 Alumni Surveys are abbreviated versions of the written questionnaires, asking alumni for information about their employment and graduate school attendance, but in less detail than the written form. The breakdown of responses for the written and phone surveys combined (318 alumni in 1998) is similar, but not identical to the breakdown for the written survey only (248 alumni in 1998.)

17. Which of the following best describes the setting where you work now? (Written survey, only:)

5.0%	Hospital or medical center	27.1%	Local, state, or federal government/agency
15.5%	Private, non-profit agency	11.0%	School (K-12), or other educational setting
30.9%	Private company or business	10.5%	Other:

18. Which of the following best describes the work that you're doing now? (Written survey, only:)

2.4%	Agriculture or horticulture	5.4%	Business administration
8.4%	Computer programming/data processing	13.2%	Counseling and social services
10.2%	Environmental work	1.8%	Financial services
1.2%	Library or archival work	1.8%	Marketing or public relations
6.0%	Medical technology or health service	3.0%	Officer management
1.2%	Performing arts	4.8%	Public administration
7.2%	Sales, services, restaurant work	8.4%	Skilled trade or building construction
1.8%	Small business owner	19.2%	Teaching
4.2%	Visual arts or media		

19. How well did Evergreen prepare you for your current job? (Written survey, only:)

- 14.9% Not at all
- 7.5% Not very well
- 37.9% Adequately
- 39.7% Very well

GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

20. Did you contact the Evergreen Career Development Office for help in learning about and/or applying for graduate or professional school? (Written survey, only)

29.9% YES
 70.1% NO
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How helpful was the Career Development Office for learning about and applying to graduate or professional school?

32.5% Very helpful
 50.0% Somewhat helpful
 17.5% Not helpful

22. Which of the following best describes your field of study in graduate school? (Written survey, only)

0	Agriculture	0	Area studies (e.g., Women's studies, Asian studies)
7.9%	Business	20.6%	Health-related field (e.g., medicine, health technology)
0	Computer science	6.3%	Humanities (e.g., literature, history, philosophy)
25.4%	Education	3.2%	Environmental studies/science
3.2%	Expressive arts	11.1%	Natural science (e.g., biology, physics, chemistry, math)
7.9%	Law	9.5%	Social Science (e.g., psychology, sociology, economics)
4.8%	Other field:		

24. How well did Evergreen prepare you for your graduate or professional program? (Written survey, only)

1.6% Not at all
 6.3% Not very well
 25.0% Adequately
 67.2% Very well