

The Evergreen State College
 Evergreen New Student Survey 2005

Is English your first language?

Most new students (96.2% of first-time, first-years; 95.5% of transfers) spoke only English as their first language. A few students' first language was not English (2.4% first-time, first-years; 3.8% transfers), while others (1.4% first-time, first-years; 0.7% transfers) have more than one first language. Of those who did not indicate English as their only first language (36 students total), thirteen said they felt most comfortable speaking English or English and another language outside of class. The charts below display in more detail which language(s) Evergreen students feel most comfortable speaking.

<i>Is English your first language?</i>	First-time, First-year Students (N=416)	Transfer Students (N=444)
Yes	96.2%	95.5%
No	2.4%	3.8%
More than one first language	1.4%	0.7%

If English is not first language...

What language do you feel most comfortable speaking outside of class?

(First-time, First-year Students and Transfer Students, N=36)

English	6
Japanese	4
Other East Asian Language	2
Southeast Asian Language	4
Spanish	4
Both English and Spanish	3
Russian	2
Other European Language	2
English and Other European Language	3
African Language(s)	2
Middle Eastern Language	1
English and Middle Eastern Language	1
Native American Language	1
None	1

Note: Specific languages that were spoken by only one or two students were grouped into broad categories in order to protect the confidentiality of survey respondents.