

**The Evergreen State College**  
**Evergreen New Student Survey 2010**  
*Olympia Campus - First-time, First-years*

**Do you plan to focus on a particular field or fields of study at Evergreen? If yes, please describe the field or fields of study you plan to focus on.**

A total of 325 first-time, first-year respondents (69%) indicated they planned to focus on a particular field or fields of study at Evergreen. All but one of the first-time, first-years who indicated that they planned to focus wrote a response to the open-ended question. A content analysis of the responses was performed in which the fields that students described were categorized into the four main divisions of the liberal arts.

**First-time, First-years (FTFYs) Who Planned to Focus**  
**Fields of Study Categorized into Division (Mutually Exclusive Categories)**

Sciences*	Humanities	Social Sciences	Art	Description	Number	Percent of FTFYs Who Planned to Focus (N=325)
				Sciences* Only	64	19.7%
				Social Sciences Only	51	15.7%
				Humanities and Social Sciences	35	10.8%
				Art only	29	8.9%
				Sciences and Social Sciences	24	7.4%
				Sciences and Art	19	5.8%
				Humanities and Art	20	6.2%
				Social Sciences and Art	17	5.2%
				Humanities Only	16	4.9%
				Humanities, Social Sciences, and Art	13	4.0%
				Sciences and Humanities	12	3.7%
				Sciences, Social Sciences, and Art	10	3.1%
				All Four Divisions	7	2.2%
				Sciences, Humanities, and Social Sciences	4	1.2%
				Sciences, Humanities, and Art	3	0.9%
				No detail provided	1	0.3%
				Total	325	100.0%

\* Includes Environmental Studies and Math

**First-time, First-Years Who Planned to Focus**  
**Mentioned Field(s) in the Following Divisions (Categories Not Mutually Exclusive)**

Sciences*	Humanities	Social Sciences	Art	Description	Number	Percent of FTFYs Who Planned to Focus (N=325)
				Social Science	161	49.5%
				Humanities	110	33.8%
				Science	143	44.0%
				Art	117	36.0%

\* Includes Environmental Studies and Math

**Olympia Campus - First-time, First-years**

**Field or Fields of Study**

**Students' Comments Categorized as Sciences Only**

Biochem specifying in the study of phages

Biology

Biology or Chemistry, health science

Biology/Ecology

Botany

BS

Chemistry/Biology

Computer Science

Computer Science

Computer Science

Earth Sciences

Ecology

Ecology

Ecology No gasification.

Ecology, Biology, Earth Sciences

Ecosystem management/ Biology/ geology

Engineering or physics. Haven't decided yet.

Environmental or natural science

Environmental science

Environmental Science

Environmental science/ forestry, wildlife

Environmental sciences

Environmental studies

Environmental studies and forest science

Environmental studies, nutrition, health

Environmental studies, or Mind-Body Medicine related studies

Food science, health science, brewing.

I am interested in alternative medicine. Holistic healing by the way of specific mentalities allowing the body to heal itself.

I plan to focus on health sciences. I am planning on completing the prerequisites for an MD/PhD Program.

I plan to focus on the biology field and other sciences

I plan to focus on the sciences, likely biological. I will probably take more diverse courses my first two years, though.

I want to focus mainly on zoology. Before I get there I will take many science classes. I would like to work at a zoo.

I want to go into Zoology so I will focus on science classes preparing me for that field

marine biology

Marine Biology, Botany, or Biochemistry

Marine Studies

Math and sustainable agriculture

Medicine

Natural Sciences

Natural Sciences and Math

Neurobiology or biomechanics

Physics and Mathematics

Physics, Cosmology, and Astronomy.

Pre-med

Science based, math based

Science with a focus on chemistry

Science. I want to gain a broad knowledge of physics, biology, and chemistry. After I earn a BS from Evergreen I am going to graduate school for theoretical physics.

Science--Biology, Chemistry  
Sciences, biology, fisheries  
Sciences, Chemistry  
Sciences: Biology  
Scientific Inquiry  
Sciences, physics  
Something outside probably either forestry, field ecology or sustainable agriculture.  
Speech pathology  
Sustainable Agriculture, or in a short description, studying the cause and effect of growing food on the environment as well as applying this knowledge to the act of actually growing food.  
Sustainable agriculture, zoology/botany, nutrition  
The Sciences  
This year I plan to study natural sciences  
Wildlife  
With a particular interest in ethnobotany, I plan to take classes in a scientific or medical-based field of study.  
Zoology  
Zoology or any animal sciences  
Zoology, environmental studies

### **Students' Comments Categorized as Social Sciences Only**

Anthropology  
Anthropology  
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Anthropology  
Business  
Business  
Business degree with an emphasis in Marketing  
Criminal Justice  
Criminal Psychology  
Early childhood education  
Early Childhood Education  
Economy, Political Science  
Education and Psychology  
Education, counseling, advising, psychology  
Government, Business and Foreign Relations  
History, Political Science, Law, and Sociology  
I don't exactly know how I would specify my focus, other than third world development with a focus on women.  
I intend to focus on child development, psychology, education and sociology during my undergraduate program, and then I plan to earn my Masters in Teaching.  
I plan on working to get my Masters in Teaching.  
I plan to focus on both business and psychology  
I want to be an accountant  
I want to focus on social issues , Social work, child development, eventually work with children in foster care.  
I want to teach a high school English class  
International Studies  
Law  
Law, Counseling, and Education  
Political science  
Political science, government, sociology  
Political Science, Pre-law  
Psychology  
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PSYCHOLOGY  
Psychology criminology  
Psychology- primary field  
Psychology themed  
Psychology, Anthropology  
Psychology, education  
Psychology, human development, and social work  
Psychology, sociology  
Psychology  
Social science, warfare  
Social Work  
Sociology, or social work  
Would like to study education  
Youth culture, social work

**Students' Comments Categorized as Social Sciences and Humanities**

1. Spanish, 2. International Studies/Business  
Art education and special education, Spanish  
Business, Japanese  
Cultural studies (Native American) education, literature/writing  
Education, History, politics  
English Literature and Political Science  
Gender Studies and Law  
Government international studies, history  
History, economics, political science  
I plan on studying cultural studies and anthropology.  
I will focus most of my studies on business and law. As well as English.  
International relations, humanitarian law, languages  
Journalism and political science, mostly.  
Language and Psychology  
Law, history  
Law, History, Human Rights  
Law, Literature, Political Science  
linguistics, psychology  
Literature and psychology  
Literature and Psychology - I want to pursue a career in either as well.  
Literature, philosophy, psychology  
Literature/history/poli sci.  
Philosophy, social studies  
Political activism and literature  
Political Science Philosophy  
Political science, native American studies  
Political Science, Psychology, Anthropology, History, Literature  
Programs that incorporate sociological concepts as well as ethnic/cultural studies  
Psychology, Japanese cultural studies  
Psychology, sociology, and or cultural studies.  
Psychology/Japanese studies  
Russian Language, culture, and history and economics

Sociology, gender and racial studies  
Writing or cultural anthropology.  
Writing, business, psychology, history, possibly teaching

**Students' Comments Categorized as Art only**

Art, media arts, and animation  
Art, photography  
Dance/Art  
Drama, Media Production & music  
Expressive arts  
Film  
Film  
Film  
Film and arts  
Film and Dance  
Film and Video  
Film studies  
Film Studies  
Fine Art: Sculpture, drawing, and painting  
fine arts performance  
I plan to focus on film and all film-related programs.  
Mainly art related. Interested in ceramics/sculpture also drawing and painting  
Media arts and music technology  
Media design with an emphasis in print  
Moving image media art  
Music  
Music and art  
Music Technology, production, synthesis, composition etc.  
Photography, art, and film  
Photography, Visual Arts  
Sound Engineering for all types of media  
Theatre/Dance  
Visual Art  
Visual Arts

**Students' Comments Categorized as Science and Social Science**

Chemistry; political science.  
Community sustainability and sustainable food/agriculture/business practices.  
Computer Science, psychology  
Developmental Psychology or Abnormal Psychology Sustainable Agriculture or Green Technologies  
Environmental education and agriculture  
Environmental Studies, Field Ecology, Agriculture, sustainability  
Environmental Studies, Horticulture, Botany, sustainability, health, happiness, farming  
Environmental studies, psychology, education  
Environmental studies/social sciences/psychology/business/urban sustainability all with a focus on green funerals and burial  
Homeopathic methodologies, sustainability business study and also animal zoology research  
I want to study a field of my choosing that remains to be seen and hopefully view that subject through a specialization in forensics.  
Politics sustainability  
Premed and Anthropology  
Psychology and medicine  
Psychology and Sciences (math maybe) I enjoy math the most but science goes best with psy.  
Science and sustainability

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Science, teaching

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Science: mostly biology, anatomy, physiology, psychology

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Social sciences and environmental studies

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Sustainability Political Science

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Sustainability in business - food - organic farm

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Sustainability Studies

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Sustainability/ Development/ Agriculture

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Teaching and mathematics

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Science and Art**

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Architecture, urban planning, design, green building.

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Art, media and computer related science

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Biological sciences and music

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Computer Design and Programming/Game Design and Programming

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Computers, design.

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Ecology and Design

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Ecology, Theater

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Ecology/ I plan to focus on Biology and Environmental Science, with emphasis in ornithology, as well as a second focus in Art.

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Film, media, and environmental studies.

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Forensic science, Health/Medicine, music theory

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Green Design and Engineering

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I plan on focusing on mostly Nutrition and agriculture but my interests range from photography to dance to marine biology

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I plan on studying web design, web development, computing languages, web languages, some programming, graphic design, and some art for balance.

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Music Technology, Earth Sciences

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Music, Sustainable Agriculture

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Science and dance

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Science/Biology. Dance/Theatre performing arts

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Sustainable farming, natural building

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Visual arts and environmental studies

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Humanities and Art**

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American History, Ethnomusicology

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Art (studio), Art History

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Art, literature, and creative writing

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Art, new media, cultural studies

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Arts with an emphasis in Language Arts.

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Arts, humanities, and literature

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Communications

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Communications

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Film, photography, literature

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I plan to study the field of art and art history.

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I plan to work in Library Sciences and take a few classes in theater or video production.

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I would like to be a writer, one familiar to the visual arts, and in tune with the world around me.

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Journalism with an emphasis on film.

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Journalism, Media

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Mostly media studies (film, animation) Japanese Language and culture

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Russian/Eurasian studies, with a little bit of film

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Theatre, other Expressive Arts and Literature

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visual art, darkroom photography, philosophy, literature

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Writing, Editing (?), Film Studies

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Writing, literature, philosophy, history, and drama are my primary fields of interest

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Social Science and Art**

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Animation and Economics  
Anthropology, Psychology, and Photography  
Art and Political Science  
Art, anthropology  
Art, business  
Arts, sociology  
Business and visual art  
Expressive arts (especially film) and psychology  
Film and video teaching  
Film, business  
Psychology and Art (Photography)  
Psychology as well as art  
Psychology Non profit organization management/ business Textile Design/ Fashion  
Studio Art, Psychology  
Theatre, art, education  
Visual arts and art education  
Visual Arts, media studies, psychology

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Humanities Only**

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Asian studies  
Christian Theology, Christian History, Christian Art.  
Creative writing, journalism, history  
Cultural studies-- mainly Asian  
English, History  
Foreign Languages; Russian, French, Spanish, German specifically but anything I can  
I plan to focus on English and writing as my primary fields./ I plan to focus on English, literature, and creative writing.  
Language Arts  
Language studies i.e. French/Spanish  
Language/ Writing/ history  
Literature, Creative Writing, Philosophy  
Literature, Russian History, Library Science  
Literature/ philosophy  
Philosophy, ethics  
Writing  
Writing, linguistics

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Humanities, Social Science, and Art**

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Anthropology, art, theater, sociology, philosophy  
Art, Japanese language/culture, anthropology  
Art, Sociology, Writing  
Business, communications, and public policy  
Education in relation to English, theatre, and global affairs.  
Education, queer studies, video production  
Education/Teaching: English, Theatre and Elementary Ed  
Film production, writing, business  
I would like to focus on communications and possibly marketing or something in the similar field.  
I would like to study art, literature, philosophy, psychology, and film in order to learn how to write and direct films.  
Philosophy, film, media studies, sociology, music, law  
Psychology, art, writing  
Radio broadcasting and business

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Humanities and Science**

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Biology, Writing

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Botany (diff. uses food/meds.) Agriculture, Native American Studies

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Computer Science, Creative Writing, math and logic

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Environmental science, Japanese Language

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Environmental sciences, linguistics (American sign language, German)

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Environmental studies with Spanish

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Environmental studies, the sciences, and philosophy

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Freshman year: computer science, cultural comparisons, philosophy of fiction post freshman year: creative writing

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Gender studies, biology

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Humanities and health

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I would like to focus on philosophy and chemistry along with Asian studies and linguistics

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writing, ecology, environmental science

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Science, Social Science, and Art**

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Architecture/green design, sustainability, political policy, hydrology/ environmental studies

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Art, Engineering, Economics

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Business, Design , sustainable design

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Dance, exercise science, psychology

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Education, computer graphics and design

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Forensics and music. you need an orchestra

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Health Science, Education, Art

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Music, Sociology, Sustainability

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Psychology, environment, sociology, arts, anthropology

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Science, Art, Psychology

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**Students' Comments Categorized as all Four Divisions**

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Consciousness studies, psychology, philosophy

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Consciousness, philosophy, teaching

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Consciousness studies, psych, art

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I want at least a Master's in environmental studies. I also want to focus on anthropology with a focus on indigenous cultures around the world but my envir. is first. I will be taking language classes also for when I travel. I might take a photography class so I can take pictures of the places I go and animals I research

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I wish to study Literature and Art in unison with a plentiful amount of representation from my other interests...such as biology (perhaps not), sociology, drama/stage direction, and computers.

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Literature, conciousness studies, sociology, anthropology, English Literature/ Romantics

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Tallships; woodworking, metalworking, naval history, and sail theory

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Science, Social Science, and Humanities**

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History, Cultures, community, sustainability and natural studies, science in hopes of gaining a better understanding of how to create a mores sustainable world.

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I want to study ecology, as well as activism, and studies in spirituality

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Psych, Bio, Philosophy

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Teaching history, sustainable agriculture

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**Students' Comments Categorized as Science, Humanities, and Art**

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Environmental science of some sort, one that involves ample fieldwork and hands on learning arts, both theater and musical as well as visual and contemporary stuff English, writing and reading

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I hope to focus on Biology and Linguistics (with some art mixed generously throughout).

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poetry, nature and music

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**Do you plan to focus on a particular field or fields of study at Evergreen? If yes, please describe the field or fields of study you plan to focus on.**

A total of 325 first-time, first-year respondents (69.1%) indicated they planned to focus on a particular field or fields of study at Evergreen. All but one of the respondents who indicated that they planned to focus named a field or fields of study. A content analysis of the responses was performed in which students' responses were coded into Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) 2010 codes. This CIP analysis provides a more detailed view of students' interest areas than the divisional analysis of students' responses.

Numbers and percentages in this analysis are not mutually exclusive because many students wrote in more than one field of study; therefore, percentages cannot be added together. To see broader categories, refer to fields of study analyzed by divisions.

**First-time, First-year Field(s) of Study Grouped By CIP codes (Not Mutually Exclusive)**

CIP Fields of Study	First-time, first-years who indicated they planned to focus (N=325)	
	N	%
Visual and Performing Arts	104	32.0%
Social Sciences (not including Psychology)	60	18.5%
Psychology	55	16.9%
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	49	15.1%
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies (includes general science)	46	14.2%
English Language and Literature/Letters	45	13.8%
Natural Resources and Conservation	31	9.5%
Education	28	8.6%
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	23	7.1%
Business, Management, Marketing and Related Support Services	22	6.8%
Physical Sciences	20	6.2%
Philosophy and Religious Studies	20	6.2%
Health Professions and Related Programs	19	5.8%
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	19	5.8%
Agriculture, Agricultural Operations, and Related Sciences	17	5.2%
History	16	4.9%
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	11	3.4%
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	11	3.4%
Legal Professions and Studies	11	3.4%
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	11	3.4%
Mathematics and Statistics	7	2.2%
Architecture and Related Services	5	1.5%
Engineering	3	0.9%
Communication Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	2	0.6%
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	2	0.6%
Library Science	2	0.6%
Security and Protective Services	1	0.3%
Personal and Culinary Services	1	0.3%