NC State University

2015 Alumni Survey

College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Department of Interdisciplinary Studies Insert

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Questions

CHASSintro Before answering a few questions specific to your experiences in

the [DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM], all students who graduated from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are being asked just a few questions about their experiences in the College.

CHASS1 Below is a list of skills associated with your coursework in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. In the first column, rate how well your coursework enhanced your skills in each of the following areas. In the second column, rate how important these skills are to you now in your work and/or everyday life.

| | HOW WELL COURSEWORK ENHANCED SKILLS (a) | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| | Extremely well (5) | Very well (4) | Moderately well (3) | Slightly (2) | Not at all (1) | |
| Oral presentation skills (1) | 0 | • | 0 | 0 | O | |
| Writing skills (2) | 0 | • | 0 | 0 | O | |
| The ability to be creative and think 'outside the box' (3) | O | O | O | O | Ο | |
| The ability to synthesize information/ideas from multiple sources (4) | O | O | O | O | Ο | |
| The ability to integrate knowledge in your major with knowledge from other disciplines outside your major (5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | О | O | |

| | IMPORTANCE TO YOU CURRENTLY (b) | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | Very important (5) | Important (4) | Moderately important (3) | Of limited importance (2) | Not important (1) | |
| Oral presentation skills (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | О | |
| Writing skills (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | O | |
| The ability to be creative and think 'outside the box' (3) | O | O | O | o | O | |
| The ability to synthesize information/ideas from multiple sources (4) | O | O | O | O | O | |
| The ability to integrate knowledge in your major with knowledge from other disciplines outside your major (5) | • | О | 0 | 0 | о | |

CHASS2 Please briefly share your thoughts on how the College of Humanities and Social Sciences helped prepare you to be successful in your current endeavors.

CHASS3 Please briefly share your thoughts about what the College of Humanities and Social Sciences could do to better prepare its students.

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies Questions

IDSintro1 The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies has a few questions we would like you to answer based on your experiences in your specific major. Your opinions are very important in our department's programming and planning efforts. We appreciate your taking the time to answer these additional questions.

IDS1 What was your major and concentration within your major?

- Africana Studies (1)
- Arts Studies: Film Studies (2)
- Arts Studies: Music (3)
- Arts Studies: Visual Arts (4)
- International Studies: Africa (5)
- O International Studies: East and Southeast Asia (6)
- O International Studies: Europe (7)
- O International Studies: Latin America (8)
- O International Studies: Global Relations (9)
- International Studies: Global Sustainability and Development (10)
- International Studies: Global Cultural Studies (11)
- O Self-Design Major (BA) (12)
- O Self-Design Major (BS) (13)
- O Science, Technology and Society (BA) (14)
- O Science, Technology and Society (BS) (15)
- Women's and Gender Studies (16)

| | Strongly agree (4) | Somewhat agree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) | No opinion (9) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| My instructors were knowledgeable about their subjects. (1) | Ο | О | О | О | О |
| My instructors were effective in the classroom. (2) | О | О | О | О | Ο |
| The courses I took for my major were appropriate for my plans after graduation. (3) | 0 | O | О | О | O |
| The courses I took prepared me to continue my learning after graduation. (4) | 0 | 0 | О | О | O |
| My major curriculum was sufficiently flexible to allow me to shape my education for my needs and career plans. (5) | 0 | 0 | О | О | O |
| My advisors were knowledgeable about the curriculum. (6) | 0 | O | О | О | O |
| My advisors were accessible and helpful. (7) | 0 | O | О | О | O |
| I would recommend this major program at NC State to others. (8) | 0 | 0 | О | О | O |
| This major has provided me with realistic and sufficient post- graduate opportunities. (9) | 0 | 0 | О | 0 | O |
| I am currently working in a field related to what I studied in this major. (10) | О | О | О | О | О |

IDS2 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your experiences in your interdisciplinary major.

IDS3 Why did you choose this major?

IDS4 As you think back on the major courses you took, was there a particular course that has really made a difference for you? If so, please explain how.

IDS5 What specific kinds of classes do you wish you had been able to take within your major that were not offered while you were at NC State?

IDS6 If you were beginning your undergraduate career again, would you choose the same major? Why or why not?

IDS7 What was the most significant aspect of your major for you and why?

IDS8 If you could change anything about the degree program from which you graduated what would it be?

IDS9 In what ways did the interdisciplinary aspect of your major prepare you for employment and/or graduate school?

IDS10 What aspects of your major best prepared you for what you are doing now?

IDS11 Please share any other comments you have about your major program.