

SUMMARY REPORT OF ALUMNI SURVEYS - 1999
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Assessment surveys were sent to one hundred sixty-eight Human Sciences alumni. The mailing list was obtained from the SFASU Alumni Association. Forty responses were received and an additional seven surveys were returned as "undeliverable". The number of respondents per program area is as follows:

Family and Child Development	5
Fashion Merchandising	5
Foods and Nutrition	8
General Human Sciences	3
General Human Sciences-Teacher certification	2
Hospitality Administration	9
Interior Design	8

Program coordinators were provided results of the survey. Each has reviewed the data and provided a summary report which is on file with the departmental Assessment Committee.

Conclusions are extremely limited due to the small number of responses. However, it can be noted that of those responding to the survey, the majority were of the opinion that the department is serving them well, the course content is preparing them for their professions, the various programs are preparing them for professional competencies, they are receiving adequate academic training to perform the skills required in entry-level positions, and that the Human Sciences core courses are effective in enhancing personal life skills.

Responses of disagreement or poor were few in number, but have been reviewed by faculty. Minor adjustments in course content have been made by some programs. For example, efforts have been made to address entrepreneurship in HMS 350 and HMS 493 by the General Human Sciences faculty. Some minor changes in class presentation/lecture will be implemented in Fashion Merchandising courses for Fall 1999 in regard to computer-based technology. Fashion Merchandising faculty are planning to develop more assignments requiring use of computer technology. No major curriculum changes were required as a result of the Alumni Assessment Survey results.