

## Stephen F. Austin State University Surveys

### Program Review Survey for Human Sciences Seniors

From 12:00 am, 1 April to 11:59 pm, 22 April, 2005

61 participants – Approximate response rate = 36%

$N = 61$   
 $\frac{61}{170} = 36\%$

#### 1. Please identify the recruiting method by which you were attracted to your major.

SFA website - 11  
Brochure - 10  
Friends/family - 27  
Telephone call - 2  
Newsletter - 0  
Financial aid/scholarships - 3  
High school teachers/counselors - 8  
Presentations/career days - 3  
Program reputation - 12  
Other - 23

#### 2. Overall academic experience was positive – Mean = 3.52

Strongly Agree - 32  
Agree - 27  
Disagree - 1  
Strongly Disagree - 0

#### 3. Instruction was of high quality – Mean = 3.43

Strongly Agree - 30  
Agree - 26  
Disagree - 4  
Strongly Disagree - 0

#### 4. Faculty were accessible – Mean = 3.47

Strongly Agree - 32  
Agree - 25  
Disagree - 2  
Strongly Disagree - 1

#### 5. Advising process was effective – Mean = 3.22

Strongly Agree - 24  
Agree - 29  
Disagree - 3  
Strongly Disagree - 4

**6. Course expectations were realistic – Mean = 3.18**

Strongly Agree - 15  
Agree - 41  
Disagree - 4  
Strongly Disagree - 0

**7. Courses developed critical thinking skills – Mean = 3.45**

Strongly Agree - 32  
Agree - 24  
Disagree - 3  
Strongly Disagree - 1

**8. Realistic portrayal of profession was presented – Mean = 3.23**

Strongly Agree - 20  
Agree - 35  
Disagree - 4  
Strongly Disagree - 1

**9. Possibilities for future development were explained – Mean = 3.22**

Strongly Agree - 20  
Agree - 33  
Disagree - 7  
Strongly Disagree - 0

**10. Workplace trends were discussed – Mean = 3.35**

Strongly Agree - 25  
Agree - 31  
Disagree - 4  
Strongly Disagree - 0

**11. Leadership opportunities for students were available – Mean = 3.34**

Strongly Agree - 27  
Agree - 25  
Disagree - 7  
Strongly Disagree - 0

**12. I would recommend the my major to others -- Mean = 3.59**

Strongly Agree - 38  
Agree - 18  
Disagree - 3  
Strongly Disagree - 0

### 13. Additional comments:

Advisors really don't let you know the kind of jobs that you could get with this major, sometimes advisors tell you conflicting information concerning advising.

I am pleased with the education I have received at SFA. However, there are a couple of things I would have liked to have had differently. One item for instance, I attended the Dallas Career Day for Fashion Merchandising students, while there it became obvious that SFA was coming up short in key areas of Fashion Merchandising. The fashion show which demonstrated designs created by students all over Texas were outstanding. Students from major universities and even from several community colleges participated in the competition. I asked the instructor that attended the career day with some 30+ students from SFASU why SFA had no students participating in the competition. I was informed that SFA could not compete because we had no apparel design department. The next day I volunteered to recruit during the Showcase Saturday held on campus. Several students asked about whether or not SFA had an apparel design course. I explained that SFA had an excellent Fashion Merchandising department but did not teach how to construct or apply garment design. The second aspect was that I hope someday SFA will progress towards improving the technology in the Human Sciences Dept. It needs serious updating in several rooms.

I had a good experience at SFA.

I have really enjoyed my courses in my major but I think we learned the same thing over and over again in almost all of my classes, I think each specific topic needs to be addressed in each class. I felt that I sat through the same class like three or four times.

I loved the experience I had as a fashion major here at S.F.A. The professors were great and I will always remember the impression they made on me.

I really enjoyed my time in the Human Science Department. As a returning student, I felt at home and am proud of my successes. I highly recommend the department to anyone wanting to continue their education and are undecided.

I really enjoyed my two main professors. In some areas I felt that the curriculum was out dated and I wish that more up to date information would have been taught. I would like a class that would challenge students with problem solving in different situations that graduates could come across. I also wish there was a computer course specially for the fashion merchandising department to work on spread sheets and budgeting through a computer, and maybe learning the basic principals of CAD, and other beneficial computer programs that our future employers expect us to fully comprehend. I feel that it would be more beneficial to have a computer class through the HMS department so the instructor can hit on specific programs for fashion students. I also believe it would be beneficial for more courses to be offered as electives that have an emphasis in creativity. I feel that HMS 493 is not a very beneficial course and should be replaced with something different.