

Stephen F. Austin State University Surveys

Program Review Survey for Human Sciences Seniors

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67 participants out of 194 possible respondents (34.5%)

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

SFA website - 17

Brochure - 9

Friends/family - 31

Telephone call - 1

Newsletter - 1

Financial aid/scholarships - 4

High school teachers/counselors - 7

Presentations/career days - 8

Program reputation - 8

Other - 25

2. Overall academic experience was positive

Response scale: 4-strongly agree,3-agree,2-disagree,1-strongly disagree

Mean response: 3.43

Strongly Agree - 32

Agree - 32

Disagree - 3

Strongly Disagree - 0

3. Instruction was of high quality

Mean response: 3.28

Strongly Agree - 26

Agree - 36

Disagree - 3

Strongly Disagree - 2

4. Faculty were accessible

Mean response: 3.36

Strongly Agree - 25

Agree - 41

Disagree - 1

Strongly Disagree - 0

5. Advising process was effective

Mean response: 3.06

Strongly Agree - 21

Agree - 33

Disagree - 9

Strongly Disagree - 4

6. Course expectations were realistic

Mean response: 3.18

Strongly Agree - 17

Agree - 45

Disagree - 5

Strongly Disagree - 0

7. Courses developed critical thinking skills

Mean response: 3.25

Strongly Agree - 24

Agree - 38

Disagree - 3

Strongly Disagree - 2

8. Realistic portrayal of profession was presented

Mean response: 3.24

Strongly Agree - 25

Agree - 33

Disagree - 9

Strongly Disagree - 0

9. Possibilities for future development were explained

Mean response: 3.30

Strongly Agree - 26

Agree - 36

Disagree - 4

Strongly Disagree - 1

10. Workplace trends were discussed

Mean response: 3.25

Strongly Agree - 23

Agree - 39

Disagree - 4

Strongly Disagree - 1

11. Leadership opportunities for students were available

Mean response: 3.25

Strongly Agree - 28

Agree - 32

Disagree - 5

Strongly Disagree - 0

12. I would recommend the my major to others

Mean response: 3.42

Strongly Agree - 37

Agree - 25

Disagree - 2

Strongly Disagree - 2

13. Additional comments:

All of my instructors were wonderful, and they were always willing to help no matter what. I love this department of teachers!

I became an HMS student when I decided Elementary Education was no longer for me. Dr. Mize offered the Child & Family Development degree as an alternative so that I would not lose so many credits in the transference from one degree plan to another. I am so happy I made the change! The staff of the HMS Dept. is so incredibly student-focused! It was a nice change after being treated like a number in the Elem. Ed. department. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of my professors and the classes I have taken, thus far. My only regret is that I wasn't an HMS student from the start.

I feel that "disagree" was almost too harsh of a description for the areas of Human Sciences that I felt were reflective of my experiences within the department. But "Agree" would not allow attention to those aspects I felt could use improvements towards the various educational aspects that my major has been involved with. I am a hospitality major, I discovered the degree through a friend and then questioning of an advisor of the department. I was impressed of the possible career opportunities and the perceived organization of the major. I have noticed through my HMS courses, that the overall teaching styles of the professors and teachers, are that I'm either highly impressed or very unimpressed. My overall experience in HMS was not that of a complete disagreement of satisfaction to me. In that I was taught well by most of my professors to far beyond a possibility to be able to explain in this comment section. Though a certain professor I question their method of "teaching". The opportunities beginning such as trips to abroad locations such as Thailand and west bound, Las Vegas, for the experiences outside of the classroom are what I wish I had the chance to talk more about. I hope others can see an increase with these types in the future. I have seen others exit the department in which I question their capabilities outside of college and others more ready for a career than I. But I have taken all that I have been taught, experienced and challenged, made into my unique educational adventure.

I feel that I have not only developed academically here at SFA, but personally as well. Attending this university has provided me with a future I will ambitiously embrace. Thank You for providing us with such a beautiful place to thrive in.

I have enjoyed being a Child and Family Development major. I knew I did not want to teach a class room full of children, but I would rather work with children one-on-one. I hope our major, as well as the other Human Science majors, are promoted better throughout campus.

I have enjoyed my time here at SFA and here in the HMS building. I have learned so much and I feel I am ready to go out into the workforce and be a success! Ms. Gilbert, Dr. Saracino have been awesome and I love them very much as well do I appreciate them. I took ONE class from Dr. Mize in class

and one on the WEB, but she has been great as well! I thank you guys from being humble and caring and always lending a helping hand! AXE EM JACKS

I have really enjoyed majoring in the Human Sciences department. I feel that it is a good place to be to get to know your professors and fellow students well, and receive good counsel from both for classes, as well as job opportunities. Child and Family Development is a major that can work for many students since it is broad and many career opportunities can come of it. I think the department has done a great job in allowing students to learn of these opportunities as well. I am glad that the degree plan has been changed however, because there were some classes that did not seem necessary. It seems much better now though, with more classes that seem to be more applicable. Overall I have had a wonderful experience in the Human Sciences Department and already do recommend it to others.

I have truly enjoyed the major. I transferred from Early Childhood Education and I can honestly say I have learned so much more through my HMS courses. Advising was 100% better because the advisors were always there for students to talk to. I also enjoyed the small student to teacher ratio. Because the major group was smaller than education majors, I was able to form a close connection with fellow classmates. This helped tremendously when I may have needed help on projects or assignments. The only negative side would be that of requiring FCD majors to take so many courses geared towards hospitality of fashion.(or visa-versa) These courses were the only ones that did not motivate me in my chosen career path.

I just wish someone had told me about this major earlier. I would've graduated last year instead of in December!! I just suggest more marketing for this major, because it is very interesting and helpful!

I love the small classroom size SFA offers. I feel that it allows students to interact with their professors and really understand the material being taught in class. I have enjoyed my time at SFA and would recommend almost anyone to attend this university and those interested a concentration in Fashion Merchandising.

I love this department because of the great teachers and also the classes are so interesting. I would recommend this department to all those who are undecided.

I really enjoyed Dr. Greer and Dr. Kenner....they were both exceptional teachers that I can not begin to thank enough. My only thing is that I would like them to incorporate more jobs in the fashion industry, for example fashion design. Make more classes that apply to that major! BUT other than that no complaints! ;)

I really enjoyed SFA. One of the disappointments was that the Fashion merchandising aspect of my major. So many of the classes seemed to go over

the same information. I didn't feel like I got a good variety of information from the fashion merchandising industry. Also, some faculty didn't encourage students to be part of the HMS organizations enough.

I think that overall the HMS education is poor. The teachers are not passionate about teaching students what they know and how to excel later in life. I do not think the staff works well together to make students have a positive experience. I am about to graduate, but there are many times where I wish I would have changed my major.

I think that the human science department and the faculty have been the most positive and encouraging environment/teachers I have ever had. Thank you so much

I think that they need more than one advisor for Family and Consumer Science. It's difficult when your advisor is out and you need some help with locating things. But I think that in that major they need more help.

I was an education major for four years. I have only heard about the Family & Child through other students. When I was tired of how the education department wouldn't advise and really couldn't help me, I talked to Dr. Mize. I finally changed my major and I wish I would have found out about the amazing Family & Child department a long time ago. I love it over at HMS!

I wish that an extra faculty member could have been selected a long time ago. I felt as though my professor rarely had time to talk to me, and when she did, she was rushed and made me feel as though I was taking up her time. It would have been very helpful to have another faculty member to take some of the workload off of Dr. Greer while Dr. Kenner was gone. Also, I wish that the FMC could plan trips to places such as New York or Los Angeles to get an idea of what the fashion world is like in other places. Dallas Career Day is very helpful, but I think students would like a more exciting trip that would be an unforgettable experience.

I would suggest allowing students to do their internship the summer in between their junior and senior years. I also think it would be beneficial to offer the last summer class at a different time to allow SFA graduates to compete with other schools who graduate their seniors in May. By the time SFA students graduate most students from other schools have already started their jobs. These are just suggestions to make the program better.

Most Professors in this department were absent minded and scatter brained. They never had a plan for the class it seemed they would just make it up as they went. Classes had no organization or direction and it left the students confused about what was expected.

Some of the classes offered for interior design should be worth more credit hours because of the amount of time spent on projects.

The Family & Child Development Department is GREAT!!! I wish I knew

about it when I first arrived at SFA. I strongly recommend this program to anyone who loves working with kids but doesn't want to become a teacher. This is the perfect department for you. The professors are awesome; they make you want to learn so much more than just the basics. My favorite class out of all my Child Development classes would have to be HMS 459 Marriage & Family with Dr. Saracino. This class was sooooo great, I mean with all of Dr. Saracino's classes she lets you express your thoughts and have open discussions. This class taught me a lot about relationships and how to make them work.

The ID department seems to be unrealistic with the amount of work they give us in respect to our course load. They expect too much work in not enough time. We are expected to take many HMS core classes that do not benefit our major; we could add some ID courses that would be more beneficial to us in the professional world. Also, they need to add a commercial kitchen studio; we do not get a well-rounded concept of everything in our field. I would like to go into Hospitality design, but I have no idea how to do a commercial kitchen.

The only thing critical I have to say about my major is that I wished that it was more well-known on campus. If I would have known about family/child before I would have had this major first instead of teaching. It makes me sick when I think about all the money that I wasted in courses that I would not need...but all in all I think the professors here have done a wonderful job and I wish them all the luck in the world in the future because I am finally GRADUATING!!!

There were some great classes that I took that I would recommend to others such as HMS 137, HMS 300 and HMS 400 but some of the classes designed for Family and Consumer Science majors were not useful. The internet classes HMS 372 and 373 I felt were a waste of my time. I also thought that taking HMS 371 when you are not an education major is wrong. I also think that HMS 332 w

interior design dept needs more professors. We were not advised well at all; we were not told that many classes we were told to take were actually elective courses, causing us all to have too many hours.