HEDS Undergraduate Alumni Survey: Spring 2023

Alumni Perceptions of Educational Gains

To what extent did your experience as an undergraduate contribute to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

	Very Much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
Careful reading: Comprehension and analysis of written texts within	35.2%	33.9%	21.2%	9.7%
and across genres				
Critical thinking: Examination of ideas, evidence, and assumptions	42.7%	39.0%	12.8%	5.5%
before accepting or formulating a conclusion.				
Creative thinking: Developing or combining ideas, images, or	35.8%	30.9%	21.2%	12.1%
expertise in innovative ways				
Information literacy: Locating, evaluating, and using information	43.0%	36.4%	17.0%	3.6%
effectively and responsibly for a particular purpose				
Quantitative literacy: Seeking, understanding, and using quantitative	39.4%	37.0%	18.2%	5.5%
information appropriately to solve problems or make arguments.				
Effective writing: Conveying accurate and compelling content in	48.8%	30.1%	16.9%	4.2%
clear, expressive, and audience-appropriate prose				
Effective speaking: Conveying accurate and compelling content in	28.9%	34.9%	25.9%	10.2%
clear, expressive, and audience-appropriate oral presentations				
Teamwork: Contributing to a team, facilitating the work of team	34.9%	34.9%	18.7%	11.4%
members, and fostering a constructive team climate.				
Problem solving: Designing, evaluating, and implementing a strategy	38.0%	37.3%	20.5%	4.2%
to answer questions or achieve a goal.				
Civic engagement: Promoting the quality of life in a community,	17.1%	18.3%	39.0%	25.6%
through both political and nonpolitical processes.				
Intercultural knowledge and competence: Information, skills, and	19.5%	29.9%	29.3%	21.3%
commitments that support effective and appropriate interactions in a				
variety of cultural contexts.				
Ethical reasoning: Recognizing ethical issues, examining different	27.9%	32.1%	30.3%	9.7%
ethical perspectives, and considering the ramifications of alternative				
actions.				
Integrative thinking: The habit of connecting ideas and experiences,	29.4%	33.7%	28.2%	8.6%
and the ability to transfer learning to novel situations.				

Percentage of Respondents Indicating Their Undergraduate Experience Contributed Very Much/Quite a Bit to Developing the Following Skills

