

**SURVEY OF RECENT GRADUATES  
RECIPIENTS OF GRADUATE DEGREES  
FALL 2004**

**N = 244**

**Response rate = 45.0 percent**

**Respondent demographics compare favorably with  
Fall 2004 recipients of graduate degrees.**

**Table 1**

	Very weak competency		2		3		4		Very strong competency		Mean*	SD
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Ability to write clearly and effectively (entering)	3	1.2	16	6.6	50	20.7	89	36.8	84	34.7	3.97	.966
Ability to write clearly and effectively (exiting)	1	.4	0	.0	15	6.2	95	39.4	130	53.9	4.46	.652
Ability to speak clearly and effectively (entering)	5	2.1	20	8.3	60	24.8	85	35.1	72	29.8	3.82	1.019
Ability to speak clearly and effectively (exiting)	0	.0	0	.0	19	7.9	99	41.3	122	50.8	4.43	.636
Organize and interpret data appropriately (entering)	1	.4	25	10.4	79	32.9	81	33.8	54	22.5	3.67	.951
Organize and interpret data appropriately (exiting)	0	.0	1	.4	7	2.9	109	45.6	122	51.0	4.47	.578
Ability to locate and organize information from multiple sources (entering)	5	2.1	26	10.8	75	31.3	78	32.5	56	23.3	3.63	1.021
Ability to locate and organize information from multiple sources (exiting)	0	.0	3	1.3	8	3.4	99	41.6	128	53.8	4.48	.628
Effectively use technology (entering)	4	1.7	21	8.7	48	19.8	83	34.3	86	35.5	3.93	1.024
Effectively use technology (exiting)	0	.0	1	.4	11	4.6	89	36.9	140	58.1	4.53	.606
Work effectively with others (entering)	0	.0	10	4.1	53	21.9	88	36.4	91	37.6	4.07	.872
Work effectively with others (exiting)	0	.0	0	.0	6	2.5	94	39.3	139	58.2	4.56	.546
Work effectively on your own (entering)	2	.8	7	2.9	20	8.4	85	35.6	125	52.3	4.35	.822
Work effectively on your own (exiting)	0	.0	1	.4	4	1.7	75	32.1	154	65.8	4.63	.542

\*Mean range: 1=very weak competency to 5=very strong competency

\*\*p<.01 (all pairs)

**Table 2**

	Very weak competency		2		3		4		Very strong competency		Mean*	SD
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Apply scientific reasoning in problem-solving (entering)	2	.8	12	5.0	88	36.7	78	32.5	60	25.0	3.76	.916
Apply scientific reasoning in problem-solving (exiting)	0	.0	3	1.3	22	9.2	106	44.5	107	45.0	4.34	.681
Ability to integrate new information with past knowledge (entering)	2	.8	15	6.3	64	26.7	100	41.7	59	24.6	3.82	.900
Ability to integrate new information with past knowledge (exiting)	0	.0	3	1.2	8	3.3	104	43.2	126	52.3	4.46	.626
Ability to analyze quantitative problems (entering)	2	.8	22	9.1	84	34.9	67	27.8	66	27.4	3.70	.991
Ability to analyze quantitative problems (exiting)	0	.0	3	1.3	17	7.2	105	44.3	112	47.3	4.38	.675
Ability to analyze problems from different points of view (entering)	0	.0	15	6.2	86	35.7	89	36.9	51	21.2	3.73	.862
Ability to analyze problems from different points of view (exiting)	0	.0	1	.4	10	4.2	98	41.4	128	54.0	4.49	.601
Ability to set goals, prioritize tasks, and meet deadlines (entering)	3	1.2	12	5.0	54	22.3	100	41.3	73	30.2	3.92	.911
Ability to set goals, prioritize tasks, and meet deadlines (exiting)	0	.0	2	.8	10	4.2	88	37.0	138	58.0	4.52	.621
Get along with people of other racial/ethnic backgrounds (entering)	3	1.2	14	5.8	37	15.3	81	33.5	107	44.2	4.13	.962
Get along with people of other racial/ethnic backgrounds (exiting)	1	.4	0	.0	7	2.9	85	35.4	147	61.3	4.57	.596
Understanding of values and ethical standards (entering)	3	1.2	4	1.7	38	15.8	83	34.4	113	46.9	4.24	.867
Understanding of values and ethical standards (exiting)	1	.4	0	.0	1	.4	75	31.3	163	67.9	4.66	.532

\*Mean range: 1=very weak competency to 5=very strong competency

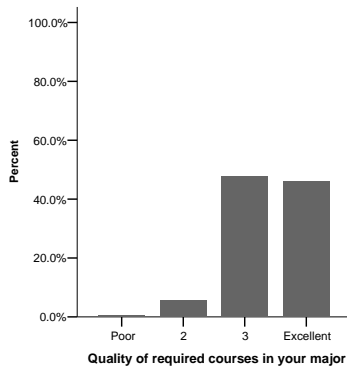
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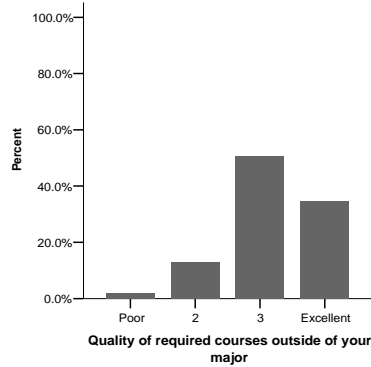
	Poor		2		3		Excellent		Not applicable		Mean*	SD
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Quality of required courses in your major	1	.4	14	5.8	116	47.7	112	46.1	0	.0	3.40	.617
Quality of required courses outside of your major	4	1.7	26	10.7	101	41.7	69	28.5	42	17.4	3.18	.726
Quality of elected courses	1	.4	23	9.5	115	47.3	86	35.4	18	7.4	3.27	.656
Availability of courses in your major program	14	5.8	50	20.6	98	40.3	80	32.9	1	.4	3.01	.878
Quality of instruction in your major program	0	.0	17	7.0	104	43.0	121	50.0	0	.0	3.43	.622
Interaction with faculty in your major program	6	2.5	28	11.6	93	38.4	114	47.1	1	.4	3.31	.773
Scholarly competency of faculty in your major program	0	.0	11	4.5	89	36.8	142	58.7	0	.0	3.54	.584
Academic support services	13	5.4	39	16.1	47	19.4	29	12.0	114	47.1	2.72	.930
Academic advising in your major department	30	12.4	46	19.1	78	32.4	65	27.0	22	9.1	2.81	1.012
Academic advising in your college	31	12.8	45	18.6	80	33.1	46	19.0	40	16.5	2.70	.989
Academic advising from Student Advisement Center	25	10.4	41	17.0	31	12.9	27	11.2	117	48.5	2.48	1.048

\*Mean range: 1=poor to 5=excellent. Not applicable excluded from analysis.

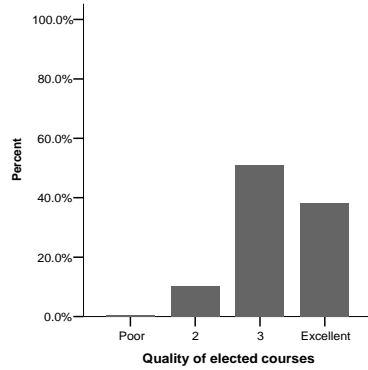
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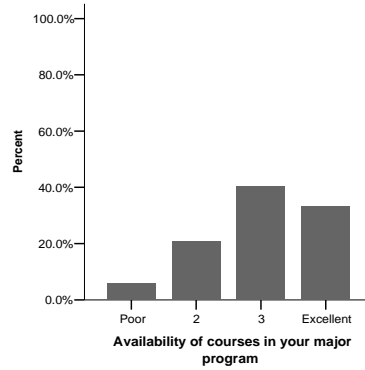
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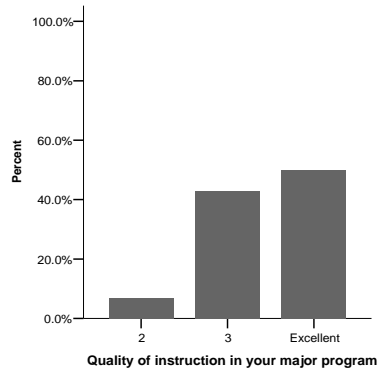
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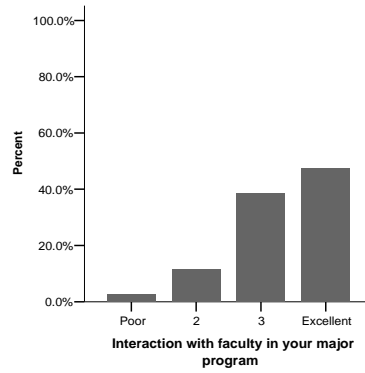
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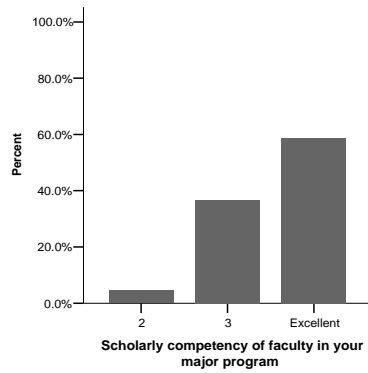
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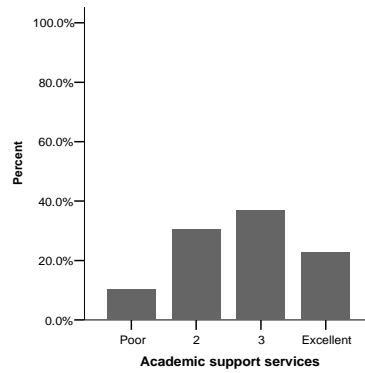
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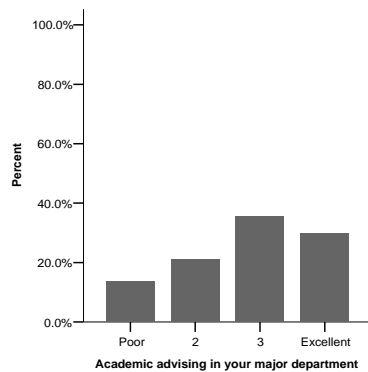
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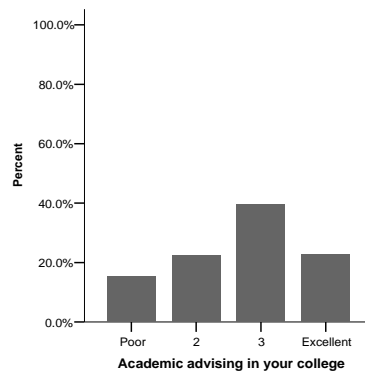
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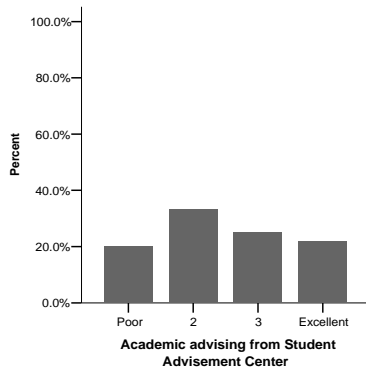
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**Graph 10**



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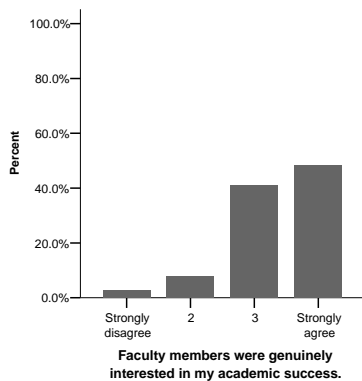


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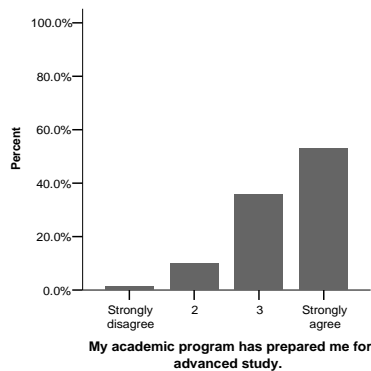
	Strongly disagree		2		3		Strongly agree		Mean*	SD
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Faculty members were genuinely interested in my academic success.	7	2.9	19	7.9	99	40.9	117	48.3	3.35	.748
My academic program has prepared me for advanced study.	3	1.2	24	9.9	87	35.8	129	53.1	3.41	.718
My academic program provided good preparation for my career.	2	.8	19	7.9	93	38.4	128	52.9	3.43	.674
For the courses I took, the instructors stressed high quality work from students.	4	1.7	27	11.2	99	41.1	111	46.1	3.32	.736
I would recommend GSU to a close friend or relative.	4	1.7	26	10.9	78	32.8	130	54.6	3.40	.750

\*Mean range: 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree

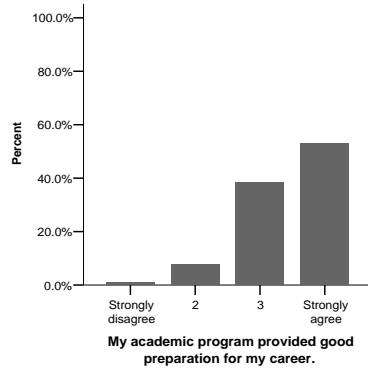
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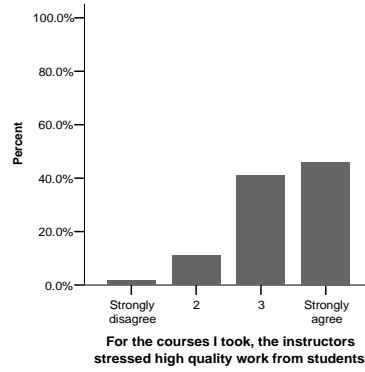
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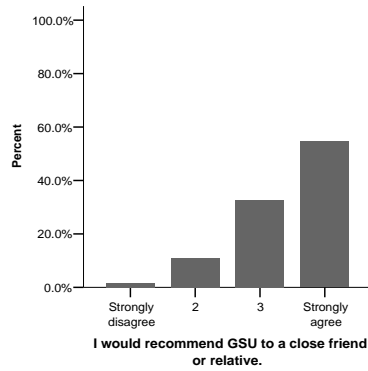
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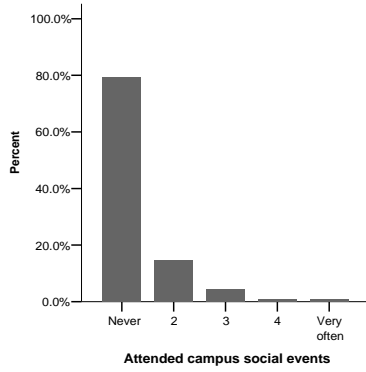


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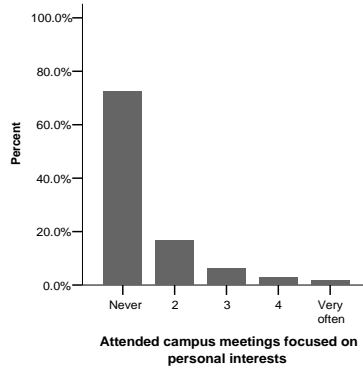
	Never		2		3		4		Very often		Mean*	SD
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Attended campus social events	191	79.3	35	14.5	11	4.6	2	.8	2	.8	1.29	.671
Attended campus meetings focused on personal interests	174	72.5	40	16.7	15	6.3	7	2.9	4	1.7	1.45	.866
Attended campus meetings focused on professional interests	107	44.4	63	26.1	36	14.9	28	11.6	7	2.9	2.02	1.151
Attended athletic events at GSU	209	86.7	19	7.9	7	2.9	5	2.1	1	.4	1.22	.635
Worked with faculty members on activities other than coursework	152	63.3	29	12.1	33	13.8	12	5.0	14	5.8	1.78	1.205
Utilized the Student Recreation Center facilities	142	58.9	36	14.9	27	11.2	15	6.2	21	8.7	1.91	1.317

\*Mean range: 1=never to 5=very often

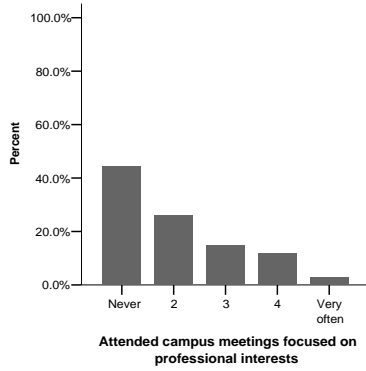
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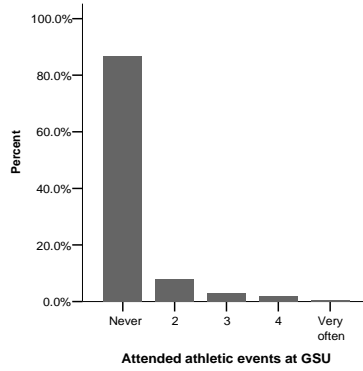
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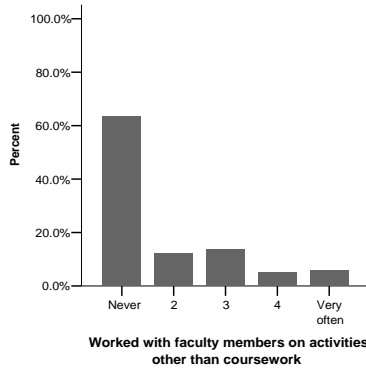
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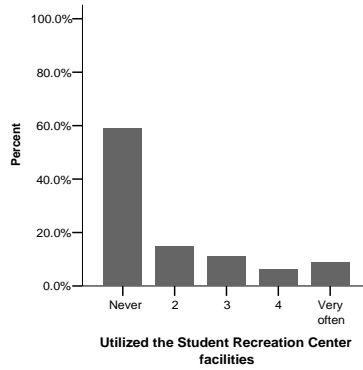
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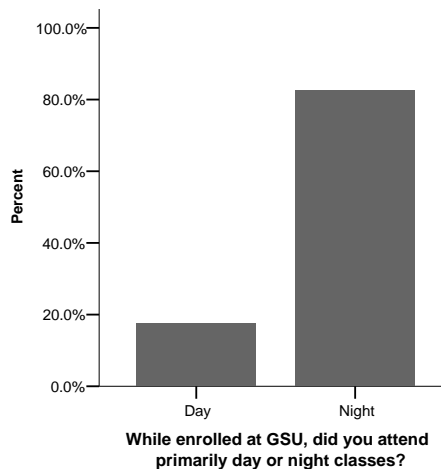
**Graph 22**



**Table 6**

	N	%
While enrolled at GSU, did you attend primarily day or night classes?	Day	41
	Night	19
		3
		17.5
		82.5

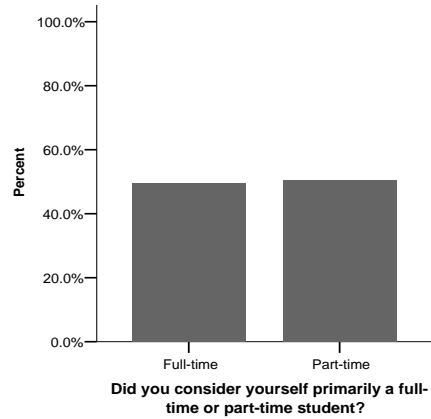
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**Table 7**

		N	%
Did you consider yourself primarily a full-time or part-time student?	Full-time	119	49.6
	Part-time	121	50.4

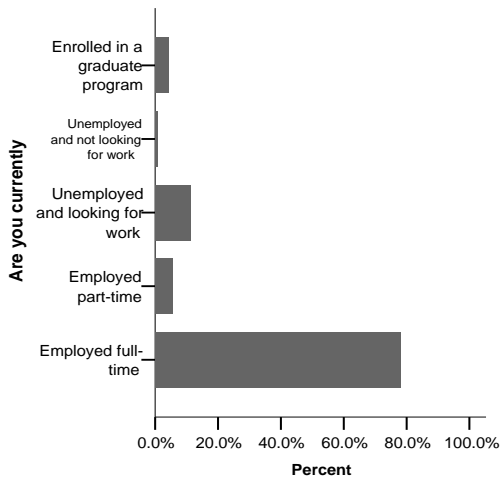
**Graph 24**



**Table 8**

		N	%
Are you currently	Employed full-time	187	78.2
	Employed part-time	13	5.4
	Unemployed and looking for work	27	11.3
	Unemployed and not looking for work	2	.8
	Enrolled in a graduate program	10	4.2

**Graph 25**



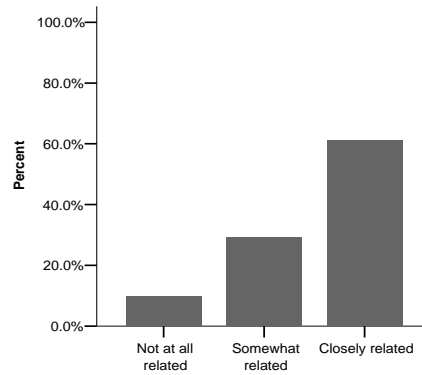
**Table 9**

Employer	N	%
Not applicable	28	12.0
Accounting/Banking/Finance/Insurance	36	15.4
Agriculture/Forestry/Mining	2	.9
Computer/Systems	20	8.5
Construction	1	.4
Education/Arts/Social Services	61	26.1
Engineering/Architecture	11	4.7
Entertainment/Recreation	1	.4
Government/Non-Profit	13	5.6
Hospital/Health Services	22	9.4
Legal Services	3	1.3
Manufacturing/Production	10	4.3
Merchandising/Retailing	4	1.7
Personal Services	1	.4
Real Estate	2	.9
Self-employed	6	2.6
Telecommunications	8	3.4
Travel/Hospitality/Food	4	1.7
Wholesale Trade	1	.4

**Table 10**

How closely is this position related to the field you studied at GSU?	N	%
Not at all related	21	9.9
Somewhat related	62	29.1
Closely related	130	61.0

**Graph 26**

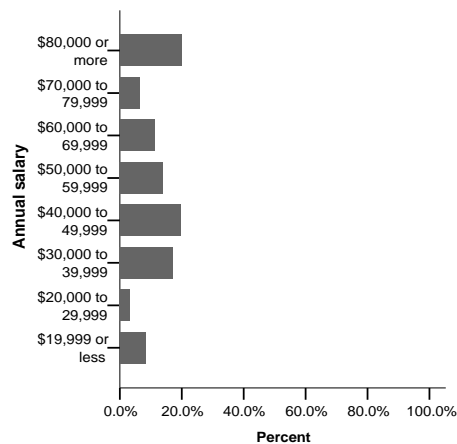


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**Table 11**

Annual salary	N	%
\$19,999 or less	18	8.4
\$20,000 to 29,999	7	3.3
\$30,000 to 39,999	37	17.2
\$40,000 to 49,999	42	19.5
\$50,000 to 59,999	30	14.0
\$60,000 to 69,999	24	11.2
\$70,000 to 79,999	14	6.5
\$80,000 or more	43	20.0

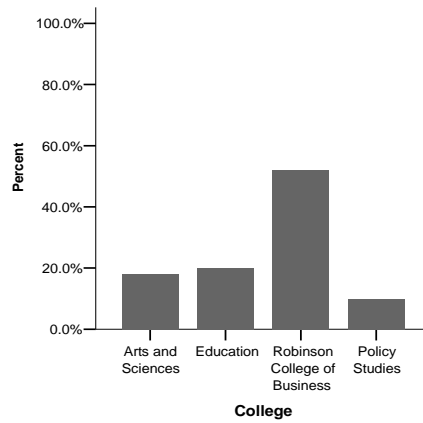
**Graph 27**



**Table 12**

College	N	%
Arts and Sciences	44	18.0
Education	49	20.1
Robinson College of Business	127	52.0
Policy Studies	24	9.8

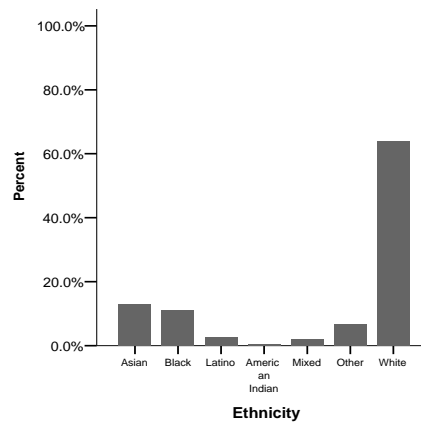
**Graph 28**



**Table 13**

Ethnicity	N	%
Asian	31	13.0
Black	26	10.9
Latino	6	2.5
American Indian	1	.4
Mixed	5	2.1
Other	16	6.7
White	152	63.9

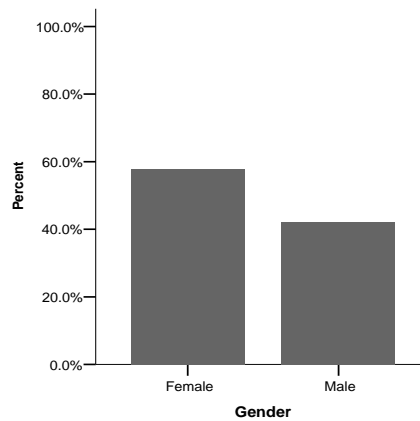
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**Table 14**

Gender	N	%
Female	141	57.8
Male	103	42.2

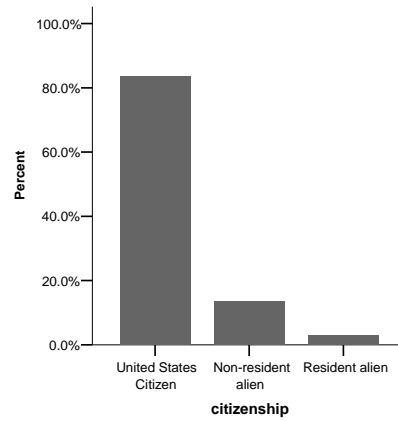
**Graph 30**



**Table 15**

		N	%
citizenship	United States Citizen	204	83.6
	Non-resident alien	33	13.5
	Resident alien	7	2.9

**Graph 31**



**Table 16**

		N	%
GPA	3.90-4.0	76	31.1
	3.7-3.89	59	24.2
	3.5-3.69	46	18.9
	3.0-3.49	63	25.8
	Mean	3.68	
SD	.287		

**Graph 32**

