

RESULTS OF GVSU INTERNATIONALIZATION SURVEY OF STUDENTS
ADMINISTERED APRIL 2013

The survey was sent to 6,000 randomly selected GVSU students. We received 1,767 usable responses.

Some important summary information about the respondents

- Respondents were 87% undergraduates, relatively evenly distributed among freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. 11% were graduate students.
- 75% were non-transfer students, and 25% were transfer students.
- 37% were between the ages of 21 and 24 years, and 47% were 20 years old or younger.
- 65% were women, and 35% were men.
- Less than 2% were veterans, and 98% were non-veterans.
- All of the GV colleges were represented, with the most (35%) from CLAS and the least (1.4%) from BCOIS.
- 83% were raised in the US, and 17% were raised in a country other than USA.
- Since attending GVSU, about 92% have “not much” or “not at all” studied outside the US, and 8.4% have studied outside the US “somewhat” or “to a great extent.”
- Regarding another language other than English, 79% use it “not much” or “not at all,” while 22% use it “somewhat” or “to a great extent.”
- 62% are “somewhat” or “to a great extent” aware of activities or organizations at GVSU that support internationalization, 38% are “not much” or “not at all.”

Please see this and other data on the “Frequencies” pages, below.

Crosstabs analysis

The crosstabs analysis lets us compare differences (and similarities) in responses from two different groups. For example, if older students are different from younger students on their use of study abroad. The frequencies tell us how many older and younger students took the survey. It also tells us how many students studied abroad and how many didn't. The crosstabs analysis compares those two variables, and suggests that while both older and younger students have studied abroad, older students are significantly more likely to have studied abroad than younger students.

See more of this on the “Crosstabs” spreadsheet, below.

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Frequencies

1. What year are you in your studies at Grand Valley?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Freshman	359	20.4
	Sophomore	334	18.9
	Junior	393	22.3
	Senior	474	26.9
	Graduate Student	204	11.6
	Total	1764	100.0

2. Are you a transfer student?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	435	24.7
	No	1329	75.3
	Total	1764	100.0

3. Please indicate your age.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	20 years old or younger	827	46.9
	21 to 24 years old	659	37.4
	25 years old or older	278	15.8
	Total	1764	100.0

4. What is your gender?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Male	622	35.3
	Female	1138	64.5
	Transgender	4	.2
	Total	1764	100.0

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5. What is your veteran status?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Nonveteran	1734	98.3
	Undisabled Veteran	21	1.2
	Compensable Disabled Veteran	5	.3
	Derivative Preference Veteran	2	.1
	Retired Veteran	2	.1
	Total	1764	100.0

6. In what college is your major? Please check all that apply.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Seidman College of Business	262	14
	College of Community & Public Service	195	10.3
	Padnos College of Engineering & Computing	120	6.4
	College of Health Professions	249	13
	Kirkhof College of Nursing	99	5.2
	College of Education	208	11
	Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies	27	1.4
	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	664	35.1
	Undecided	66	3.6
	Total	1890	

7. Were you primarily raised in a country other than the USA?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	295	17.1
	No	1429	82.9
	Total	1724	100.0

8. Indicate the extent to which these statements are true for you: Since attending GVSU I have studied outside of the United States.

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		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	1550	89.9
	Not much	29	1.7
	Somewhat	69	4.0
	To a great extent	76	4.4
	Total	1724	100.0

9. Indicate the extent to which these statements are true for you: Since attending GVSU I have worked outside of the United States.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	1653	95.9
	Not much	15	.9
	Somewhat	40	2.3
	To a great extent	16	.9
	Total	1724	100.0

10. Indicate the extent to which these statements are true for you: Since attending GVSU I have lived outside of the United States.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	1590	92.2
	Not much	32	1.9
	Somewhat	56	3.2
	To a great extent	46	2.7
	Total	1724	100.0

11. Indicate the extent to which these statements are true for you: Since attending GVSU I have volunteered outside the United States.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	1576	91.4
	Not much	52	3.0
	Somewhat	66	3.8
	To a great extent	30	1.7
	Total	1724	100.0

12. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I use another language other than English.

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		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	850	49.3
	Not much	505	29.3
	Somewhat	244	14.2
	To a great extent	125	7.3
	Total	1724	100.0

13. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I am aware of activities or organizations on the GVSU campus to support internationalization.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	193	11.3
	Not much	461	27.0
	Somewhat	839	49.1
	To a great extent	216	12.6
	Total	1709	100.0

14. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I am aware of current world events.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	15	.9
	Not much	347	20.3
	Somewhat	970	56.8
	To a great extent	377	22.1
	Total	1709	100.0

15. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: My awareness of world events shapes my opinions of other people and other nations.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	73	4.3
	Not much	487	28.5
	Somewhat	803	47.0
	To a great extent	346	20.2
	Total	1709	100.0

16. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I attend international events on the GVSU campus.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	814	47.6

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	Not much	552	32.3
	Somewhat	274	16.0
	To a great extent	69	4.0
	Total	1709	100.0

17. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I engage with international students in my living area.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	634	37.4
	Not much	489	28.8
	Somewhat	413	24.4
	To a great extent	159	9.4
	Total	1695	100.0

18. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I engage with international students at GVSU sponsored events.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	629	37.1
	Not much	539	31.8
	Somewhat	436	25.7
	To a great extent	91	5.4
	Total	1695	100.0

19. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I engage with international students in classrooms or labs.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	233	13.7
	Not much	449	26.5
	Somewhat	768	45.3
	To a great extent	245	14.5
	Total	1695	100.0

20. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I engage with international students at informal events: in dining or recreational facilities, on the bus, etc.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Not at all	368	21.7
	Not much	555	32.7

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Somewhat	602	35.5
To a great extent	170	10.0
Total	1695	100.0

21. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I communicate with people outside the US using Facebook, Twitter or other social media.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid Not at all	415	24.6
Not much	377	22.4
Somewhat	546	32.4
To a great extent	347	20.6
Total	1685	100.0

22. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: It is important to have a working knowledge of a language other than English.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid Not at all	68	4.0
Not much	190	11.3
Somewhat	711	42.2
To a great extent	716	42.5
Total	1685	100.0

23. Indicate the extent to which this statement is true for you: I am comfortable in an environment where English is not the primary language.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid Not at all	266	15.8
Not much	585	34.7
Somewhat	568	33.7
To a great extent	266	15.8
Total	1685	100.0

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Crosstabs Analysis of 2013 Student Survey		15-Jul-13									
		Upperclassmen are more likely than underclassmen	Underclassmen more likely than upperclassmen	Transfer students more likely than non-transfer students	Non-transfer students more likely than transfer students	Older students more likely than younger students	Younger students more likely than older students	Women more likely than men	Men more likely than women	Non-veteran more likely than veterans	Veterans more likely than non-veterans
1	Since attending GVSU, I have studied outside the US	X			X	X		n.s.	n.s.		n.s.
2	I have worked outside the US	X		n.s.	n.s.	X		X		X	
3	I have lived outside the US	X		n.s.	n.s.	X		n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
4	I have volunteered outside the US	X			X	X		n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
5	I use another language other than English	X		n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
6	I am aware of activities or organization.s. at GVSU that support internationalization		X		X		X		X	n.s.	n.s.
7	I am aware of current world events	X		n.s.	n.s.	X		X		X	
8	My awareness of world events shapes my opinions of other people and nations	X		n.s.	n.s.	X		X		n.s.	n.s.
9	I attend international events on the GVSU campus		X		X		X		X	n.s.	n.s.
10	I engage with international students in my living area		X		X		X	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
11	I engage with international students at GVSU sponsored events		X		X		X	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
12	I engage with international students in classrooms or labs.	X			X	X		n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
13	I engage with international students at informal events: in dining or recreational facilities, on the bus, etc.		X		X		X	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
14	I communicate with people outside the US using fb, Twitter, or social media	n.s.	n.s.		X	n.s.	n.s.		X	n.s.	n.s.
15	It is important to have a working knowledge of a language other than English	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.		X		X		X
16	I am comfortable in an environment where English is not the primary language	X		n.s.	n.s.	X		n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.

Key:

An "X" in the box means the test is significant for the variable in that column. For example, for question 1, upperclassmen are more likely than underclassmen to have studied outside the USA since attending GVSU.

The notation "n.s." means the test showed no significant differences between the variables in the column. For example, for question 2, transfer students are no more likely than non-transfer students to have worked outside the USA.

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