

2012 Senior Survey results

Pre-College Traits

Gender	58.6% Female	41.4% Male
Race	74% White	26% Oth./Unk.
Award Category (Socioeconomic status)	13.2% Pell	46.3% DNQ*
Average ACT	25.08	

*Did not qualify for any federal financial aid

Campus Participation

These questions were answered with No = 0 and Yes = 1, so the mean gives the proportion participating.

(i.e. Mean of 0.45 says that 45% of students participated)

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
Did you join a social fraternity or sorority?	497	0.45	0.498
Did you participate in any Intramural Sports?	497	0.49	0.500
Did you participate in intercollegiate NCAA athletics?	498	0.31	0.463
Did you participate in an internship program?	499	0.53	0.500
Did you receive academic credit for this experience?*	261	0.62	0.486
Did you participate in a college music ensemble?	497	0.24	0.427
Did you participate in any other clubs or organizations at Augustana?	498	0.77	0.419
Did you enroll in an independent study?	498	0.25	0.435
Did you assist a faculty member with their research?	496	0.15	0.355
Did you conduct an undergraduate research project?	493	0.58	0.495
Did you volunteer in the community?	493	0.87	0.336
Did you ever volunteer when it was not required or strongly encouraged to do so?	497	0.67	0.470
Did you participate in a Service Learning course?	496	0.32	0.466
Were you ever enrolled in an honors course?	495	0.10	0.296
Were you a member of an Honor Society on campus?	499	0.33	0.471
Did you ever participate in a study abroad program?	498	0.53	0.499

* Only those students who participate in an internship responded to this question, so the percentage of those receiving academic credit for their internship is out of the total number of students who participated in an internship.

Advising

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following 5 point scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often, 5=Very Often

***1=Never, 2=Less than once per term, 3=1-2 times per term, 4=2-3 times per term, 5=We communicated regularly throughout each term

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
My adviser genuinely seemed to care about my development as a whole person.*	498	4.13	1.003
My adviser helped me select courses that best met my educational or personal goals.*	497	3.98	1.043
How often did your adviser ask you about your career goals and aspirations?***	497	3.55	1.153

My adviser connected me with other campus resources and opportunities (Student Activities, CEC, the counseling Center, etc.) that helped me succeed in college.*	498	3.44	1.075
How often did your adviser ask you to think about the connections between your academic plans, co-curricular activities, and your career or post-graduate plans?***	498	3.31	1.186
About how often did you talk with your primary major adviser?***	498	3.47	1.106

Residential Life

Each of the questions below were answered on the following 5 point scale.

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
The Transitional Living Area (TLA) experience helped me develop the skills to live independently.	496	3.57	1.065
During my first two years at Augustana, my residence hall Community Advisors (CA) encouraged a sense of community and interaction between everyone on my floor.	497	3.38	1.025
My residence hall experience helped me develop useful ways to handle conflict and resolve disagreement tactfully.	497	3.23	1.008
Residence Hall facilities were maintained in good working order.	495	3.54	0.901
My experience in the residence halls during my first year helped me make a successful transition to college.	494	3.63	0.988
The residence life staff encouraged students to think about how our behavior affected each other.	496	3.33	0.964

Co-Curricular

Each of the questions below were answered on the following 5 point scale.

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
My out-of-class experiences have helped me connect what I learned in the classroom with real-life events.	494	4.06	0.757
My out-of-class experiences have helped me develop a deeper understanding of myself.	490	3.73	1.262
My out-of-class experiences have helped me develop a deeper understanding of how I relate to others.	496	4.27	0.693
My co-curricular involvement helped me build a network of healthy lasting friendships.	494	4.27	0.807
My co-curricular involvement helped me develop a better understanding of my leadership skills.	493	4.28	0.733
My co-curricular experiences provided numerous opportunities to interact with students who differed from me in race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or social/political values.	497	3.98	0.823

Curriculum outside major

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following 5 point scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often, 5=Very Often

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
The skills I learned in my general education courses helped me succeed in my major courses.*	495	3.55	1.012
The classes I took outside my major(s) helped me appreciate the way that different disciplines make sense of the world.*	497	4.00	0.83
My classes outside my major(s) challenged me to produce my best academic work.*	496	3.57	0.944
The courses I needed to take were available in the order in which I needed to take them.*	496	3.42	1.029
In your non-major courses, about how often were you asked to include different perspectives (different races, religions, genders, political beliefs, etc.) in class discussions or writing assignments?***	498	3.50	0.868
About how often did you discuss ideas from your non-major courses with faculty members outside of class?***	498	2.88	0.901
In your non-major courses, about how often were you asked to put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions?***	498	3.25	0.815

Overall Curricular Experience

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following 5 point scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often, 5=Very Often

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
My one-on-one interactions with faculty have had a positive influence on my intellectual growth and interest in ideas.*	494	4.35	0.695
The faculty with whom I have had contact were interested in helping students grow in more than just academic areas.*	494	4.18	0.668
How frequently did your faculty ask you to examine the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issues?***	498	3.47	0.858
How often did you receive feedback on your in-class presentation style that helped you improve your public speaking skills?***	495	3.35	0.898
How often did faculty and staff emphasize the importance of contributing to the quality of local neighborhoods and surrounding community?***	497	3.40	0.977
How frequently did your faculty ask you to try to understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective?***	497	3.54	0.893

Library

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following 5 point scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often, 5=Very Often

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
My interactions with the librarians helped me improve my approach to researching a topic.*	495	3.61	0.865
My interactions with the librarians helped me gain confidence in my own ability to research a future topic.*	495	3.60	0.843
How often did you study - by yourself or in small groups - in the Tredway library building? **	498	3.62	1.138

Experiences in the major

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following 5 point scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often, 5=Very Often

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
The courses offered in this major allowed me to explore my specific interests.*	665	4.13	0.841
The courses I took in this major seemed to follow each other in a logical sequence.*	666	4.05	0.818
Faculty in this major cared about my development as a whole person.*	665	4.30	0.833
Faculty in this major were accessible and responsive outside the classroom.*	667	4.40	0.752
In this major, how frequently did your faculty emphasize analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components? **	664	4.12	0.796
In this major, how frequently did your faculty emphasize applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations? **	666	4.16	0.845
In this major, how frequently did your faculty emphasize synthesizing and organizing ideas, informations, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships? **	666	4.10	0.834
In this major, how frequently did your faculty emphasize making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions? **	666	4.07	0.861
My senior inquiry project in this major challenged me to produce my best possible intellectual work.*	550	4.03	0.976
During my senior inquiry project in this major I learned just as much about myself (work habits, handle set backs, manage a larger project, etc.) as I did about the topic of my paper.*	551	4.00	0.97
Faculty in this major knew how to help me prepare to achieve my post-graduate plans.*	667	3.97	0.952

Percent of students who had two or three majors.	37.70%
Percent of students who had three majors.	2.80%

Environment

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following 5 point scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Definitely Not, 2=Not Really, 3=Not Sure, 4=Most of the Time, 5=Definitely Yes

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
The college emphasized an atmosphere of ethnic and cross-cultural understanding.*	495	3.56	0.877
Augustana College was concerned about me as an individual.*	495	3.49	1.072
I felt a strong sense of belonging on campus.*	497	3.95	0.91
Augustana faculty and staff welcomed student input on institutional policy and handbook decisions.*	496	3.14	0.975
When you had questions or concerns about financial issues, were the offices you contacted responsive and helpful?***	493	3.87	0.916

Outcomes

Each of the questions below were answered on one of the following scales.

*1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree

**1=Definitely Not, 2=Probably Not, 3=Not Sure, 4=Probably Yes, 5=Definitely Yes

***0=No, 1=Yes

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
I am certain that my post-graduate plans are a good fit for who I am right now and where I want my life to go.*	497	4.06	0.888
If you could relive your college decision would you choose Augustana again?***	491	4.19	0.895
Do you have a job confirmed or have you been accepted to graduate school?***	499	0.37	0.483

2012 Senior Survey results on post-graduate preparation

For what purpose did you use your Augie Choice money?	I've never heard of Augie Choice	I didn't use my Augie Choice money even though I knew about it	Internship	Study Abroad or International Tour	Undergraduate research project
	4.40%	18.80%	16.40%	56.70%	3.00%

When did you actively begin to create your resume or portfolio in preparation to apply for your first job or graduate school?	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year	I haven't started yet
	13.60%	22.80%	32.70%	25.50%	4.80%

Please indicate the highest academic degree you intend to obtain- even if you aren't planning to go back to school right away.	Bachelor's Degree	JD (law degree)	Master's Degree in a liberal arts field (MA, MS)	Master's Degree in a professional field (MBA, MBS, MPH, MDiv, etc.)	Master's Degree in fine arts (MFA, MMus)
	16.60%	3.20%	19.60%	28.30%	4.00%
	MD, DD, DVM (medical degree)	Ph.D.			
	11.60%	15.40%			

Who recommended that you use the resources in the CEC (Community Engagement Center)?*	Faculty within my major(s)	Faculty outside my major(s)	My first year adviser	My major adviser	Residential Life staff
	41.50%	17.00%	11.40%	28.10%	1.60%
	Student Activities staff	My parents	Another student	Other Administrators	No one recommended the CEC to me
	5.20%	9.60%	21.40%	14.00%	23.40%

What are your immediate plans after you graduate from Augustana College?*	Graduate school full-time	Graduate school part-time	Work full-time	Work part-time	Volunteer
	29.10%	3.20%	58.10%	12.40%	10.60%
	Join the military or other government service	Take some time off to consider future plans			
	1.00%	18.00%			

*Students were allowed to choose multiple responses so these categories may total to more than 100%.

Career Survey results from 2011 graduates

Please note that the following results are from a different population than the Senior Survey results.

	Number	Mean	St. Dev.
To what extent do you feel your Augustana experience prepared you to identify a career field that is a good fit for you?*	349	4.08	0.975
To what extent do you feel your Augustana experience prepared you to enter the career field of your choice?*	348	4.04	1.009

*These questions used the following scale: 1 = Not at all, 2 = A little, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Pretty well, 5 = Very well

Please choose the statement which best describes your employment status.*	I am employed full-time.	I am employed part-time.	I am enrolled in grad./prof. school or another educational program.	I am participating in a volunteer service program or military service.	I am still seeking employment.
	45.90%	12.50%	37.30%	2.70%	2.70%

*Alumni were allowed to choose multiple responses so these categories may total to more than 100%.

The next two questions refer to only those alumni who are employed full-time, part-time, or participate in volunteer/military service.

When did you accept your current position?	Before graduation	Within 3 months of graduation	Within 6 months of graduation	Within 9 months of graduation
	20.30%	43.00%	27.10%	9.70%

Do you consider your position to be relevant to your career goals?	Yes	No
	76.30%	23.70%