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Student Language Needs

	Count	Percent	
I am a student at			Respondents: 353
the Macomb campus	331	93.77 %	
the Quad Cities campus	19	5.38 %	
another WIU location	3	0.85 %	
Total Responses	353	100.00 %	

I am a			Respondents: 349
freshman	67	19.20 %	
sophomore	73	20.92 %	
junior	108	30.95 %	
senior	101	28.94 %	
Total Responses	349	100.00 %	

What language do you speak at home?			Respondents: 352
English	328	93.18 %	
French	2	0.57 %	
Japanese	2	0.57 %	
Korean	1	0.28 %	
Polish	6	1.70 %	
Spanish	8	2.27 %	
Other	5	1.42 %	
Total Responses	352	100.00 %	

What other language(s) do you speak? (Check all that apply.)			Respondents: 209
Chinese	1	0.48 %	
English	45	21.53 %	
French	37	17.70 %	
German	27	12.92 %	
Japanese	10	4.78 %	
Korean	3	1.44 %	
Polish	3	1.44 %	
Spanish	132	63.16 %	
Other	27	12.92 %	
Total Responses	285		

What is/are your major(s)? (Check all that apply.)			Respondents: 346
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What is/are your major(s)? (Check all that apply.)			Respondents: 346
Foreign Language	31	8.96 %	
Art	5	1.45 %	
Business	31	8.96 %	
Elementary Education	17	4.91 %	
Science	39	11.27 %	
Sociology/Anthropology	11	3.18 %	
History	31	8.96 %	
Law Enforcement	46	13.29 %	
English/Communication	32	9.25 %	
Music	12	3.47 %	
Theatre	3	0.87 %	
Other	134	38.73 %	
Total Responses	392		

In what field is your most likely career?			Respondents: 352
Agriculture	4	1.14 %	
Business	49	13.92 %	
Health Care	17	4.83 %	
Law	14	3.98 %	
Law Enforcement	43	12.22 %	
Science	27	7.67 %	
Teaching	81	23.01 %	
Technology	18	5.11 %	
Politics	16	4.55 %	
Other	83	23.58 %	
Total Responses	352	100.00 %	

Why do you want to study a foreign language?			Respondents: 353
It will be useful to my career.	187	52.97 %	
It is a general education course.	9	2.55 %	
I have family connections to the language/culture.	34	9.63 %	
Languages seem like fun to me.	86	24.36 %	
I do not want to study a foreign language.	22	6.23 %	
None of the above.	15	4.25 %	
Total Responses	353	100.00 %	

If you could study any language, which one would be of greatest interest to you?			Respondents: 348
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Chinese	15	4.31 %	
French	34	9.77 %	
German	27	7.76 %	
Italian	38	10.92 %	
Japanese	24	6.90 %	
Korean	5	1.44 %	
Polish	8	2.30 %	
Portuguese	4	1.15 %	
Spanish	130	37.36 %	
Other	63	18.10 %	
Total Responses	348	100.00 %	

A certificate of proficiency gives proof of your verbal abilities as determined by a nationally recognized exam. Would you be interested in earning a certificate of proficiency in languages you study in addition to your degree?			Respondents: 351
Yes	261	74.36 %	
No	26	7.41 %	
Don't Know	64	18.23 %	
Total Responses	351	100.00 %	

If the following areas of concentration of foreign language study were available, which one(s) would most interest you? (Check all that apply.)			Respondents: 337
Business	114	33.83 %	
Diplomatic (government-foreign service work) / Translation Studies	144	42.73 %	
Health and/or Law Enforcement careers	97	28.78 %	
Literary Studies	62	18.40 %	
Teacher Education	91	27.00 %	
Total Responses	508		

Would you like to study abroad as part of your foreign language studies at WIU?			Respondents: 353
Yes	231	65.44 %	
No	59	16.71 %	
Don't Know	63	17.85 %	
Total Responses	353	100.00 %	

If you were to study abroad, when would you be most likely to do so?			Respondents: 322
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		Respondents: 322
Fall semester	32	9.94 %
Spring semester	68	21.12 %
During the summer	189	58.70 %
Between Fall and Spring semesters	33	10.25 %
Total Responses	322	100.00 %

Where would you most like to study? (Check all that apply.)		
		Respondents: 332
North America	51	15.36 %
South America	101	30.42 %
Europe	254	76.51 %
Africa	36	10.84 %
The Middle East	35	10.54 %
Asia	68	20.48 %
Total Responses	545	

What obstacles might inhibit you from studying abroad? (Check all that apply.)		
		Respondents: 349
The expense	306	87.68 %
The length of time away	94	26.93 %
Difficulty with the language	115	32.95 %
Fear of anti-American sentiment	50	14.33 %
Commitments here	159	45.56 %
Reluctance to be so far from home	54	15.47 %
Other	26	7.45 %
Total Responses	804	

What do you think are the greatest benefits of studying abroad? (Check all that apply.)		
		Respondents: 351
Greater understanding of the culture	316	90.03 %
Better understanding of international politics	169	48.15 %
Improved proficiency in the target language	289	82.34 %
Will help me in my career	192	54.70 %
No particular benefit	10	2.85 %
Other	18	5.13 %
Total Responses	994	

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Would you like to do more of your foreign language study through computer-based work accessible on the Web?			Respondents: 348
Yes	150	43.10 %	
No	100	28.74 %	
Not Sure	98	28.16 %	
Total Responses	348	100.00 %	

Would you prefer a foreign language course that was primarily on-line, as opposed to more traditional classroom meetings?			Respondents: 345
Yes	83	24.06 %	
No	173	50.14 %	
Not Sure	89	25.80 %	
Total Responses	345	100.00 %	

What are the language skills you value most? (Check all that apply.)			Respondents: 347
Reading	222	63.98 %	
Writing	180	51.87 %	
Speaking	321	92.51 %	
Listening comprehension	275	79.25 %	
Knowledge of the culture	165	47.55 %	
Total Responses	1163		