

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006
Experience of First-time, First-year Students

First Language

Students were asked to indicate whether English is their first language. Most first-time, first-year respondents indicated that English was their first language (94.9%). A total of 3.4% of first-time, first-year respondents indicated that English was not their first language, and 1.7% indicated that they had more than one first language.

Is English your first language? (N=117)

No	3.4%
More than one first language	1.7%
Yes	94.9%
Missing	0

Those respondents who indicated that English was not their first language or that they had more than one first language were asked which language they felt most comfortable speaking outside of class. Of those respondents who indicated that English is not their first language (N=4), one respondent was most comfortable speaking English outside of class. Other students indicated that they were most comfortable speaking Spanish, a Southeast Asian language, or Western European language outside of class. (Note: Specific languages that were spoken by only one or two students were grouped into broad categories in order to protect the confidentiality of survey respondents.) Of the two respondents who indicated that they had more than one first language, both indicated that they felt most comfortable speaking English outside of class.