

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006
Responses of Olympia Campus Students

First Language

Students were asked to indicate whether English is their first language. Most Olympia campus respondents indicated that English is their first language (96.9%). A total of 2.6% indicated that English is not their first language, and 0.5% indicated more than one language.

Is English your first language? (N=386, two skipped question)

No	2.6%
More than one first language	0.5%
Yes	96.9%

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. 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. Half of these respondents indicated they felt most comfortable speaking English outside of class.

If English was not your first language or if you have more than one first language...

What language do you feel most comfortable speaking outside of class?

English	6
Southeast Asian languages	2
Spanish	2
Middle Eastern language	1
Other European language	1