

The Evergreen State College  
Evergreen Student Experience Survey 2006  
Responses of Students in the Tacoma Program

**First Language**

Students were asked to indicate whether English is their first language. Most Tacoma respondents indicated that English is their first language (87.2%). A total of 10.3% of Tacoma respondents indicated that English is not their first language and 2.6% indicated that they have more than one first language.

*Is English your first language? (N=39)*

No	10.3%
More than one first language	2.6%
Yes	87.2%
<i>Missing</i>	<i>0</i>

Respondents who indicated that English is not their first language or that they have more than one first language were asked which language they feel most comfortable speaking outside of class. Specific languages were grouped into broad categories in order to protect the confidentiality of survey respondents. Students indicated that they were most comfortable speaking an African language, Creole, an East Asian language, Spanish, and an Eastern European language.