**Amarillo College 2008-2011 Graduate Student Knowledge and Skill Obtainment**

**(Based on 2008-2011 Graduate Student Survey)**

Amarillo College (AC) students must fill out the Graduate Student Survey as a part of the graduate application process.

Graduate Student Survey Results and Graphs

[2008-2009](http://www.actx.edu/iea/filecabinet/161)

[2009-2010](http://www.actx.edu/iea/filecabinet/162)

[2010-2011](http://www.actx.edu/iea/filecabinet/163)

AC General Education Competencies Assessed by this Survey (2008-Present Competencies)\*

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[Technology (Last Year Used as AC General Education Competency - 2010)](#Tech)

\*This survey does not contain data that relates to the Teamwork competency

2008-2011 General Education Survey Major Findings

On a 1-5 scale (1=lowest; 5=highest), AC students did not rate any items pertaining to their General Education experience any lower than a score of 3.

**Strongest Competencies (competencies for which any individual component area did not score below a 4):**

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| Competency | Number of Components that Rated ≥4 |
| Personal Responsibility | 2 Areas (Understanding Self/Goals; Improving Self-Image) |
| General Education Overview (Note: Overview and not a competency) | 1 Area (Course Content Quality) |
| Technology | 1 Area (Benefit of Computer Labs) |
| Critical Thinking Skills | 1 Area (Improving Thinking Skills) |

**Biggest Areas for Improvement (component areas that obtained an average rating of 3):**

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| Areas for Improvement | Years Area Earned a Rating of 3 |
| Helping AC students improve their writing skills | 3 Years (2008-2009; 2009-2010; 2010-2011) |
| Helping AC students improve their computational skills | 2 Years (2008-2009; 2009-2010) |
| Helping AC students understand the world in which they live | 1 Year (2009-2010) |
| Helping AC students improve their performance as a U.S. and World Citizen | 1 Year (2009-2010) |

Results

**AC General Education Overview**

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| Question: Please rate each of the following items according to how well they fulfilled your individual needs:   1. Very poor (2) Poor (3) Average (4) Good (5) Very good Content of Course – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey) | | |
| 2008-2009 Average Results | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

**Communication Skills**

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| Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.   1. No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Communicating with others – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey) | | |
| 2008-2009 Average Results | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial  Improving my writing skills – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥3 and ≤4 | ≥3 and ≤4 | ≥3 and ≤4 |

**Critical Thinking Skills**

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Improving my thinking skills – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

**Mathematics/Empirical and Quantitative Skills**

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Improving my computational skills – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥3 and ≤4 | ≥3 and ≤4 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Improving my problem-solving and decision-making skills – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

**Personal Responsibility**

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Understanding myself and my life goals – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Improving my self-image – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

**Social Responsibility**

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Understanding the world in which I live – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥3 and ≤4 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

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| **Question: Please rate how your AC education has affected your life.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Improving my performance as a U.S. and world citizen – (Page 5 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥3 and ≤4 | ≥4 and ≤5 |

**Technology**

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| **Question: If you have attended, participated in, or taken advantage of any of the college services listed below, please rate them accordingly.**   1. **No Benefit (2) Little Benefit (3) Some Benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very Beneficial Computer labs (English, math, library, drafting, CIS, etc.) – (Page 4 of Graduate Student Survey)** | | |
| **2008-2009 Average Results** | **2009-2010 Average Results** | **2010-2011 Average Results** |
| ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 | ≥4 and ≤5 |