2015 Update

SPANISH

Summary of five year open-ended responses to alumni questionnaire: Responses to an open question about any thoughts the alumni had on the program (Forty-three alumni responding)

Strengths Noted: # of Responses
General Praise for Program as a whole: 9
Faculty: 25
  Faculty (General comments of praise and appreciation) (11)
  Faculty expertise in and passion for the discipline and for teaching (10)
  Faculty caring about and taking a personal interest in the students (4)
Department Advisor was very helpful 5
Excellent courses 6
Learning a lot about language and culture 3
Study Abroad Program 2
The courses that went in depth on a subject were best 2
Good variety of courses 1
Good Fellow Students 1
Increased ability to write and speak Spanish 1

Areas to improve noted:
Need more courses focused on grammar, linguistics or conversation 6
Need more courses that go beyond the literature courses 5
Faculty need to be better prepared, with clear objectives & be more challenging 5
Career guidance and help 4
More focus on practical skills, such as translation skills 4
Hard to get into some courses 2
Like more interaction with faculty outside of the classroom 2
Faculty not easily available for help 1
Some faculty show inappropriate films and try to embarrass students 1
Need a writing lab 1
Like more on literary styles and less on politics 1
Like more classes on how to teach Spanish 1
Like more done to distinguish level of Spanish students have 1

Response to future plans questions:
Going directly into career = 17
Going directly into graduate school = 20
Working, but thinking of graduate school = 4
Time off for personal/family reasons = 2