

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