1999 GRADUATE SURVEY RESULTS

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	Technical Communication		College of Engineering		All Professional	
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES SURVEYED	22	100%	707	100%	2,177	100%
Questionnaires:						
Not returned	15	68%	436	62%	1,291	59%
Not delivered by post office			22	3%	80	4%
Returned by graduate	7	32%	249	35%	806	37%
Responding graduates currently:						
Working & not planning full-time school	7	100%	215	86%	717	89%
Attending or waiting to attend school			29	12%	71	9%
Unemployed			5	2%	18	2%

Master's Degree Recipients

	Technical Communication		College of Engineering		All Professional	
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES SURVEYED	14	100%	336	100%	1,663	100%
Questionnaires:						
Not returned	3	21%	135	40%	664	40%
Not delivered by post office			9	3%	69	4%
Returned by graduate	11	79%	192	57%	930	56%
Responding graduates currently:						
Working & not planning full-time school	11	100%	160	83%	826	89%
Attending or waiting to attend school			25	13%	67	7%
Unemployed			7	4%	36	4%

Doctoral Degree Recipients

	College of Engineering		All Professional	
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES SURVEYED	58	100%	695	100%
Questionnaires:				
Not returned	26	45%	310	45%
Not delivered by post office	3	5%	31	4%
Returned by graduate	29	50%	354	51%
Responding graduates currently:				
Working & not planning full-time school	29	100%	334	94%
Attending or waiting to attend school			11	3%
Unemployed			9	3%

Subsequent tables for doctoral degree recipients are not included because of the low number of respondents.

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY - Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	Technical Communication		College of Engineering		All Professional	
Current primary activity						
EMPLOYED BY A US ORGANIZATION						
Public sector:						
Postsecondary education	1	17%	2	1%	21	3%
K-12 education			1	1%	6	1%
Government or military	1	17%	26	12%	79	11%
Private sector, including education:						
Non-profit			2	1%	57	8%
For profit	4	67%	133	61%	383	55%
Museum						
EMPLOYED BY AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION						
In the US			22	10%	53	8%
Outside of the US			1	1%	4	1%
CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION			26	12%	68	10%
UNEMPLOYED			6	3%	20	3%
Working						
JOB IS: Full-time, career field, permanent	6	86%	145	69%	384	55%
Full-time, career field, will change			50	24%	207	29%
Full-time, outside career field			7	3%	40	6%
Full-time, temporary	1	14%	6	3%	44	6%
Part-time			1	1%	29	4%
WORK IS: Definitely beneath my level			12	6%	60	8%
Somewhat beneath my level			31	15%	127	18%
At an appropriate level	7	100%	166	78%	504	71%
At too advanced a level			3	1%	15	2%
ATTENDING SCHOOL? Yes, related to UW education	1	14%	15	7%	28	4%
Yes, career related, new area	3	43%	18	9%	52	7%
Yes, not career related			8	4%	23	3%
No	3	43%	169	80%	602	85%
MONTHLY INCOME: Under $1000					18	3%
1000- 1499	1	14%	4	2%	42	6%
1500- 1999			6	3%	56	8%
2000- 2499			28	13%	131	19%
2500- 2999	2	29%	15	7%	123	18%
3000- 3499			44	21%	117	17%
3500- 3999	2	29%	40	19%	71	10%
4000- 4500	1	14%	40	19%	68	10%
4500- 4999	1	14%	15	7%	27	4%
5000- 5499			12	6%	24	3%
5500- 5999			2	1%	4	1%
Over $6000			5	2%	20	3%

JOB LOCATION:	King, Pierce, Snohomish	3	43%	68	34%	348	53%
	Other Washington counties	2	29%	60	30%	148	22%
	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon			16	8%	33	5%
	California, Hawaii	1	14%	20	10%	53	8%
	Mountain states			12	6%	21	3%
	Central states			6	3%	15	2%
	Eastern states	1	14%	10	5%	27	4%
	International			9	4%	14	2%
JOB SEARCH:	Newspaper ads			21	8%	84	10%
	The Internet	2	29%	42	17%	101	12%
	Professional organization			11	4%	45	5%
	Employment agency			7	3%	36	4%
	Faculty advisor or committee	1	14%	21	8%	61	7%
	Networking/personal contacts	3	43%	98	39%	380	45%
	UW Center for Career Services	1	14%	52	21%	140	17%

Attending School

LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:	Bachelor's	1	100%	10	23%	28	24%
	Terminal Master			4	9%	12	10%
	Master's/PhD			26	59%	48	41%
	Professional			3	7%	15	13%
	Vocational					6	5%
	Other			1	2%	7	6%
ARE YOU ALSO EMPLOYED?	Yes, by the school			27	64%	36	35%
	Yes, other part-time			2	5%	15	14%
	Yes, other full-time			5	12%	15	14%
	No			8	19%	38	37%

Unemployed

REASON NOT WORKING	Volunteering					1	4%
	Raising a family			1	17%	4	17%
	Taking care of an ill relative						
	Traveling, etc.					1	4%
	Looking for work			3	50%	11	46%
	Deciding what to do			1	17%	1	4%
	Taking time off					1	4%
	Disillusioned about job search			1	17%	5	21%

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT - Bachelor's Degree Recipients

If I had to make my college choice over again, I would choose to attend UW.

	Technical Communication		College of Engineering		All Professional	
Strongly disagree			8	3%	36	5%
Disagree			5	2%	38	5%
Indifferent			29	12%	100	13%
Agree	4	57%	94	38%	298	38%
Strongly agree	3	43%	110	45%	322	41%

During the past year, how many hours each month, on average, did you devoted to volunteer work or a community action program?

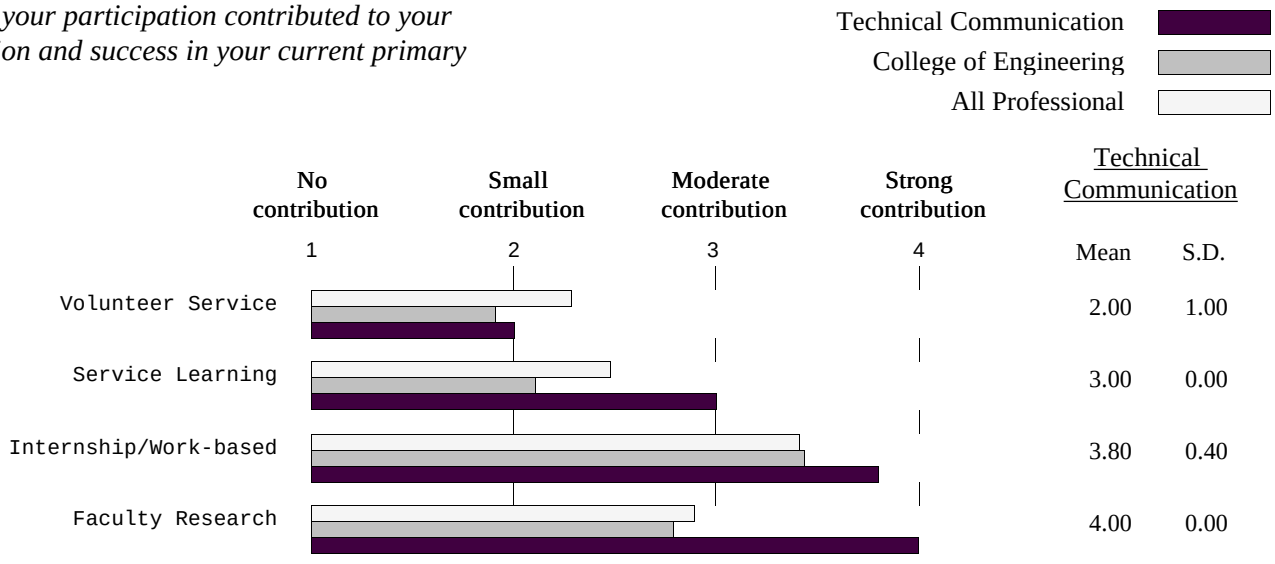
None	4	57%	156	64%	389	49%
1 - 3	1	14%	53	22%	192	24%
4 - 6	1	14%	15	6%	91	12%
7 - 10	1	14%	6	2%	31	4%
Over 10			14	6%	86	11%

In the past year, approximately how much have you contrubuted monetarily to charities or philanthropies?

Less than $100	1	14%	149	61%	463	59%
$100 - 250	2	29%	48	20%	158	20%
$250 - 500	1	14%	15	6%	65	8%
$500 - 1000	2	29%	14	6%	42	5%
Over $1000	1	14%	17	7%	59	7%

While a UW student, did you participate in:	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Community volunteer service (outside of UW)	2	5	88	155	408	374
Community service as part of a UW course (Service learning)	1	6	19	222	151	621
A public service internship or other work-based learning (for credit or pay)	5	2	109	134	365	414
Faculty research beyond being a research subject	2	5	76	166	199	570

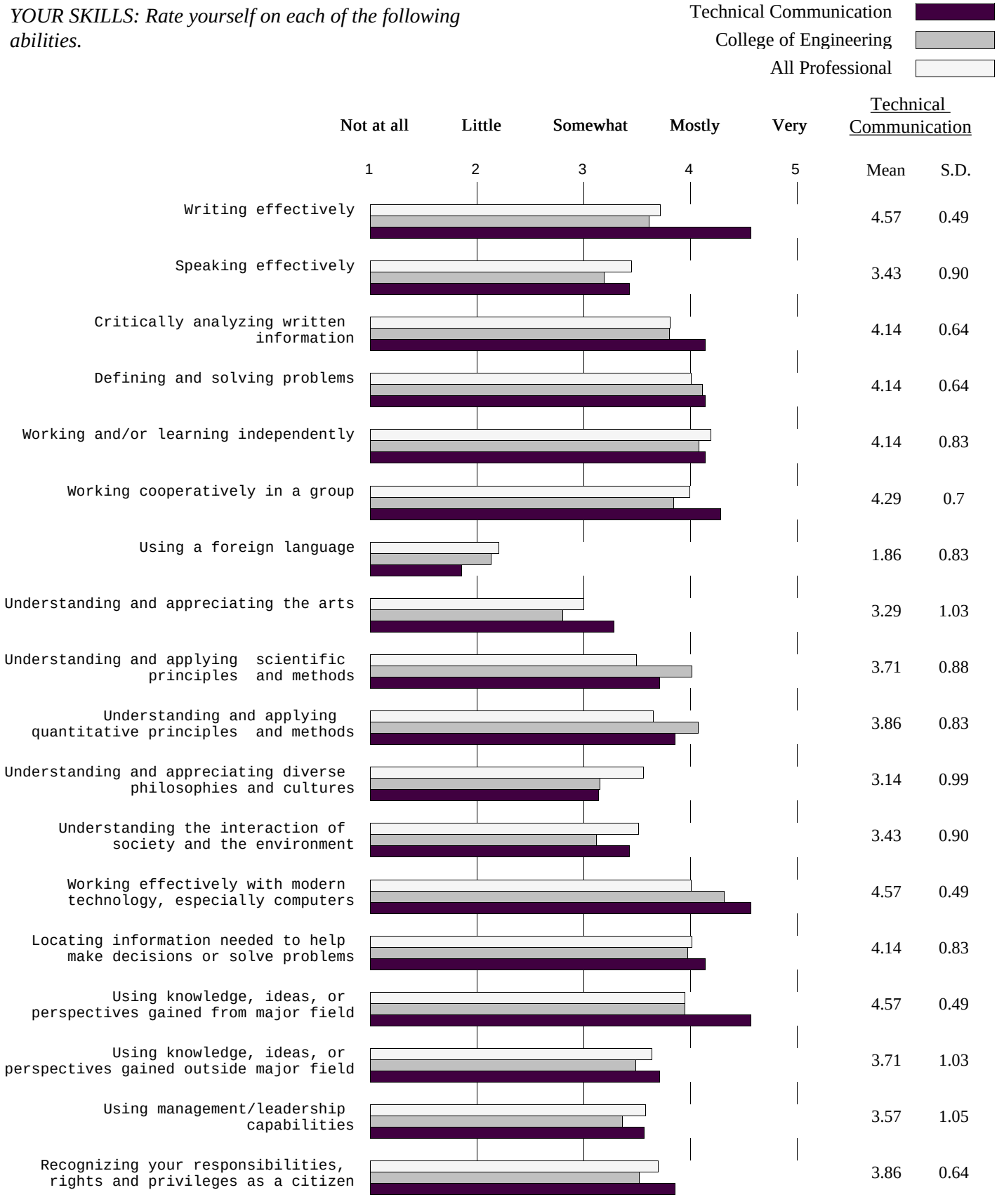
How has your participation contributed to your preparation and success in your current primary activity?



Technical Communication	Mean	S.D.
Volunteer Service	2.00	1.00
Service Learning	3.00	0.00
Internship/Work-based	3.80	0.40
Faculty Research	4.00	0.00

STUDENT OUTCOMES - Bachelor's Degree Recipients

YOUR SKILLS: Rate yourself on each of the following abilities.



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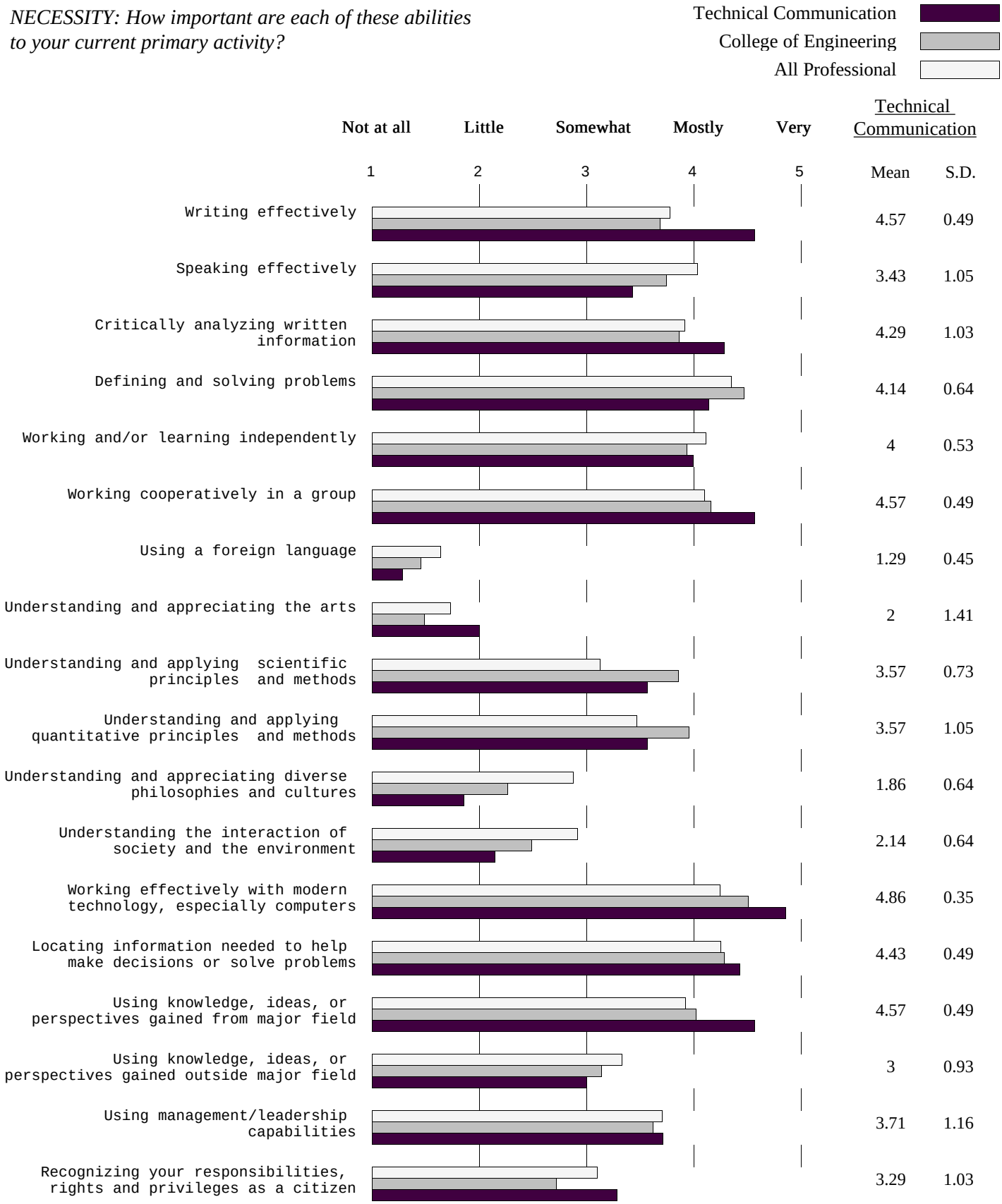
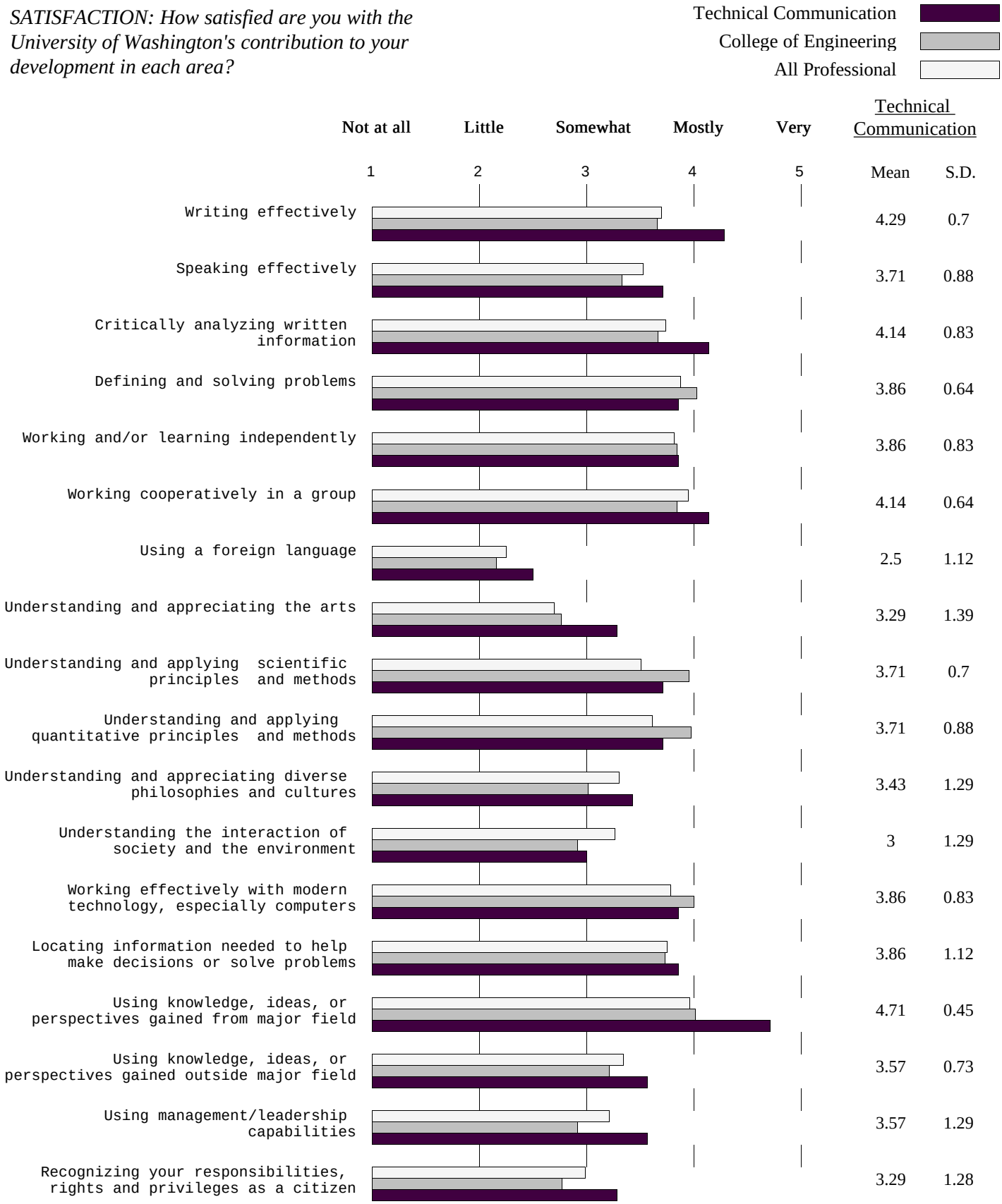
NECESSITY: How important are each of these abilities to your current primary activity?



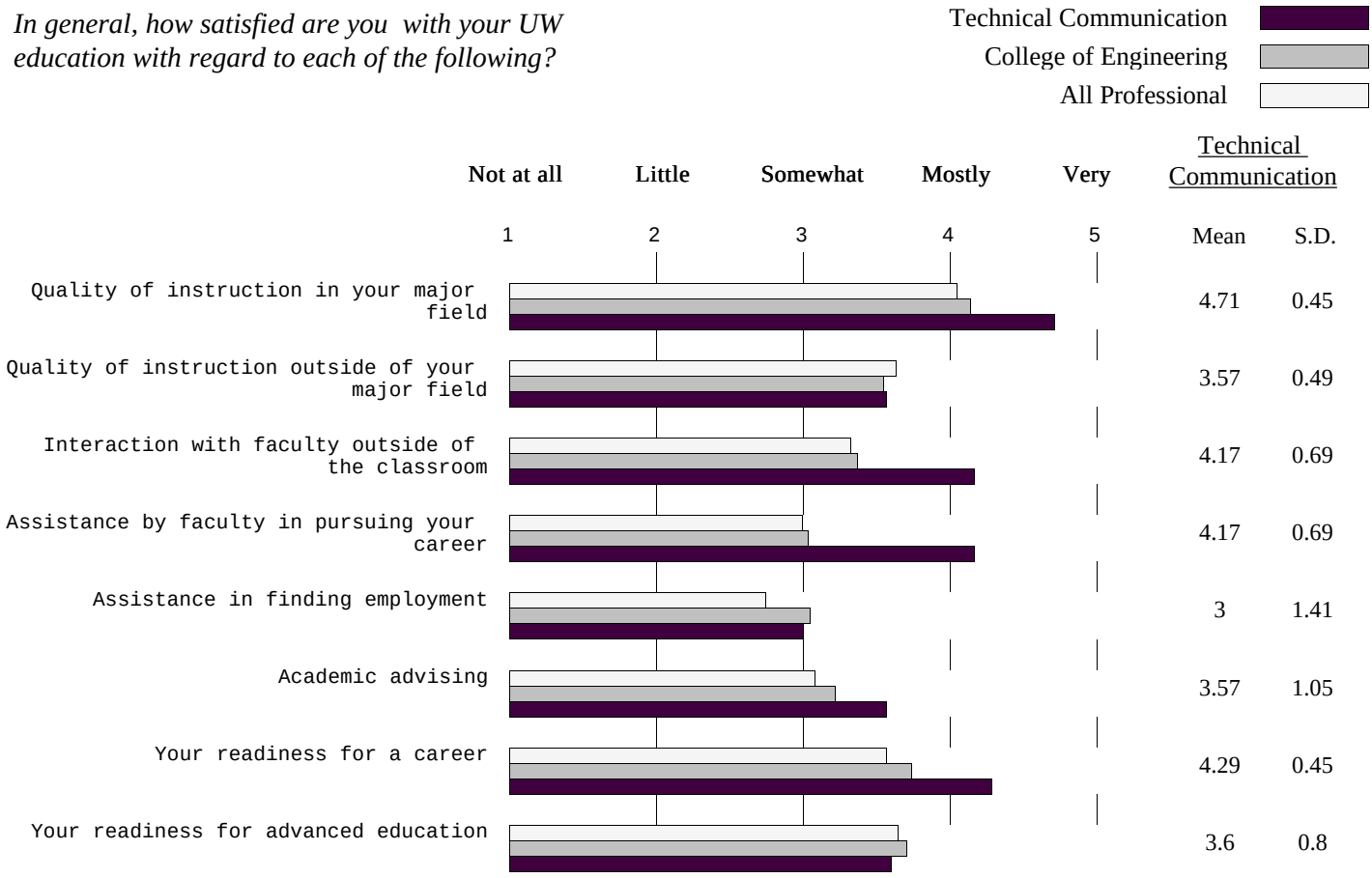
STUDENT OUTCOMES - Bachelor's Degree Recipients

SATISFACTION: How satisfied are you with the University of Washington's contribution to your development in each area?



STUDENT OUTCOMES - Bachelor's Degree Recipients

In general, how satisfied are you with your UW education with regard to each of the following?



	Technical Communication Mean	Technical Communication S.D.
Quality of instruction in your major field	4.71	0.45
Quality of instruction outside of your major field	3.57	0.49
Interaction with faculty outside of the classroom	4.17	0.69
Assistance by faculty in pursuing your career	4.17	0.69
Assistance in finding employment	3	1.41
Academic advising	3.57	1.05
Your readiness for a career	4.29	0.45
Your readiness for advanced education	3.6	0.8

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY - Master's Degree Recipients

		Technical Communication		College of Engineering		All Professional	
Working							
JOB IS:	Full-time, career field, permanent	7	64%	111	69%	483	59%
	Full-time, career field, will change	2	18%	34	21%	201	24%
	Full-time, outside career field			4	2%	26	3%
	Full-time, temporary	1	9%	4	2%	35	4%
	Part-time	1	9%	7	4%	78	9%
WORK IS:	Definitely beneath my level			6	4%	52	6%
	Somewhat beneath my level	3	30%	30	19%	142	17%
	At an appropriate level	7	70%	119	76%	614	75%
	At too advanced a level			2	1%	9	1%
ATTENDING SCHOOL?	Yes, post-graduate in my degree			15	10%	70	9%
	Yes, career related, new area	4	36%	43	27%	123	15%
	Yes, not career related	1	9%	10	6%	47	6%
	No	6	55%	89	57%	573	70%
MONTHLY INCOME:	Under $500	1	9%	1	1%	16	2%
	$500 - 999			1	1%	13	2%
	1000- 1499					26	3%
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JOB SEARCH:	Newspaper ads			24	18%	83	14%
	World wide web/internet	5	36%	40	30%	169	29%
	Employment agency	1	7%	15	11%	34	6%
	Professional organization	3	21%	21	16%	129	22%
	Faculty advisor or committee	5	36%	33	25%	171	29%

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY - Master's Degree Recipients

	Technical Communication		College of Engineering		All Professional	
Attending School						
LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Undergraduate					1	1%
Master's			2	6%	11	9%
Doctoral			33	92%	106	84%
Professional					5	4%
Vocational			1	3%	2	2%
Other					1	1%
ARE YOU ALSO EMPLOYED? Yes, by the school			16	46%	40	36%
Yes, other part-time					7	6%
Yes, other full-time			11	31%	25	23%
No			8	23%	39	35%
Unemployed						
LOOKING FOR WORK? Yes, career field only			4	50%	19	35%
Yes, any field					3	6%
Yes, may be temporary			1	12%	5	9%
No, traveling, etc.			2	25%	14	26%
No, deciding what to do					3	6%
No, not at present			1	12%	10	19%

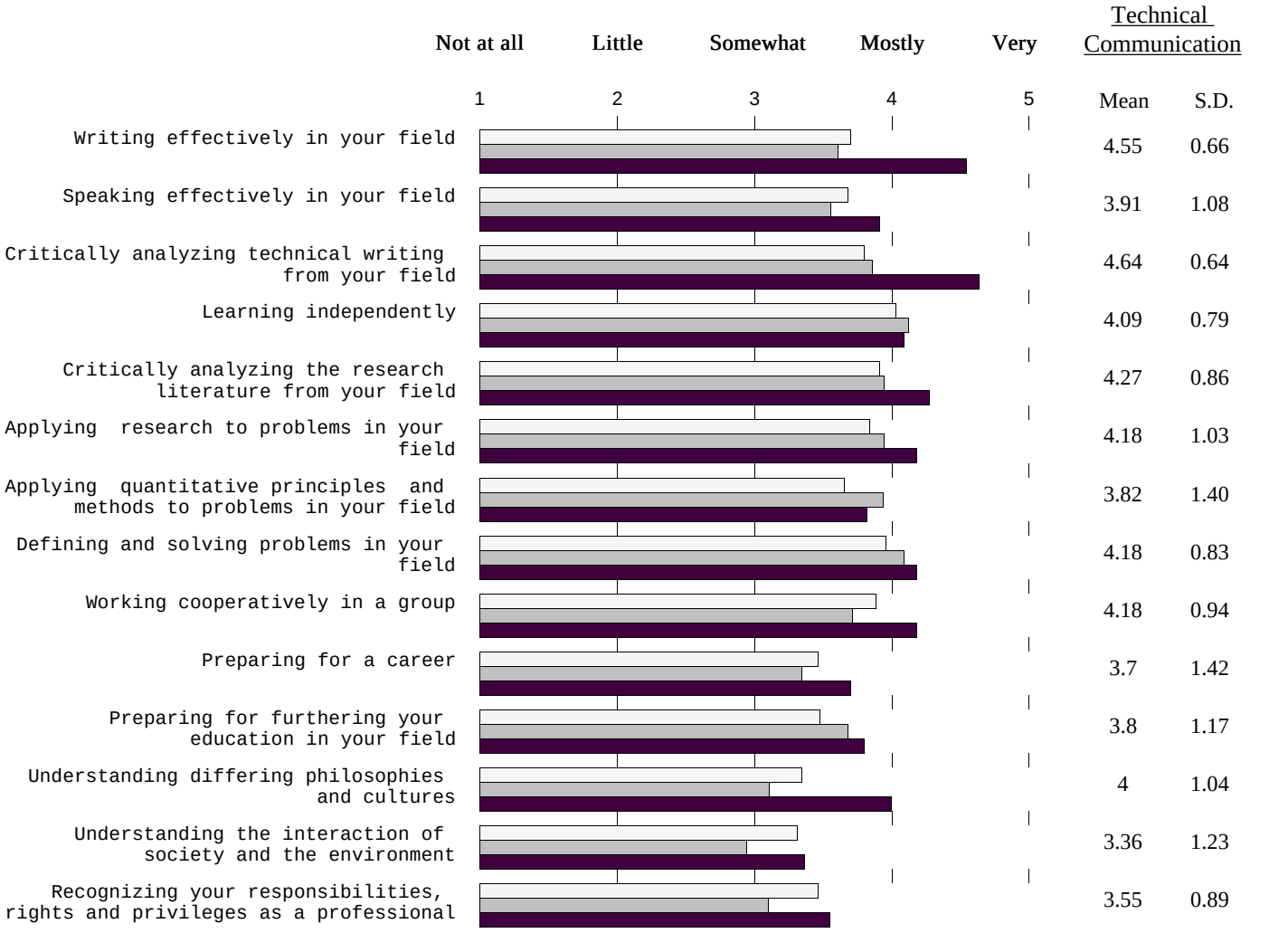
TYPE OF EMPLOYER - Master's Degree Recipients

Business (for profit)	8	80%	74	39%	235	26%
Business (not for profit)					38	4%
Education (K-12)					96	11%
Education (post-secondary)						
Univ/college tenure-track faculty			7	4%	28	3%
Univ/college non-tenure-track faculty			4	2%	24	3%
Univ/college research or administrative			5	3%	38	4%
Postdoctoral appointment			1	1%	10	1%
Government agency	1	10%	24	13%	126	14%
Industry			55	29%	64	7%
Law firm					27	3%
Medical faculty					72	8%
Military			4	2%	10	1%
Private practice					21	2%
Self-employed	1	10%	5	3%	29	3%
Social service agency					36	4%
Other			9	5%	46	5%

STUDENT OUTCOMES - Master's Degree Recipients

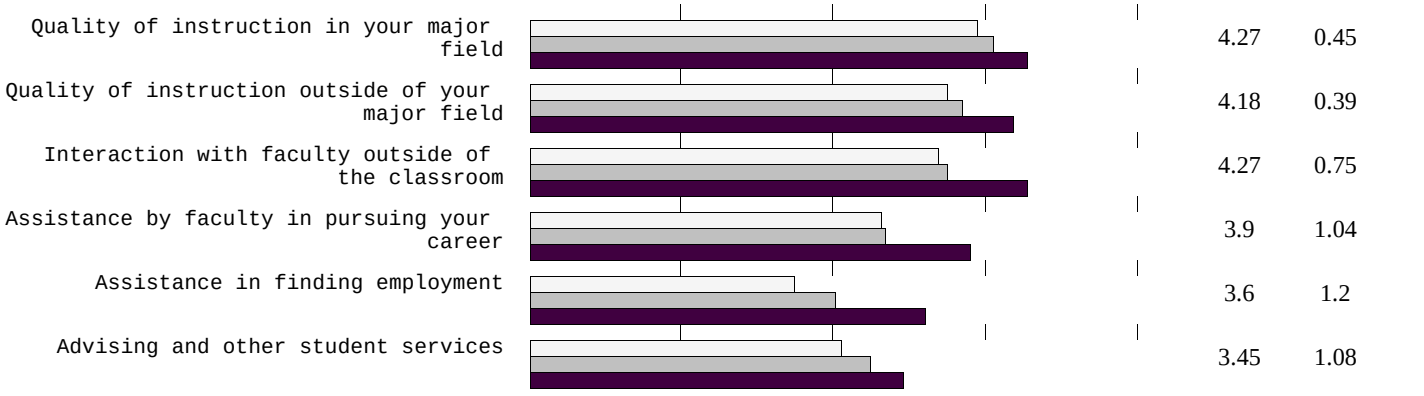
How satisfied are you with the University of Washington's contribution to your professional and academic growth in each of the following areas?

Technical Communication
College of Engineering
All Professional



	Technical Communication Mean	S.D.
Writing effectively in your field	4.55	0.66
Speaking effectively in your field	3.91	1.08
Critically analyzing technical writing from your field	4.64	0.64
Learning independently	4.09	0.79
Critically analyzing the research literature from your field	4.27	0.86
Applying research to problems in your field	4.18	1.03
Applying quantitative principles and methods to problems in your field	3.82	1.40
Defining and solving problems in your field	4.18	0.83
Working cooperatively in a group	4.18	0.94
Preparing for a career	3.7	1.42
Preparing for furthering your education in your field	3.8	1.17
Understanding differing philosophies and cultures	4	1.04
Understanding the interaction of society and the environment	3.36	1.23
Recognizing your responsibilities, rights and privileges as a professional	3.55	0.89

In general, how satisfied are you with your UW education for this degree with regard to each of the following?



Quality of instruction in your major field	4.27	0.45
Quality of instruction outside of your major field	4.18	0.39
Interaction with faculty outside of the classroom	4.27	0.75
Assistance by faculty in pursuing your career	3.9	1.04
Assistance in finding employment	3.6	1.2
Advising and other student services	3.45	1.08

CURRENT ACTIVITY ROSTER

Working		Job Title	Employer
BACHELOR'S	Permanent in career:	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	US NAVY
		Technical Writer	Microsoft Corporation
		Lead Software Developer	University of Washington
		Information Dev Team Lead	IBM
		LEAD WEB ENGINEER	MICROSOFT CORP
		TECH WRITER	LARIAT
	Not career, temporary:	TECH WRITER	SXT ON SITE
MASTER'S	Permanent in career:	INFORMATION ARCHITECT	AGENCY.COM
		USABILITY SPEC/ TEC ED	
		usability engineer	microsoft
		CONSULTANT	COMPUWARE CORPORATION
		PROJECT PLANNER	ADOLFSON ASSOCIATES INC
		USABILITY ENGINEER	
		USABILITY ENGINEER	ATTACHMATE CORPORATION
	Career, change likely:	COPY EDITOR	EASTSIDE JOURNAL
		MANAGER	XEROX
	Not career, temporary:	writer/editor	los alamos national lab
	Part-time:	freelance editor	self employed