

Statistics

There is always a danger in reducing people down to numbers—the danger you might depersonalize the group so much as to preclude any understanding. But there is valuable information in statistics, as far as they go.

For example, if you study statistics about foreign students on the UNL campus, some misunderstanding can be cleared up. Also some stereotypes can be supported.

Most natives think most foreign students are men. True, by a ratio of 471 to 75.

Most natives think most foreign students are single. True by a ratio of 406 to 139.

Most natives think most foreign students major in engineering or a related field. True, for the most part. The most

popular major among foreign students is electrical engineering with 68 foreign majors. Also, five of the six most popular majors (electrical, chemical and mechanical engineering, chemistry and computer science) account for a full 35 per cent (195 students) of all the foreign students on campus.

But that's about as far as it goes. The third most popular major for foreign students surprisingly is business administration with 34 foreign majors.

Also, foreign students have chosen majors from 66 of the 74 possible areas of concentration. Their majors include everything from English (eight majors) to architecture (18), from political science (eight) to geography (eight). Not every foreign student is here to gain the technical knowledge he needs to help his

country develop industrially—not by a long shot.

There may also be some misunderstanding about where most of the foreign students come from, but there is not as much diversity as with the majors.

Almost 2/3 of the total foreign student population on the UNL campus come from Asia, over half of that group from one country, Hong Kong. The three largest contingents, Hong Kong (197 students), India (62), and Taiwan (40) are from the orient.

They are followed by groups from Iran (26 students), Nigeria (23) and Colombia (21). Surprisingly, there are only 12 students from all of Europe and only six from Japan. Not so surprisingly, there are none from mainland Communist China.

Here, then, are the numbers:

Personal information

Male—471
Female—75
total—546

UNMARRIED
male—351
female—55
total—406

MARRIED
male—119
female—20
total—139

Men with wives in Lincoln—87
Women with husbands in
Lincoln—16
total—103

"F" visa (education financed primarily by personal funds)—456
"J" visa (scholarship or fellowship through outside organization)—50
Immigrant or permanent resident—37
Other—3 total—546

Housing

UNL DORMS
male—125
female—26
total—151

UNL OWNED/
OFF-CAMPUS
male—25
female—4
total—29

OFF-CAMPUS
male—320
female—45
total—365

Academics

Undergraduate—297
Grad pursuing master's—113
Grad pursuing PhD.—127
Grad pursuing other degree—2
Not pursuing degree—7
total—546

Electrical engineering—68
Chemical engineering—37
Business administration—34
Chemistry—30
Mechanical engineering—30
Computer science—30
Pharmacy—22
Pre-med—20
Agronomy—19
Architecture—18
Bio-chemistry—18
Mathematics—13
Physics—12
Zoology & physiology—12
Economics—10
Civil engineering—8
English—8
Geography—8
Political science—8
Food science—8
Nutrition—7
Accounting—7
Animal science—6
Botany—5
Psychology—5
Social work—5
Sociology—5
Industrial engineering—5
Geology—5
Agricultural economics—5
Agricultural engineering—5
Pre-dentistry—4
Horticulture—4
Med. technology—4
Genetics—4
Educational psychology—3
Elementary ed.—3

Engineering mechanics—3
Home economics—3
Journalism—3
Romance languages—3
Banking & finance—3
Agriculture—2
History—2
Veterinary science—2
History & phil. of education—2
Plant pathology—2
Metallurgy—2
Sociology of ed.—2
Business teacher's education—2
Theater—2
Fine arts—2
Dentistry—1
Entomology—1
Secondary education—1
Actuarial science—1
Pre-nursing—1
Micro-biology—1
Med. micro-biology—1
Speech—1
Anthropology—1
Ed. administration—1
Human development and family—1
Industrial ed.—1
Animal nutrition—1
Textile, clothing—1

Home countries

EUROPE
Austria—1
France—2
Germany—1
Holland—1
Switzerland—2
United Kingdom—4
total—12

MIDDLE EAST
Iran—26
Iraq—4
Israel—2
Lebanon—2
Syria—4
Turkey—8
U.A.R.—6
South Yemen—1
total—53

ASIA
Afghanistan—2
Australia—1
India—62
Indonesia—2
Japan—6
Korea—12
Malaysia—4
Pakistan—11
Philippines—11
Okinawa—1
Singapore—1
Taiwan—40
Thailand—11
Viet-Nam—1
Hong Kong—197
Marianas Is.—2
total—354

AFRICA
Cameroon—1
Ethiopia—4
Ghana—1
Kenya—2
Liberia—2
Libya—10
Morocco—1
Nigeria—23
Rhodesia—2
Tanzania—1
total—47

LATIN AMERICA
Argentina—1
Bolivia—1
Brazil—1
Chile—2
Colombia—21
Costa Rica—2
Cuba—1
Dominican Republic—2
El Salvador—1
Guyana—2
Jamaica—8
Mexico—1
Peru—10
Trinidad—3
Venezuela—1
Barbados—1
Bermuda—1
Bahamas—2
total—61

CANADA—9