

AY 25-26 Minor Survey responses

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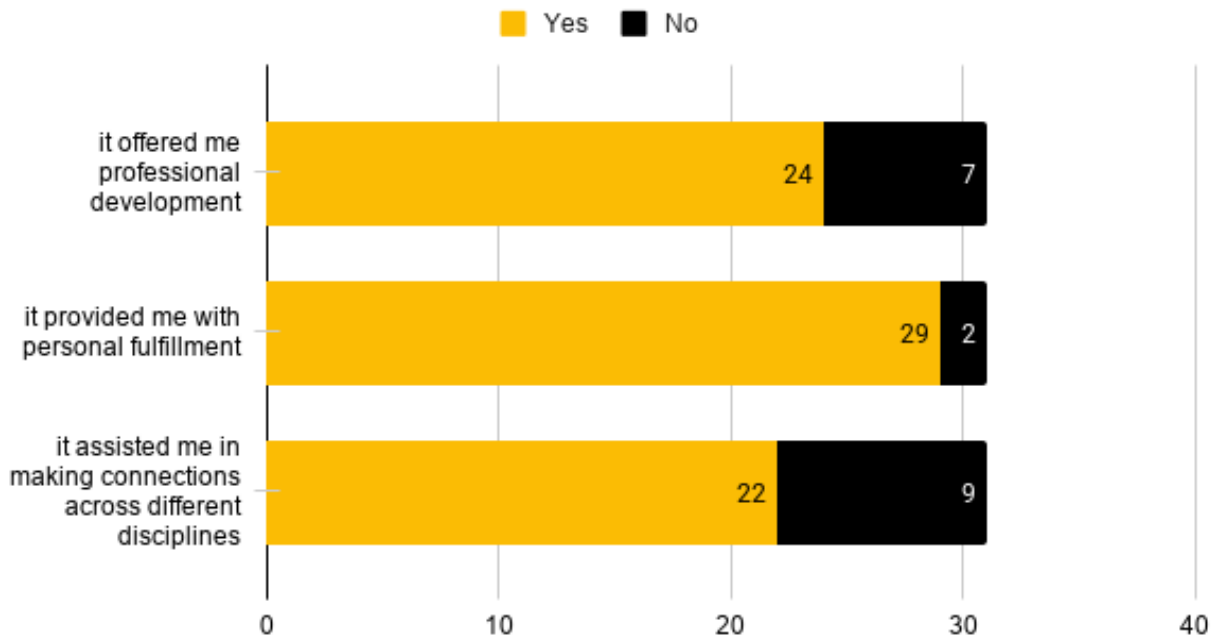
26 distinct students completed the full survey (an additional 16 started it but did not complete all questions). This year we again provided space for students to list multiple minors (rather than completing the survey more than once). So, while 26 students completed the survey, there are 29 minor degrees represented because a few students listed multiple minors.

The survey represents a diverse range of 22 distinct minor programs: **Anthropology** (1), **Art History** (1), **Business Administration** (1), **Chinese** (2), **Criminal Justice** (1), **Dance** (1), **Environmental Studies** (1), **Exercise and Sports Psychology** (1), **French** (1), **Gender and Sexuality Studies** (1), **GSRs** (1), **Hispanic Studies** (1), **Innovation Studies** (1), **Kinesiology** (1), **Marketing** (1), **Mathematics** (1), **Psychology** (3), **Religion** (3), **Sport & Exercise Science** (1), **Studio Arts** (1), **Theatre** (3), and **English-Writing** (1).

Responses were distributed across all four colleges:

- **College of Liberal Studies:** 16 responses
- **College of Professional Studies:** 6 responses
- **College of Health Professions:** 4 responses
- **College of Natural Sciences:** 3 responses

The Value of a Minor. (I chose my minor because...)



How does your minor contribute to your personal learning goals?

Career Preparation & Professional Skills: Students describe how they use minors to gain field-specific skills, such as data collection in Environmental Studies or improving Spanish fluency for clinical nursing practice.

Personal Fulfillment & Passion: Many respondents pursue minors to "scratch an itch" for subjects they love, providing a refreshing break from their primary major's rigorous schedule.

Broadening Perspectives & Cultural Insights: Minors help students understand diverse beliefs and global viewpoints, such as learning about the immigrant experience or Indigenous perspectives on nature.

Knowledge Expansion & Skill Reinforcement: Students cite the development of critical thinking, research, and communication skills that directly supported their academic growth.

How did the minor you selected enhance your PLU education?

Interdisciplinary Connections: Students highlight the ability to bridge gaps between disciplines, such as connecting gender inequality with healthcare or linking human physiology to psychological mindsets.

Community Building & Networking: Minors provide students with a vital "community outside of the major," allowing them to foster relationships with different faculty and peer groups.

Holistic Development & Well-Roundedness: The minor experience "rounded out" education for many by providing a balanced school life and introducing theories that felt "too grand to tackle" within a single major.

Academic Engagement & Variety: Adding a minor helped some students "break the monotony" of specialized major coursework (like accounting) by challenging the student's creative side.

Concluding Summary

The 2025-2026 survey data continues to demonstrate that, for many students, academic minors are a cornerstone of a well-rounded PLU education. They provide essential interdisciplinary links that enhance a student's primary major while fostering personal fulfillment and connection.